

# FAITH <sup>AND</sup> VICTORY

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### MY BIBLE

This holy Book I'd rather own  
Than all the gold and gems  
That e'er in monarchs' coffers shone,  
Than all their diadems.

Nay, were the seas one chrysolite,  
The earth one golden ball,  
And diamonds all the stars of night,  
This book out weighs them all.

Ah, no, the soul ne'er found relief  
In glittering hoards of wealth;  
Gems dazzle not the eyes of grief,  
Gold cannot purchase health.

But here a blessed balm appears  
To heal the deepest woe,  
And those who read this Book in tears,  
Their tears shall cease to flow.

Anon.

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### How Shall We Escape If We Neglect?

"The sower soweth the word." Mark 4:14.

"The seed is the word of God." Luke 8:11. It is called "Precious seed." Psa. 126:6. It is "precious" far beyond all our power to value or estimate it. There is power in this precious seed. When sown in the heart and fully received, it transforms the darkest soul and the most barren life back into the image of God and fills it with the fruits of righteousness. It is the nature of this seed to bear good fruit abundantly, "Some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some an hundred" Mark 4:20. When we see a life filled with good fruit unto the Lord, it is because the gospel seed has been received into the depths of the soul and allowed to fill the whole life, transforming the words and ways and very thoughts to the will of God, and we see the results—good fruit in abundance. Because this seed is so precious, and its power

so great, because of the great work God has willed that it do in each soul, God holds us solemnly responsible to Him, as he caused the word to be sown in our hearts. If we have received the word and continued therein, a godly, fruitful life will tell the story. But is it so with you? And if not, what have you done with the precious seed of the Word, which perhaps was sown in your heart long ago?

Perhaps with some of you, it was as seed sown by the wayside. There was not even a little soft ground opened to receive it. It was neglected and left there to be trodden under foot. You were too busy to even give it any consideration. As the birds of the air pick up the grain that finds no lodging place in the soil, so Satan caught the seed away which had been sown in your heart. Perhaps you have almost forgotten that it had ever been sown there. Your life is barren, desolate, and empty. But God holds you responsible for that precious seed which would have transformed your soul into the garden of the Lord. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3.

But there are others. With some of you, as the seed was sown you began gladly to receive it. Your heart began to open to His word. But as the seed began to grow and the roots to go downward, they struck the stony depths of your heart. You were unwilling to yield your heart wholly to the Lord, to be turned upside down, as it were, and broken in pieces by the hammer of His word (Jer. 23:29) into the broken and contrite heart in which the Lord will dwell. You wanted to keep your own opinions and thoughts and ways, you wanted the word of God too, but you were only willing to let it occupy the surface ground. You were unwilling to let it overturn all of your own thoughts and ways and fill your life and soul with the ways and thoughts of God. But God will rule our whole hearts and minds and ways or He will not abide with us. And so the seed could not grow. There was no room for its roots to go down and make you strong and fill your life with fruit. What are the results? Difficulties arise, temptations, and persecutions come, and you have no

power to stand. The plant withers away and leaves your soul without God. "Them that are turned back from the Lord and those that have not sought the Lord nor inquired for Him" (Zeph. 1:6) are all included in one condemnation.

Then there are some of you who are making an effort to serve the Lord, but your lives are unfruitful. The Gospel seed has been planted in your heart but it is bearing no fruit to perfection, yet the gospel seed is a fruitful seed. Then where is the lack? God will not long let a fruitless plant remain in His garden. He will say, "Why cumbereth it the ground?" Luke 13:7. For He said, "I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit." John 15:16. That is the purpose of our being planted in His garden, and every one "that beareth not fruit He taketh away." John 15:2. Why is the fruit lacking? "And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things entering in choke the word and it becometh unfruitful." Mark 4:19. "Choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life." Luke 8:14. However small these things may seem, they do their deadly work and unless you permit God to dig them out of your life, the plant will be cut down, for it will be good for nothing. Your heart will become, if it is not already, as the field of the slothful, "All grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof." Prov. 24:31—a desolate place all grown over with the thorns that had choked out the word. These things come in through carelessness, a lack of watching and diligence (verses 32-34). Little things that come in unawares, and unobserved have grown great and spread over the place, and left the soul barren and desolate.

Are there any desolate souls awakened by the word of God to see their true condition, who hear the voice of God calling to repentance? Harken to that voice today while you hear it, for His voice brings life to those who will listen—"They that hear shall live." John 5:25. "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 3:18. Listen to His voice and obey it, and He will yet make your soul to be His fruitful garden. "And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the Garden of Eden . . . Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate. I, the Lord have spoken it, and I also will do it." Ezek. 35:36.

—Faith Embly

## Proper Clothing for a Christian

There is a proper way for a Christian to dress. 1 Peter 3:3, 4, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

In First Peter 5:5 we are instructed to be clothed with humility. This is a plain dress. Carnal nature

dislikes the make and style. Pride views it with aversion. It is unpopular with the world; yet in the sight of God it is of great price. Jesus, our great example, wore this garment all his life, being meek and lowly in heart he humbled himself even to the death of the cross.

Peter learned this proper way to dress by a painful experience. As Jesus looked on Peter after he had denied his Lord, no doubt he remembered how Jesus thought first of service to others as he girded himself with a towel and washed his disciples' feet, humbling himself as a servant. Peter was sorrowful of his self life, and after he was converted he became a true follower of Christ and exhorts us to be like Christ and to dress in the Christ-like robe of service.

May the dear Lord help us, if we are not properly clothed with this lowly raiment, to humble ourselves before God and be clothed with the proper clothing for the inner man, then we shall know and shall properly clothe the outer man in modest apparel as becometh saints professing godliness. Let our clothes be the clothes of a servant. —Rada Watkins

## Gospel Giving

Much depends on what we give and the spirit in which we give it. I wonder how many of us really believe what Paul quoted from Christ's words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And again Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure pressed down and shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." And let us remember the words spoken by Paul, "But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The precious old Book tells us just how to give: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." Professed saints who are stingy in their giving do not realize what blessings they are beating themselves out of, both temporally and spiritually. Prov. 13:7, "There is that maketh himself rich yet hath nothing. There is that maketh himself poor yet hath great riches." Prov. 3:9, 10, "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the FIRST fruits of thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

When I think of how God gave the best and the most precious he had for us that by his gift he might redeem us from all iniquity, I would feel guilty before God if I should offer him less than the first and best I had. Just consider this precious scripture: 2 Cor. 8:9. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich." It would be impossible for us to be rich in the sense he speaks of here if we are stingy

or offer the Lord less than the best we have. "Freely ye have received, freely give." "Having food and raiment let us be therewith content." We shall leave this old world just as empty-handed as we came into it. "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after they have *erred from the faith* and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." According to the precious old Book, covetousness is idolatry.

In conclusion read 1 Tim. 6:17-18. Paul instructs Timothy to "charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate [which means to give of our means to gospel work], Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come that they may lay hold on eternal life."

Dear precious saints, let us tremble at God's word and work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

"The rust will canker and the moth will eat,  
If you lay up your treasures here below;  
For time will fail you and your plans defeat  
And bitter disappointment you shall know.

"Your gold will witness if you hoard it now  
In a voice loud as thunder at the last;  
And fear shall sieze you as with shame you bow,  
Lest from the Lord in anger you be cast.

"Oh, do not covet what will perish soon,  
Keep your heart ever open to the poor.  
Spread far the gospel in the night or noon,  
Then your reward in heaven will be sure.

"When banks are failing and your friends untrue,  
You may look up to heaven and rejoice;  
For God is keeping what belongs to you,  
Since gladly you have hearkened to his voice."

Your happy blood-washed, consecrated brother  
in the one body, Geo. Stephenson, Cartersburg, Ind.

### Great Mercy

This is written with a desire to help awaken this wicked world to the fact that the dear Lord is merciful; yet He says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay."

One cold day in January several years ago I was called to a neighbor's to answer a phone call. The call concerned an old cowboy, one who had gone deep in sin. I had known him for years. My brother and husband worked with him on the range. He was an intelligent man, fine singer, and could have been used of the Lord; but that old devil, Satan, got into him and used him as he liked. He had

killed four men—not meditated murder, but just got into trouble and shot his way out, and one time in protecting and helping a helpless woman out of trouble.

He became very sick. He had a brother living four miles east of Manchester, Okla. (They were our neighbors on farm.) They called and said, "Quince is very bad sick; wants you to come and pray for him." He was surrounded by church people, but they regarded him as a murderer and did not feel there was any hope for his soul.

My first thought was, pray for a murderer? I cannot do that. I went to secret prayer to get strength and guidance. The word that He gave me was this, "He that hateth his brother is a murderer." I asked the Lord to help and I would go. His niece and her husband came after me. It was very cold and freezing, and I will confess I was nervous.

His niece would say, "Oh, I am afraid he has sinned against the Holy Ghost." I told her that he did not know what that was and consoled her the best I could.

We arrived about noon. The house was filled with church people. A big table was set with a large amount of food, and I was invited to eat, but I refused, saying, "No, no dinner for me." I sat down by the kitchen stove to warm. They urged me to hurry for fear he would be gone. I sat there and warmed and prayed until the Lord said, "Go."

I went into the room. He had an old aunt named Rhoda in Tenn., whose daughter was there. She went in with me. He knew me and spoke.

I asked him why he sent for me and he replied, "I want help for my soul. Doctors say I am going to die and I am not ready to go." I questioned him. He said he was sorry and confessed everything. I told him we would pray and asked what he wanted from God. He said, "I want that which old Aunt Rhoda had." (She was a saint). I told him it was for him if he would meet the conditions of God's word. He said he had done all he could. He said if the Lord would forgive him, save, and heal, he would preach the gospel. We knelt to pray and while praying I saw his old hand go up and, oh! what a prayer went up from his poor heart. He seemed very happy and said he wanted to sing. "I will sail the wild seas no more," and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour." Every one in the house was happy. I left Quince rejoicing. He lived three days and talked of the Lord until he died. —Allie McAdams

Minn,—Dear saints of the church of God,—I will write you a short testimony. I am still saved and all on the altar for the dear Lord Jesus. I love Jesus. He is my all and in all in times of distress and trouble.

Now I will request prayers for my husband, Axel I. Erickson. He has a nervous stomach trouble, and day times he can't rest on his bed. He is weak in his body, yet he walks the floor continually and gets so tired out. Another thing, his bowels do not function right. He has much trouble in that way. He claims to be saved and the Lord's child.

In Jesus' dear sweet name,  
Sister Emma I. Erickson.

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He who stoops to gather accusation-stones will soon be bitten by the underlying serpent. —Viola B. Brown.

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**Editorials**

It is a constant encouragement to the Spirit-filled child of God to know that "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4. The word "world" here includes all the powers of evil forces with which we meet and all the elements that are governed by natural and first commandment laws together with all earthly men. Jesus told the seventy that returned with rejoicing because the devils were subject unto them that he saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven. In other words, Satan, who had exalted himself to a heavenly place in the hearts of the religious Jews and was deceiving the people with self-righteousness, was being uncovered by the power and work of Christ and cast down. Jesus also told the disciples, "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions [in other words: devil spirits that would poison and sting the souls of men] and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19. The Lord then rejoiced that these things were hid from the naturally wise and prudent and revealed unto babes.

The crying need in these last days is for God's children to be filled with the Spirit—I mean with the true Holy Spirit of God—and then to so yield to Him that he will continue in them and be a reproof to sin and self-righteousness, and judgment upon the prince of this world, which is old Satan. It will truly mean persecution and great reproach to those who will really let God have his way in their hearts and speak as the oracles of God and minister as the ability that God gives that God might be glorified in all they say and do. It will also mean that many souls will be saved and signs and wonders will follow with miracles performed in healing the sick and casting out devils.

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That the disciples were in a justified state before the receiving of the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, is an undisputable fact; because Jesus said in his prayer to the Father, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." John 17:17. In John 15:3 he says, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Evidently there had been a purifying process going on in them as they walked in the light of His teaching; for he said, "Ye are clean through the word that I have spoken unto you."

Peter, in speaking about the Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) said, "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." In Rom 15:16 we read a statement made by Paul: "That the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Also he said in Acts 26:18: "To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith that is in me." In 1 John 3:3 we read, "And every man that hath this

hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." Jesus says in Matt. 5:8: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

From all the above Scriptures we learn that it is needful for men and women to so yield themselves unto God with repentance and turning away from sin and self-righteousness that the blood will be applied and a purifying process will take place in order to be ready for the infilling of the Spirit of truth, or the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost. When the Holy Spirit comes into the heart he sanctifies or sets us apart as God's sacred property; or in other words, seals us with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest (a small portion) of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Eph. 1:13, 14.

When the Holy Spirit comes into the soul of man that has been purchased by the blood of the Lamb and made clean from transgressions, he is God's seal on the man, or the stamp of approval that this man belongs to God and is not his own any more. He is set apart by the Holy Ghost to be a servant for God all the days of his life. One thus sealed is then the purchased possession (body and soul) of God and must yield to His will continually no matter how much it is necessary to suffer for His sake. The heart must always say, "Thy will be done," as that one sets himself apart for His continual abode, always dying to his natural selfish interests and letting Christ reign supreme. When one is in that state, he can truly testify as Paul did when he said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

Before Jesus promised to pray the Father to send the Comforter upon the disciples, he said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The instructions and commandments of Jesus to the disciples were many. He did not tell them to keep the law, but "my commandments." You will find some of them in the fifth chapter of Matt. and the chapters following, and all through the gospels. If they loved him they would keep these commandments (24th) and then he would pray the Father to send the Comforter that he may abide with them forever, even the Spirit of truth whom the world (unsaved folks) could not receive. Among other things, he said, "For he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." John 14:17.

In 1 Thess 5th chapter is a list of commandments for justified ones to keep, then the apostle writing them brings them to a close with, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Then (when you have done these things) he said, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." Then to encourage your heart that it can be done, he said, "Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it."

Many come before the Lord to receive the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, who are not ready

for Him at all, and they may claim the experience, but that does not make it so. Such will soon be disappointed. One who is not holy and living free from sin continually is not ready for the in-coming of the Holy Spirit.

If it is a common thing with you to be fretful and show evil temper, get out of sorts when things do not go to suit you, then you are not ready for the reception of the Spirit.

Romans 12:1 instructs to, "Present your body a living sacrifice, holy [You must be clean and holy from transgressions of any kind to be acceptable] acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

It is folly for any one to come to God presenting his body to be sanctified wholly and filled with the Spirit when he is not living free from transgression all the time, week in and week out. When one does this he will either be disappointed or receive some kind of deception.

It is Christ in you the hope of glory (Col. 1:27) that counts for eternity. Without him in the soul, there will be no change from mortal to immortality, for he alone is eternal life. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Jude wrote to those that were sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called, to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, and also said that it was needful.

Brethren, ye who are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Christ Jesus and called, do not cease to contend for the faith that was once given to the saints on the day of Pentecost for the reception of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. Do not weaken or give down. Keep telling it, teaching and practicing it with line upon line and precept upon precept. Ask God to instill it into the justified souls until they too will have faith to receive the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost.

### HELP NEEDED

We have received word from Oregon that fire has completely wiped out Bro. and Sister Gilbird's home. They saved a few personal belongings. This brother is crippled and it is hard for him to get along.

Those who feel that God would have them to help this brother can send their offerings to Bro. Sam Wilson at Jefferson, Oreg. Box 41 and he will see that this brother gets the money.

### Prayer Request

Pray for my unsaved husband. He once was saved. He is getting so far from God. We need his help in rearing our children who are unsaved also and need the Lord.

—A sister who needs your prayers.

The Jumbo, W. Virginia Camp Meeting will begin Aug. 29th.. Do not fail to attend this meeting.

### Obituaries

Bro. Silas Burke, jr. was born in Lincoln Co., Miss. Dec. 1, 1871; departed this life June 22, 1947 at his home in Tulsa, Okla. He was the son of Silas and Mary Ann Burke who preceded him in death. He had five brothers and nine sisters, the majority of whom preceded him in death. At an early age he confessed a hope in Christ and joined the New Hope Baptist denomination, then later he joined the African Methodist Episcopal denomination. When he heard the full gospel preached by the church of God in Hattiesburg, Miss. he accepted the light and was saved.

In 1898 he was united in holy wedlock to Miss Lula Broomfield who preceded him in death. In Dec. 1926 he moved to Tulsa, Okla. and was united in marriage to Mrs. Mattie Rucker, who survives him.

Being a carpenter he helped to build six meeting houses for the saints: one in Boley, Hoffman, Okmulgee, Dover, Green Pastures, and Tulsa; and was faithful and diligent in other fields of service.

Bereaved are: his wife, one brother, three sisters, three nephews, several nieces, and many other relatives and friends and saints.

Funeral service conducted by Bro. M. Spears. Text: 2 Cor. 5:1.

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Mrs. Callie E. Bledsoe was born Dec. 16, 1878; departed this life June 12, 1947. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gree of Wharton, Tex. She attended Grade and High School at Wharton. She was a graduate of Guadalupe College. She taught school four years, and during this time met and married G. G. Bledsoe, to which union two daughters were born.

She was affiliated with two denominations earlier in life; then was saved in the church of God of Boley, Okla. She was faithful. She was patient during her illness.

Bereaved are: 1 daughter, one adopted daughter, two brothers, one sister, four grandchildren, three adopted grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral conducted by Bro. M. Spears Job 5:26.

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Miss Willie Syresta Albright was born to Charlie and Josie Albright, November 17, 1895 in Denison Co., Texas. She came with her parents to Okla. age 16 yrs. At the age of twenty-one she was united in matrimony to John Burnett, to which union four children were born: Walter, Joe Will, Laneda and Lue Audry (deceased). After seven happy years with him death claimed her husband in March, 1923. In Aug., 1923 she was married to William Duke, to which union ten children were born: James Monroe, Charlie Mae, Bessie Jewel, Odessa, Beatrice, Henry, Calvin, Odess, William, and Earl (deceased).

In 1917 she accepted the full truth and became a member of the congregation of evening light saints at Boley, Okla. She showed a willing spirit to serve in any way she could for the right.

The death angel came for her June 8, 1947 and carried her soul to rest, leaving to mourn her passing a husband, a father, four sisters, five brothers, twelve children, six step-children, ten grandchildren, and many other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral conducted by Bro. M. Spears. Text: Heb. 2:14, 15.

The covers of life's book are closed  
For one we loved so well,  
But kindly tales of years well spent  
Are what the pages tell.  
Each chapter in it leaves a thought  
As lovely as can be  
For us to keep within our heart  
Enshrined in memory.

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Ella Williamson was born in North Star, Ohio, April 10, 1872; died June 29, 1947 at Piqua, Ohio, age 75 yrs., 2 mos., and 19 days. She was married to John W. Foster Sept. 13, 1890. To them were born 12 children, five sons and seven daughters. Three sons and two daughters preceded her in death. Then her husband, Bro. Will Foster was called home to heaven 1 yr. and 6 mos. before her death. Sister Ella leaves a life full of good deeds and the blessed assurance of her full pardon and acceptance of God's loving grace.

Bereaved: five daughters and two sons: Mrs. Nola Eminons, Mrs. Rose Kiser, Mrs. Tina Nickodemus, and David Foster all of Piqua, Ohio; Mrs. Lennie Hatch of Wilkshire, Ohio; Mrs. Weltha Williams of Cincinnati; and John Foster of North Star, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; also a host of other relatives and friends that have shared the benefits of her life. We say with gladness, how blessed are the righteous when they die. May the God they served fill the lives of those left behind with deeds of kindness until they are called to meet them over there.

The funeral service was conducted at Yorkshire, Ohio by Bros. William Pearson of Ind. and Claude Black of W. Va.

### ONE BY ONE

One by one we are passing over,  
One by one we are going home;  
And as Jesus calls each loved one,  
Some one must be left alone.

Life is fleeting, death is certain;  
Soon we shall lay our armour down,  
And go home with joy and gladness  
To receive a glorious crown.

Tired and weary of life's burdens,  
Lightened of its load of care,  
How the spirit breaks its fetters,  
Flies away to a land more fair.

Loved ones waiting there in glory,  
Greet them with a welcome sweet,  
As they sing redemption's story,  
Cast their cares at Jesus' feet.

—Sister Rebecca Lasicker.

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Ky.—Dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I am glad I can report victory in my soul today. I am saved, sanctified, and have been healed several times. I was healed of bronchitis several years ago. I have been saved a number of years and am not tired of the way but have permitted physical ailments to hinder some. I want you dear saints scattered abroad to pray for me that I will get back on the firing line like I was at one time, that I may win souls to Christ. We are living in the last days. We need to get our hearts stirred and work while it is day. Night is coming when no man can work. Please pray for me. All you good sisters write to me. Mrs. L. E. Stewart 2801 Carter Ave., Ashland, Ky.

## Report of Campmeetings

At this writing we are in the midst of the campmeeting season, and God is showing his mighty power as campmeeting after campmeeting comes and goes. Souls are being saved, believers are receiving the Spirit of truth, the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, sick bodies are being healed by power divine, and the saints are being built up and drawn closer to God and to one another. God is shaking things. Some who are stiff and have no care for the preserving of the one body unless it serves selfish interests are being shaken out and others who are wilting down and humbling unto God's ways are being grafted into the spiritual fleshly house (body) of the Lord and are beginning to function as God leads by His Spirit.

The church, which is the body of Christ, is a beautifully divinely organized church where the Lord himself rules, governs, controls, inspires, and directs each member as it pleases Him, and the whole body working in harmony with heaven causes us to be a raised up people, sitting together in a heavenly place in this world where sin and evil in different earthly regions are abounding on every side and in every place.

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory to those who are in this body, dwelling in the secret place of the most High and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty, for they are like a tree planted by the rivers of water. Their leaf doth not wither, neither do they fear when drouth cometh, for the supply of fresh heavenly water of life doth not cease to flow as their minds are stayed on Him, the giver of all good things. Glory be to His name!

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." Jer. 17:7.

"O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters." Jer. 17:13.

It is sad to behold today the many preachers and others that have their name blotted out of heaven's book and have it now written in the earth. Many today have hewed themselves out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water. Jer. 2:13.

In former years we have attended the Hammond La. campmeeting, but it seemed to please the Lord this year to send us in another direction. Those who attended the Hammond meeting report that the Lord worked in that meeting in a very precious manner with much power and demonstration of the Spirit, and it will go down on the records in heaven as being a place where the Spirit fell upon souls and additions were made to the Body functioning in the earth.

A car load of us from Guthrie (mostly office workers) went to the Kalamazoo, Michigan State Campmeeting where we met many earnest souls in the Lord. Ministers and workers were there from

many parts of the country. The attendance was not so large as in the older campmeeting places, but the Lord met with his people at that place and manifested himself in saving, sanctifying, healing, and unifying. The enemy had some of his agents around to cause friction if possible, but the Lord showed himself strong and defeated his plans to the extent that much good was done. The saints at Kalamazoo are not many in number, but are zealous to observe and do his will. They are in need of a place to worship. It is practically a new work (beginning about three yrs. ago) and up to the present time they have been renting a place of worship and worshipping in homes. If any one feels led of the Lord to help this young promising congregation to build a place of worship you may send your offering to their pastor, Bro. Earl Brown, whose address is 3606 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.

At the close of the Kalamazoo, Mich. meeting we went to Ft. Wayne, Ind. where we met, in worship, with the little congregation there. The Lord blessed and those present seemed to enjoy the message of truth given out. We met several of the Lord's children whom we had never seen before, and enjoyed their zeal and devotion to the Lord. It will be a pleasure to meet them again in this life. May God bless each one with heavenly blessings, is my prayer.

From Ft. Wayne we journeyed southwest toward Monark Springs, Mo. to attend the National campmeeting, stopping Tuesday afternoon and night with Sister Geneva Ray's parents near Bloomfield, Ind.

The National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. was well attended. Saints and others gathered in from many different states. Quite a number came that had never met with the saints before. Some were saved and others received a clearer vision of the true way. It was a glorious meeting. The Word went forth with power and authority, uncovering sin and evil of all kinds and showing the way of life to men, consequently many souls were saved, sanctified, and much healing was done by the power of God.

The new dining hall which was sufficiently completed to be used in the meeting was highly appreciated by all at the meeting. 127 took part in the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing.

The campground for this national meeting is in a good location with shade trees and a good well of water on the grounds. A state park joins the campground in which also is plenty of shade and running water. One thing about it which the saints appreciate very much is that there are many places where they can get out away from the crowd and commune with the Lord in secret prayer.

We all enjoyed the National Campmeeting, chiefly because we could see the Lord working, gathering, saving, edifying, unifying, and building up his people in the most holy faith.

From Monark Springs we returned to Guthrie where we found plenty to do in the print shop and preparing for the Oklahoma State Campmeeting which began here at Guthrie Aug. 1st and continued ten days. Ministers and saints began to arrive for



this meeting several days before the beginning date and continued to come until the large pavilion which has just been built, was filled with earnest listeners to the unadulterated gospel of Christ.

We generally speak of each campmeeting being the best ever attended. That may be because it is fresh on our minds, but truly this meeting was exceptionally good. The heavenly spirit that prevailed the meeting was much enjoyed by all, and the Word went forth with great power and authority. Message after message kept coming, and it seemed that each message came stronger and with more force and power than the preceding one and Satan heard nothing good about himself. Satan stuck his nose into things once in a while, but his power was weak and he made very little disturbance, for the universal power of God was too much for him. Satan is a defeated devil. He was conquered by the Lord over nineteen centuries ago, and he is a conquered foe today to all who allow the Holy Spirit to dwell continually in the heart. The attendance at the meeting was larger than any meeting in the past and the power of God was greatly manifested in saving souls, sanctifying and infilling with the Spirit, healing bodies, and drawing his people together in one.

Two baptismal services were held, one on the last Saturday morning of the meeting and another on Sunday morning. In all, twenty were baptized and 163 took part in the ordinance services.

The saints and visitors greatly appreciated the newly finished pavilion in which the meeting was held. The two story dining hall with its modern fixtures was enjoyed and greatly needed in this meeting. The upper story was used for sleeping quarters for the sisters. Between fifty and sixty beds were occupied in it, besides the many beds for couples and families in the saints' homes and those in the old dining hall and print shop occupied by the brethren. In the past few years the saints have invested over ten thousand dollars in buildings here in Guthrie on the campgrounds to accommodate the increasing attendance at the yearly campmeetings.

Many different states were represented, including: Louisiana, California, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Texas, and a large number from Oklahoma. They were a happy congregation of saints gathered together and the Lord put his approval upon the meeting in a very precious manner.

We are all very busy in the "Lord's Print Shop" at present, setting type for the September paper and printing tracts, besides the many other duties connected with a printing work. We are trying to get our work caught up and arranged so a car load of us can attend the Jumbo, W. Va. campmeeting which will begin Aug. 29th.

Pray for us, dear readers, as we labor on for him. We have presented our bodies to Him a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to him, which we know to be our reasonable service; and, if we know our own heart, we are not conforming to this world, but are being transformed by the renewing of our mind, that

we may be able to prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God. (Rom. 12:1, 2.)

—Fred Pruitt

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#### Report of Campmeeting at Jefferson, Ore., 1947

Our hearts melt in gratitude and praise to our God for the glorious out-pouring of His Spirit of love and power which so completely ruled in this meeting. The meeting was to start Friday, July 18th, but the happy saints and ministers began to arrive and it started on Wed. night. Truly great grace was upon all. Prayers and praises to God went up almost day and night, as His Holy Spirit ruled and controlled the bloodwashed saints assembled.

God sent in eight of His appointed and called ministers, who, under the power of God and anointing from heaven, proclaimed the pure gospel of his Son. Souls were awakened, conviction rested on all who heard. Forty or more came to the altar of prayer to get help from God. Some found pardon from sin, others reached the all-cleansing blood and got sanctified, while others renewed their covenant with God. Almost everyone received the desire of their heart. True, the enemy tried to hinder, but the power of God held every hindering spirit, and complete victory reigned from start to finish of the assembly. Old time saints and ministers testified that it was the most glorious victory for God they had witnessed for years. All praise to Him who still rules in the hearts of those who love and serve Him.

About a hundred took part in the ordinance meeting and received the benefit of the promise, "If ye know these things, happy are you if you do them."

We feel encouraged to press the battle on, ready to live and suffer for the gospel which brought salvation to all who believe and obey it.

Pray for us. Yours in Christ, ready to live or die for Him,  
Sam Wilson

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#### What About Dances?

I think God would be pleased for me to write this article about the dance, which is helping to wreck and ruin our nation.

One can look over our land and see where our people are drifting. On Saturday nights the dance halls and theatres are full of people—old people as well as young. While on the other hand the prayer services have only a few present. They are going to these places of worldly amusements when they should be at prayermeeting. No wonder our nation is in such a terrible condition. People will say, "I don't see why God sent this awful war upon us." Friends, God did not send it upon us. We brought it upon ourselves by indulging in lives of sin.

Even some people who have their names on a church book and claim to be Christians go to dances. True Christians do not go to such places, because one cannot be a Christian and go to places of the devil. Christians are a separate people. You cannot be separate from the world and at the same time indulge in dancing and such like.

The Lord is coming for his own some day, and he will not find them in the dance halls.

I am glad that the Lord has taken the desire from me to attend worldly amusements. —Mae Key



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

## ONLY LOVE

I feel God's love is with us all,  
 Showing His power each passing day,  
 It lifts us up if we should fall,  
 Will guide us thru any trouble some way.  
 Jack Carroll.



Hello, Children:

Isn't it good to know Jesus loves us and that we love Him? It makes us so happy inside. But when we do wrong Jesus is hurt and so are we. Jesus will keep us from doing wrong when the devil tells us, if we pray.

One little boy forgot to pray and the devil talked to Him in Sunday School. He listened to the devil and put only one of the nickels in the box that his mother had given him.

In the afternoon Mother was told that her boy had some candy drops. She called him in and talked to him and he told her he had kept one of the nickels. Mother felt so hurt to think her precious little boy would steal from Jesus. She had told her boy that the money we put in the box was used to tell others about Jesus, and Jesus wanted us to give to his work.

With a sad heart Mother told her boy about Ananias and Sapphira in the Bible, who lied and said they had given all the money they had received when they had sold some land. Ananias brought part of the money to Peter and said "that was all." But God caused Peter to know Ananias was lying. Peter told him, "While it was yours, it was within your power to decide how much to give and you did not have to lie." When Ananias heard those words he fell down dead.

Then his wife, Sapphira, came in and Peter asked her if they had sold the land for so much; and she said, "Yes, for so much." Then Peter asked her why they had agreed together to lie to the Lord. He told her that the men who had carried her husband out would carry her out, and she fell down dead.

So Mother told her little boy, who was crying now because he was so sorry he had kept the nickel, that it was a dangerous thing to steal from the Lord. He was sorry, so Mother and her boy got down on their knees, and he told Jesus how sorry he was, and asked him to forgive him and promised never to do it again. The next Sunday he put an extra nickel in the box.  
 —Aunt Marie

Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' name,—I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how the Lord has blessed us. This evening it rained and it seemed that the wind was blowing pretty hard and we couldn't get the front windows down, so I went into the back room and prayed. When I came into the front room, they had the windows down. The Lord has protected us in many ways.

This poem I'm sending I made it up.

## CAMP MEETING

Oh! how I love the campmeeting  
 With all the children of God.  
 We meet them with a happy greeting,  
 The narrow way long have they trod.  
 Oh! how I love the campmeeting,  
 Jesus my Shepherd is always leading,  
 And his grace I'm always needing,  
 And his lambs He's freely feeding.

Your sister in Him,

Sybilla Miller

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## Keep filled with the Spirit

Time is short, my beloved. The cup of iniquity is already filled to the top and showing signs of spilling over more of its deadly contents. This pitiful world is travelling in painful anguish and agony of sin. Hatred, deceit, strife, envy, nakedness, evil imaginations and materiality is ruling in the minds of sinful men, who for the glory of this world have rejected the manifold blessings of God. The Bible is still here to teach truth to this fallen world, but Satan, who is here also to stay awhile, is seeing to it that few as possible will take time to study and live God's Word.

And who will challenge the adversary without let-up? the true and faithful servant in whom the Lord trusts.

Of a truth, we must labor, seeking no earthly reward, but only that blessing of peace and joy which is the happiness of the saints. One thing is certain, and anything contrary to this is not of God: We must earnestly and with burning hearts seek that sweet Holy Spirit and be filled with Him if we desire to remain in the true Shepherd's fold. We must harken to the still small voice of our God and disdain the imitating call of the hireling. We must not be slackers, but show forth the praises of joy, and evidence of salvation to one Jesus Christ who consented to die for us. As saints of God we need to die out daily to worldly lusts by denying ourselves and being willing to be of none importance in the eyes of the world. We need to be very humble, not through any great showing, but for the sake of Christ who endured poverty that we might inherit an estate of promise. We must put away every desire to gain the friendship of this world and to be popular among a people who have no intention of ever winning the Saviour's love. —Salvatore DiDio

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## My Savior's Love

I want to tell of a wonderful love,  
 The love my Savior gives.  
 To lean secure upon his breast,  
 In this my spirit lives.

I call upon him day and night  
 When I am all alone;  
 Then I can feel his presence near,  
 His love to me is shown.

When I am burdened down with grief,  
 my Savior comes along:  
 "Let not your heart be troubled, child,  
 I'll fill your heart with song."

And then I sing aloud this song,  
 "My faith looks up to thee."  
 Ch, may my love to thee be pure,  
 For thou hast died for me.

I'll never be afraid again,  
 For love it hath no fear;  
 I'll confide in Him, my all in all,  
 And find him ever near.

A Mother's love cannot be priced,  
 She'll go beyond recall;  
 But my Savior's love is sacrifice,  
 For you, for me, for all.

He takes away your every sin,  
 And leaves no substitute,  
 Which makes you feel no guilt within,  
 For He is absolute.

I'm glad I came back to my Lord,  
 And came so humbly  
 That when I ask him to forgive,  
 He said these words to me:

"My peace I give unto you now,  
 Thy faith hath made thee whole;  
 Oh, let my Spirit dwell within,  
 And let it keep thy soul."

I'll never never cease to pray,  
 I'll try to do my best;  
 And may the will of God be done,  
 That in Heaven I may rest.

Mrs. Wanda Stark

## — oOo — Repent Ye, and Believe the Gospel

My dear friend, let us see what God's Word says about John the Baptist who came to prepare the way of the Lord. Matt. 3:2, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Mark 1:14, 15, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Now, my friend, if we believe, we must also obey the gospel, because the Word of God says, "the devils also believe and tremble." James 2:19. 2 Thess. 1:7, 8, "and to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

My friend, if we obey not the gospel of Christ, God's vengeance is on us all. This being the case,

let every one repent of his sins and forsake them, and the blood of Christ will cleanse us from all sin. We read in Luke 13:4, 5 where Jesus said, "those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Those eighteen perished in sin, so except we repent of our sins and forsake them, we shall perish like them.

I warn you in the name of Christ our Lord, to repent of your sins and accept Christ and he will make of you a new creature and fill you with his love—for God is love. 1 John 4:15, "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him [in you], and he [you] in God."

My dear friend, we read 1 John 3:7, 8, "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Some people will say, "Oh, I see too many people who claim to be church members, and I would not change places with them." You must remember that if you live in sin and not repent of your sins, you will perish with them in the very same place.

My dear friend, I warn you in the name of God, that you forsake the devil and all his works and accept God as your Master. "Behold, now is the day of salvation."

God said he will be a Father to you. 2 Cor. 6:17, 18, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." In 2 Cor. 7:1 we read, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." Titus 2:11-14 we read, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Heb. 2:1, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip: For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Remember the word of Jesus Christ, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." May God bless you and save you for Jesus' sake.

—D. A. Manze.

## Loving and Giving

"It never was loving that emptied a heart, or giving that emptied a purse."

These words were so impressed on my mind and heart as I read them, I felt led to pass them on. In these days many are discussing this and that parleying about rights and wrongs, and whether this or that can be done. Just as one writer puts it, it is not for us as Christians to question whether we could or should do a thing when the Lord reveals his will to us in his word. He has commanded, "Go ye into all the world."

Why are the saints not more stirred about obeying this command? Can it be that a "saint in light" would dare to sit back and criticize those who are doing and going, when he is not making a move? It should be a matter of concern to all that there are no missionaries on the foreign fields, and not nearly enough on the home field. We see, know, and hear of the spiritual lethargy all over the world, in fact, a spiritual famine—and think, no missionaries on the foreign fields teaching this truth. It seems that is too tragic to think of. We know of places all over the U. S. where ministers have labored in years gone by, but now in many places there's not even a congregation. Then again in some of those places there are large congregations and church buildings labeled "Church of God," but their fruits are not the right kind. There has been a let down of spiritual truths.

Can we who have the light and are walking in it not cry out mightily to God for sin-benighted souls? I'm sure God is willing to direct if He can find some willing to go.

In days gone by I have felt incapable of doing some things that I felt needed to be done, and felt that others were much more capable; but as the days have flown, I have been made to think of the seriousness of time, and so few to work. Here in different places we have lived there are no churches of God, but I am sure there are some of God's dear ones who would be glad to meet with the teachings we all know if there were teachers to teach them. Pray for the Lord of harvest to send forth reapers. God called missionaries to the fields in the early part of this reformation, and I am sure He still has some there who have not compromised His truth.

Brethren, let us all who know God's truth get a greater vision. Let us awaken to the need. God is moving on burdened hearts for the great gleaned time. Those who have made efforts need our prayers, our tears, our fastings, and we need to be burdened for them day and night.

"If you cannot on the ocean  
Sail among the swiftest fleet,  
Rocking on the highest billows,  
Laughing at the storms you meet,  
You can stand among the sailors  
Anchored within the bay;  
You can lend a hand to help them  
As they launch their boat away."

I am sure God has a work we every one can do.  
Let us be found faithful, doing our best, for,

"If we cannot sing like angels,  
If we cannot preach like Paul,  
We can tell the love of Jesus,  
We can say, *He died for all.*"

We must have the same love that Jesus had for us, and give our all, yes, even our lives, that others might be saved. I well remember an aged sister a few years ago who spent much of her time in prayer for all the missionaries. When the ministers here in the States were getting plenty, she felt led of the Lord to send all her money to the missionaries. I have often thought of that dear prayer warrior. Many missionaries were blessed by her prayers, tears, and offerings.

God's true ministers and all the saints compose the church of God, and we as a whole are responsible for launching out and doing a greater work than ever has been done.

Again the poet says in that same song:

"Let none hear you idly saying,  
There is nothing I can do,  
While the souls of men are dying  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
Here am I, send me, send me!"

—Sister Jessie Holoman

Send for the little booklet entitled, "Two Works of Grace." by Fred Pruitt.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mo.—Dear brother in the Lord—I am still trusting in the Lord my Saviour. I was in the hospital two years ago. I told the nurses the shots and blood transfusion were not doing me any good. I looked up and said the Lord was helping me, so I have something to praise Him for. I am glad I held on to Him. My little sister has a cold. Pray for her. Thank you for your prayers. Pray for me to go on with the Lord. I would not give Jesus up for anything.

Your sister in the Lord,

Mary Louise Reed.

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Iowa—Greetings to the saints at Guthrie and those scattered abroad in Jesus' name,—How precious is the love of God that fills our souls with joy and peace and makes us to sit together in heavenly places and makes us to see eye to eye. Bless his name forever. I feel a burden upon my heart, and have for quite some time, that the Lord would have us to step out into the work somewhere. It seems at times the Lord would have me to go into the ministry or evangelistic field, while my husband seems to be gifted as a personal worker. We have a clear vision we believe of the church of God as the Bible teaches it. And we feel too that we are fully consecrated to leave all and follow Him wherever He might lead.

I felt led of the Spirit to write to the Faith Pub. House and ask that the brethren and sisters in the Lord take our burden upon them in prayer and supplication that we may know the Lord's will. We truly want

to be led of God and seek his guidance, otherwise our efforts are in vain.

The Lord is so precious to our hearts we want to do what we can for His cause and the upbuilding of his kingdom.

How we wish we could attend the good campmeetings, but it will not be possible. We shall pray the Lord to work in a most wonderful way among his children and that many souls will find God, and those that know Him will be much strengthened and encouraged.

Pray for us that we shall find the will of the Lord in this work we are feeling called out to do.

May the Lord bless and keep each of his children in this very evil time.—A sister in Christ—Mrs. Edith Knott

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Ohio—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' name,—I am glad to say I am still saved. I love to praise God for his keeping power. He gives peace and joy to my hungry heart and grace to witness for Him. I do know He saves and heals and answers prayer.

If any of the dear saints care to write to me, I would be glad to hear from you. Ethel Mohr, R. 1, Scott, Ohio.

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Miss.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and saints every where, greetings in the precious name of Jesus,—We are thankful that we can report victory in our souls over the devil. We realize it is only through Christ that we can have victory, praise His name. We are glad we learned to trust Him, for without Jesus we would be of all men most miserable.

We feel like testifying of the healing power of God in behalf of Richard, our little 4-year-old boy. About a week after we arrived in Kalamazoo, Mich (about 2 years ago) Richard's leg began to bother him and kept getting worse and worse. He would not take any solid food hardly and just small amounts of liquid nourishment. He was right down in the jaws of death. It looked like the Lord was going to take him. He could not sit alone in bed after we raised him up. His leg swelled and caused great suffering, but in answer to prayer the Lord would ease the pain and let him sleep and rest. It continued like this for a few weeks, and one night as several of the saints agreed in prayer for him the prayer of faith was prayed and he began to improve and eat some. He felt and acted better, but his leg had not started running yet and was still very bad and painful. Many saints were praying for him and in a few weeks his leg began to run and a lot of the swelling went out and he still improved. In a short time he was crawling and a little over two months after he got sick he started walking again. But his leg continued to drain and occasionally it would get real bad. We continued to hold on to God. He would give relief again and again in answer to prayer and it would almost heal up it seemed at times, then would puff up and get bad again. Several pieces of honey-combed bone came out at different times, but it did not get well. We were surely tried and tested but did not become discouraged with God. Jesus said in his word that "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." And we do love God and want to love Him more. We did not get a doctor to see what his trouble was, for God is our doctor and he had already diagnosed the case and we did not have to know. We were trusting God, and He could heal without our knowing what it was. Some people thought he had T. B. of the bone, some thought white swelling, and probably some thought something else.

About two months ago Sister Simpson was up here.

During prayer she prayed so earnestly for him. God heard prayer for him, but we were tried again when his leg got bad not long after that. But, dear readers, we looked to God and he was soon better. When the Hammond campmeeting was in progress Thursday most all the saints fasted and prayed for the sick and that afternoon in the healing service he was anointed and prayed for. In about a week we had the bandage off his leg. That was something we had not done for almost two years, as it drained so we had to keep it wrapped all the time, only at times we'd leave the bandage off a little while. We thank God he is healed.

Truly, we thank God for this. No one knows how thankful we are but God. Also God healed our little baby's navel when he was small. It just would not close up and heal. We told the Lord we would testify to it if He would heal it and cause it to close as it should. He truly heard prayer, and we give Him all the honor and glory.

Dear ones, it pays to trust Jesus, so be encouraged and look up. Jesus is on his throne. And to you who have long standing afflictions, do not be discouraged, but be true above all and have faith in God and trust Him. He is the best physician man could ever have. He knows just when to heal and sometimes if we would just accept it, he would heal us sooner. I am glad we have the privilege to serve Jesus and trust Him. Jesus wants willing service. Do you love Jesus enough to serve him willingly and joyfully through trials and afflictions?

Pray for us to be all God wants us to be and make heaven our home.

Mrs. Everett Hilbun

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Va.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,—Today I feel much encouraged and have been reading my Faith and Victory paper. I get many blessings out of it and I just look forward to getting it and after I read it I pass it on to other friends of mine who enjoy it too. I wrote last week for prayer for my foot when I fell in the kitchen. I couldn't get up. When I tried to raise my foot it just dropped down to the floor, and there was no way I could move. I lay in the floor and cried and prayed to God asking Him to please not let my foot be broken and to please let me be able to hobble if not walk, and God did it. I got up and made it to my room and thanked God for it all. It is a long story, but two friends of mine, a lady and her husband were going to Kentucky on their vacation and wanted me to go. They are nice clean people so far as the world is concerned, but not Christians, so I asked God if it was not his will for me to go to block my pathway. I am satisfied that what happened was for the best as in his word he tells me to shun the very appearance of evil. I am glad he had his way with me. I fell on Friday night and Monday, Tues. and Wed. I worked my foot that was swollen and my toes and underneath my foot was just as black from bruise, so you can see God answered prayers. Just as soon as my letter asking for prayer was mailed, my foot began to get better. My ankle bothers me yet and has a lot of bruises, but thank God for the prayers and help he gave me.

In August, if it is the Lord's will I want to attend the Lord's meeting at Jumbo, W. Va. I want to be baptized. I love the truth and am deeply interested in the whole word of God and want to do His will in everything. Please pray for me, that I stay true and be ever faithful. My battles here at home are severe at times. Last fall when I wrote, what a mess I was in!

God delivered me out of every bondage. Now I have two nice clean women living in my rooms and I want you to know your prayers were not in vain; but prayers and God's mercy saved me, thanks to his precious name. No one but God knows what an awful mess I was in, and now how free I am! Please pray for God to save my son.

Sister Bessie Foudree

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Ohio—Dear Saints,—I am saved and sanctified and working in the vineyard of my Lord. I want to do all I can. There are many professors but few possessors, and much false doctrine is being preached. I am glad that I am in that strait and narrow way that leads to heaven. So long as we stay grafted in the vine we must bear fruit. We read in God's Word that a good tree can not bear bad fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit, and "by their fruits ye shall know them." It grieves my heart to hear false doctrine preached, but I am glad I brought my children up around the family altar, and I told them of God's promises to them if they would obey his will. They all know the truth, but fail to walk in it. They think they can join lodges, go to fairs, picture shows and festivals, wrestling matches and games of all kinds. I pray day and night for them to seek the Lord and be born again into the kingdom of God and walk in the narrow way like they did while under my care. I began to teach them when they were four years old to say Bible verses.

I am glad for the blessed Bible and for the church high up on the mountain—so high we must be born into it. It is too high to join. "The word that Isaiah the son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountain and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it, and many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Isa. 2nd chapter.

I am glad that there are only two ways, the strait and narrow way to heaven and the broad way to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire. I am so glad for the kingdom of peace that is reigning within. It will ever increase in our souls. We possess it right here when He saves from all sin, and it will last while the ages shall roll. I am glad this kingdom is not of this world, and glad that I am in it; and when Jesus comes in the clouds we who are in it shall be caught up to meet him in the air.

Oh, it is sad to hear of preachers teaching poor souls who have not seen the light that Christ is coming back to earth and set up his kingdom and reign with the righteous over the wicked a thousand years. If preachers would do as the Word says and obey it! The Word says, "How can they hear without a preacher? and how can they preach except they be sent?" Jesus sends preachers that preach the Word, and they are anointed by the Holy Ghost. Jesus said the Holy Ghost would guide us into all truth. "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Pray for me. Your sister, Amanda Jones

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### THE USE AND ABUSE OF WEALTH

Sunday, September 7, 1947

Printed Portion.....Prov. 11:24-27; 16:8; Eccl. 5:10, 11;  
James 5:1-6.

Prov. 11:24. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

25. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

27. He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor; but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

Prov. 16:8. Better is little with righteousness than revenues without right.

Eccl. 5:10. He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

11. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

James 5:1. Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

3. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

4. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

5. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

6. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

Golden Text: Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. Prov. 16:8.

Practical Truth: Our material possessions are a sacred trust, and we are responsible to God for their use.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We have here a twofold contrast—the liberal and the niggardly man. He withholdeth more than is meet—he withholdeth corn when he ought to sell it. The earth will only yield good things by first having good things cast into her. The farmer who is sparing of his money and labor in the working of his fields will never be a rich man. There must of necessity be a wise scattering of wealth before there is any increase. The same principle was proclaimed by Christ when he said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." (Matt. 10:8). God has given to you that you may give to others. In times of scarcity those who have abundance and will not give of their abundance are guilty, how much more those who have the material to feed the people and will not sell it, but withhold it to raise the price! Such people are robbers and murderers. They murder by refusing the means of life. He is a stranger to that blessedness of which Christ spoke when He said, "It is more blessed

to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35). Ever since the first murder in the world there has been a strong tendency to question: "Am I my brother's keeper?"—but rather, every man for himself. If a tree is constantly receiving from the fatness of the earth and the heavens and yet brings forth no fruit for the service of man, it is marked for the woodman's ax. The messages of God to such cumberers of the ground is: "Weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you."

The man who gives out liberally of that which he possesses and scatters his wealth wisely is likely to increase it, but this is his lowest motive and smallest blessing. He knows he must cast a bushel of corn into the ground if he would have it increase. "He selleth corn" at a fair price, when by holding it he might receive more. This is a sample of all his dealings with his fellowman. He doesn't take advantage of their necessities to enrich himself. He that gives according to God's will and purpose makes God his creditor. "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord" (Prov. 19:17).

It is not wrong to be rich, nor is it necessarily a hindrance to the Christian. A man may just as sincerely lay his riches upon the altar of service as any thing else that he has. But it is wrong to be a rich man and nothing else. Riches may come to him by birth or the natural result of business ability. Like many other things with which frail man deals, riches may be misused. They may come to be trusted in and take the soul's confidence from God.

Because riches so easily entice, persuade, and tempt, it is necessary to point out the side of poverty there is connected with them: They have no purchasing power in any immaterial eternal things; they cannot buy love nor secure the noblest form of human service—the service of love. Love can only be purchased with love. It is true of the love of man to man as well as the love of God to man. It is bought without money and without price. A man is rich or poor according to what he is, not according to what he has. One can be rich with this world's goods and not have the love and favor of God in his soul, and be poverty stricken. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matt. 6:19, 20).



### THE WISDOM OF HARMONIOUS LIVING

Sunday, September 14, 1947

Printed Portion : . . . . Prov. 3:30, 31; 15:1, 18; 22:24, 25; 25:18, 21, 22; 26:20, 21; Matt. 5:9; James 3:17.

Prov. 3:31. Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

31. Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

Prov. 15:1. A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

18. A wrathful man stirreth up strife; but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

22:24. Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go;

25. Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

25:18. A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

21. If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22. For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.

26:20. Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth.

21. As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Matthew 5:9. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

James 3:17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

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

Practical Truth: By our words and deeds we should strive to cultivate good will.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Strive not with a man." We have a very good example of this recorded in holy writ. If Abraham had pushed the quarrel between his herdsmen and those of Lot, there can be no doubt that Abraham could have established a lawful claim to a choice of the land. But the good to be gained by striving and confusion was not worthy to be compared with the harm that would have been done; therefore Abraham held his peace rather than strive and insist on his rights.

We greatly need an instrument in the world today capable of turning away wrath, for there is much wrath to be turned away. That faithful patent shield is a "soft answer." Nothing will sooner turn away the fury of wrath than a soft answer. But where the kettle is already boiling, grievous words cause it to boil over.

Friendship influences habit and therefore helps to mold the character. The reason given here for avoiding the companionship of an angry man is: "lest thou learn his ways and get a snare to thy soul." There is truth in the saying that we are like our friends, or soon will be. Paul says, "Evil communications corrupt good manners." (1 Cor. 15:33). There are many Scriptural illustrations of this: The family of Lot, suffering from the fearful contamination of Sodom; Rheoboam, following the counsel of his young companions in preference to that of the experienced counsellors of his father, and losing a large portion of his kingdom.

A lying tongue can pierce deeper and do more damage than the sharp instruments mentioned here. It can enter the human spirit and hurt it in its most sensitive part; or by slander it can destroy all the joy of a man's earthly life. One word from a lying tongue can do damage that can never be undone.

It is not an easy thing to minister help and comfort to one who has done us an injury, but it is more difficult in some cases than in others. Men are not bound together in equal ties: some are merely related to us because they partake of the same common humanity; others are our kinsmen according to the flesh; while others stand in an even nearer relation, in a spiritual sense, being partakers with us of the new birth. According to Christ's teaching, this is the nearest and closest bond which can unite men, and yet it cannot be denied that we sometimes have to exercise the grace of forgiveness

even toward these brothers. (No true spiritual brother would intentionally wrong another, but Satan sometimes takes advantage of human weaknesses to work friction and misunderstandings between brethren at times.) When we remember that the brother who has wronged us stands in the same relation to Christ that we do, it ought not to be at all difficult for us to feed him when he is hungry, or in any other way in our power to minister to his needs. But the greatest difficulty will be found in obeying it when the enemy is one who is altogether unlike us in character and is only related to us in the sense of being human. "For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head," has reference, not to the fires of divine vengeance, but to the influences of kindly treatment melting down the enemy to reconciliation, as fuel heaped on the ore fuses it from its hardness and sends it in a liquid stream to take the features and impress of the mold.

Our lesson emphasizes the importance of words, both in stirring up contention and in calming strife. Since it is more often through speech that we express our views, what we say and how we say it has much to do with our character of our relations with others.

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### GUIDANCE FROM GREAT PROVERBS

Sunday, September 24, 1947.

Printed Portion ..... Proverbs 3:5-7; 6:16-19; 14:34; 16:18; 21:3; 22:1; 27:1; 28:1; 29:18; Jas. 4:17.

Prov. 3:5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding.

6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

6:16. These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17. A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood.

18. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19. A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among the brethren.

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

16:18. Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

21:3. To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

22:1. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor than silver and gold.

27:1. Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

28:1. The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous is bold as a lion.

29:18. Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

James 4:17. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Golden Text: He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Practical Truth: God can help us to attain those dispositions of soul and to perform those deeds that are pleasing to him.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Man is so constituted, that in some respects he must have support outside of himself to lean upon. Every man in common with the lower creatures, must of necessity lean upon a power greater than his own. "The eyes of all wait upon thee." (Psa. 145:15). This is a leaning which needs no exhortation. It springs from necessity. The text implies that in some cases men have to choose whether they will lean upon God or not.

We cannot place entire trust in any person or being of whose character we have no knowledge; or if we do, we show our want of descretion. All lasting trust is based upon knowledge. "They that know thy name will put their trust in thee." Psa. 9:10. To be wise in our own eyes and prudent in our own sight (Isa. 5:21) blinds our hearts and minds to the true wisdom which comes from above, and God's "woe" hangs over such. The remedy for self-conceit is: "Fear the Lord." Those who walk in the fear of the Lord live lives of purity, of temperance, of freedom from the cares of the ungodly.

The things which God hateth are the things which the devil maketh. A proud look might seem to have little to do with a "worthless man," but a man is a man of emptiness solely because he is depending upon himself. The plain, saintly attire of a Christian which portrays the meek and quiet spirit which is of great price in the sight of God, is far from popular in the world today. Even some who claim to have left all the world to follow Jesus make excuses for clinging to some articles of dress which are products of human pride, manufactured for the purpose of displaying that "proud look."

Space will not permit a detailed explanation of each of the seven abominations, but it will be a blessing to souls if each one is given due consideration in the classes. Remember, the heart is the fountain from which evils flow. Read Mark 7:20-23.

Sin is a reproach to any people, but it is the greatest reproach to those who have the most light. The sin of Israel was a greater reproach to them than the sin of the Philistines was to them because the one possessed the light of a divine revelation and the other did not. So in the present day the nations who sin against the light of the revealed Word of God are far greater sinners than those upon whom the light has never shown. "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloke for their sin." John 15.

Where pride enters, destruction of some kind—humiliation and sorrow in some form or other—is sure to follow. Can you think of examples in the Bible that will verify this statement? Perhaps you have had personal experiences along this line.

The sacrifices of the Mosaic law were acceptable to God as ceremonial signs. They were instituted by God and therefore He expected them to be offered. They were intended to awaken a sense of sin. It availed nothing for a man to offer his bullock or his goat unless he laid his will upon the altar at the same time. It was no avail to come before the Lord with "thousands of rams, or with ten thousand rivers of oil" unless the higher requirements were fulfilled—to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God (Micah 6:7, 8). Even today some seem to think they can make a few little material sacrifices to the Lord and gain His favor while their hearts are full of abominations to him.

A good name belongs to an higher region of life than riches.



"Boast not thyself of tomorrow." How awfully has such boasting been put to shame! In the days of Noah they lived as though they would live on here forever until the flood came and destroyed them all. Haman placed himself upon the prospect of the queen's banquet, but was hanged before night. The fool's soul was required of him the very night of his worldly projects of "many years to come." Solomon warns us to distrust the future, and Paul persuades us to accept the present hour. "Behold now is the day of salvation."

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### WORTHY OBJECTIVES FOR LIFE

Sunday, September 28, 1947

Printed Portion ..... Eccl. 1:2, 17; 2:1, 11, 24; 12:1-8, 13, 14.

Eccl. 1:2. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

17. And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceive that this also is vexation of spirit.

2:1 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

2:11. Then I looked on all the work that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

2:24. There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

12:1. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

2. While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

3. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened.

4. And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

5. Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets.

6. Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7. Then shall the dust return to the earth, as it was; and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

8. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, all is vanity.

12:13. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man.

14. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Golden Text: Fear God, and keep his commandments. Eccl. 12:13.

Practical Truth: The true philosophy of life is that which puts God first.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Apart from God and immortality, human life, in all its departments and issues, must be regarded as a failure. "All is vanity." Life is but a walking shadow. Men and their doings are speedily lost in forgetfulness. A whole generation is but a troupe of pilgrims pursuing their journey from dust to dust. The good things of this world can never bring us true and lasting happiness if we live for them alone. The blessings of this life are the gift of God. They are His provisions for the creatures He has made.

To remember God is to keep Him always before us, to be mindful of what He is, to obey His will, and to pay Him thanks. God has a right to our entire and life-long service. The mention of the Creator here shows the right which he has in us. "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," while yet there is something to offer which will do God honor. If you wait till youth is gone, you withhold from Him that acceptable sacrifice. If you waste the precious time and days of youth and vigor, soon the evil days will come, days of unceasing toil; days of bitter disappointments; days of overpowering temptations; days of rooted habits; of deep spiritual slumber. As light declines, the gayest colors of life fade, and at length, all is reduced to a dreary blank. So it shall be with the youth who vainly depends upon the continuance of the world's happiness. He only is preserved from bitter disappointments and long regrets, who seeks that light of heavenly joy which increases while all other lights grow dim.

In old age, a man is compelled in a terribly real sense to retire from the world. Shut in from outward joys, he must live with himself. How cheerless, if he has no Divine Comforter! When old age, with its ever-increasing feebleness, draws on, "the keepers of the house shall tremble." Their force is gone. The strong men that were like the pillars of the building—the firm and well-jointed limbs that bore the body up, unconscious of its weight—"shall bow themselves," and sink down helpless beneath the load. "And the grinders shall cease because they are few"—the toothless jaws shall at length refuse their office. "And those that look out of the windows"—those bright and beaming eyes that, erewhile, looked forth far and wide on surrounding things and announced the approach of danger, shall "be darkened." Their range of vision shall become contracted, and blind Isaac shall not know his younger from his elder son. In the consciousness of failing strength, the good man feels that he belongs the more to God. The hearing fails—a man is shut in from more than half the world. But not only is the door of audience closed, but also the door of utterance is shut. "The grinders have ceased," and with lips collapsed and organs all impaired, it is an effort to talk; and bending silently in his own solitude, he dozes in his old chair. But if he dozes in the day, he does not sleep at night. At the voice of a bird, at the crowing of the cock, although he does not hear it, he can keep his couch no longer. He arises, but not because he has any work to do, or any pleasure to enjoy.

"Man goeth to his long home." Every moment, every step a man takes, he is always on the road, getting nearer and nearer to his long home. Often we call some earthly thing, some work, some waiting time, some sorrow or suffering "long," but these things can never be called "long" in comparison to eternity, man's "long" home. Man lives in a house of clay here whose end is dust. Let us not forget to remember our Creator that we might be prepared for that "long" home.