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Waiting by the River

I saw a faithful mother
Whose trust was in her God,
Who bore the blood-stained banner;
Where e'er on earth she trod.

Her face was worn and wrinkled,
Her arduous work was done;
She was waiting by the river,
To hear the summons "Come."

Through life she had been faithful
In duties here, and there;
For she had found a Savior,
To help her burdens bear.

And on her face was shining
A light from heaven's throne,
As she waited by the river
To hear the summons "Come".

While waiting she was singing
Sweet melodies of yore,
"Blessed Saviour, gently guide me,
Safely to the other shore."

She was full of love and patience
With a sweetness in her tone,
As she waited by the river;
To hear the summons "Come".

Fathers, mothers, just keep waiting,
Brothers, sisters, children too,
Just keep toiling on and waiting
Till the Lord returns for you.

Soon the Lord will be coming
To bear the faithful home;
Who are waiting by the river,
To hear the summons "Come".

—Ulysses Phillips.

—oOo— The Two Trees

"And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and

good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." Gen. 2:9. In this verse we find that there are two special trees mentioned; one the tree of life and the other the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In the 16th and 17th verses we find the Lord giving Adam freedom to eat of all the trees except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He told Adam very plainly, "Thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

In the third chapter of Genesis we read where Satan appeared to the woman, whom God had made for Adam, in the form of a serpent; and began to entice her to do that which God had commanded them not to do. Later when God questioned her about it she said, "The Serpent [Satan] beguiled me and I did eat." Satan, appealing to her through the lusts of the flesh, deceived her into breaking the commandment of God. In fact, he squarely contradicted God and made her believe a lie. Satan is doing that very thing with nearly all people today.

After Adam and Eve had eaten of the forbidden fruit the scripture says, "And the eyes of them both were opened." They began to know what evil was and they were aware that God saw their sin, they knew that they were naked and tried to hide all from God.

God's word to Adam stood true in spite of the Devil's deceitful lies. God's anger was kindled against the serpent and he was cursed of God and the woman also received the displeasure of God. He said, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception: in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." And likewise Adam received his punishment. "Cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Satan in beguiling and deceiving Eve told her a lie with some truth mixed. That is just what Satan's false prophets are doing today, mixing truth and error and causing souls to believe lies and to break the commandments of God that they may be damned and eternally lost. Adam and Eve not only died a spiritual death and were driven from the garden; but

God pronounced physical death upon them, also. In eating of this tree of knowledge of good and evil they knew what was good and what was evil. Satan had planted seeds of evil in their hearts.

Gen. 3:22, "And the Lord God said, behold the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live forever. . . ." The "also" in this scripture conveys to our understanding that the "tree of life" was a different tree from the "tree of knowledge of good and evil." Yet they were close together as they were in the midst of the garden.

The question is often asked, "What were these two trees?" Some have supposed them to be apple trees and others have other imaginations, but what difference does it make to us whether they were apple trees, plum trees, pear trees, or orange trees? We ought to be more interested in what they represent to us or what they typify or symbolize. It seems very clear to me that the "tree of life" would represent Christ for he is the one of whom we eat and live forever. "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:54. "For the life was manifested and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us." 1 John 1:2. In St. John 6:48, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." To the Ephesian church he said some had left their first love, had backslidden, and he commanded them to repent. "To him that overcometh I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Rev. 2:7. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the City." Rev. 22:14. It seems to me that this is sufficient proof that Jesus Christ is represented to us as the "tree of life."

The next question is, "What does the tree of knowledge of good and evil represent?" The answer to this question is very plain and simple when properly understood. Before Adam and Eve broke the commandment of God they were very happy as God was their companion and they knew God to be good. There was no guilt upon them, they were innocent, they knew no evil. When they ate of this tree their eyes were opened and they knew what evil was and they tried to hide from God. They at once began to know the difference between God who was good and Satan who was evil and they felt the weight of their evil doings upon them. They became defiled with sin and were driven out of the garden, they lost their Eden innocence and purity. Therefore the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" represents the Holy Bible. The sacred word of God makes plain to us what is good and what is evil and if we will we can choose the good and live on eternally or we can choose the evil and receive eternal damnation and death. Read John 5:28, 29. In the Holy Bible good and evil, life and death are set before every soul and we are exhorted to choose for ourselves. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him he said, "Behold the Lamb of God that

taketh away the sin of the world." Adam and Eve by their transgression had plunged all mankind into sin; the soul or heart of man had become defiled by evil as Satan had planted his seed of evil in them. In Romans 5:12 we read, "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Jesus, being the tree of life, became a sacrifice for our sins that we might by confessing our sins and repenting and then humbly accepting the sacrifice for our sins have life. Thus we become innocent and eat of the tree of life and live forever for Jesus says, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:26.

Paul makes it very plain to us that the Bible is the "tree of knowledge of good and evil" when he speaks of his experiences in Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then, is the law sin? God forbid, nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet.'" In the 9th verse he says, "For I was alive without the Law once, [before he knew what the Bible said was sin or evil] but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died." (a spiritual death) That is what took place with Adam and Eve when they transgressed the law of God. Paul began to know what sin was by understanding what the commandments of God were. He was innocent and had life before he knew what the law of God was; but died spiritually and was a guilty man just as soon as he knew what the Bible said was evil. Jesus says, "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words hath one that judgeth him: the words that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." —Fred Pruitt.

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Is Christian Science the Same as Divine Healing?

No; it is vastly different. In its origin it differs as widely as night from day. Christian Science is only about forty years old; while the first mention of divine healing dates back to Abraham when he prayed for Abimelech. Christian Science was conceived and given birth to by Mrs. Mary B. G. Eddy, of Boston, Mass. Divine healing is given to man by the God of heaven. As a "science" Christian Science is a conglomeration of illogical, ridiculous, and impractical theories, which no Christian Scientist (so called) has ever yet demonstrated nor ever will be able to demonstrate. It claims that there is no sickness, pain, sin, evil, devil, nor death; that all these are but delusions and can be overcome by intelligence and understanding. It is known also as mind-cure, mental medicine, and metaphysical healing. If it made no claims other than scientific, there would be but little danger of its doing any harm, but its doctrines as a religion make it a dangerous and Christ-dishonoring foe. It perverts the sacred Word of God and assails the plan of redemption, ignoring the blood of Christ. It denies the depravity of man and teaches that every man is the reflection of God and possesses inherent divinity regardless of regeneration. It rejects the second and third chapters of Genesis, the history of the fall of man, It

eaches that man has never fallen and needs no redemption, only in the sense that he must be brought to an understanding of Christian Science. It totally ignores the doctrine of vicarious atonement, and therefore is of the devil. Its doctrines are based upon such skilfully perverted and misapplied texts of Scripture that many souls are led astray by its delusions.

How about Spiritualism?

Spiritualism is closely allied to Christian Science. It is another of the antichrist doctrines that deny the plan of redemption through Christ's atonement. All healings through the agency of such doctrines are Satanic, being the direct counterfeits of divine healing.

Is it possible that people may be healed through Satanic power?

Yes. The devil has power to work miracles (Rev. 16:13, 14), and when souls can be the easier deceived by them, he will give the deception. Being the author of disease, he has power to remove it, and will if by so doing he can more easily hold his subjects in darkness. Every professed healer or teacher of healing and every one who claims healing, who denies the blood of Christ as the sacrifice for sin is of antichrist and of the devil, no matter what miraculous manifestations of healing he may claim to produce. (Gal. 1:8, 9.)

Can any be healed by animal magnetism?

There may be such material results upon disease through this power, but this is not divine healing. It is but a natural effect, and can be practised by a person regardless of any Scriptural or truly spiritual conditions. In many cases these professed healers have proved to be hypocrites and frauds, claiming to possess divine power to heal, deceiving souls for advantage and gain, and reproaching the cause of Christ.

How may we know the difference between these counterfeits and the teachers of divine healing?

Every true minister of the gospel preaches divine healing to a greater or less extent, depending upon the light received, and always demands the Bible requirements of every sinner—"repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ"—and never claims to heal any one, but simply prays the prayer of faith, attributes all healing power to God through Jesus Christ, and never takes any fees for such service.

—A. L. Byers.

Humility

Jesus says, in Matt. 11:28-30, "COME UNTO ME, all that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am MEEK and LOWLY IN heart: and ye shall find REST unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Jesus says to us, his followers, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

If all who come to Christ would follow on to know the Lord by obeying this truth, believers would undoubtedly make heaven their eternal abode. Too many want to follow the Lord to be some great ONE; too many want to follow Him for "the loaves and the fishes," or earthly rewards; too many want the praise

of men and women; in other words, they want to be exalted before man.

Beware of the desire to be some GREAT ONE in this world, that folks will look up to in this present world. This is the same spirit that bothered some of the apostles before Christ died for us on Calvary; and Jesus had to rebuke it by telling them that those who wanted to be the greatest must be their servant or minister unto them (the people), and that they should become humble in their own sight, even as a little child. He demonstrated it by taking a little child on his lap, so that they might see what he meant. The little child has no great ambitions for himself. He is willing to be what God has made him.

When we become like Christ in humility, then Christ himself will do the works, and He will have all the praise, Christ will be exalted, not ourselves. All glory, honor, and praise belong to God, if we are useful in the hand of God. What are we but dust and ashes and clay? What can we do? We cannot turn one hair black or white; we cannot change the leopard's spots, nor the skin, as the Word tells us. Only as God works through us can another soul find his Creator. Why, then, take glory unto ourselves? Much good could be done for ETERNITY, if only self would step out of the PICTURE and let God work in and through us that God may be exalted and His name glorified.

A soul working for God cannot have race prejudice, for the Spirit of God has no respect of persons (Col. 3:25). The Holy Spirit does not use us that we might be exalted above our fellows. The Holy Spirit filled soul will be meek and lowly in heart, and useful in the hand of God. One soul is just as precious in His sight as another—black, white, red, or yellow. No matter what shade, all will be welcomed into the kingdom of God, no matter how low he has sunk into sin, if he repents toward God, he is welcome. With this robe of meekness and lowliness, he will be like his Master, Jesus the Righteous One. He will be willing to gather in the lame, the halt, and the blind that God's house might be filled. (Luke 14:21-23).

A minister of God must be lowly in heart in order to do the will of God. Without this lowliness of heart, no worker can please God. If we get God's Spirit, we will get this meekness and lowliness of heart, and God will be glorified in our life. It is the heart that God wants turned over to him, and then all things will naturally work out to God's glory.

How many miss the mark by never bringing themselves under the control of their Lord and Master and becoming obedient unto Him in meekness and lowliness of heart and finding this REST of the soul. An exalted person will fail of the grace and power of God.

The humble spirit will say as did David, "I have sinned, spare the people." The exalted soul will say, "My wife gave me and I did eat." The haughty soul says, I never did this, and I never did that, etc. Such find no forgiveness, for they are too much satisfied with themselves to acknowledge that they ever did the wrong thing. Such souls miss heaven, for all differences must be settled before the judgment.

—I, Edith Kriebel

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Phoenix, Ariz.—To the saints scattered abroad, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: This leaves me yet saved and on the highway of holiness. I am encouraged as never before to go all the way with Jesus. I realize the prize is at the end, so I mean by heaven's grace and the prayers of the saints, to prove faithful unto the end. I know we are living in the last days, and Jesus will soon be coming to receive his own.

I want to testify to how the Lord healed my body. I was very, very sick the week of Aug. 13th. We are isolated here in Phoenix, so there was no elder to be called; but the Lord wonderfully touched my body and made me every-which whole, for which I give him all the praise.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I prove faithful unto the end.

Bertha Slaughter

Editorials

Since the campmeeting here at Guthrie, the first part of August, the Lord has added two more workers to His print shop. Evodna Thurman of Dallas, Texas, came first, then in a week or ten days later Genevieve Capps of Owasso, Okla. came to help in the Lord's work. These girls are consecrated in the Lord's service and are taking ahold of the work nicely. Genevieve is learning to operate the Intertype machine, and Evodna operates the Job Press and tract folder, and does other office work. We are expecting the Lord to call some young man with mechanical gifts to take charge of the press room and to do the Cylinder Press work, and operate the two larger paper and book folders. This would relieve me so I could give my attention more completely to the editorial work, and the many other duties which need my attention. Also, I desire, if possible, to give more of my time to evangelistic work and visiting isolated saints, and doing the pastoral work here at home. We find no end to the work that needs to be done in the Lord's vineyard. Pray for us, brethren and sisters, for we want to be at our best for the Lord so long as he keeps life in this crumbling clay house.

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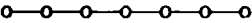
Since the Lord is increasing the work, it seems almost impossible to do the needed printing with the present machinery equipment; therefore the Lord is making it clear to us to put in some more machines in order to turn off more printing and to keep up with the demand in a more efficient manner. For some time we have felt the need of another Intertype machine and an automatic Job Press for the gospel tract printing. The automatic Job Press is self-feeding, and will turn off the printed tracts much faster and that with much more efficiency and accuracy than can possibly be done by hand-feeding. It seems to be just the machine that is needed in the "Lord's Print Shop." A machine like this with freight and installment would cost some over two thousand dollars, and would, no doubt, settle the problem of the printing of gospel tracts here in the "Lord's Print Shop" for many years to come. We believe that God has many consecrated men and women who realize that they are only stewards over what God has placed in their hands who will be glad to help place this machine in the "Lord's Print Shop" by sending in free-will offerings for the same.

Just recently the Linotype agent for this district located an Intertype machine for us at Ponca City, Okla. and recommended it to us as being in good condition. It is owned and operated by the Ponca City Publishing Co. They are selling it because they are putting in a new machine which is more adapted to their particular work. This one exactly suits the work which we have to do.

On Sept. 15th I went to Ponca City, accompanied by my son Lawrence and Willie Murphey who are both Linotype and Intertype operators and know what a machine is when they see it, to look at the machine and make a deal for it if we found it to be in good condition. After a thorough investigation, we found the machine to be in good running order and just what

was needed for the work here in the Print Shop. Consequently we made a deal with the company for it, paying \$87.50 as down payment. The balance is to be paid the first of November, or just as soon as they can get the new machine installed and in operation so they can let us have this one without hindering their work.

The cost of the machine including a motor, three magazines, three molds, and Monomelt is seventeen hundred fifty dollars, which sum, minus the down payment, is to be paid to the company at the time of the delivery of the machine. We are glad we had the opportunity of making this deal, for the Lord makes us feel clear in soul that he is leading the way and will supply all the need. We do not believe that the Lord wants his work to be in debt. Up to the present time there is no indebtedness upon the "Lord's Print Shop," and we have faith in God that He will have the money ready to pay for this machine at the time of delivery through free-will offerings. I say free-will offerings because I do not believe that God will accept any other kind, for He "loves a cheerful giver." Neither do we believe in writing columns trying to persuade folks to give, for we want His consecrated members to give as they believe it would please the Lord, thereby letting the Spirit of God work in them both to will and to do His good pleasure, which is life to the soul as breathing is to the natural body. We have learned a long time ago by much experience that it is not a matter with God as to the amount, for He can supply from three to five thousand dollars just as easily as ten dollars. With Him it is just a matter of the need. All of you members of the body of Christ, which is the church of the living God, be agreed in prayer with us that he will supply the means to pay for these machines, that we may be enabled to keep up with the increased demand for this clean and pure gospel literature which God is using for the encouragement and salvation of so many precious souls.



On the fifth of September we received a telegram asking us to come to Kalamazoo, Mich. to pray for a sick sister who was bed-fast with inward troubles and afflictions. We arrived in Kalamazoo on Thursday, and, in company with several saints, went to pray for the sick sister. The Lord gave much liberty and faith in praying for her, and as she was anointed according to James 5:14, 15, she said the Lord healed her, thus believing God's word. It was very evident to us who were present that God had touched her with divine power. The fever was gone. We are praying that her faith in God's word will not waver.

We found quite a number of dear saints in that place who were hungry for the plain truth of His word. We had meeting on Friday evening at the home of one sister. Quite a number were present, and the Lord gave liberty in giving out the truth which was very encouraging to those present, judging from the way they testified. We are praying that God will send some true Holy Ghost minister to that place to build up a work for the Lord, for so many are hungering for the old-time truth of the gospel.

While in those parts, we felt led of God to visit

a few isolated saints, and in harmony with His leadings went to Marshall, Mich. to visit dear old Bro. VanZandt and his wife. We spent a few hours of fellowship with them, which we enjoyed very much, and we believe that they were greatly blessed and encouraged to have someone come with whom they could converse on the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. They are alone there and get hungry for the fellowship of the saints in light. From there we went to Elkhart, Ind. and visited Bro. and Sister Priem. We stayed over night at their place. Our fellowship and association was heavenly and sweet. They have much desire to get out in the work more, but have been hindered because of Sister Priem being afflicted in body. We anointed and prayed for her and she claimed her healing by faith. Let us all be agreed that her faith will not waver, and that this affliction will leave her body entirely by the power of God.

The Lord is blessing in that place, and at least two other families are ready and willing to take their stand for the whole truth as taught by D. S. Warner and the early reformers. This is a shaking time and God is permitting things to be stirred as never before. We are persuaded that those who cannot be shaken shall remain, because we have a kingdom that cannot be moved. It shall stand forever. We warn saints everywhere not to get on any rotten foundation or platform or sandy foundation, for nothing will stand but the true, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.

From Elkhart we went to Garrett, Ind. and visited Bro. Scott C. Baker and family. We had a blessed fellowship with them. They are isolated, also, and hardly ever get to see any saints. Bro. Baker is an engineer on the B & O Railroad. His work is straining on his nerves. He told me that his head was affected thereby, and it was quite serious with him. Let all the saints everywhere pray that God will stretch out his wings of healing over him and remove all the affliction from his body. He is a consecrated man, and has a good saved wife and two nice children of school age. Pray for this precious family that loves the Lord.

There were many other dear saints in those parts whom I desired to visit, but time would not permit me to stay longer, as I was much needed at home in the printing work. Our burdens and responsibilities are many, and we earnestly ask all our readers to pray for us.



In the last issue of the Faith and Victory paper we informed the saints about a song book that we hoped to get printed. The Gospel Trumpet Company offered to do it for us; but they have written us that one of their pressmen got sick and another "key" worker had to lay off because of his wife's sickness, so they thought they could not print it in this year. We still have hopes that the Lord will, in the near future, enable us to get a song book printed, composed of the songs that we all love so well.



Lately, a minister from California, upon whom the saint ministers of that state have laid the merci-

ful judgments of God, has been in the state of Okla. and has been drawing some saints away after him, and causing others to be grieved in soul. This is all very sad and grievous to the dear children of God, as he seems to have very little respect for the wishes of the pastors and overseers of the different congregations. After conversing with some of the leading ministers of this state and knowing the sentiment of the others, I am persuaded that those few ministers who are affiliating with him will not be allowed any pulpit privileges in the future assemblies and campmeetings of this state unless they repent and publicly ask the saints to forgive them for causing them grief and being offensive in this manner.

In this paper you will find the report of the California State campmeeting, which shows the mighty power of God working in these last days, bringing souls out of confusion, and saving many others. This is a shaking time. God is bringing His sheep into one fold, and others that become stiff and otherwise unyielding to God will be shaken out. Read the latter part of the 12th chapter of Hebrews. Let us all pray much and keep humble before God.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING REPORT

The state campmeeting of the church of God at Pasadena, Calif. has come and gone, and with it a strong remembrance of the blessings of the Lord and a new zeal to look forward to and plan for next year.

A short while before time for the meeting it seemed the door of opportunity was almost closed against us having the meeting at all because of certain city and state ordinances and other things coming up to hinder. But in spite of all the enemy did to hinder, the saints were united in fervent prayer concerning it. On the last all-day meeting in Glendale as we were all discussing the matter, the Lord impressed upon us a plan whereby we could go ahead with the meeting. The saints were willing to sacrifice and help care for the large number of those who attended and we made a bedroom of the Glendale chapel. We were supplied with a truck, and with our cars and what gas we had, hauled the saints to and from services. This was not quite as simple as it sounds with the scarcity of gas.

Surely the presence of the Lord was in our midst to save, sanctify, and unify, and His mighty healing power was manifested among us. The preaching was given under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and it came forth with liberty and power, and authority from heaven. It was precious to see souls weeping their way to the cross. About fifty came forward during the meeting to the altar of prayer for salvation and other needs of their souls. Fifteen followed the Lord in baptism, which testified that they are dead to the world and arise to walk in newness of life. The ordinance meeting was so precious in which one hundred twenty-seven took part, following the example of our Lord and Master. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Besides the home ministers and ministers from other parts of California, ministers were here from Oregon, Washington, and Oklahoma. In spite of difficult traveling conditions, the attendance was two or three times greater than it has been for many years. We consider this was the best campmeeting we have had in this country for fifteen years. Greater light was shined on the exclusive-

ness of God's church than since this light was first preached. Some old saints received light and were re-baptized, praising God.

On account of not being able to use small tents, we are planning to build dormitories as soon as material can be obtained reasonably, and later we plan to build a pavilion.

A. E. Harmon and E. Cagle

MEETING REPORT

When I returned home from the Monark Springs campmeeting a letter awaited me requesting my help in a revival at Reform, Ala., which was to begin Aug. 20. Bro. Burke of the Tulsa assembly and I labored with them in a meeting about a year ago and they wanted us again. I have promised the Lord long ago that I would go where he wanted me to go and say what He wanted me to say, and be what He wanted me to be, so we went.

After Bro. Wiley Glass moved from there only four saints were left in the community: Bro. and Sister Geo. Hood and Bro. and Sister Alex Mullen. It was very encouraging to see how the Lord had helped them to prepare a place by borrowing lumber from a near-by saw mill to arrange seats under a shade tree. The good Lord blessed us with pretty weather until the last of the week, and was with us in every service.

Kind neighbors faithfully attended service and helped to bear the expenses of the meeting. One man handed me a five-dollar bill, and someone slipped a large fryer into the coup one night. Oh, how the Lord did wonderfully supply food, watermelons, money, and every blessing needed for a good meeting.

Truly, Bro. Hood's and Bro. Mullen's prayers were answered when a daughter from each family got saved. Both were grown young ladies with families—one a large family of ten, having twins in her family three times. Pray that God will save their husbands and entire families.

It started raining Saturday night and rained all day Sunday the last of the meeting, so we had to close it. Notwithstanding all were praising God for what we considered a successful revival. We sincerely and prayerfully appreciate the kindness of all who let the Lord use them in helping to finance the trip.

—G. W. McMillan

Tulsa, Okla.—Today the Lord began talking to me about some things which we need to do for the Monark Springs, Mo. meeting.

It is usually cold there at nights during the meeting, and people coming from distant places cannot always bring all they need to keep them warm. This past summer I took quite a number of quilts and loaned all I had, then we had to borrow from Sister Strech. Since this happens every year, I feel it will be profitable for different sisters who can make a rather heavy cover to use there during the meeting. I will do my best to take care of them each year that I am able. Just make a plain quilt or comfort. Also we need straw ticks. It only takes four feed sacks to make a straw tick large enough for an army cot. We also need dish towels, aprons, hand towels, and knives, forks, and spoons. We are very short on silverware, also paring knives are always scarce. And I would like for one or two sisters to volunteer to embroider name plates to put on the quilts. Embroidery the letters, M C on white to be sewed on the quilts. You may send these things directly to me before time for the next campmeeting. March would be a good time to send them. You can be working on them during these long winter nights. If we have more than we need we will divide with some other places where they are needed for campmeetings. I shall have a large box made to keep these things in and the caretaker will care for them.

Let each one ask the dear Lord, "What must I do?" Write me and I'll be glad to give any advise. Pray for me, for I want to do my part for the Lord's cause. Truly the vineyard is needing workers. Can we say, "Here am I, send me?"

Sister Sam Barton, Route 8, Box 119, Tulsa 15, Okla.

Obituaries

Annie Johnson was born Oct. 26, 1862 and passed to her eternal reward July 14, 1944 at her home in La.

On Nov. 6, 1878 she was united in marriage to William Johnson, to which union ten children were born.

She was converted over a half of a century ago and lived a spotless Christian life. She died with the testimony that she was ready for the judgment and was not questioning the Lord about her stay on earth, though she was led through suffering, for she knew that the Lord was made perfect through suffering. She was a pillar in the church in her community and a loving mother. She well knew:

There is a world above where parting is unknown,

A whole eternity of love formed for the good alone.

And faith beholds the dying here

Translated to that happier sphere.

Her influence and work still live on.

—Pastor Marion Trisler

Mrs. Georgia Ann White was born April 29, 1851 in Montezuma, N. Y. and died Aug. 31, 1944, age 93 years and four months. She was only confined to her bed two weeks preceding her death.

She was married to Geo. Asa White in September after the Civil War. To this happy union seven children were born, five of whom preceded her in death. Living are: Mrs. D. M. Hardman of Fairbury, Nebr., and Mrs. O. T. Morgan of Osceola, Nebr. Death claimed her husband in 1932. She has three brothers living. She also leaves four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and sixteen great-great-grandchildren.

Formerly she belonged to the Free Methodist denomination, but in her last days she believed in the church of God and was saved. She was waiting for the summons to come.

Funeral conducted by Bro. H. P. Huskey of Lincoln, Nebr. Texts: Psa. 139:8 and Rev. 20:5, 6.

—Mrs. D. M. Hardman

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Nashville, Tenn.—Bro. Fred Pruitt and all the saints scattered abroad:—I send you greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I feel it is well pleasing to our heavenly Father for me to write and tell you just a little of what the Lord is to me and what He is doing through your humble servant. In a recent meeting which I held here, the Lord was present to own and to bless. There was much opposition to the truth going out, but we just put our trust in our heavenly Father and went right on. There is much confusion but the truth is sure to win, bless His good name. A family of four here desire our prayers that God will give them victory over the drink habit. Also a lady who has grown cold in her experience asks prayer. Please agree in prayer with me that God will give them the desires of their hearts.

My paper came yesterday and it is surely good. I can truly say, dear ones, that since I began to read the good articles in the "Faith and Victory" paper I have been drawn much closer to the blessed Lord. I was fifty-six years old August 30, 1944. I have suffered the loss of many things, traveled many miles in all kinds of weather, slept out on the ground, went hungry, had people to say if I did not stop a meeting they would shoot me; but like one of old, "None of those things moved me." I am preaching, giving out tracts, and trying to lead souls to the

Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. I thought I would get to attend some of the campmeetings this year, but I could not.

My dear friends, if I never meet you in this world, I am sure I shall meet you in that world where we shall never part any more. My heart is in that place, for all my treasures are there; and my face is turned that way like a flint. I mean by the grace and help of God to endure to the end no matter what it may cost. When things come my way which would discourage or cause me to turn back, I have learned to make them stepping stones to lift me up nearer to God.

Pray for me and the work I am doing. I pray that the Lord will bless you with long, happy, useful lives in this world, and an eternal home in heaven.

Colonel Pendleton

Lansing, Mich.—Dear Saints and Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I am glad that I took Jesus for my Saviour and He saved me from my many sins and filled my heart with His Spirit and love. I am trying to walk in all the light that I have. Since March I have had a problem to work out. I have asked the Lord to help me, but I have not been able to get an answer yet. So I am asking the saints who read the paper to put me on your prayer list. When you talk to God, please call my name, Harry Ewing, that God may undertake. I have fasted and prayed as the Bible instructs. This is really one real hard test for me, but I know that some of you saints can touch God, as God has promised to hear his children. I have made a check on my life and I believe I live as the Book tells me to. Of course, there have been times in my life when I did not walk as good as I could. Maybe this is my whipping. As the Bible says in James 1:4, "But let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing." And it says in James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another." So, saints, I shall be hoping for your prayers. Also write to me. H. W. Ewing
848 William St., Lansing 15, Mich.

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New Jersey State Hospital, Marlboro, N. J.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I have received the books and tracts which you sent me, and I find them the most interesting literature on Christianity I have ever read. I never realized before that one could be in such darkness.

I have never been sanctified because I never believed in it; and now since reading your literature I question whether I was ever justified. I need your prayers very much. I am one of the C. P. S. men here at the hospital, and I have several others interested in the truth. I believe, by the help of Almighty God, a revival will be brought about at this unit. The foes of darkness are very heavy. It is hard for people to accept something they have never been taught before. By God's help I want to get a real experience of salvation and devote my life to God.

Pray for me and this group that God may work in a miraculous way.

Millard Sherk

Manifest, La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—May the Lord bless you and all at the Lord's print shop, is the prayer of my heart. I also wish to greet all the dear saints of God in the lovely name of Jesus. He is a dear loving friend to all his trusting children. All who do his will have joy and peace. What a blessing to abide in the Lord and be partakers of this great salvation. I praise the good Lord for his love and the Holy Bible. He is keeping me by his power. I am so glad that I can put my trust in the Lord.

I enjoy all the good testimonies and the truth your paper teaches. Praise the Lord. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways, I cannot praise His name enough.

A brother in Christ,

A. A. Wyles

Neosho, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. The Lord has been good to me. Instead of extra hard tests in temptation he gave me a dream to show me a fault. The night of August 16th I dreamed that you and I went into a school house crowded with people. We walked up the aisle half way. There were no seats, so I sat on a desk. I heard one word spoken, "foolishness." Then I awakened and I had an abhorrence against funny words. It has been my nature to speak some funny words, so I leave off such now and God blesses me more. I thank God for showing me that He was not pleased with any foolishness.

John W. Sell.

Regina, Ky.—Dear saints at the print shop and elsewhere: Greetings again in Jesus' sweet name. I sent a request for prayer to you for my son, and now I praise God for victory. God wonderfully touched his body. The yellow jaundice disappeared, also the hives. The last heart attack he had was on the 10th. It seemed he was gone for about an hour and ten minutes. My older son and a friend used artificial respiration on him, but he was still lifeless. I cried aloud to God, "Dear God, do not fail me now. Give back my darling son to me. I know you can rebuke this affliction and stay the hand of death." The other occupants of the room were sinners, but I forgot them all. It seemed I was alone with my baby and my heavenly Father. I knew God's word said if we abide in Him and His words abide in us we can ask what we will and it SHALL be done. I praise the Lord for his great power and that He is the healer of all our infirmities. I could feel His Spirit witness to me.

I praise the Lord our King for the prayers of you dear saints. You have helped me pray and obtain healing from the Lord many times before. I shall continue to pray God's daily blessings on each of you.

Please continue to remember me in prayer. For twenty-one years Jesus has wonderfully blessed and kept me through many tests in my home. My folks are all sinners. Pray that God will bring them into the fold, the church of God that was purchased with the blood of His Son. I feel weak sometimes, but then I remember the word, "When ye are weak then are ye strong."

A faithful servant,

Dixie E. Hurley

Ellisnore, Mo.—I feel led this morning to write a few words about how the Holy Spirit is leading me in the way of remembrance of the many benefits that Jesus is bestowing upon us. He is so sweetly keeping us with our feet upon the highway of holiness and dressed in the garments of the pure white and clean linen, which is the righteousness of the saints. It is so precious to know how His Holy Spirit will lead hungry, thirsting souls. He made a way for us to go to the Monark Springs campmeeting. It was surely a feast to our souls to meet with the children of God. It was like the Pool of Bethesda when the angel came down and troubled the water. All who would enter in could have a deeper experience and the healing of their bodies. Thanks be to Jesus, I for one entered into the campmeeting, soul and body, and received many benefits. Truly we partook of the Bread of Life and with joy drew water out of the wells of salvation (John 6:35; Isa. 12 chap.).

I had suffered many things with my rupture in the last year; but thanks be to Jesus, He honored his word and

prayer. We obeyed the Word and had the ministers to anoint with oil and lay on hands. The devil comes with his temptations, but my faith is as a grain of mustard seed, it does not mix with doubts, neither with these false shepherds' doctrines to send for a doctor. James E. Morris

Forbes, Mo.—Dear saints, Greetings to you all in Jesus' dear name. I trust this little testimony will be for the glory of God. I am thankful that I am saved and sanctified. I have been saved about twenty years and have never taken any medicine. I have had bones broken and God set them without man's help or even bandages. He has healed me of appendicitis and flue and so many other things. I can give God all the glory, praise His holy name! I have had an affliction on my nose for several years. It did not show much, but the last two years or more it has been bad at times. I believe God has healed me. All the scabs are there yet, but I am holding to God's unchanging hand to take them off and keep them from coming back for we walk by faith, not by sight (Rom. 5:7). "Without faith it is impossible to please God" Heb. 11:6. I promised to write a testimony if He would heal me. We are so helpless without God's help. Pray for me to keep victory.

I ask God to bless all the saints for their prayers that have gone to the throne of God for me.

Your humble sister,

Mary Whitmore

Denham Springs, La.—Dear Saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I was at the campmeeting at Hammond, La. this year and I surely did get much good out of it. I enjoyed being among the children of God. It makes me happy to be around any of the dear saints, and there were so many at the meeting till I cannot express how happy I did feel. I hope to go again next year. I truly thank the Lord for saving me and for answering my prayers.

My baby had something like Indian fire on him. Some said that if I did not take him to the doctor and get something done, it would spread all over his body and perhaps kill him. But I was not afraid of that, because of God's promises in his precious Word. In St. John 15:7, He says, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done." I asked the Lord to heal my baby, believed and expected it to be done; and, praise the Lord, it was. It never did get very bad or spread all over his body like people said it would. Whatever it was, God healed it. I would much rather trust my child in the hands of the Lord than to depend on people who are serving the devil.

Then my little boy got sick, and God healed him too. I am so glad that we have someone to call on in time of trouble who is able to save both soul and body. I am happy in serving the Lord, and I would not go back in sin for all the world and its riches. I mean to go all the way with God, no matter what the cost or what He wants me to do. When I first got saved I wanted to dress like God wanted me to and to please the world too; but I found out that would never do. I have learned to please God, if the world doesn't like it. If I put on anything God doesn't like, God will condemn me at once. So whenever I feel condemned about something I have on, I quit wearing it. Someone may say, "Oh, that is not God condemning you; that is just an idea you got in your head." But friends, we are not going to get such ideas if we are dressing just right. I want the prayers of all the saints that I will keep measured up and free from any condemnation or sin at all times.

A sister in Christ,

Rennie Stewart

Young People's Section

Babylon The Great

Babylon is fallen, the Word doth say.
Flee from her ruins while yet you may;
For the time is coming without delay
When the plagues will get you if you stay.

She has become a cage of birds unclean,
This surely can be plainly seen,
When the shepherds act like a lord or queen,
And crush and fleece the poor and the lean.

Fat cattle have lorded it o'er the lean;
They've trampled the pasture—made it unclean.
The truth of this fact is easy to glean:
God, who is watching, will judge between.

Bab'lon the Great, earth's abomination,
Existed in type since the inundation.
And was the wonder of all creation
But she was doomed to annihilation.

These builders were defiant—full of pride:
We'll build a city none can deride
And a tower that must not stop on this side
Of heaven, where we want to abide.

A name we'll have, that all ages may know
Who's built this city of wonders to show.
A name they obtained, which signifies woe
To all who cling to it here below.

The lords of Mystery Babylon today,
Say, We'll not preach without so much pay.
And the laity pays without delay,
If in one thing they may have their say:

Agree to preach to us only smooth things,
For the pure Word makes our conscience sting.
They are willing to make the dollars ring,
If they are allowed a worldly fling.

Some would gladly heal Babylon, they say,
But she's not healed, nor will be for aye.
Take me for a friend. Believe me I pray:
The safe course is, forsake her today!

Eternity-bound souls, awake, awake!
And flight from her ruins promptly take,
Or your escape you will fail to make:
Your doom then will be the "burning lake."

—George Peek

Editorials

The apostle Paul wrote specifically that in the last days perilous times should come. Without question, these are the perilous times which characterize the last days of time. The devil is surely turned loose for that "little season" before Christ's second coming. In past history the devil endeavored to destroy real Christianity by killing the saints physically, and millions sealed their testimony with their blood. However, the gates of hell could not prevail against the church, and the preaching of the gospel of Christ was the chain that bound the devil for a period of time. In these last days the devil is loosed and has gone "out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, to gather them together to battle" against the saints. Rev. 20:7, 8. You notice the devil has changed his tactics from that of physical force to that of spiritual deception to accomplish his age-long purpose of destroying true Christianity. He has largely discarded (during recent past and present, at least) the fire and sword, but in its place he has covered his true identity with a cloak of false Christianity, and goes forth to deceive the world. Sad to say, as a result, millions are professing Christianity without a knowledge of Bible salvation and the ultimate end is eternal damnation.

The apostle Paul foresaw and has forewarned us of these perilous times. They are dangerous because they are so deceptive, and it wields a strong power of influence over the masses. In 2 Timothy, 3rd chapter, the apostle very accurately describes the present-day false Christianity. Look at this word picture closely, then look at its exact fulfillment about you. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY." Notice that these people have a "form of godliness" or make a profession of Christianity, yet they are dead spiritually and deny the power of God. This is nothing else but sect Babylon which attempts to "scatter and divide the true sheep of the Lord, mix and mingle them with the filthy goats and ravenous wolves of false professors, in hundreds of separate folds, and leaves them a prey to every foul spirit sent forth by the destroyer to blind, mislead, and deceive honest souls." These Babylon lords advertise big meetings and draw great crowds, and then with simple card-signing or handshake, multitudes of poor souls are joined to the deception. By professing Christianity their conscience is eased, and they go on in their sins, and many will never awaken to their true condition until the Judgment. It is all too true that if the so-called church members would quit the sin business and not attend the shows, dance,

halls, liquor parlors, and other places of revelry, they would have to close their doors for lack of business. Paul's injunction to the saints is: "From such turn away."

False doctrines of every description under the name of Christianity are being carried to the whole world by the radio networks. The condition of the scribes and Pharisees is again repeated. Jesus described them thus: "Woe unto you, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves. For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." Matt. 23:13-15.

In Matt. 7:15 Jesus gives this warning to his people: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." Let us watch and pray lest the spirits of deception creep in today and draw away disciples.

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In the September issue there was a statement which I wish to correct. It stated that the local draft board had reclassified me to class 2-B. It should have read "class 2-A" instead of "class 2-B."

Just recently the draft board reclassified me to class II-A (O) and issued another occupational deferment to expire in February, 1945. I thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer and working out His own will in the matter.

—L. D. Pruitt

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A Pressing Way

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To press is to squeeze, crowd, or to strive eagerly. While we were traveling the downward way our progress was made rapidly enough, scarcely without effort at all on our part. It was easy to go with the tide of the world for there was nothing to resist, no persecutions, and we could just drift along at ease until at last we reached our dreadful destination. But when a man gives his heart to the Lord, he no longer travels the downward road but is made a new creature in Christ, turned face about and started on the upward way. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The old man with his deeds is crucified and we are free to worship God in spirit and truth; forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

When we make our decision to give up all the world and follow the Lord, then the enemy comes around to test us out. He will bring feelings of doubt and discouragement of almost every kind and if we will only listen to him it won't be long until he has woven his web around us and caused us to become ensnared in his trap. When we awake to the fact that it is only the enemy that has us bound by those feelings of doubt and despair then we begin to call on the Lord to deliver us and give us grace to over-

come him and truly He does show himself mighty in our behalf. We may not understand just why he permitted the enemy to attack us in such a way but soon we shall understand that he is only teaching us to PRESS against doubts, feelings, surroundings, circumstances, and everything that stands in our way as a discouraging factor. We can only have the victory if we count it so, but as long as we are fearful and listen to the enemy just a little then we are miserable indeed and begin to doubt whether we are really saved. Surely this is a pressing way and we cannot be our best for the Lord until we learn to press against opposition or anything that is a hindrance to us. We can't afford to listen to the suggestions of the enemy at all no matter how pleasing and right they may seem. To press we must have determination, courage and hope. We have a goal in view and we lay aside everything that would be a hindrance to us, then press our way toward that goal. The goal is eternal life and heaven at the end of life's journey. Oh, may we be encouraged to press on for just a little while longer until we have gained that blest abode and then we will lay our armor down and rest forever on the shores of eternal glory and our pressing will be over.

—Ruby (Doolittle) Williams

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Scio, Oregon—Dear ones in Christ:—Greetings in the name of our dear Redeemer. I feel impressed to write a few lines to report victory in my soul and tell some of the good things the Lord has done for me.

At the time I was saved about three years ago, I had fourteen draining sores on my left arm and shoulder; and at the present time there are only two, praise His dear name. Also I am much stronger in body; but the wonderful thing is the way He has helped me to keep saved and true.

Oh, I do thank the Lord for the good meeting he gave us here in Oregon this year. It seemed there was something in each message for my own personal good, and I surely helped me to get deeper into the riches of his glorious word. I surely thank the Lord for the prayers of the saints that went up in behalf of this meeting and for the ones that have gone up in my behalf.

I wish more of the young saints would send in their testimonies to help the other ones who are starting out in this glorious way. Besides, each time we use our Christian liberty, it will strengthen us and make us more able to carry on this Christian life.

We certainly have many things to put on our prayer list: the rulers of our country, the boys in the armed forces, and other precious souls who are out in this wicked world without God. And there are so many more that it would take up too much space to list them all.

May the dear Lord ever richly bless and keep each of you dear ones, in my prayer. Pray for me.

With Christian love,

Carl M. Busch

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Are We Doing All We Can For Jesus?

No matter how young or how old we may be, we can walk and talk we can do something for Jesus; something that will please the Lord and make us feel good to know we are pleasing Him. In Matt. 10:40 it says, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only

the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." That's a very simple thing to do; give a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, yet we receive a reward for it. Children, you know God is no respecter of persons. He looks down upon you as well as the grown-ups and if you do something that is good and kind, He sees it and gives you something nice in return. It is often the friendship of someone you want to like you that God causes to see your kindness, and win for you. Perhaps the lady who lives near you is sick. If so, you could take her a bouquet to cheer her up; or go and visit her. Unless she is very sick, she will enjoy your company. There are many little things you can do for mother that will make her work easier. Why not spend a whole day just doing good things for people and see how much fun it is for you? If you don't have any other day you can spend visiting people who need cheering up and doing things that take a lot of time, try that next Sunday, for the Lord is pleased if we do good on His day. No matter where we are or what we are doing, there are nice things we can do to make others happier. Let us look for those things and do them. —Betty White

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The Better Way

The 73rd Psalm should be encouraging to all who are tempted along these lines.

Here we see David looking on the literal side of life. He felt somewhat discouraged. He considered his own hardships and trials, and how he walked before the Lord, and denied himself of worldly comforts and chose the strait and narrow way instead of following the lust of the flesh which would prevent him from pleasing the Lord. Then he began to think of the wicked, he saw they had an easier life than he did. He said they were not in trouble and when oppression came, they just spoke loftily, and they even spoke evil of the Lord. Yet he had seen them die and to him they seemed to have no bonds in death. Then he said to himself, "Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, for all the day long I am plagued and chastened every morning."

We see the same thing existing today. We, the people of God, are counted as the filth of the world, and they think it strange that we do not take a hand in their entertainments, or that we do not and can not have fellowship with their churches; so sometimes, the isolated people of God find ourselves just standing alone. Sunday comes and, oh, how much we would like to have a good place of worship to go to. Then the Devil suggests that we loosen up a little, for there is no need of being so straight any way. He points us to some others who are getting along so much better than we and the others can worship any where. Or maybe sickness comes and we are surrounded by those who do not believe in trusting the Lord for healing. When asked what is being used in the way of a remedy, the devil often tempts with some home remedy to keep from suffering reproach. If we stand fast with our trust fully in the Lord, we are persecuted.

The Lord may permit us to be afflicted for His glory; then we look at others who live so wickedly, and yet they feel so good.

If we look at the natural side of life, many such things will come to discourage us. But we thank God there is something better for us to view. David said such things were painful for him to know until he went into the sanctuary (or presence) of God. Then the Lord caused him to understand their end. When he began to see how God despised them and how they were going to be cut off, but how the godly had such blessings awaiting them, he said, "So foolish was I and ignorant to envy the place of the wicked."

Yes, when we get a glimpse of the wonderful things God has in store for His own, and how the sufferings of this way only last for a season, then we cry out,

"Take the world for Christ is mine,
In His kingdom I would shine,
Let me labor all my days and years for Him;
Perfect love and bliss abound,
In His presence I have found
Life is joy supreme and full of glory!"

Praise His dear name!

Dear saints, I have decided, by His grace to take the way of the cross. It may not always be a bed of roses, but Jesus has promised to be with us. The Word says, "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee." We know if He helps us, we can go through and make heaven our home. —Margaret Eck

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Sikeston, Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt:— I have read one of the "Faith and Victory," papers, and enjoyed it. It is wonderful to serve Christ as our personal Saviour. I want to tell what He did for me. He healed me of a tumor on my wrist. Also I had nervous trouble and could not work. The doctors did not know what was wrong. I just got on my knees and prayed for God to heal me. Thank the Lord, he did heal me. Now I can work almost all time. Some people say the Lord will not heal, but I know He does. God has done so much for me. I don't believe I could ever turn away from Him. Praise His dear name. I am telling you dear friends that if you are ever in a tight place and do not know how to get out, just call upon the Lord and He will help you. It is so wonderful to be on the right road and not on the devil's side. Many people think they can be Christians and go to shows, dances, etc., but I just couldn't enjoy those worldly things. I have a real good time at home reading my Bible and praying and attending services where other Christians meet to worship the Lord. You can recognize a true Christian by the way he talks and acts and the places he goes.

Dear friends, get on the right road now. Do not put it off. Tomorrow may be too late. Get down upon your knees and ask God to forgive you for the wrong things you have done. He is always ready to receive you and help you. Praise His wonderful name!

Pray for me, for I want to go on and make heaven my home. Also pray for my loved ones who are lost in sin.

God bless you all, and keep the good work up.

Miss Esther Hale

SOUL HUNGER

The world is hungrier than it knows for some-

thing that is not of the world. A Chautauqua lecturer was sent during the war to Ft. Sill. "I have a humorous lecture," he said. "I have given it several times; the boys seem to like it, but really I am a preacher, and I've a gospel message. I will give you the entertainment or the sermon. How many want the entertainment?" Three hands went up. "How many want the sermon?" Eight hundred hands went up.

"I have tested that same thing all over the Southern Department, where we have had over four hundred thousand men," he says, "with the same results. Husks are no food for men." —Selected.

Marriage and Divorce

Marriage is a God-given right to every man and woman. When a man and woman secure a marriage license and take the sacred marriage vows, God joins them together when they are pronounced man and wife, and nothing but death can break that tie. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Matt. 19:6.

"It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: BUT I [Jesus] say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." Matt. 5:31, 32.

The Lord made it very plain that marriage is indissoluble because they become one and the same person, and it is God's institution and commandment that they remain one. He permits divorce only for the cause of whoredom. The Christian husband or wife should seek God for grace to bear patiently with other faults or imperfections in their companion, and let no thought of separating enter their minds. The Bible gives no one a right to remarry. Read Romans 7:2, 3: "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." It is a common failing for human beings to want to justify their wrong conduct by the Word of God; and this they do, wresting the scriptures to their own destruction. Many offer as an excuse for their unscriptural marriage, "My husband (or wife) is dead to me." Such an excuse will never stand at the judgment bar of God, and would not stand in your own heart if you would be honest.

Some say it is not right for the innocent to have to suffer and not be allowed to marry again after his or her companion has done wrong. It does look hard for the innocent, and yet it is better to suffer here that way than to suffer in eternity for disobeying God's holy Word. God is able to comfort and keep one in contentment, and if the innocent one will just wait upon God in full obedience, God will see that he is not tempted above that which he is

able to bear, and will in time work out his problem for him. No one can prosper spiritually who is guilty of marrying again while his companion lives; therefore if he is trying to live for the Lord he will suffer far more by entering into such a marriage than if he had remained without a companion. Marriage is not essential to happiness, but a clear soul is.

The unmarried should beware of unscriptural marriages. If you are saved you have no scriptural right to marry one who is unsaved. To do so is to disobey the Lord's word. If God wants you to marry He will provide a saved companion for you. If he provides none, be content as you are, for you are bought with a price and are not your own. God has a right to do as He pleases with that which is His. Beware! Never marry or even keep company with one who has a living companion! This warning should be heeded by the unsaved as well as the saved.

Ministers cannot perform a marriage ceremony for a couple who cannot scripturally marry and remain clear before the Lord. Brethren, let us lift up a standard against this thing called adultery and be sure we practice what we preach.

—Elder O. E. Shelby

Narrow Escape of The Night Express

It was night when the long, heavily loaded B. and O. train pulled out of the station at St. Louis, bound for Cincinnati and the East. There had been a great gathering in the city of St. Louis and thousands of people were leaving for their eastern homes. Charles Waters was the engineer that night, and he was a Christian man.

As the great engine leaped forward into the darkness, a burden seemed to weigh upon him. He could not account for it. He began to pray. On and on the long train sped across the state of Illinois and again and again, as he drove the engine through the dark, the engineer prayed. He prayed for himself, he prayed for his train and the hundreds of people aboard, committing them all into the hands of Him who sees in the darkness as well as in the light. The whole State of Illinois was crossed and part of Indiana, and still he prayed. Seymour, Indiana, was reached in safety, and as he pulled the throttle and started out of this station the burden lifted from his spirit and he felt that somehow all was well. It was almost morning now, and in an hour or two it would be light.

A little distance east of Seymour, Indiana, there lived a farmer who had risen very early that morning. He had a load of hogs to take to market, and he wanted to get an early start. He lighted his lantern and went out and fed his horses, and then came into the house for breakfast. As he sat at the table, something seemed to say, "Go to the railroad! Go to the railroad! Go to the railroad!" and yet again the insistent call, "Go to the railroad!" The farmer jumped up from the table and started out. His wife said, "Where are you going?"

"I am going to the railroad," he answered, "What for?" she asked.

"I don't know," he flung back, as he grabbed his lantern.

Down across the field he went, and over the rail fence, and stepped up on the railroad. He swung his lantern over the track, and behold, there was a broken rail—not only broken, but a great piece of it thrown entirely out of its place. He had little time to think, for just that moment he heard the distant rumble of the night express coming out of Seymour. He ran down the track and waved his lantern frantically. The engineer saw it and stopped the train, climbed down from his engine, and met the farmer.

Then he understood the reason for that long night of prayer, and the farmer now understood the strange call that had broken in on him at breakfast and bade him "Go to the railroad." A horrible wreck had been averted and hundreds of lives had been saved.

Prayer is appointed to convene

The blessings God designs to give;
Long as they live should Christians pray;
They learn to pray when first they live.

If pains afflict, or wrongs oppress;
If cares distract, or fears dismay;
If guilt dejects; if sins distress;
In every case, still watch and pray.

'Tis prayer supports the soul that's weak:
Though thought be broken, language lame,
Pray, if thou canst or canst not speak;
But pray with faith in Jesus' name.

Fear not; his merits must prevail;
Make all thy wants and wishes known:
Depend on him; thou canst not fail;
Ask but in faith, it shall be done. —Selected

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JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Sunday, October 1, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations

September 25 to 30.

- M. The man born blind John 9:1-7.
L. Spiritual blindness John 9:35-41.

W. Coming of the light Matt. 4:12-16.

T. Light in darkness John 1:1-5.

F. The Lord our light Isa. 60:1-3, 19-21.

S. Let your light shine Matt. 5:14-16.

Printed PortionJohn 9:1-7, 13, 34-41.

John 9:1. And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3. Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

7. And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

13. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

34. They answered and said unto him. Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36. He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37. And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39. And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41. Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Golden Text: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

Practical Truth: Christ is the source of light, both physically and spiritually.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many precious lessons can be learned from this miracle of giving sight to the man who was born blind. It was prophesied of Jesus the Messiah many years before this that He would open the eyes of the blind. This He did many times during his earthly ministry, and still does today; but we wish to stress the included spiritual meaning to which the miracle points. Jesus in his divine compassion desired to relieve human suffering, but his chief aim in the miracle was to glorify God. By this temporal miracle he sought to build up faith in the unseen.

Blindness is a tragedy, and no one would choose to go through this life unable to enjoy the blessings that good eyesight brings. We can understand why the man who was born blind would desire to worship one who had performed such a great miracle for him. But bodies soon perish and return to dust. We should be much more concerned about good spiritual eyes. It is a greater mir-

acle for a blind soul to open its eyes at the command of the Lord than for blind physical eyes to open. Spiritually speaking, darkness is ignorance and sin, and light is understanding and holiness. When blind physical eyes are opened, one can see objects upon which the sun sheds its rays of light. When spiritual eyes are opened one can understand spiritual things which the Son of Righteousness reveals to him. We often hear people complain that the Bible is a dry book of mysteries. This is because they are spiritually blind. One who has had his eyes opened finds it to be a living word and a light to his path. In the 8th chapter of John, Jesus had made the statement that He was able to set souls free from sin. The Jews rejected the offer with scorn. They refused to let Jesus open their spiritual eyes. Jesus said, "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

Jesus saw the blind man, had compassion upon him, anointed his eyes, and instructed him to go wash. He could not see the way to the pool and probably could not understand what good it would do but by "blind" faith he obeyed and "came seeing." Likewise Jesus sees the blind soul groping for light. He has compassion, anoints his eyes with truth and tells him to wash in the blood of the Lamb. The sin-sick soul may not understand how this can help him, but if he obeys by faith he will come seeing.

Discuss the importance of light to the natural world. How does this compare with the spiritual world? What is the difference between the spiritual light which shone in the days of the law and prophets and that of this dispensation? Is it possible for spiritual light to increase? How? What are some things that blind eyes to light or truth?

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JESUS' PROGRAM FOR MEETING LIFE'S PROBLEMS

Sunday, October 8, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 2 to 7.

- M. Jesus faces the tempter Matt. 4:1-4.
- T. Jesus announces his program Luke 4:16-21.
- W. Jesus' life work foretold Isa. 53:1-12.
- T. The Saviour of the world John 4:13-17.
- F. The seeking Saviour Luke 19:1-10.
- S. The call of Levi Mark 2:13-17.

Printed PortionMatthew 4:1-4; 6:31-34; Luke 4:16-21

Matt. 4:1. Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

6:31. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where withal shall we be clothed?

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

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

34. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Luke 4:16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had

been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Golden Text: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4.

Practical Truth: In order to meet life's problems in a satisfactory way we must put spiritual things first.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Human-laid programs and plans for future work may have to be altered because of circumstances, but if one follows the divine plan for his life as Jesus did, alterations in the plan will not be necessary although there will have to be many alterations in one's self-will in order to fit into the plan. Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work"; and "I do always those things that please the Father." He met with temptations to do contrary to the Father's will to please self or others, but He refused to yield.

The portion of our lesson taken from Luke tells what the Father's will for Jesus was: "To preach the gospel to the poor." This not only meant to the poor in this world's goods, but also to the poor in spirit, or the meek, those who realized their spiritual need and were humble and willing to be taught. "To heal the brokenhearted." When one is satisfied in himself he does not see his need of seeking the Lord; but when crushed under the weight of sin, he is in a good condition to receive help from the Lord. "To preach deliverance to the captives." Souls captured by Satan and bound in the prison house of sin are powerless to deliver themselves. Jesus came to break the bands of sin and set the captives free. "And recovering of sight to the blind." We learned about this in last Sunday's lesson.

The portion of our lesson from Matthew gives God's plan or program for man's life. "Seek first the kingdom of God." Are you following his plan for your life? Think of the change that would take place in the world if people would do this. "Christian" means Christ-like. If you are not like Christ in following God's plan for your life, you are no Christian.

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JESUS' UNDERSTANDING OF MAN

Sunday, October 15, 1944.

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 9 to 14.

- M. Healing the withered hand Matt. 12:9-14.
- T. Prophecy fulfilled in Jesus Matt. 12:15-21.
- W. Divine insight Heb. 4:12, 13.
- T. Jesus reads human hearts Mark 2:6-11.
- F. The way to greatness Luke 9:46-48.
- S. Jesus knows the future Luke 22:10-13.

Printed PortionMatthew 12:9-21.

9. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10. And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12. How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

16. And charged them that they should not make him known:

17. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

18. Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

19. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

20. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

21. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

Golden Text: "He needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man." John 2:25.

Practical Truth: Man is a being of infinite worth because he has capacities akin to those of God himself.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The scribes and Pharisees were jealous of Jesus' power and authority. The people followed Him entirely so much to suit them. They constantly watched Him so they could accuse Him of breaking Moses' law. It was not that they were so concerned about Moses' law or they had many customs and practices themselves which obliged them to avoid keeping the part of it which they did not like; but if they could do this, then they would publish it abroad among the people to prove that He was an imposter. The Phariseeical spirit is still very much alive. When the Lord is using a minister to proclaim His word with power and someone who hears is tickled by the convicting Spirit, he or she will usually look for some fault in the minister and pounce on it as a cloak for his or her act of doing away with Jesus. If men fully realized the fact that they are not deceiving God, there would be more who would be honest with their own souls.

It is likely that there were honest-hearted people present in the synagogue, and in their minds was the question of whether or not it was lawful to heal on the sabbath day. Jesus understood what was in their hearts as well as what was in the hearts of the Pharisees so He gave an example which would answer the question in the minds of the honest-hearted. Any one with an unbiased mind and open heart would accept his reasoning as being right. Those who were seeking to condemn him did not want truth. A man's own sense of pity would

cause him to know that God, who is good, would not include in His law of sabbath-keeping that they could not help an animal in distress. Then if they thought it not wrong to help an animal, why should they think it wrong to help a man?

In this example Jesus taught the value placed on human life as above that of animal life. Human life seems to be esteemed of but little value these days when men are being slaughtered by the millions even by so-called Christian nations. The spirit of war is so opposed to the Spirit of Him who said, "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

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RELIGION IN EDUCATION

Sunday, October 22, 1944

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 16 to 21.

M. The Beatitudes Matt. 5:1-12.

T. The blind leading the blind Luke 6:39-45.

W. Education in the law Deut. 6:4-12.

T. Ezra teaches God's law Neh. 8:1-3, 8-10.

F. Paul's training Gal. 1:11-24.

S. Delight in God's law Psalms 119:97-104.

Printed PortionMatthew 7:7-12; Luke 6:39-45.

Matt. 7:7. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

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

9. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10. Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Luke 6:39. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

40. The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

41. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

42. Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

43. For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Golden Text: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

Practical Truth: Religious teaching should have a part in any educational program.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There doesn't seem to be much connection between the title of our lesson and the printed portion, but if the lesson were obeyed it would mean that religion would have first place in our educational system. The first part of our lesson speaks of seeking the Holy Spirit which the Father has promised to give to all who seek Him. He is the only true teacher, and without Him in their hearts the very best educated teachers in the world can but be blind leaders. They can never teach truth to others unless they know the truth themselves.

In connection with this lesson the following scriptures should be used: Deut. 6:4-9; Prov. 9:10; 2 Tim 2:15. In the early days of our nation the Bible and its messages of truth was a vital part of instruction in schools; and God blessed America. But little at a time it has been crowded out. The result is atheism, paganism, immorality, hatred, selfishness, and crime. One educator who is esteemed a great man in the eyes of the modern world made the statement, "Faith in God and his authority, ideas of soul and immortality, belief in divine grace have been made impossible for the educated mind of today." Others seem to think he is right. As a result poems and stories which were full of religion and morals which built up faith in God have been omitted from most text books, and in their places we find pictures of primitive people which look more like animals than human-beings, with accompanying stories of how man learned to talk, and how he lost his hair and tail. These educators are honored as men and women with great brains, and yet they are not smart enough to realize that it is a historical fact that nations that have forgotten God have not prospered.

Thousands of dollars are being spent to try to solve the juvenile delinquency problem; billions of dollars and countless lives have been sacrificed to fight a war which never would have been if as much effort had been put forth to teach Matt. 7:12 to school children as has been put forth to destroy faith in God; and now the search has begun for a master-mind which will prevent future wars—while they reject the Prince of Peace. Youth is reaching for bread and the cold-hearted, devil-educated world hands it a stone; it reaches for fish, but receives only the sting of poison serpents. The blind are leading the blind in homes, schools, churches, and nations. The inevitable result is the ditch of destruction.

Saints of God, you cannot retain favor with God if you neglect to teach the Bible truths to your children.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTIVE FOR LIVING

Sunday, October 29, 1944.

Daily Readings and Meditations

October 23 to 28.

- M. Living by God's Word Deut. 8:1-3.
- T. The true Bread of Life John 6:26-35.
- W. The transformed life Rom. 12:1, 2.
- T. The armor of light Rom. 13:12-14.
- F. Walking in love Eph. 5:1, 2, 14-20.
- S. Christ our life Col. 3:1-15.

Printed PortionPsalm 4:5-8; Luke 4:4; John 6:35; Romans 12:1, 2; 13: 12-14.

Psa. 4:5. Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

6. There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for

thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Luke 4:4. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

John 6:35. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Rom. 12:1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God

13:12. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13. Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, nor in strife and envying.

14. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Golden Text: "Seek those things which are above. Colossians 3:1.

Practical Truth: When we give ourselves to God he helps us to live disciplined lives.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many think they can sacrifice a little of their material possessions or money (if they have any to spare), and a little time to the Lord and then He'll take them to heaven in the end even if they do waste the rest of their time and substance in drunkenness and riotous living. Many times in His Word the Lord warns against such deception. The Lord never lowers the spiritual nor moral standard for induction into His army, for He wants quality and cares nothing about numbers. He requires one to make a complete sacrifice of himself to live in righteousness and full obedience to His word.

Many do ask, "Who will show us any good?" in life like that? You never go to places of amusement, you don't do anything to have fun." But one second of time spent when the Lord is lifting up the light of His countenance upon us brings more lasting pleasure than all the pleasures of sin.

Food and water are gifts from God and He wants us to use them for food for the body. But the devil has corrupted man's appetites that they use these things the wrong way and to the excess, and their bodies which were meant for temples for the Holy Ghost are torn down instead of being built up by food and drink. Some live to eat instead of eating to live, and their aim in life is to eat, drink, and be merry. The devil tempted Jesus with his appetite, but he overcame, giving God and His calling first place in His life. He set the example for us. Let us live for God and not for appetite.

One cannot put on the Lord Jesus Christ and at the same time fulfill the lusts of the flesh. The Christian's greatest difficulty is with himself. The flesh must have some attention in order to exist, but there is a difference between fleshly needs and fleshly lusts. Fleshly lusts are listed in Gal. 5:19-21. "And such like" would include the fleshly lusts indulged in today that Paul knew nothing about. Just because the Bible doesn't name your particular indulgence does not mean that it is all right. Any fleshly desire which, when indulged in, tends to weaken one spiritually and is not to the glory of God or in harmony with the natural laws of God would be a fleshly lust.