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Daniel's Worship

God with favor looked on Daniel
From early manhood, we might say;
When the king forbade them worship,
He was not afraid to pray.

Spies were there to falsely blame him,
Tho unaware of them that day,
He knelt down before his window
And unto his God did pray.

Do we fear to shout His praises,
Afraid of what the people say?
They are not as fierce as lions,
Like those Daniel faced that day.

Of't we meet for worship Sunday
And sit so still within our pews,
No one hears us praise our Saviour—
Are we Christians God can use?

Are we bold for our dear Saviour?
Yes, bold in prayer throughout each day?
Should he take us down to lions,
Just to see us kneel and pray?

Daniel's worship is the pattern
That we should follow when we pray.
Many things can be accomplished
If we pray old Daniel's way.

—Bro. Harvey Johnson

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"This Do Ye . . . In Remembrance Of Me."

(1 Cor. 11:25)

In this world it is very satisfying to many to have different objects about or in their possession by which they remember a loved one, whether that loved one is living or has passed on to the unknown world. The wife, whose faithful husband has passed on to be with Jesus, will often take out his picture and tears

will fill her eyes as she looks upon it and remembers former days with kind words and deeds. The mother will weep as she looks at the picture of her child that had brought so much sunshine and comfort into her life. The father will become quiet and the fountain of his passion will be broken up as he thinks of that son who is now gone, but one time was the pride of his heart. How many of us have objects which loved ones have given us, and when they come to our view we remember them and their thoughtfulness of us and we long to give something that others might be blessed and comforted as we are.

A selfish life is a miserable life. A home where true love does not exist is never a heavenly place. The happiest souls are they that serve and make others happy. No souls can continue to abide in Christ, the "Gift of God," unless he gives out as He gives in. Giving, hoping for nothing in return was the very life of Christ. He received of the Father and gave unto us; even the body that was given unto Him (Heb. 10:5) he gave as a sacrifice for others. (Heb. 10:10). He was willing for it to suffer laceration, to be spit upon, buffeted, scourged, pierced, and slain that our sins and transgressions might be removed from us, that the penalty of death which hung over our heads might be taken away, that we, too, might share the glory world with him. (Romans 8:17). Just think of the passion he had for us when his soul was heavy, nigh unto death, in the Garden when his sweat was as great drops of blood falling to the ground as he agonized in prayer for grace and strength, or if possible some other way might be found for our salvation; but in the same breath he expressed his willingness for the Father's will to be done. By always saying, "Thy will be done," He sanctified himself, or consecrated his body and life to be a sacrifice on the cross that we might be saved and sanctified and take his place in the world as the just suffering for the unjust. No one could make a greater sacrifice for loved ones than Jesus made for us—and we were his enemies. By His suffering and death on the cross, our sins and iniquities are taken away, and we have peace from God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our persecuted and slain Saviour who loved us before we loved him, left with his disciples a request and instituted what we call "The Lord's Supper" to be observed by them and us after he was gone, which by so doing, would bring afresh to our minds and hearts the awful suffering of soul and grievous injuries he underwent while being reviled, mocked, pierced, and crucified, and in this horrible way gave his life for sinful men and women.

We read about setting this supper in order in the 26th chapter of Matthew, beginning at the 26th verse, and again in the 22nd chapter of Luke beginning at the 19th verse; and He told them to do this "in remembrance of me." It certainly would be grievous to our Saviour if we would not continue to observe this supper in remembrance of Him. It would be manifesting very little love for him and his words.

In the 11th chapter of 1 Corinthians, beginning at the 23rd verse, we find that the apostle Paul received of the Lord and had delivered to the Corinthian brethren the ordinance of the Lord's supper, and this was many years after Christ had ascended to heaven. In many other places in the writings we note that the early church observed this ordinance that Christ instituted. In the 26th verse he says, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

The true children of God who are bound to the true Vine and are suffering with Christ in this world are made happy to meet together to break and eat of the bread which represents his broken body for us, and let their minds dwell upon the great sufferings that Christ underwent because He loved us and gave his body as a sacrifice for us. As we sup of the wine (grape juice) that represents his precious blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, we are overcome and overwhelmed by this thought of the unparalleled love he had for us, who merited no favor from either God or his Son.

To be worthy of partaking of this bread and wine in remembrance of him, we should have peace from heaven in our souls through belief in the sacrifice which He has made. We should realize that we are partakers of his sufferings in bearing the reproach of the cross which will separate us from every evil in the world and make us a gazing stock and a reproach with others that are so used. In 1 Cor. 10:16, we read that the cup which we bless or partake of, "Is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? and the bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" And He continues: "For we, being many are one bread, and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread."

In Genesis 49:10, we read, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh [Christ] come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." He goes on to say in the next verse, "Binding his foal unto the vine." We are the foal (children) of the Lord, and he binds us unto the true Vine, even the choice Vine, and never to the manifold false vines which are in the world at

this present time. You can read about this true Vine in the 15th chapter of St. John. He calls himself the true Vine and his true children the branches.

In the balance of the verse quoted above, we read, "He washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes." The blood of the grape (its juice) is the proper substance to use in the Lord's Supper, as it represents his blood. In Isaiah the 63rd chapter the prophet in speaking of Christ, says, "Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat." In the next verse he reveals truth about his crucifixion: "I have trodden the wine press alone; and of the people there was none with me: . . . and their blood will be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."

In St. John 6:48, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." In the 53rd verse he says, "Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." They who eat his flesh and drink his blood are the ones he will raise up at the last day. "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him."

When we are attached to the true Vine and draw substance from Him which enables us to gladly bear shame, reproach, and suffering with Him for His name's sake, and are in communion and fellowship with His sufferings the breaking of His body and shedding of His blood, and have eternal life in our souls, then we are worthy to partake of the bread and wine which represents His broken body and precious blood which cleanses from all sin. Paul tells us in Eph. 5:30, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." This makes us indeed close kin to the Saviour.

You will notice that in speaking of the Passover Supper of which Jesus and the disciples had been partaking, Jesus said, "For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God." (Luke 16:22). This Passover Supper was kept in memory of the deliverance of literal Israel from literal bondage (Exodus 12:23) in which the blood of an animal on the door posts caused the death angel to pass over that dwelling and they were free. The supper consisted of a slain lamb, one without spot or blemish. As the Israelites partook of the Passover Supper, the deliverance which God had wrought for them was brought afresh to their minds. After Jesus partook of this for the last time, he was soon slain as the Lamb of God and became the substance to us of all that literal deliverance meant to the Jews. In his death, crucifixion, and resurrection, he fulfilled all the law and the prophets and the old Jewish Passover came to an end. But immediately Jesus instituted the new supper, which is the Lord's supper, or we might say "Passover Supper," for when the Blood of the Lamb of God is over our souls we go free from all condemnation and guilt.

After He had taken the cup of wine and gave thanks, He gave it to the disciples and told them to divide it among themselves; and He said, "I will not

drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." The kingdom of God came on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, was given to the church. The true Vine with its branches had come into view, and as the early church began to break bread and sup of the wine in remembrance of Christ their Deliverer, He was one in their midst and enjoyed their continued obedience and love which honored and acknowledged Him as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

—Fred Pruitt.

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I Will Shew Thee the Bride

Abraham sent his servant out to find a wife for his son Isaac. He said, "Thou shalt go . . . the Lord . . . will send his angel before thee." Gen. 24:7. "If the woman shall not be willing to follow thee . . . bring not my son thither again." And with all the goods of his master, he went out to woo the bride. He prayed, "Send me good speed . . . Let it come to pass that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, . . . that I may drink, let the same be she that thou hast appointed. And . . . before he had done speaking . . . Rebekah came." The damsel was fair to look upon, a virgin. The servant told the purpose of his visit to that country and Rebekah was allowed to choose whether she would go or not. She chose to go. "The servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah." "And Isaac took Rebekah; she became his wife."

In this account we see a type or shadow of things which have come to pass in this dispensation. God sends his Holy Spirit out into the world to woo and draw souls to Christ to be his wife. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." (Rev. 3:20). The Spirit is faithful to every soul, but does not force Himself upon anyone. Only those who are willing to give Him audience will be chosen by him to become the Son's wife. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." "He that hath an ear, let him hear." Those who hear him must then choose to go with him and follow his leadings. The earthly life must be forsaken and the soul must choose the Lord above everything else in the world. He covenants to quit all sin, to love the Lord above all else, to honor and reverence Him, to serve Him, and to present himself to Him as a living sacrifice, always sacrificing his selfish, fleshly desires to give Him pleasure, to suffer for His sake, and be led by Him through life. Jesus said that only those who would forsake father, mother, wife and children, brother, sisters, and their own lives could be his disciple. His disciples make up the spiritual body, which is the bride the Lamb's wife.

Those who heed the wooings of the Spirit and choose to go with him are given jewels and raiment. The jewels represent the graces of God in a soul, and the raiment is described in Rev. 19:7, 8: "Let us be

glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem (the church) coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Rev. 21:2). Our salvation comes from God. Old things have passed away; all things have become new.

"The husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church." "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

"The Spirit and the bride say, come . . . and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

"O church of God, thou spotless bride,
On Jesus' breast secure;
No stains of sin in thee abide,
Thy garments all are pure."

—Mrs. Charles Reese (revised)

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A Warning

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I have felt for some time that I should sound another warning to the children of God about marrying and yoking up with an unsaved companion.

Dear ones, you are getting SELF in God's way when you begin to keep company with an unsaved friend. Let me beg each of you in Jesus' name to be true to God and have no part with worldly things. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." "Marvel not if the world hate you." Dear ones, you are taking on a part of the world when you take an unsaved companion, so I am begging you from the depth of my heart not to take an unsaved companion. Let God choose your companion.

—Essie Moore

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ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

The Hammond, La. assembly meeting will be held from Nov. 26 to Dec. 5th inclusive, in the chapel on the Southern Camp ground, run on the free-will offering plan as usual. We are looking to the Lord to send such ministerial help as he can use here at that time. We invite all lovers of the truth. Located in the south-west part of town, just off Jackson St., near the Williamson neighborhood. We have good bus and train service. Any one who feels led to send financial aid, send to Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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Tulsa, Okla.—Dear saints, We attended the all-day meeting at Webb City. It was very good. 57 folks were there from Neosho, Kansas, Okla., and Springfield.

The next all-day meeting will be at Springfield, Mo. on the third Sunday of October, which is Oct. 17th. Pray for this meeting and come if you can. —Sister Barton

The sisters who were starting a fund to buy stoves and fans for their sleeping quarters at Guthrie, may send offerings to Geneva Ray, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

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Editorials

In the last issue, the September "Faith and Victory," we had a report of the much blessed campmeetings which had already been held this summer. Since there have been several more campmeetings we wish to write just a little concerning them.

Bro. and Sister Egbert Allen, who attended the campmeeting at Kalamazoo, Mich., report that the meeting was wonderfully blessed of God. Souls were saved, believers sanctified, and much rejoicing was in the camp.

We rejoiced as we read a letter from a brother of California in which he gave a detailed report of the Oregon campmeeting. We are inserting part of this report here:

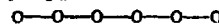
"During the campmeeting there were four, two from Idaho and two from California, that got cleared up from the Trumpet Movement. One came to the altar. We prayed with him until midnight, and he seemed to get some help, so we dismissed the meeting, went home and to bed. About two o'clock in the morning he prayed through and awoke the entire camp shouting his freedom from sect bondage. The two from California said, 'Look what we have been losing all these years.' Another sister from Seattle was rebaptized after taking her stand. One particular case, a man and his wife were married near 50 years ago, out in the clear light. After some years they separated, got a divorce and re-married to another man and wife. Lately the man's last wife died and the woman separated from her last man. They both got saved and now are coming back together as soon as her annulment can be gotten from the last man. We had several cases of double marriage to contend

with, but it seemed they all got help. There was a goodly number at the altar. In my judgment it was one among the best meetings I have attended. A man and his wife who had been separated for several months became reconciled. So God is working mightily. From what I hear the campmeetings in Louisiana, Mo. and Guthrie were beyond all expectation. God is working like he did in the early part of the reformation. That Webb City affair was as rich as honey in the comb, and the influence reached out here, as my sister got cleared up also. She says our preaching is like it used to be only much better. I am glad to see the Lord working as He has in times past. The good part I see is a greater unity, a real heart unity, a melting down among us. This always brings power. And I think God will continue to work as these are surely gleaning times and clearing up times."

We had the privilege of attending one Sunday at the Boley, Oklahoma campmeeting and found the saints much encouraged and rejoicing because of the way the Lord had blessed throughout the meeting. The pastor, M. J. Phillips, testified later that he believed it was the best meeting ever held there. Things moved on so nice and heavenly, and a good spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, a number of souls were saved and baptized, and sanctified.

Several car loads of saints from Guthrie attended the Dover, Oklahoma campmeeting, Sunday, Sept. 5th. It had not been in progress long, but the saints were looking to the Lord to pour out His blessings there as He has in other campmeetings this summer. There was a large attendance Sunday, as some estimated that there were near 200 present.

Between the Sunday school and regular Sunday morning services, Bro. Phillips performed a wedding ceremony for a young couple, the bride being his daughter Olive Phillips and the bridegroom was young Brother Davenport of San Bernardino, Calif. We felt the blessings of the Lord upon this service as well as the other services that day. These young people are both saved and felt their marriage was in the order of the Lord, and they appeared to be very happy.



Marriage is ordained of God. When He joins two together they become one flesh. The apostle Paul likens the Church as a bride joined to her husband. Speaking of the church, he said, "For we are members of his body, and of his flesh, and his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." The Scriptures teach us that the saints, truly saved people, are married to Christ, spiritually speaking. Christ is the bridegroom (Matt. 9:15) and the saints are the bride. Isaiah, who is termed the New Testament or gospel prophet, spoke and wrote of these truths. Let us read Isaiah 62:3, "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory [meaning the children of God in this gospel day] in the land of the Lord [The land of the Lord has reference to people whose hearts are fully given over to God.] and a

royal diadem in the hand of thy God." This verse of Scripture is very much in harmony with what Peter says when writing of the saints: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people: that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

In the fourth verse the prophet continues by saying, "Thou shalt no more be termed forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, [meaning, His delight is in her] and thy land Beulah [meaning married]: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." This is certainly plain and clear language in letting us know what manner of folks, we, the children of God are, in this gospel day.

Paul affirms this same thing in Romans 7:4, "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also have become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who was raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

When and sisters, it is really necessary for us to be married to Christ in order to bring forth fruit unto God. We should have a real knowledge of this being true in our lives. How disgraceful and dishonoring to Christ our husband, if His bride be found flirting with the corrupt religions of earth, humanly organized religions which are of the world.

In Revelation 21:9, 10, we read, "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain [God's clean people are on the mountain of Holiness] and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem [God's clean people here in the world constitute the holy Jerusalem] descending out of heaven from God." John saw the multitude of souls being born of the Spirit, from above. The life of God came down into their hearts from heaven above, and by retaining that life in the soul, they are not of this world even while in the world. They are termed "Holy Jerusalem" because the Spirit and life of God coming from heaven into their souls make them holy, for they are cleansed and purified by the blood of the Lamb. Oh, how precious it is to be married to the Lord and know it.

In the second verse of this twenty-first chapter, we read again of this holy city or New Jerusalem, "And I John saw the holy city [born again ones] new Jerusalem [We are all made new creatures in Christ.] coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men." This agrees with Heb. 3:6, which reads, "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end"; and again the 8th chapter and 2nd verse,

which reads thus (speaking of Christ), "A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true [not the false one] tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man."

Man has nothing to do with the erecting of the true tabernacle, because the Lord adds the members to the body as it pleases Him. 1 Cor. 12:18. Paul, speaking of Apollos and himself, said, "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." . . . "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

By these Scriptures it is easy to see that the true saints are God's building or tabernacle here in the earth or world. Read also the last few verses of the second chapter of Ephesians. "And he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God."

Yes, it is a fact, dear souls, that those who are in "True Holiness," the true saints, are married to the Lord, and their Life, Spirit, power, wisdom, and grace all come down from God out of heaven, making them not of this world, although in the world. This is a glorious truth and a blessed reality to all truly sanctified men and women.

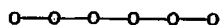
John also saw (or he was shown) the corrupt and humanly organized religions of the world, which we read about in the 17th chapter of Revelation. She is pictured as sitting upon many waters. Waters refers to people (Read the 15th verse). These worldly corrupt religions, spoken of here as an unclean woman, are resting upon the people. They hold her up with their means and by partaking of her abominations and filthiness. You will notice that the kings of the earth (spiritual kings) are committing fornication with her. Also notice in the third verse that instead of being carried away to a high mountain as he was to see the true church (or tabernacle) he was carried into the wilderness (a place of sin, forsaken of God). He called this false deceiving religion a woman that in outward appearance looked great and beautiful. The sight was so great that John himself said, "When I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." In the fifth verse she is called "MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS [Sectism, or all these religious denominations humanly organized, and many others that hold the truth in unrighteousness and are called by His name to take away their reproach if possible (Read Isaiah 4:1) AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." These false religious religions are not from God out of heaven, but are of the earth and of Satan.

Brother, sister, if you are married to Christ and realize that he has given you a robe clean and white, do not get it spotted by mixing with and committing fornication with the religions of men. Continue in true holiness and honor Christ your husband all the time. If you are married to Him you have solemnly promised to forsake all others and be His and His alone.

It may be a mystery to you why false religions can make such a show of being the Lord's and perform many miracles, but you must remember that we

are living in the last days and the devil is at work as never before to deceive, if possible, the very elect of God. Read in the 16th chapter of Revelation beginning with verse 12, about his unclean work and you will see that these unclean religious spirits are working miracles and deceiving even the Kings of the earth, which means great spiritual men who have large numbers to follow them.

Let us keep our garments spotless and be ready at His coming, for the world today is cursed with false religions and false holiness, and many of them take the name, "Church of God" to deceive. God says to the ministry, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isaiah 52:11.



Our son Lawrence D. Pruitt has recently purchased the "Christian Triumph" office building and printing machinery, which is located three and one-half blocks from the "Faith Publishing House. They have been offering it for sale for some time, and it seems pleasing to the Lord that Lawrence should take it over and operate it to the glory of God. It will be a blessing in one sense to have it in his hands, for if some one would have bought it to print and send out doctrine that is not sound, it would only poison souls, and turn them from the crucified way into the "shadow of Egypt" and to darkness. This would be sad and grievous to all the saints. As it is now, the building, machinery, and all will be used in connection with the work at the "Faith Publishing House" and a greater volume of truth will be going out to precious souls all over the world. Lawrence will need the prayers of all the saints as the buying and operating of this printing plant will mean a big launch of faith for him.



A car load of us from the printing office attended Langdon, Mo. campmeeting of the church of God in north-west Missouri. We enjoyed the fellowship and association of the saints very much. The Lord worked in the meeting and sent forth his word in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Some souls were saved and some were sanctified. Bodies were healed and the saints were stirred up to continue as yielded vessels in His hands.

Bro. Ray Key from Louisiana and Bro. Darius Gibson from Seymour, Mo. were there. They are both anointed ministers of the Lord.

Brother Gibson is expecting to erect a tent at his home and begin an evangelistic meeting about the 26th of Sept. Bro. Egbert Allen and wife are expecting to be there and help in the meeting. Bro. Key was leaving for Huntington, W. Va. where he is expected to be joined by his wife, and they will hold meeting in that city. The harvest is truly ripe, but the laborers are few. Let us pray that God will send more laborers into the harvest.

Obituaries

Owren D. Short of Batchelor, La. was born January 14, 1927 in Covington Co., Ala. At the age of nine, he, with his family, moved to Point Coupee Parish, La., where

he lived until he departed this life August 8, 1948 at the age of 21 years, 6 mos., and 24 days.

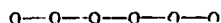
Bereaved are his father, Mr. Zoner F. Short of Andalusia, Ala.; his mother, Mrs. Ada W. Short, of Batchelor, La.; four brothers, Thomas, Benjamin, Edward, and Carol; ten sisters, Mrs. A. G. Schofield, Mrs. Gladys Cashio, Mrs. L. B. Freeman, Nava Jo, Mildred, Margaret, Glenda, Mary Dale, and Cita, all of Batchelor; and a host of relatives and friends.

He is sadly missed, and his place here is vacant; but we can rejoice because he has gone to take his place in glory, and we know that if we live for our Lord and prove faithful, we'll meet him again some day.

Owren's illness was sudden and brief, but he gave his heart to God before he passed on, and those who saw him and heard his testimony know that surely he is in a better world than this. For several months he had been counting the cost and desiring to live for the Lord. A few days previous to his illness he told his sister that he was ready to get saved and confessed some of his sins to her and his mother. The night that he took sick Sister Catherine Simpson held services in the Short home. Owren stayed at home for the service, and seemed to be well. After preaching services there was a little testimony meeting and Owren seemed to be anxious to testify. He said, "I do praise the Lord for all he has been to us. I know he's been good to us. I know I'm not saved, but I want to be, and I want you all to pray for me." He retired, but got up about midnight and told his mother his head was killing him. Saved members of the family and other saints who were then in the home prayed very earnestly for him for some time. The Lord relieved his suffering once but it soon came back very severe. He got out of bed and fell on his knees by the bed and said, "Don't you all worry about my body. I want you to pray for the Lord to save my soul." The saints prayed for some time. He had confessed everything he could think of and asked the Lord to forgive him, and he said if there was anything else he had not thought of he wanted the Lord to remind him of it so he could ask forgiveness. Then he asked the saints to pray that the Lord give him more faith. They did, and soon he raised his head and said, "Praise the Lord, you all, I am saved!" There was no question in the minds of the saints concerning the genuineness of his salvation. His countenance was bright and happy and he praised the Lord over and over. He asked the Lord to relieve him of suffering if it were His will. Later he asked for some Scripture to be read to him. Midst extreme pain and suffering he calmly said, "Jesus suffered, I can suffer, too." His last words before he lapsed into unconsciousness were, "My fortune, my fortune," as he raised his eyes, and pointed heavenward. He passed away the next afternoon.

Funeral services were held Aug. 10th, first in the home at Batchelor by Sister Catherine Simpson. Her text was 1 Sam. 20:27, and St. John 14:1-3. Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Hammond, where Bro. Max Williamson conducted services, using Job 14:14; 19:26; John 5:28, 29; and Matt. 20:1-16.

The family wishes to extend to everyone their heartfelt thanks for the love and kindness shown them in their time of sorrow.



Earl Raymond Barnett was born at Okmulgee, Okla. Feb. 11, 1921; departed this life July 16, 1948; age 27 yrs., 5 mos., and 5 days. He was the youngest of five children born to his parents, George W. and Mary Ann Barnett.

He was married to Miss Florence Johns in the year of 1940. They lived in Okmulgee, then Detroit, Mich.

and moved to Los Angeles, Calif. in 1942. A few months later he was drafted in the service of World War II. After serving a few months in the Navy he was discharged as a conscientious objector.

Bereaved are: his wife; parents; two sisters; two brothers; four aunts; one uncle; other relatives; and a host of friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Francis Doolittle and Sister Emma Holden. Text: Job 14:1-13.

The body was laid to rest in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery to await the final judgment.

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Mrs. Daisy Smith was born June 13, 1898 at Crescent, Oklahoma. August 26, 1924 she was united in holy matrimony to Charles J. Smith. To this union three children were born. She departed this life June 26, 1948, at the age of 50 years and 13 days.

Those surviving her include her husband, Charles J. Smith; one son, Charles R. Smith of Tulsa, Okla.; and twin daughters, Mrs. Edwin Weir of Capulin, N. M., and Miss Iva Fay Smith of the home; four grandchildren; three sisters; one brother and one half brother. Besides the family there are many other relatives and friends who will feel the effect of our loss.

She loved the Lord from girlhood days and was active in church work. She was affiliated with several sect churches before she heard the truth; but when she came in contact with the church of God in 1933, she walked in the full light of the gospel. She and her husband spent several years in mission work for the Lord. As long as she was active she labored in the Lord's work, which God had called and talented her to do. The last ten months of her life were spent in affliction's bondage, but never did she fail her gifts that the Lord had given her to exercise, weak in body but strong in spirit. Many who came in contact with her were blessed by her life of faith. In her months of lingering illness she spent many hours in song, prayer, and praises to the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted in Tulsa, Okla. with Bro. Sam Barton and Bro. D. J. LaFaver officiating. Her body was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

—oOo— Campmeeting Reports

To the saints and all who love our Lord in sincerity, greeting: May grace and peace be your portion is our prayer, Amen.

The Dover, Oklahoma campmeeting for the year 1948 is past and gone. We are thankful to the Lord who was with us from the beginning to the end, and for the peace and harmony that prevailed throughout the meeting. The Lord gave the anointing for his Word, which was accompanied by the convicting Spirit of God. Several sought the Lord for pardon, three were sanctified, and the saints were much encouraged. The enemy of souls is doing everything he can to hold people in doubt of the truthfulness of the Word of God, for he knows if they will believe and obey it, they will be made free. But in spite of his wily tactics, some were able to comprehend and accept the truth, which caused rejoicing among the saints on the camp ground, and also among the angels in heaven.

The expenses of the meeting were very heavy this year, but were taken care of by the unstinted liberality of the saints and friends. We are sure the Lord will reward each one according to their works. At the suggestion of Sister White, an offering was taken to defray the expenses of the light bill for a year with the result that

more than enough was received. The surplus was applied on the dining room expenses. We praise the Lord, and thank the saints for their care and interest on this line.

The ordinances of feet washing and the Lord's Supper were observed, and seven believers from different places were baptized.

There were two special events in this meeting that were very impressive. On the first Sunday, which was the fifth of September, at 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. Edward V. Davenport of San Bernardino, California and Sister Olive A. Phillips of Dover, Okla. were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. At 6 p. m. of the same day, with the prayers and good wishes and congratulations of saints and friends, they left in company with the groom's mother and brother and Sister Davy, for their home in Calif. We keenly feel the loss of Sister Olive, as she was a great help in the work here, in song and prayer and otherwise. Our prayer is that she continue working for the Master in her new location.

The other event that was perhaps more impressive to the writer than to anyone else was that we were blessed to have with us Bro. T. T. Holden of San Diego, Calif. who was one of the company of workers that brought the truth to this community over forty years ago, and was in the first campmeeting of the church of God ever held here. He also was one of the workers who labored at the altar when God for Christ's sake saved my soul and brought me out into this glorious light. Our minds wandered back through the years as he preached to us in this meeting the same old truths that caused the scales to fall from our eyes over forty years ago. To the best of my knowledge, Bro. Holden and I are the only ones yet living that were in that first meeting. God has called the others from their earthly labors. Yes, a few more prayers, and a few more tears, and we shall go to be numbered with those whose labors on earth are ended.

We are much encouraged as we lean upon the everlasting arms. We covet your prayers. Ulysses Phillips

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This was our second attempt to have a campmeeting at Jumbo, W. Va.; and we are not discouraged. The meeting was not what we had expected in numbers, as there were saints and ministers whom we thought would come who failed to show up. They and the Lord know why. But the attendance was not far from that of last year. All who did come said the temporal food was good enough and the spiritual food was excellent. All were well pleased with the meeting so far as I could discern.

Bro. Victor Orr from California and Bro. Bedsole of Louisiana did most of the preaching, and the Lord anointed. There was not much stir, but there was much deep thinking among both saints and sinners. We believe the seed sown will bring a harvest of good fruit in the future.

We did some improving on the camp ground. The bills were all met, and I think the ministers fared as well as they did last year.

We decided to have our meeting in 1949 a little earlier than we did this year, as the schools interfered somewhat with the meeting this year. We announced it to begin the first Friday after the 16th of August. I think that will be on the 21st. This meeting is mostly for the benefit of the isolated saints of the east, and we hope the saint preachers of the west and middle west will "come over into Macedonia and help us." I believe the Lord will take care of them and us. Begin now to prepare to attend this meeting.

I hope to attend the Monark Springs campmeeting next year, Lord willing.

Pray for this meeting and us.

—Geo. Peek.

The Blood of The Lamb

Over nineteen hundred years ago a Savior came into the world to save mankind. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. (John 1:11). A meek and lowly Son of God came to do his Father's will. He asked no bed nor lodging. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." (Matt. 8:20). He was despised and rejected of men, and ended his life on a cross where his life's blood fell and covered the ground beneath the cross. Yes, it cost the blood of the only begotten Son of God to save us from sin.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows . . . he was wounded . . . bruised . . . he was oppressed . . . afflicted . . . yet he opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter . . . he poured out his soul unto death."

"He was numbered with the transgressors . . . He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he hath done no violence, neither was any deceit found in his mouth."

The price of our salvation was the shedding of the precious blood of the Lamb. Jesus was that Lamb of God who gave his blood on the altar of sacrifice once and for all. But now at this point, dear ones, may I ask this question: Can you see the Blood? Can you see that pure innocent blood draining from the dear Saviour's side, and from his hands and his feet? I just want to pour out my soul in tears when I think of the untold sufferings of Christ. Again I want to ask, can you see the blood gushing out from the wounded side? When I see the blood a deep sorrowing pain strikes my heart and I cannot help but weep over the One who bled for me. Oh, I can see Him now, his precious innocent body hanging limp on a tree. There I see a crown of cruel thorns embedded in his brow, and the nail prints in his hands and feet, and his side cut open—that wounded side which he asked Thomas to touch. Those feet walked many weary miles to bring glad tidings to a lost and sinful world. Oh yes, I can see the blood of the innocent Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. How I do thank God for having washed in his blood. We must all wash in this blood, dear ones, or be lost. Listen, we have to drink of it before we can ever be his. Jesus spoke it in this manner when he said, "Except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life . . . For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed."

Will you please turn with me to a portion of Scripture found in the seventeenth chapter of Leviticus, the eleventh verse: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: FOR IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKETH ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL." May God help me to emphasize this more, that it is the blood of Christ that makes atonement for the soul. It is not joining some kind of

religious sect and making a profession of faith, but verily being born again of a genuine birth from heaven and being washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. Then one can have a real possession of faith. Dear ones, if you are seeking any other way of atonement, I beg you to turn to the all-cleansing fountain and wash away every sin. If you are weary, and acquainted with grief, as our Savior was, I ask you to trust in the blood, no matter how things terminate. Remember, if you are God's child, you belong to his church. This true church is Jesus' own creation; He purchased it with his own blood.

Again, will you kindly turn over a few leaves of God's Word and read where it says that "Without the shedding of Blood there is no remission of sins." This explains why some people are still in their sins; they have not looked to the shed blood of Christ to purify their minds and hearts. Also how many of us are willing to shed our own life's blood for Christ for the Gospel's sake. May God help us to prepare for that day when we also can suffer for the Saviour and have the privilege of spilling some of our own blood even as the martyrs of old. Surely we need to reserve grace and be in readiness, should we ever be called to do it.

It is a deplorable fact that men who once gave heed to the blood are now turned against it and even protesting against the preaching of the blood. They have done away with all the blood sermons. They mock and say it is too bloody (sanguinary), it is distasteful, and besides it tends to scare the little children away. But I say in no uncertain terms that we ought to obey God rather than men, and continue to preach the blood of Jesus, shed for the remission of sins. May God talk to such men and cause them to realize that the LIFE is in the BLOOD. In such cases the god of this world has blinded their eyes so that they cannot see the blood. They are for the most part false preachers and priests who care not for the blood, but for what pay they can get to fill their pocket books. Men who are really born again never go out to make a prosperous and easy living from the gospel. Do you know that a penny over each eye, can stop you from seeing the blood?

I wish to call your attention to a Scripture where our God looked down upon the children of Israel and asked to see the blood. Exodus 12:13, "And when I see the BLOOD, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you." Glory be unto our God and to the Lamb! We can thank the Lord that the blood has been applied and God can see it from his glorious throne in heaven. Now is the time we can sing that new song, "Thou art worthy to take the Book and to open the seals thereof, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood." Only God's children can sing that song, dear ones. I trust that you are one who has washed your robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 7:12.

Your blood-washed brother, Salvatore DiDio

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello, Children:—

We are so glad that some more of our children have learned Scripture verses. Some have learned a lot more than we asked, and I'm sure Jesus blessed you very much.

Sister Dott Henry showed me a Bible that had been given to her mother when she was twelve years old for learning three thousand (3000) Bible verses. Isn't that wonderful! That should really encourage you to spend a little more time learning verses.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but *My Words shall not pass away.*" Matt. 24:35.

The men who followed Jesus while he was here on earth wrote down part of the words he spoke. Books could not contain all the words he spoke, yet they wrote enough so we can know how Jesus wants us to live to get to heaven. Jesus wants us to learn the words he spoke so we will know how to please him and know how to lead others to Jesus.

We need to learn His Word so we can resist the devil when he tries to get us to do wrong. Jesus himself used the words that God's prophets had said against the devil when he was tempted of the devil.

Some day this old earth will pass away. Time will be no more. Then we ALL will stand before Jesus in the Judgment Day to be judged by him. If we have asked Jesus to forgive us of all our sins and have kept his words, and are found to have clean and pure hearts, we can enter into heaven. But if we haven't kept his words, which will stand forever, then we will be cast into outer darkness.

So, boys and girls, will you give Jesus your hearts and live clean and holy lives? If you do something wrong and Jesus makes you to know He is displeased, kneel down before him and beg him to forgive you so that you will be found with clean and pure hearts in that last great day.

The devil may try to tell you there is no use to try now you have sinned, but Jesus wants us to come right to him and ask him to forgive us just as soon as we know we have done wrong. Don't wait! Pray until Jesus blesses you and makes you know he has forgiven you.

Be watchful next time and do more praying and you will be stronger and won't be tempted to yield to temptation.

May God's greatest blessings rest upon each of you dear ones and cause you to have a deep burning desire down in your hearts to please Jesus, the One who died on the cross for us, the One who loved us so much that he gave all for us. —Aunt Marie.

La.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am a little girl nine years old. During the summer I have learned fifty Bible verses. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and enjoy it very much. Your little friend, Patricia Ann Myers

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La.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am a little girl 9 years old, and I have learned fifty Bible verses this summer. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I enjoy it very much. Your little friend, Lula Gayle Myers

Calif.—Dear Grandpa and Grandma,—I have learned 65 Bible verses. I love Jesus and I want to go to heaven. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. We have a new boy and girl to go to Sunday school.

Lovingly yours,

Vernon Miles

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Calif.—Dear Grandpa and Grandma,—I have learned 35 Bible verses. Lovingly yours, Carl Miles

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Mo.—Dear saints,—I am a girl, ten years old. I am saved. I was saved some time ago. I am glad for the "Children's Corner" in the "Faith and Victory." I go to Sunday school nearly every Sunday. My daddy is a minister of the Gospel. I am in the sixth grade this year in school. I need your prayers. Carol Lou Allen

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Mo.—Dear ones in Christ,—I'm sending my testimony to the "Faith and Victory." One day last week I had a place on my finger. Mother said it was a felon. I prayed for the Lord to heal it and he did. The next morning it opened up and it is better now, and I thank the Lord.

I am a girl, twelve years of age. I am saved.

I would be glad to hear from any of the saint children. My address is Mansfield, Mo. Gen. Del. Pray for me that I may ever live on for Jesus.

With Christian love,

Shirley Allen

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The Timely Message

Give us a message that stirs the soul,
That's filled with the Spirit's power;
One that changes the hearts of men,
And meets the need of the hour.

Give us a message of solid truth,
Throbbing with life replete,
Of "milk and wine" from the word of God—
"For what is the chaff to the wheat?"

Give us a message that exalts the Christ,
Makes known his power to save;
That breaks the fetters of sin o'er men,
Sets free the sin-bound slave.

A message that's more than empty words
Is the crying need of the hour:
"For the kingdom of God is not in word,"
But in truth and love and power.

A message that saves men from the world:
From pride and lust and wine;
From pomp, deceit, and selfishness;
Yea, sin of every kind.

A message of gospel unity,
Free from sects and creeds:
A message of "one in Christ" alone,
Is a message the whole world needs.

A message that leads to an "upper room"
Where the soul is endued with power;
And Satan trembling, defeated stands:
Is the vital need of the hour.

—Alvin J. Ellison.

An Old Model.

I had been bearing down with the old Bible, and it was creating quite a stir. Then one night I had a strange dream, as follows:

My two older boys, my son-in-law and I had entered a business place at a road intersection, when a man stepped up to me and said, "I wish you would see if you can make my car run. I can't seem to do anything with it. It is parked down the road." I didn't much want the job, but we went anyway. As we approached the car, I quickly took note that it was an old model. I walked around it, examining it. I noticed the tires were up, and I couldn't help but notice how strong every visible part of this car seemed to be. The spokes in the wheels were so big and strong, they looked as though they were unbreakable. We checked the motor, but everything looked all right. Next I climbed in behind the steering wheel. Everything there seemed to be in order, so I told one of the boys to crank it. He did so, and lo and behold, it started right off. The strange thing about the motor was that it seemed to have just one speed; not fast, but no sign of dying down. I tried it forward and then in reverse, and it chugged right along too. The motor, though plain and of few parts, ran very smoothly. The car was just to one side and facing the road. The land at this place was brushy and sloped down hill at rather a sharp angle. I put the car in reverse and backed down hill right over the bushes. The old car didn't even slow up. I then tried it up the hill and over the brush toward the road from whence I came. It climbed right up the hill at the same speed and with no more effort, seemingly, than it took to back down the hill. I tried it back and forth, here and there, for some time with no change in speed or hesitation at the steep places. There was no increase in speed on the declines, just the same unhurried gait everywhere I drove it.

It's hard for me to describe that car. It was a very old model, but looked as though it had not been used much. It was not battered or rusty, just built along the old lines.

Now after all of this workout, I headed it upon the road which at one time had been a fairly good farm road, though hilly and was now very rocky and rough. I traveled on and on. How smoothly it glided along the rough rocky road. The car didn't seem to jolt at all, just traveled along as though the road was smooth concrete. After traveling for a long time, in fact it seemed a very long journey, I seemed to come out of a sleep, or half sleep. The strangest of all things, I was not riding in the car now, though I had not changed to any other mode of travel. I was sure I had not left it. But what does this mean? I'm not in the car now! It just seemed to change to the other. To what? Why, my old worn Bible, nothing else! I was just riding along comfortably, but not in the car, just sitting upon my worn Bible. It was sliding along that rough, rocky road with nothing between the worn cover and the road. I wanted to

examine the cover that was next to the road, the part that was contacting the road. The Bible stopped and let me dismount and look on the under side. The old cover was not even dirty, but was in as good condition as I remembered it being in when lying on the table at home. I climbed back on the Bible and glided on as smoothly as ever.

Reader, I grasped the great truths of this lesson at once and no doubt you have too. The word of God will take you through no matter how rough the road may be that you travel over in this short life. You meet all kinds of opposition from Satan and the world, from false teachers and many things that Satan has brought against you, but the old Bible, aided by the Holy Ghost will take you through. You will be kept in peace and will travel along unshaken in faith until you reach that heavenly shore.

This dream has inspired me greatly. I feel like going through with the Lord no matter what the opposition. The forces of Satan are trying to crush me as I hold up the Word of God to the people. Many of the professed holiness people and others claiming to know the Lord are opposing us and the work of the Lord we are trying to do here. But this dream has encouraged us to go on, to ride the Old Model, the word of God right through. —Charles Clifton

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Mo.—Dear ones in Christ, greetings in His dear name, We were glad to hear from you again. It means much to one to hear from the saints when he has no place to worship with the saints. I still feel like the Lord is working in this community.

Bro. Allen and Bro. A. J. Sorrell and another brother from Myrtle, Mo. were here to pray for the man for whom I requested prayer. The Lord touched his body and he rested for two days. Then he weakened and took another dose of medicine. It seemed like he would not live over the effects of the medicine. That was two days ago. He has not taken any more medicine. About an hour ago he was resting when I was there. He says he is saved and ready to go when the Lord calls.

This man has a daughter with whom he lives. She has been sick since she was 17, and she is now 38. If she does very much work her feet and legs would swell badly. Since her father has been sick she has been on her feet so much they swelled and burst in several places. She had been unable to get any shoes on for ten days. Sunday one of the brothers anointed her and Monday morning early when I called to see how they were she met me at the door praising the Lord for healing her. She had her shoes on and the places that were burst were gone. She is still waiting on her father, sitting up every other night and doing her house work, and her feet have not shown any signs of swelling yet. Thank the Lord. This man has another daughter who trusts the Lord for healing too. The one who was so sick (she has some kind of spells, some call fits) said she felt the Lord dealing with her for some time. She quit tobacco about a month ago. They seemed much encouraged when they met the brethren.

I received two papers this month—some more work of the Lord. I gave her one. She said the night did not seem nearly so long because she read the "Faith and Victory." I can fully understand how they feel, as it was

so long before I met any true saints. But I thank the Lord I've found them before it is too late. However, if I had not seen any here on earth, we would have met in heaven.

Yes, I received much good from the campmeeting at Monark Springs this year. There were some things that it seemed I could not get victory over. I went to the altar there and got the victory and still have it.

I feel there are other souls in the community like the one I have been telling you about. Let us pray the Lord to lead them out into full light.

The reason I wrote to you in the first place was because I did not know anyone else's address. I love all the Lord's children. When I am sick it makes no difference which one prays. Alice Campbell and children.

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Mo.—I feel that it would be to the glory of the Lord for me to write my testimony to the little paper "Faith and Victory," how the dear Lord healed me when I was very sick and all alone. I had gas. It went to my left shoulder and my left arm seemed to be paralyzed and my head was aching severely. It seemed so serious that I thought the dear Lord was through with me. I said, "Lord, work this out to your glory. If you want to take me or let me stay I say amen to your will." I said, "I am ready to go." Then a light shown before me and I was not frightened in the least. I knew the Lord was with me. I wrote to my children and requested them to meet me in heaven. The Lord healed me and I want the world to hear it. I will give my address so any of the dear saints who want to may write to me.

—Emma Ritchie, R. 1, Reeds, Mo.

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Texas—I have been ill for about three days, and I am still weak. I'm not eating much solids yet. I got food poisoning from some canned Italian food. I cramped 16 hours straight. Joe (my husband) could not come home as they were moving from one office to another across town. I felt so alone I called a neighbor to get some milk for me. She did, then left immediately as she was expecting company. I was in a hard place and no one to depend on but the Lord. I guess that shows us who is always waiting. I cramped all night and half a day. I couldn't get the poison out. The neighbors sent their remedies and medicines and really begged me to use them, but I showed them my faith was not so weak. I took nothing. I don't know why I had to suffer so long unless it was to show them no matter how sick I got I still did not want medicine.

I pray the Lord to keep you encouraged and serving the Lord. I do so wish we had several saints to be with. We really need a leader so we could visit jails, etc. But maybe that isn't our calling. Maybe we can reach people other ways. I'm sure the Lord knows best. Pray for us.

Love,

Lil Black

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Okla.—I am saved and doing my best to serve the Lord. I know I have many faults and have made many mistakes in life's journey. The fifth of this month I will be 79 years old. I feel very weak in body, but the Lord is good to me. My mother died when I was five years old, but I can see how the dear Lord took care of me all through the journey of life, for which I am thankful. He still cares for those who will trust in Him. I found the dear Lord in my first twenties and afterward found the only way to heaven. When I first heard the two ways preached, I accepted the way that leads to heaven.

I never get tired of reading the "Faith and Victory."

My first husband, Mr. Brees, and I went hand in hand

with the dear Lord, and got lots of help from Him, both spiritual and temporal blessings along the way. We were healed many times of almost all kinds of ailments; and we prayed for others and they were healed. I've seen cancers healed, and lightning strokes, which were severe. The doctor said such cases hardly ever got well. It pays to be true to the dear Lord. He will stay with you if you will stay with Him. Our children were healed many times in answer to prayer, and our stock also. The Lord blessed us in ways too numerous to mention. J. J. Brees and I went hand in hand for the Lord for fifty years. He has been in the glory world for thirteen years. Now G. G. Roberts, my second husband, is traveling the same road with me. It pays to press on. Young ones who are just starting to serve the Lord, don't let the devil drag you down. Just hold on to God. He will take you thru. Just rebuke the devil in Jesus' name, then you will gain the victory. Press on in spite of doubts or fears. Jesus is always near.

Mrs. Edith Roberts

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Calif.—Dear Saints,—I am very thankful to say I am still saved and encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. He has been good to me and answered prayer in many ways. He carries my burdens and heartaches. Having a wonderful Saviour to serve certainly makes one desire to grow stronger in the Lord and erases all thoughts of ever going back into sin.

I do thank God for healing my child. He was very sick. One night his temperature was 105. This being the only child we have, it was hard to consecrate him. The thought came, "God knows best." Within twenty minutes the child's fever had gone and God gave me the witness he would heal him and spare his life. God gets the glory and praise, for we depended upon him alone. It makes us realize what a mighty God we serve. I ask an interest in your prayers that I will be all God would have me to be.

—Mrs. Hazel Phipps.

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Oklahoma—I want to testify that the Lord wonderfully healed me in the campmeeting. I was there only a short time, but the Lord wonderfully healed me because I waited on Him and trusted Him for soul and body. Through the prayers of the saints the Lord completely healed me. I walk around and praise Him for His goodness and the blessing He bestowed upon me. Please pray for me that I might trust Him to the end. Sallie Davis

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus our Saviour. We feel it is time to send in our testimony of what the Lord has done for us of late.

As many of you already know, our boy Harlon fell out of a tree June 25th and broke his leg. We took him to the doctor to get it set and he sent him to the hospital. They put him in bed with weights on his leg to pull it gradually, saying they could not set it. They would X-ray it every day to see if it was in place. But on July 1st, we had decided to see if we couldn't get them to set it or take him to someone who would. When I saw the doctor he told me he would let us take him home. (We had not mentioned our decision.) He told us how to fix him with his feet both tied straight up in bed and his hip two or three inches off the bed. He lay in that position two weeks. He was supposed to stay six weeks. He wasn't in any pain. The Lord was merciful. But when two weeks were up, we found there were large blisters on his legs when we were redressing them. So we fixed a board and bound it to his leg so he couldn't move it. He stayed that way till during the Monark Springs Campmeeting when the Lord gave us faith enough to take that off. He sat around

and crawled until Aug. 6th. We tried early that morning to get him to let us help him walk some, but he would not try. He was afraid. After awhile I said (silently) Lord you can make him walk, and if you will I will write all about it and send it to "Faith and Victory" for publication. He soon got out of bed and walked up and down holding to the bed. Then he would walk behind a chair as I pulled it. Soon he was pushing the chair all over the house himself. Before going to bed that night, he walked a few steps alone. Praise the dear Lord forever. Since then he goes almost anywhere he wants. The doctor does not know but what he is still in bed like he had him fixed. According to the doctor, he would still be in bed. We want the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will soon give him back all of his strength and help him to be normal again as he was before breaking his leg. Also, pray for our little girl who has some sores, I think impetigo.

Pray for us that we might have grace to take us through every trial that comes our way, and do what the Lord has for us to do. We are much encouraged.

Yours in Christian love, Ida Belle McMillian

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My little girl Lucille was playing in our back yard one day when she was about five years old with her little brother who was one year older than she was. She had a walnut in her hand which she asked him to crack. He had in his hand an old gas pipe which was broken and rusted, but sharp on one end. He pointed to a brick and told her to hold it on that. She held the walnut on the brick while he cracked down on it, but instead of cracking the walnut he cut Lucille's finger off. She came running into the house crying. The piece was hanging down by a thread. It was cut off at the first joint. I prayed for the Lord to ease the pain, which He did at once. My husband rushed with her to a doctor who said her finger would always be shorter than the others and there never would be any nail on it. My husband had taken the piece when it was cut off and buried it out in the back yard. When he came home from the doctor's office and told me what the doctor said, I looked at him and said, "Why do you think God wants our child disfigured that way, we who believe in the power of God?"

He said, "I don't know."

We had read a testimony in which was an account of a child's finger being cut off and the mother said she had stuck it back on and prayed for it and God healed it. He said to me, "Now what do you want me to do? Do you want me to go hunt that piece of finger and let you stick it back on and you pray for it?" But I had a surprise for him. I said, "No, God made the finger in the first place, so He can make it over again." I walked over to Lucille, who was sitting in a chair. I knelt beside her and laid my hand over her finger and prayed, "Lord, you made this finger in the first place, so please make it over again, that your name might be glorified, that the unbeliever might believe. Amen." I got up and went on, thanking and praising God.

About fifty people, I imagine, had seen the finger cut off. About thirty days from that day the finger had grown out so one could not tell which finger had been cut off. Praise God, he is still on the throne. Lucille gets great joy today telling people about how this all happened. She is now a young lady of 18 years. She often tells many people all about it.

Mrs. Mae Etta Becraft.

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Mo.—To the saints and readers of "Faith and Victory," I truly thank the dear Lord this morning for His

blessings and mercy He has shown to me. I have been thinking the past few days of what it really cost heaven to redeem us from sin, and I often wonder if we as saints really realize the value of a soul? Oh, how much Jesus suffered to redeem souls from sin! Are we really willing to do ALL that we possibly can to help souls find the way to Jesus or to help those who have fallen by the way or have become discouraged? We sometimes say words that hurt or wound others in a very thoughtless or careless way and (here is where we must watch) then old self gets in the way and we think, "Oh, well, I don't need to go to that person and say anything to him (or her) or make it right. I don't owe them an apology." Anything that hinders confidence or may stand in their way should be made right with them. If there should be a lack of humility, rather than hinder anyone, as well as ourselves, let us just pray the Lord to give us more humility and be rather willing to suffer wrong. If we feel we are wrongfully accused, let us be willing to do our part in making peace. We remember Jesus "suffered even for the unjust." Are we willing to follow Jesus? Mrs. Ed Whipple

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Ill.—Dear saints of God, Greetings in Jesus precious name!—The Lord has so wonderfully blessed us in every way, especially since we decided to take our stand with the true saints of God. It is truly wonderful. We have received more persecution than ever before; but we are so glad we are counted worthy to suffer for Him and know that God's approval is upon us.

I sent in a request to you to pray for our baby that had a high fever and a red place just above her ankle which was very hot. This redness and swelling kept going up until it was almost to her hip. We went to St. Elmo and had Bro. J. R. Krost anoint her and pray for her, and God has wonderfully healed her. We appreciate your prayers. Husband and I had prayed and fasted, but the Scripture says, "Call for the elders of the church." We and others believe that a poisonous spider or insect bit her.

Will you please pray for a man here who is bound by the drink habit. He is trying to quit tobacco. He is in a terrible condition. His wife is afflicted with appendicitis. We know God can save them and deliver from these habits and heal their bodies.

Also, my husband, who has had bad eyes all his life, has decided to trust God to heal his eyes.

We are praying for you and all the true saints of God everywhere and desire your prayers that we will keep busy for him and be led by His Spirit.

Your sister in Christ,

Ruth Childress

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Ill.—Dear "Faith and Victory" readers,—I am glad to report that I enjoyed my being in your presence in the campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. My health is much improved in every way. I am getting stronger every day. I am still saved, sanctified, and happy in the Lord.

Remember me in your prayers. D. N. Slagel

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Mo.—Dear saints of the Lord,—Greetings in Jesus dear name. I thank the Lord this morning for salvation and for his watchful and protecting care each day. The enemy is working hard against us here, causing us to feel bad in body ever since our meeting closed, but by faith we are going on. We walk by faith and not by feelings. The devil knows he is defeated in our case.

I do not know whether any one has sent in a report of our meeting or not. I am sending it as some may not have heard.

We surely had a wonderful ten-day meeting. Eight souls claimed to get saved; five, sanctified; and eleven

baptized. We have a nice little congregation now and we meet in our homes and have services twice a week. Oh, how I thank the Lord for starting up a work here. It is just wonderful. Bro. Murphey Allen plans to be here and preach two nights for us next week. We need a meeting house. Please pray the Lord will provide one for us.
Katie Marler.

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Mo.—Dear saints one and all,—I am glad to report this time I am completely healed of that affliction I have made so many requests for prayer for. The dear Lord saw fit to heal me. I received a precious letter from one of the dear sisters August 7th and some tracts. They came in good, for I really needed some help and God knew I would trust Him for my healing. I have been trusting Him for healing for over fifty years and am glad the devil did not cheat me out of the time.

Bro. and Sister Gibson and children were here after the campmeeting and they were much encouragement to me. I would love to have gone to the campmeeting, but didn't get to. But the dear Lord accepted my willingness and blessed me, oh, so many times. I surely thank all of you for the time you have spent praying for me.

Do not forget to pray for me. Belle Morton

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Okla.—Dear saints of the Lord,—Greetings in our blessed Redeemer's name. I am still trusting Him and praying for you there at the print shop. Jesus is all the world to me. What would we do without Him? He helps us when we are in trouble. He is with us always and supplies our every need. He heals us when we are sick. Three years ago he wonderfully lifted me from my death bed in answer to the prayers of the saints. About the middle of October I am again to face the same thing that nearly took my life then, and I know He will help me again this time. Please, all saints everywhere pray for me. I do trust in God. "Prayer changes things." I have faith in Him and in prayer. Please stand by me with your prayers. I will need them and I know God will surely answer and God will reward each one according to His will.

With Christian love, Mrs. Robert Fleshman

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Ind.—To all the saints, greetings,—May the grace of God dwell richly in the hearts of all those that hunger and thirst after righteousness.

As I meditated on the wonders of God's plan for the salvation of poor fallen men and women, some beautiful thoughts came to me that I felt might be an inspiration to some discouraged brother or sister. This came to me: Our bodies are the temple of God. If we will give over the old life and accept the new and more abundant life which Jesus provides for all that love and obey. Then I saw what God meant when He said to Moses, "See that you build the tabernacle according to the pattern I showed you." If our bodies are the temple of God, we should make it according to the pattern, and Jesus is the pattern for our Christian life. As the glory of God filled the tabernacle that Moses built, so the beautiful life of Christ can fill these bodies of ours. When we build our life according to the pattern, the beautiful life of Christ, there is no place for sin in that temple for it is filled with the Spirit of the dear Master. So long as we lust after the pleasures of this life, that long we are not building according to the pattern. Oh, the beautiful life of Jesus! His life shines with the glory of the Father. So can our life shine with the beauty of the Christ life if we will build it after the pattern He gave us. May we be very careful how we build and what kind of material we use.

It is a great honor to be allowed to work with the great Master-builder under His orders if we delight to build after the pattern and be very careful that we follow the instructions with a desire to please the Master. We shall be glad when we hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

That will be the most blessed words to me. I am nearing 90 years and the way grows radiant with the wonderful things he shows me. May God bless all who love the Master.
Mother Rebecca Basicker.

They tell me that my hair is turning gray
That near ninety years has made white,
That my brow is wrinkled, my cheeks less fair,
And my eyes are no longer bright.
But my eyes see farther of things worth while,
There is a new life waiting for me;
I am waiting each day to hear the call
That will forever set me free.
Free from this world of sorrow and strife,
Free from its galling care—
Just over the river there waits for me,
A home in a land more fair.
And there with my Lord and King I'll be
Forever with the blessed;
They will not count my life by years
In the land where the weary rest.
There the tree of life is forever in bloom,
And the water of life flows free;
And Jesus invites us all to come—
Oh, won't you go along with me?
There are loved ones waiting and watching there
To see what your decision will be,
And the angels will sing a song of joy
If you decide to go there with me.

—Rebecca Basicker

"The Lord's answers to prayer are infinitely perfect, and eternity will show that often when we were asking for a stone that *looked like bread*, He was giving us *bread* that to our shortsightedness *looked like stone*."

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Sunday, October 3, 1948

Printed Portion Psalm 119:97-105; John 20:30, 31;
2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

Psa. 119:97. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

BIOGRAPHY IN THE BIBLE

Sunday, October 10, 1948

Printed PortionGenesis 11:32, 32; 12:1-5; 17:1-8.

98. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104. Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

John 20:30. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

2 Tim. 3:16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Memory Verse: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

Practical Truth: If we love the Lord, we will take time to study His Word; and if we read it with an honest heart we will surely love it.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The part of this lesson in the 119th Psalm shows how a true child of God appreciates God's precious Word. When we read and study the Bible with an honest heart, God gives us good understanding, so that we shall be able to comprehend with all true Christians what is the breadth, length, depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fulness of God. We learn about the goodness of God as we take time to be alone with Him and study His Word. One of the Psalm writers tells us that he keeps himself from sinning by hiding God's Word in his heart. In this lesson the writer makes mention that the words he finds in the scripture are sweeter than honey to his taste because by reading them he is drawn to God and learns to love him. Then as we study this precious book, God's Word becomes a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path.

The purpose of God's Word is not to furnish a masterpiece of literature to feed man's intellect, nor yet to furnish material for argument; but it is given to man for his soul's profit, that he might take it in simple child-like faith as a direct message from God, and thereby gain eternal life. Truly, the half has never yet been told. John tells us that if all the wonderful things which Jesus did while he was here on earth were written, he supposed the world itself would not contain the books that should be written. The story of what Jesus did has no ending.

As all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, it takes the inspiration of God in a man to cause him to properly understand it. All the instructions we need to live a true Christian life are found on the pages of this precious Holy Book, so that the man or woman of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Gen. 11:31. And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abraham's wife; and they went into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

32. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

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

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

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

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

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

17:1. And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4. As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Memory Verse: In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6.

Practical Truth: God will richly reward every one who loves Him and is faithful unto death.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This is an account of the first move God made to call and establish a people for himself. After this first move was made westward by Abraham's father into the land of Canaan, Terah his father died. Then God called Abraham away from his people and his home to go to a land which God said he would show him. God promised Abraham that he would make of him a great nation. In Heb. 11:8, we read, "By faith Abraham when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not

knowing whither he went." Abraham believed God and obeyed him. God was well pleased with Abraham because of his faith and obedience, and He counted it unto him for righteousness, and he was called the friend of God.

Abraham got all of his substance together and took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son and moved, not knowing where he was going. This took faith. It is important for us to remember that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Abraham was almost a hundred years old and Sarah his wife was barren and passed the age of bearing children, but God had promised them a son; so in God's own good time the son was born. God told Abraham that he would make him a father of many nations, and beside this God promised him a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker was God. Who would dare to say that God did not fulfill every promise he made to Abraham?

As we study this lesson, are we willing to forsake all we have to follow our loving Lord? Jesus suffered and died. He shed his precious blood that we might be saved and sanctified, so let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp bearing his reproach, for we too know that we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. As Abraham believed God and was faithful to death, let us believe God and be faithful in this life, then our reward will be sure.

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LAW IN THE BIBLE

Sunday, October 17, 1948

Printed Portion Deuteronomy 6:20-25; Leviticus 19:9-14, 17, 18.

Deut. 6:20. And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

21. Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand:

22. And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

23. And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

24. And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

Lev. 19:9. And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God.

11. Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

12. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

13. Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shall fear thy God: I am the Lord.

19:17. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Memory Verse: And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Practical Truth: Obedience is better than sacrifice.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Law is a rule of action established by authority. In this sixth chapter of Deuteronomy we read where God gave his law and statutes or commandments to the children of Israel, and asked them to remember all that he did for them in bringing them out of the bondage of Egypt, and how he cared for them in the wilderness, and when their children asked them why they kept his commandments, then they were to tell them of all the wonderful things God had done for them, that they might have the fear of God in their hearts. When we lose the fear of God out of our hearts, then we are not careful to obey Him. We must obey God if we would meet Him in peace at the end of the way.

In Isa. 43:10 we read, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord." And in the 12th chapter of Isa., we read, "Declare his doings among the people. Make mention that His name is exalted." The most of this 6th chapter of Deuteronomy is a warning to parents as to how they should teach their children about the goodness of God.

In the part of the lesson found in Leviticus, we are taught to be kind and considerate to the poor to leave some grain in our fields and some grapes in our vineyards for the poor and the strangers. Fields are not harvested now just as they were then and we do not see gleaners now, but the principle taught will still hold true, that we are to remember the poor and help them. We are cautioned not to defraud anyone. We must not avenge ourselves nor hold a grudge against any. This teaching received strong emphasis during Jesus' ministry. Find New Testament Scriptures that teach this. We are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the 13th chapter of Romans we read, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another" and "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

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HISTORY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Sunday, October 24, 1948

Printed Portion 1 Kings 4:21-29; 11:6, 9-11.

21. And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt; they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22. And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal.

23. Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl.

24. For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

16. And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27. And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his mouth: they lacked nothing.

28. Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

29. And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

1 Kings 11:6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.

1 Kings 11:9. And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared upon him twice,

10. And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

11. Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

10. And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

11. Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

Memory Verse: And thou Solomon my son know thou the God of thy father and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. . . . If thou seek him, he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever.

Practical Truth: All of our time in serving the Lord will profit us nothing unless we are faithful to the end.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson is a history of the outstanding things concerning King Solomon. When God appeared to Solomon the first time he asked him what he desired most. Solomon asked for wisdom so he would know how to care for God's people, and his request so pleased the Lord that he gave him wisdom such as never had been given to man, neither was there any after Solomon that could compare with him in wisdom. God not only gave him wisdom, but he also gave him riches and honour such as no one had before him neither after him. Notice in the 22nd and 23rd verses what his daily provisions were.

When we think of Solomon, we think of the Queen of Sheba who came to visit him. She wanted to see if all she had heard about Solomon was true. When she actually beheld Solomon and all his surroundings, she declared that the half of his glory and wisdom had not been told. But after Solomon had tried out all the world could afford, we hear him declare that there is no profit in all the temporal things he gathered for himself. Read the 2nd chapter of Ecclesiastes.

But the saddest part of all is that he let his wives lead him into idolatry. In the last chapter of Nehemiah we read, "Nevertheless [in spite of all his wisdom and greatness] even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

The wisest thing we can do is to choose Christ as our personal Saviour and cleave unto Him all the days of our life, and die trusting God.

WISDOM LITERATURE IN THE BIBLE

Printed Portion: Proverbs 10:1-9; Eccl. 2:1-3.

Prov. 10:1. The Proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

2. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3. The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

4. He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5. He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

6. Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7. The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8. The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

9. He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

Eccl. 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. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

3. I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

Memory Verse: Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine: and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

Practical Truth: God's ways are always best.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This lesson is given as a temperance lesson. In it we have twelve verses of Scripture, all of which are good wholesome instruction. First, we notice that a wise son causes his father to rejoice: but a foolish son is a grief to his mother. Next we notice that there is no profit in much wickedness, for the wages of sin is death, but righteousness delivereth from death. Then notice the perfect protection God offers to the righteous, but the wicked will lose all that he has. To be slothful in business brings poverty, but to be diligent in business will increase our wealth, or make us prosperous. When we gather in the summer we will have plenty for the winter, but starvation will stare us in the face if we sleep thru the harvest. To be just means that the blessings of God will rest upon us, but to do violence means trouble for us. The memory of the just is blessed and will last for ever, but notice what is said of the wicked: "His very name shall rot and he will be forgotten." To be wise in heart means that we will receive God's commandments, but there is nothing but failure for prating fools. When we walk uprightly we are walking in a safe path, but the one who perverts his way is on his way to destruction. The last three verses show plainly that those who follow the ways of the world will prove to his own sad disappointment that there is no profit in the course he has taken.

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