

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

## The EVENING LIGHT WATCHMAN

At evening time  
it shall be light.

—ZECHARIAH 14:7

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.

—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

Unto Him shall  
the gathering of  
the people be.

—GENESIS 49:10

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### I Would Not Exchange

O, what a joy is thrilling my heart!

A wonderful treasure is mine.

And from this rare gem I would not depart,  
For all of earth's treasures combined.

For gold, or diamonds from Africa's sands,  
Or pearls from the Adriatic Sea,

I would not exchange this treasure sublime—  
It's of far more value to me.

The Pearl of great price from the sea of God's love  
Came down through the pure crystal stream  
Of the river of life from the white throne above,  
Fulfilling the hope of my dreams.

I would not exchange for fashion or pride,  
Or popular praises of men,  
For honor or fame, nor aught else beside,  
I could not, I would not exchange.

If the channel that carries Itasca's lake  
From the mountain to the rolling gulf,  
Were lined with pure gold every step of the way,  
It's value would not be enough

To cause or induce me to make an exchange,  
Or despise the Pearl of great price;  
There's not to be found within earthly range  
To equal the gift of my Christ.

When the earth shall perish and vanish away,  
None of its gems are secure.  
This treasure of mine will never decay;  
Its lustre shall ever endure.

As ages roll on and time ceases to be,  
Its value will still hold at par;  
There's nought can erase, even death can't efface,  
Nor the brightness of its lustre mar.

I would not exchange this treasure of mine  
For aught, or all else beside.

'Twas purchased for me on Calvary's tree  
When Jesus, the great Savior, died.

—Ulysses Phillips

### The Rich Fool

"And he spake a parable unto them saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods, and I will say to my soul, Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, *Thou fool*, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Lk. 12:16-21). As we read this Scripture, and think upon conditions as they exist in the world today, we are made to realize that far too many precious souls are following in the way of the rich fool, rushing, toiling, cheating, oppressing, scrambling for the perishable riches of this world; piling up and hoarding the fleeting treasures of earth while their souls are famishing, starving, dying for the real life-giving bread, and for the water that Jesus said would spring up into everlasting life. Yea, famishing for the true riches that Jesus offers to mankind, those eternal riches that shall never fade away.

We find that the rich man of our text seemed to be in a state of uncertainty. At least there was a question in his mind and he had to make a decision, and in making his decision he only thought of this present life, or of this time world. "This will I do," said he, "I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." See where he made his sad mistake. He left God out of his plans. He did not take into consideration the fact that life is uncertain and that death is sure to come. He had made plans and preparations for this life, but none for eternity.

Many today are leaving God out of their plans, out of their decisions. They are seeking an education, seeking a position, buying houses and lands, getting

themselves established in their places of business, or stocking their farms, buying cars, eating, drinking, and at ease. They are putting first things last. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." But God has been left out—no time to think about or to pray for the soul's eternal good.

Dear ones, there is no time to be at ease so long as there is one sin between thy soul and God. If God would speak tonight from the chambers of eternity, to many he would say as he did to one of old, "Thou fool!" Why did God pronounce him a fool? Because he was void of true wisdom and understanding. He has said to man, "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Job 28:28. Oh how little this man was honored of God; not worthy for his name to be written in the Bible; his name forgotten among men and not in the book of life. What a sad picture! All we know is, "Thou fool." Is that the way God has recorded your name tonight? or has He written for you that new name in the Lamb's book of life?

Listen! "This night"—oh, how quickly his "many years" had dwindled away! "This night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" Just think! He was rich in this world, a pauper in eternity; wise in time in earthly wisdom, a fool in eternity; full of ease and pleasure in life, but gone, gone, gone on to a world of endless woe, trouble and despair. Good-bye money, good-bye friends, farewell pleasures and all that earth holds dear. God has called and I must go, unprepared, and I can not stay away. It has happened unto him according to the saying of Job, "Naked came I into this world, and naked shall I return." Also Paul has said by divine inspiration: "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." Verse 21, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." "The cares of life, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things coming in, choke out the Word and they become unfruitful," has happened to many along the way of life.

In making his decision, the prodigal son said, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." The steward that Jesus commended said, "I am resolved what to do." The Philippian jailor asked, "What must I do to be saved?" And for good advice to one and all Jesus says in Rev. 3:18-22, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold, tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. . . . Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door; I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Dear friends, will you heed the earnest pleadings and wooings of the Spirit of God? Will you deal justly with your own soul? What if God would call for thee tonight, would you be ready to go? Have you made preparations to meet your Lord in peace? If not, hasten to him today; do not delay.

—Ulysses Phillips

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## Abstain from Fleshly Lusts

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Psalm 19:7-10.

In Proverbs 27:7 is a text that reads thus, "The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet."

If men and women in a general sense would love the instructions of God's sacred Word as much as they do the gold and wealth of this world together with other fleshly lusts, there would be a great many more souls in a saved condition. If ministers and other saints would continue to love the admonitions and instructions found in the inspired Word of God there would not be nearly so many backsliding in heart, nor nearly so many lame in their experience and lukewarm.

When one is not living up in heart to all that they know the Bible teaches them, they will lose the relish for the pure Word of God and will like it better adulterated and twisted to serve the fleshly desires rather than to feed the Spirit of Christ that should have preeminence in their soul, and the crucified way will become bitter to them when it ought to be sweet and enjoyable. Brother, sister, if your soul is not prospering, and if salvation has ceased to be a joy to you and the preaching of the pure Word does not quicken and enliven, comfort, and strengthen, then you are in great need and danger, and ought to be alarmed. Your difficulties and troubles are upon you because of the way you have been receiving or rejecting the pure teachings and instructions of his Word. The gospel given out by the Spirit of God will act as a savor of life or a savor of death to the soul according as each individual receives it and practices it or rejects it, esteeming it lightly. Receiving it and putting it into practice will mean heavenly life and that more abundantly; but rejecting it or esteeming it lightly and failing to practice it will bring lameness and finally death to the soul.

We read in James 1:14, "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived [accepted in the heart to disobey] it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished [or committed] bringeth forth

death." You see the forerunner of sin is lust. Then in order to keep from being overcome and doing things that will bring death to the soul, the thing to do is to cease giving way to any kind of fleshly lust, and instead, sow to the Spirit to the denying of your fleshly lusts that war against the soul.

According to the dictionary, the word "lust" means to give way to irregular, inordinate, or unlawful desires, to desire the gratification of carnal appetite. It would not be wrong for one to eat sufficient food and the right kind to keep the body in a good healthy condition, but it would be giving way to fleshly lust to eat more than the body required because your flesh likes the taste of it or to try to outdo some one else in eating would be a rank fleshly lust. I heard of a preacher one time who ran a race with a professed Christian to see which one could eat the most hot tamales. Such acts as that are disgraceful to any one professing to be a follower of the lowly Lamb of God.

Tobacco using and liquor drinking are fleshly lusts in a magnified state and they belong to the family of cursed things. Covetousness is another lust that is damning to the sinner and causing many preachers and other saints to go down in defeat. They covet after money, they covet the praise and honor of men, they covet social standing, they covet to shun the reproach of the cross, catering to the fashions of the world and having more thought of what people will think of them rather than what God will think. They do all these things, or some of them, disregarding the plain teachings of the sacred Word.

In 1 Peter 2:11, we read, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul." In other words, to do these things will weaken the spirit within and bring on death to the soul. We are instructed to abstain from these things. Oh, that men would fear God and tremble at his Word. There are entirely too many among us that have grown gospel hardened, it seems. They have heard the Word and read it in the Bible over and over, but seem to esteem it lightly when it comes to putting it into practice, and in time the gospel means nothing to them unless it is fixed up so it will allow them to fulfill the lusts of the flesh and become luke-warm in giving or suffering any for the cause of God among men. The trouble with the professing people is that they live too much in Egypt, spiritually speaking, or under the shadow of Egypt (Isaiah 30:1-3; Isa. 31:1-3). They just will not come out into the open and bare their souls before God and then look into his perfect law of liberty, the Bible, to see how far they are from obeying its teachings, but just stumble on following after blind leaders, fulfilling the lusts of the flesh and the mind and become by nature the children of wrath, walking in the broad way to destruction while they profess to follow Christ. Shame on those who allow the devil to decoy and fool them in this way. Paul says, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." 1 Cor. 15:34.

Paul says in 1 Cor. 9:27, "But I keep under my body [or keep my body under] and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." My brethren, just think of the thousands of souls that need to hear this warning and put it into practice in practically every way and walk of life.

The Bible says, "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Gal. 5:16.

John says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. O, brethren, let us do the will of God and turn from the world and its lustful things.

In 2 Tim. 2:5, we read, "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully." The only way to strive lawfully so that we may win a crown is to resist the Devil, the world, and the flesh, and practise the teaching of the Word of God right here in this present evil world.

Dear brothers and sisters, hear the Word of God as it thunders its warnings to us, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men [you included], Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." This is for us right here in this world. Let us strive to be chosen to enter heaven in a lawful manner, in harmony with the teachings and instruction of His sacred inspired Word. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." That we may each one learn how to live so we can prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. —Fred Pruitt

#### — oOo — MEETING NOTICE

Dear saints,—We were permitted to attend the all day service at Springfield, Mo. The Lord did richly bless in sending forth his Word. These meetings are a real blessing to the saints here in the different congregations.

Now we are glad to tell you our meeting house will be ready for use and the next third Sunday meeting will be in Chetopa, Kans. We heartily invite every one that can come to come and be with us on that day, Nov. 21st. This will also be our dedication service, and we would like to have as many as possible to come.

We surely thank the Lord for his love and mercy to us in permitting us to build a place of worship. We truly need your prayers, as we are few in number and we need the wisdom of God in dealing with precious souls.

Bro. and Sister Barton have been coming every 2nd Sunday for three years. It has truly been a blessing and a help to us. We have Bible reading every Friday night at Coffeyville at Bro. Beisley's home. The Lord is blessing in these meetings and enlightening hearts to the truth.

We ask you to hold us up before God as we endeavor to lift up the truth in this new field.

Your saved brother and sister, Albert and Margaret Eck

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The chapel where the church of God meets in Guthrie, Okla. is located on the corner of 6th St. and W. Warner Ave. Regular Sunday services are: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching services, 11 a. m.; night services, 7:30 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

## Editorials

In this November Issue of *Faith and Victory* paper we are sending out "Three Month subscription blanks" to make it convenient for our readers to send in ten three month subscriptions for the paper. We are giving a premium to every one who will send in ten three month subscriptions with one dollar enclosed to pay for same. God will bless your soul in getting the gospel by the printed page to your neighbors and friends. This is an opportunity for you to do some work for the Lord. Every saved soul has a responsibility upon them to get the gospel to the lost, and should take advantage of every opportunity to do so. The Word of God tells us to warn the sinner that he turn from his sins; and also to warn the righteous that he sin not; and in so doing we clear ourselves from the blood of all men. Read Ezekiel 3:18-21.

There is no better way than to send them the gospel by the printed page and they can read while in the quiet and God can talk to their souls. If you need more blanks send to Faith Pub. House for them. All of these three month subscriptions will begin with the January, 1949 issue and end with the March issue if not renewed. If convenient enclose also a five cent stamp to pay postage on premium. This "Three Months" offer will expire December 15, 1948. Please do not send them later.

A large amount of yearly subscriptions to the Faith and Victory paper will expire with the December, 1948 issue. Those who know that their paper will expire at that time should renew now so you will not miss a copy, and it will help us out here at the office to get them on the list before the holiday rush begins, which makes over-work for the office force.

Please cooperate with us in this work all you can. The printing and sending forth of papers, tract, and booklets from Faith Pub. House is made possible by the free-will offerings sent in by our readers. The cost of machinery, living expense, labor, and paper have doubled and more since the war and the little subscription price would hardly pay for the paper on which it is printed, not saying any thing about the other larger necessary expenses connected with the printing work. Pray for us, brethren, that our faith in Him fail not and that this printing work can go on until Jesus comes and says, "It is enough, come up higher."

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Last week we received a phone message from the agency of the Linotype Co. at New Orleans, Louisiana which has its headquarters situated in Brooklyn, New York, that the Linotype machine which we had ordered from them many months ago was ready and would be shipped to the "Lord's Print shop" next month (in November). We are all thanking the Lord here at the print shop for the prospects of soon having this valuable machine set up in the composing room of the Lord's printing establishment.

It will mean an essential need will be supplied, for which we have long been praying. These machines, like all other things, have been advancing in

price and by the time we get it here and installed the cost will be above seven thousand dollars. The Lord has already graciously supplied means for this machine to the extent that we have at least three-fourths of the price on hands, and we are praying that God will supply the balance by the time the machine arrives, as we promised the company that we would pay them cash for the machine.

Jesus says in Matt. 18:19, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." I am standing on these promises and asking that the dear saints everywhere be in agreement with us here at the office in this matter, and other problems that face us at this time. The Word says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Every soul that truly possesses the life of Christ is counted by the Lord as a righteous man or woman; so let us pray.

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Bro. C. C. Carver, his wife, his son Arnett and wife of Shreveport, La., and Evodna Thurman of the office here have returned from holding a meeting in Minneapolis, Minn. where sister Myrtle Grice is pastor. The report is that the meeting was good and the saints there were much encouraged by the preaching and singing. Revivals are needed among the saint congregations, and we are praying that God will send some ministers to Guthrie to hold a revival meeting. Agree with us in prayer for this.

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## Obituaries

Adam D. Eck, son of Dan and Ida A. Eck was born near Meno, Oklahoma on January 10, 1915, and departed this life October 9, 1948 at the age of 33 years, 9 months, and 29 days.

On August 9, 1936 he was united in holy matrimony to Frances Wahl of Lahoma. To this union were born three children, Lloyd DeWayne, Arlene Gene, and Arnita Frances, all of the home.

Beside his wife and children, the bereaved are: his father Dan A. Eck and wife; four brothers, Albert of Bartlett, Kans., Waldo, Edwin, and Paul, of Meno; six sisters, Mrs. Eva Penner of Fairview, Mrs. Caroline Chrisman of Enid, Inez of Tulsa, Mrs. Clara Wahl of Manchester, Mrs. Ruey Tucker of Crescent, Mrs. Ella Mae Mallett of Hillsdale; father-, mother-, brothers-, and sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and a host of relatives and friends. His mother, three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

A little more than ten years ago God spared him from the jaws of death in answer to prayer. More than two years ago he was bitten by a black widow spider, and since that time he has been in failing health. Six months ago the grief and shock of his mother's death affected his weak body to the extent that he took his bed and has been bedfast ever since. His sufferings have been great and grievous to those who stood by him from time to time. His death came by illness that was beyond man's comprehension. But the Lord comforted and sustained him through it all. Although he was unable to be up and around he did not fail to give spiritual advice to his children, and told them of Jesus who died to save them from

sin. As long as he could see he would read the Bible, talk, and pray with his family. He would welcome talks about the goodness of God, often repeatedly saying for him it would be better to go, but he also felt the need of staying with his family.

As a boy he learned to love the Lord around the family altar, and gave his heart to Him. Later in years the cares and trials of life crowded in and one day he awoke to the fact that he had wasted good years of his life in sinful living and realized he must seek the old paths that he had learned at home. That dear mother's prayers and pleadings were still following him. He gave his heart to God two years ago, and was baptized. Since then he has been growing in grace and the knowledge of the truth. His last and great burden was for those of his loved ones and friends who did not know Christ as their personal Saviour, that they would prepare to meet him in the glory world.

The funeral was conducted Oct. 13th, first at the home where Bro. O.C. Porter read Ps. 121; then at the chapel Bro. Sam Barton addressed the large audience which had gathered to pay their last respects to their much-beloved friend and loved one, using Heb. 5:8, and other scriptures.

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Glennie Forbes, seven year old son of Glenn and Elizabeth Forbes of Burbank, California, departed this life on Wednesday night, August 25, 1948. He was a victim of the polio epidemic that swept this country during this summer and fall. He was stricken with the disease on Monday, Aug. 23, and his young life was snuffed out by it on the third day following.

Glennie was born in Glendale, California, and was a member of the small children's class in the saints' Sunday school there from the time he was large enough to be in the class up to and including the Sunday preceding his death. He is much missed in the Sunday school as he always took an active part in answering the questions and discussing the lessons.

He is survived by his parents, one younger brother, Darrel, and his grandparents on both sides of the family and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by O. B. Wilson, jr. and A. E. Harmon in the Grandview Cemetery, Glendale, California, and interment was in that cemetery on Friday afternoon Aug. 27. Scripture reading: 2 Samuel 12:15-23. Sermon Text: "A little child shall lead them" with other scripture texts as Matt. 18:1-6 and Matt. 19:13-15.

We are glad to report at this time that the sermon text "A little child shall lead them" was verified literally in this case. On Wednesday night, Sept. 1st, just one week after Glennie's death his mother sought and found God at an altar of prayer in the saints' prayer meeting, and she has been rejoicing and happy in the sin-pardoning love of God from then until now. So then even though Glennie's life on earth was a short one and he was plucked as a tender bud, yet he can have at least one soul to his credit on God's record, and we hope that others will yet be led to God through this means.

## PRAYER REQUEST

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I am requesting the saints to pray for my healing. I had scarlet fever when young and it affected my ears and I have repeated colds. Please pray for my stomach and female trouble. I have but very little faith in doctors and medicine or treatments. I am almost sure I have a cancer. I pray this request will reach some saint of God who will reach the throne.

Pauline Millar

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## THE LOVE OF GOD TO MAN



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"The New Testament Church and Its Symbols" is again in stock. This book has been revised and another article added which makes it contain 145 pages with good paper binding. We have had many calls for this book. Some of the saints buy them in large quantities and send one to every minister in their city and to ministers in other cities. It portrays the true Church with Bible symbols, metaphors, and analogies in such a plain and simple way that it is easy for spiritually minded people to see and understand. The price is 25 cents each or five books for \$1.00, twenty-five books for \$5.00, post paid.

Church of God Doctrines, a 190-page book by C. C. Carver is still in stock and may be obtained from this publishing house or from the author whose address is Shreveport, La. in care of Post Office. Price 50 cents each or five books for \$2.00, post paid.

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Dear saints and all readers of the "Faith and Victory,"—I feel that the Lord impresses me to write on the subject of God's love for man. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." Praise God! I am glad that I have the love of God dwelling in me. "Hereby we know that we dwell in Him and He in us because he has given us of his Spirit" 1 John 4:13. "We love him because he first loved us" 1 John 4:19. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love." 1 John 4:8. Dear ones, the love of God makes us happy and free in this world. He whom the Son makes free is free indeed. Sanctify them through thy truth, thy Word is truth." I am very glad that I am saved, sanctified, satisfied, and on my way to glory. I love everybody. All we need is in the Lord. He is full of love and mercy and tender compassion. He says He will supply all of our needs.

The Lord is a Healer in Zion. Three years ago last summer I was walking with the aid of two sticks, not able to walk alone, and He healed me until I did not need the sticks. I have been walking alone ever since.

I am a witness of His wonderful works of healing. About 32 years ago he healed me of consumption, said to be in the last stage. About a year later I was stricken down with acute indigestion. I was so sick they had to help me in and out of bed and would give me a little soup and water to drink in a spoon. I was scarcely able to eat for nine days. While lying in bed one night, feeling sick enough to die, the Voice of the Lord came to me, saying,

"If you will get out of this bed and go walking into that room I will bid the misery to depart from your body." I hesitated a little while and then decided the Lord would not tell me to do a thing that I could not do, so I made an attempt to obey Him. He gave me strength, and I got out of the bed and walked into the room where the family was. They knew I could not get in and out of bed, nor hardly speak above a whisper, so when I opened the door and entered the room, oh! what rejoicing there was. They saw that the Lord God of heaven had healed me. Oh! praise God and the Lamb for ever more! What a mighty God we serve! Dearly beloved, faith and obedience is what brings the reward. When we attempt, by faith, to obey the Voice of God, He gives the needed help.

Yes, I love our dear Lord. I want to please Him in every deportment of my life. He has done much for me. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1. Oh, may God help us to walk closely to Him, is my prayer.

Your sister, Salissa Griffin. Boley, Okla.

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## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Dear saints abroad and all that read the "Faith and Victory" paper, greetings in the name of our great Shepherd, Jesus our loving Lord. He is the good Shepherd.

After forty-two years of service in our Lord's great harvest field, I can most assuredly say, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." The Lord is my Shepherd that's all I want. He makes His faithful sheep to lie down in green pastures. What a beautiful picture this makes. "When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down and thy sleep shall be sweet."

Prov. 3:24. These are such comforting words to all of our Lord's faithful ones. He restores our souls and leads us in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Our good Shepherd knows how to care for his sheep.

We hear Jesus say, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. There is no danger of our going wrong as long as we are following Jesus our good Shepherd. And even though we are called to go thru the valley of the shadow of death we will fear no evil, for our good Shepherd is with us and we get much comfort from His rod and His staff (His Word and His Spirit) which are and will be with us always. We have His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. In Psalm 27:10 we read, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Some people make such a gloomy picture of the valley of the shadow of death. But any one knows that we cannot have a shadow without a light.

The valley of the shadow of death is lighted with the glory of our good Shepherd, for he went thru the valley of the shadow of death before he called us to go thru, and the light of his glory still lingers wherever he has gone.

His promise is that he prepares a table before us right in the presence of our enemies where we can feast on all the good things he has prepared for us, and who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ, who can his glory declare? And Paul said, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." He is our great and good Shepherd. He died for us that we might live. Oh, glory, glory, glory be to the name of our good Shepherd!

Then He anoints our heads with the oil of gladness and our cup runs over. Then with joy we draw water out of the wells of salvation, and say, "Praise the Lord." We call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, and make mention that the name of our good Shepherd is exalted. Then we will cry out and shout for we are the inhabitants of Zion, for great is the name of our great and good Shepherd among us, his people. Yes, we are called to sing unto the Lord for he hath done excellent things for us. This is known in all the earth.

Each saint who is living faithful and true will be able to say from the depth of his heart and soul, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord FOR EVER." We understand that the house of the Lord means the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. This is the bride the Lamb's wife which came down from God out of heaven (Rev. 21:9, 10). We are chosen as lively stones and built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, so that we may offer up spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable to God by Jesus Christ our great loving and good Shepherd. According to Peter's writing, we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, and a peculiar people, and we show forth the praises of Him (our good Shepherd) who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. "For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." Praise God forever and ever.

Your happy blood-washed brother who has left all the world to follow Jesus our good Shepherd, Amen.

George W. Stephenson 207 S. McKinley, Shawnee, Okla.

## Sounding an Alarm

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain." Joel 2:1.

To all the saints and fellow ministers: I feel very burdened for Zion and all the citizens of the beautiful city for which the Lord gave his life to perfect. We are living in a dangerous time and the tide of the world is trying to force its way in on every hand. It puts a fear in my heart and I realize the necessity of *watching*. As Peter said, "Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear." 1 Peter 1:17. Truly we as the people of God and the Lord's only bride and elect have much cause to be burdened in these days. There are many in trouble and afflictions. There are many serious cases of affliction among us that need all our care and prayers. We surely have much to do. These cases of sickness are our battles as much as they are the battles of those who are suffering. There are some serious cases that need healing, not only for the good of the persons who are sick, but also for the glory of God and the sake of Zion. I do not believe the Lord wants us to lose all the serious cases that come before the church. I believe He would be pleased to give victory in these cases.

My mind goes to the lamentation of Jeremiah when he saw the complaint of Israel (1:12), "Is it nothing to you?" Now every saved person should ask yourself this question in the fear of God. There are so many cares of the world crowding out the burden for God's cause these days. There seems to be a spirit of sociability loose that will choke out spirituality among the church every time it gets into the congregations. Saints, let us watch this thing. It is more dangerous than you might think. All kinds of socials are of the world, and the Word tells us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Praise God for the Word.

I knew of a place once where a sister of the congregation was very sick, nigh unto death and suffering severely. At services one day the saints set a day for prayer and fasting for her, which was good, but at the same time they announced a shower and little get-together for a couple who had recently married. It was to be on the same night of the fast day and all the congregation were urged to attend. Now saints, you judge this by the 12th chapter of Acts when Peter was in jail. Where were the saints that night, and what were they doing? Do you think they were at some place eating ice cream or some refreshments with friends. May God help us. Saints, are you guilty of such? One sister said to me that the saints have always had showers, etc. That may be true. I have no complaint to make about showers if they are kept in the family or friends and at home for the needy cause and purpose of helping someone, but when we bring these things into the church we'd better take heed. When sociability moves into the church, spirituality moves out. It has always been this way. These things accompanied other worldliness which caused the great landslide. For the saints



to start having little socials, ice cream suppers, wedding receptions, showers, etc. in a chapel which is dedicated to God as a place of public worship (and should be used for that purpose only) is one of the most dangerous things I know of. Saints, I say, take warning. Such will turn God's face from us, and we surely need Him now for some cases right among us.

May the Lord bless all the saints who read this, and let us all cry out to God for Zion day and night until He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Read Isaiah 62:1-8. Are we this kind of watchmen? May the Lord bless His little remnant and keep them in the narrow way, is my prayer. I do love Zion and all the citizens thereof. Praise the dear Lord.

— Archie Souders

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## Be Not Deceived

In 1 John 3:7 there is a plain warning that there is danger of being deceived by false prophets; therefore, the Word of God is very plain so that we should not be deceived by false teachers and lose our souls. God knew that false prophets were gone out into the world wearing sheep's clothing (church profession), and would deceive many weak children, especially new converts; therefore, He warns them to be not deceived by false prophets.

One false teaching is that Christ does not come in the flesh, therefore the body of flesh can not be cleansed, made free from sin. We have the warning in God's Word, "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as he [Christ] is righteous." 1 John 3:7. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin BECAUSE he is born of God. In this [freedom from sin] THE CHILDREN OF GOD are MANIFEST and the CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL. Whosoever doeth not righteousness [SINS] is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother" 1 John 3:8-10.

The teaching that it is impossible to live free from sin is contrary to the above scriptures, and is promulgated by an anti-Christ spirit. A theory that accompanies this teaching is that the outer fleshly man is full of sin, but the inner spiritual man, which is Christ in the heart by faith, does not commit sin; and He (Christ) is the substitute for the sins in the flesh which one commits daily. How does such a doctrine harmonize with Mark 7:20-23? "That which COMETH OUT OF THE MAN, that defileth the man. for FROM WITHIN, out of the HEART OF MEN proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ALL these things come FROM WITHIN and defile the man." According to the Word of God, sins that people commit come out of the heart. Advocates of the "carnal security" doctrine claim that they have

had a change of heart, been born again, etc. One thing I would like for them to explain and prove by the Word of God is: How can Christ, God the Father, and the Holy Ghost come into a man's heart or body (The body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.) and his heart contain such things as are mentioned in the above scripture?

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past that THEY which do such things SHALL NOT inherit the kingdom of God." "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. And THEY that are Christ's have CRUCIFIED the FLESH with the affections and LUSTS. If we live in the Spirit [And we must live in the Spirit if the Spirit lives in us] let us ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT." You can surely see by the Word of God that the works, or deeds, of the flesh will cause a man to lose his inheritance, or soul, which is eternal life in the kingdom of God.

The way that "seemeth right" is the way that tries to hold to God with one hand (spirit only) and hold to Satan with the other (fleshly carnal nature). This is nothing more nor less than a double minded man trying to serve two masters at the same time, which cannot be done. LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU.

— C. S. Wyatt

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## How To Find God

YOU must WANT to find Him.

Jer. 29:13, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Heb. 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Matt. 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you."

John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Isa. 55:6, 7, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God. for he will abundantly pardon." This is GOD speaking to your soul.

— Charles H. Weir



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello, Children:

Did you ever see the picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd? He is pictured with sheep following him and is carrying the little lamb. Did you ever wish you were that little lamb? It is so close to Jesus and he is holding it so tenderly. You know, Jesus is that close to you. If you have given him your heart and pray to him to care for you, he will put his arms around you and care for you and you need not fear any danger.

Some children are afraid of the dark. But since you know Jesus has his arms around you keeping all danger away, you won't be afraid any more, will you? God causes it to be dark at night so everyone will stop working and sleep; and he doesn't want little children to be afraid of what he has made. He wants you to just go to sleep, knowing Jesus is watching over you. That is a sweet thing to know, isn't it?

When I was a little girl we had a wind storm. One window in our house was broken by a falling tree and the house shook. I began to cry as I was afraid. But, you know, the first thing I wanted when I became afraid was prayer. I asked Mother and Papa to pray and I wasn't afraid any more. I knew in my heart that Jesus was watching over us because we asked him to.

If we were alone and did not have Jesus to help us we would be weak. You take a match stick. You can easily break it, but you put a nail beside the match stick and you cannot break it because the nail by the match stick makes it strong. So Jesus by us makes us strong. We do not have to yield to wrong of any kind or be afraid, do we? Jesus makes us strong. So do not forget to pray and ask Jesus to stay by you and help you. Then thank him for helping you.

I know as you go to school many other children will try to get you to do wrong, but since you won't do wrong, it helps them. Maybe they are weak and listen to the wrong thing the devil tells them to do; but if you won't do it with them when they ask you to, maybe that will help them to be stronger and they won't do wrong.

Jesus makes you strong and causes you to help others to be strong. May Jesus bless each of you and keep you by his power.

—Aunt Marie

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W. Va.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I'd like to say I enjoy your Children's Corner very much. I was saved at an old fashioned camp meeting here in Huntington. I'm not sanctified yet, but I would like to be. Pray for me that I will be sanctified wholly. My father is a minister of the gospel. I am 13 years of age and memorized 586 verses.

Leonard Carter

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. We have received many blessings in the past. We are picking cotton but on rainy days we have time to write to the saints. It always encourages me to get letters from the

saints. My two sisters and I have written some poems. This is mine:

I think we have a wonderful privilege  
To gather each week in prayer,  
You always seem so happy  
With the saints that are gathered there.

I wish sinners had that privilege too.  
If today you are not saved,  
Don't let that privilege slip thru.

So each week when we kneel in prayer,  
Don't forget the Lord has an extra crown  
That you might wear.

So come, be saved today  
Before it is too late.  
Don't put salvation away,  
Because you know not your fate.

My two little sisters are together sending an offering  
of a dollar. Christian love, Sybilla Miller

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One night we had a meeting and many sanctified,  
Then the children of God would really testify.  
Oh, it's lovely to have prayer,  
But if we don't, our burdens we cannot bear.  
Jesus our loving Saviour would love to have a talk,  
Then the straight way people would walk.  
Oh, this prayer meeting when we read the truth,  
And even it tells us that in St. Luke.

With Christain love, Aquilla Mae Miller, age 10.

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### PRAYER MEETING

We have a wonderful meeting and it is true I know,  
I hear the wonderful testimonies, and they are so.  
God will bless them I know

If they keep their testimonies going that are so.  
With love, Cynthia Miller, age 8.

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## Why Must Christians Suffer?

Oft may the question come to the minds of dear souls starting out for God: Why must Christians suffer? Beloved, believe God has a good purpose in Christian suffering. We want to talk a little about some of His purpose.

Our dear Saviour suffered. We, by partaking of his suffering become partakers of His divine nature. Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. He is able to succor those who are tempted because he was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He understands because he has experienced the things we are suffering. We desire an understanding heart. We desire compassion like Christ's, love and sympathy like his. If we pray a prayer of this sort, we can hardly know what we are asking for, or what it will cost us.

How can we sympathize with the hungry or thirsty unless we ourselves have been hungry or thirsty? How can we feel a real burden for the sick and afflicted unless we have been sick or afflicted? How can we mourn with those who mourn unless we have learned what loss is?

Our dear Lord teaches us to humble ourselves and confess our wrongs, asking forgiveness of those whom we have wronged. This is a precious lesson. But we do not fully learn what forgiveness is until we are called upon to forgive. Have you ever been asked to forgive a wrong when it took agonizing in prayer, plea after plea for more grace to forgive just as fully as Christ forgave us? That is one way we are able to learn what wondrous love our Lord has for us. We cannot fully, freely, and lovingly forgive a great wrong against ourselves without receiving and manifesting a direct ray of that greatest and holiest love that God bestows on us thru his Son.

That is suffering of the sort that diffuses a holy light around the lives of God's own people and makes them able to comfort one another with the comfort wherewith they themselves are comforted of God.

But we must watch, lest we suffer and yet fall short of God's purpose that he purposeth to accomplish in us. The great lessons God teaches us are never for our own benefit alone to be selfishly hid away in our heart; but God says, "As every man has received the gift so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." God gives us grace, but we are *stewards* of that grace. His purpose is that it should be shed abroad in our lives to the magnifying of God's glory. Just in the exact proportion that God blesses you, he expects you to bless your neighbor. Just in the exact proportion that God comforts you, he purposes for you to comfort others. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Our blessings are not ours alone to enjoy. Just as *freely* as God blesses you, so bless ye others!

Our Lord has said, "He that drinketh the water that I give shall never thirst." Again he says, "He that believeth on me, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." Do you see his perfect plan? It is a continual inpouring and outpouring. We drink of His living water and it becomes a living stream—Nay, a RIVER flowing from within us.

To be willing to suffer is to be spiritually unselfish. Yes, there is a spiritual selfishness—a seeking after spiritual blessings, but with the wrong purpose. Always, in ALL our seeking for blessing, we must desire the full accomplishment of God's purpose and the futherance of his kingdom—not just a spiritual excellence for ourselves. Sometimes folks desire to excel spiritually, but by the wrong motive.

Who is willing to suffer for the Saviour without drawing back? Suffer for His kingdom, His people, and His glory? —Virginia Whittenborn

## Wings of Faith

"Does a storm beat wild around thee;  
Dark and threatening are thy skies?  
Be not fearful Christ has allowed it;  
He would have thee higher rise.

"He would have thee rise above it,  
Spread thy wings and upward fly.  
In the sunshine of His presence,  
Till the trouble passes by.

"Do not then, sit weeping, struggling,  
Nor for pity Christ implore;  
Mount on wings of faith, my brother,  
Till the raging storm is o'er."

"Let not your heart be troubled." John 14:1.

Jesus knew that the bearing of the cross would bring tribulation, so before His departure he spoke these words to his disciples. In His ministry He always insisted on the necessity of bearing the cross. No cross, no crown. "But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:35. We can get to the place in the divine life to where we can say like the apostle Paul, "and not only so; but we glory in tribulation also . . ." Rom. 5:3. Dear one, is that your testimony? It can be if you want it strong enough and will exercise yourself in a godly manner in all the stress and strain of life which comes to every man and woman. It is not so much what happens to you that counts, but how do you react. That is what counts with God. Our reactions are going to settle our final destiny in the last great day.

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." 2 Tim. 2:4. Today we find many ministers who are not heeding this command of the Lord. They will hold jobs in the business world, and are so tied down they cannot go to do any work for the Lord unless their earthly boss lets them off for a few days. God does not accept that kind of service. "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned except he strive lawfully." Verse 5. Brother and sister, if we are to be accepted of God, we must go his way. In Malachi chapter one, God was condemning the Jews for offering less than the best on the altar. The same principal holds good today. Half-hearted service will not do. Maybe the devil has told you that Jesus cannot increase the loaves and fishes any more, that He has been robbed of His power. If that is not your trouble maybe there is a shortage of power in you; namely Divine Love in the soul. You might laugh and lightly pass over this article, but it will meet you in the judgment. 1 Peter 4:17 says: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God." Our heart has been burdened lately to sound out this warning to God's people. In the last quoted Scripture the writer was not speaking of anyone but God's own peculiar people. Perfect obedience will bring faith for all things and we can be hid away with Christ in God; and in the words of the poet: "It will matter but little what we have passed through," when we stand before the Judge of judges. Paul rated them as light afflictions. (2 Cor. 4:17). How do they rate with you?

May God bless you all to do His will, is my prayer.  
—Curtis Bedsole

Springfield, Mo.—The all day meeting was held at Springfield Oct. 17th with a good attendance. We were glad to have saints from Kansas, Webb City and Neosho, Mo. with us. The day was enjoyed by all present with a good feast from Father's table.  
—Pearlie Porter.

## Let Us Pray

Dear reader, I am glad today for salvation in my soul. The Lord means much to me, praise His dear name. I want to live closer to Him. He is my all and in all. He heals me when I am sick and He is my friend in need. I thank Him for saving grace, bless His holy name. If we need anything we can just take it to the Lord in prayer and He will give it to us if He sees best. He knows what is good for us and will give good gifts to his children.

The Lord requires His children to have pure hearts, and He will purify them by the blood of the Lamb. If you allow sin to have dominion over you in this life it will be your torment throughout all eternity. God tells us in His Word, "These shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." (Matt. 25:45). We must live holy lives while we stay here on this earth in order to be ready to meet Him in peace when we leave this earth. If we let Him purify us here and keep us pure, it will be a happy day when we meet Him. Jesus sees everything that we do.

The Lord wants workers to harvest his grain, so let us labor for the Master. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few. Let us do our bit for Christ. If you need help just take it to the Lord in prayer. He will hear you wherever you are, even on the streets, at work, or play, on bus or train. He can hear your prayers. Blessed are they that do His will. I am not only speaking to the sinner, but also to the saints, for we all need God. We need to pray more and pray hard, so pray, pray, pray. We need to pray for the sick and the blind, and for all our needs, and for the unsaved.

All Christians need to lift up their voices in prayer and thanksgiving to God for His great love and kindness.

Praise the dear Lord for the Lamb of God that taketh away our sins. Dear ones, if you have not already given Jesus your heart, listen to God's voice say, "Give me thine heart." Oh, do not put off salvation too long. Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Behold, now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation. If you ever reach heaven you will have to seek Jesus. Do it now. Do not wait until next week, but call upon Him now while He is near. The Lord says, "Ye shall seek for me and shall find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29: 13. Our Father also says, "SEEK YE ME AND YE SHALL LIVE." Praise the Lord.

Dear friends, you cannot hide your sins from the all-seeing eyes of God. Won't you please go to the Lord in prayer and ask him to forgive your sins. He is willing to forgive them and blot them out. Just look to the Lord and live. Then you must forgive those who have sinned against you dear ones, if you expect Him to forgive you. None of us know what tomorrow will bring and none of us know when death will call, so be ready when he calls us to meet him in the air. Won't you put your soul in the hands of the Master who can save you from your sins? Let us pray over this matter and surrender all to God.

Let us pray, pray, pray; and may God bless you, is my prayer. Your brother in Christ, Harvey Johnson

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## Accusations

What I am about to write has a very dark appearance, and lest the reader might conclude that such an experience is the unavoidable lot of every Christian, I must say that it is not. No one who will

begin right, and begin in time, to cast aside the suggestions of Satan need suffer such things. Life is largely made up of habits, and only those who get into the habit of listening to impressions and ignoring reason and their better judgment are likely to fall into the ditch of accusations about to be described.

To those who are in this dark pit there seems no way of escape, and of all persons in this world who need the encouragement and the prayers of God's people, those who are tormented with accusations need them most. I say tormented, because to be accused by Satan is the purest type of torment and is akin to the torment of hell. None but those who have felt the living torture of accusation can realize the depth of suffering inflicted thereby. And what is more cruel, the devil invariably imposes accusations on the most conscientious persons. Those who are hard-hearted and stiff-necked he never attempts to accuse, as they already belong to him. He accuses the innocent and excuses the guilty.

The accusing spirit is generally so well disguised that persons unaccustomed to his wily tricks are so easily deceived by him. Accusations often seem so real that it is hard for the over-conscientious soul to discriminate between accusations and real conviction. Satan will come with a load of accusations and without asking permission will unload them at the door of some conscientious child of God whom he thinks too feeble to remove them; and if he meets with any resistance, he will at once transform himself into an angel of light and strike his victim with the fear that he may grieve the Lord. Satan will cast an accusation at a soul, and if inquiry is made as to where it comes from, he will reply at once that it comes from God. He often continues this deception for many days, and weeks, and sometimes for years, before he is detected.

Under the awful accusing powers of the devil, souls often hope for death to relieve them of their anguish. But even here Satan appears and says, "You can not die, and you will never be free from these awful feelings, and even if you were to die you are unprepared." Under such torment the nerves are often wrecked and the reason almost dethroned, and still Satan is not satisfied. Accusing spirits can never be satisfied. If you are accused of committing sin and you undertake to repent, the devil will then say that you are not repenting right, that your heart is not in it, or that you are just going through a form. If Satan can get you to give up and try to repent, he will then say, "You had a much better experience before than you now have, and it would have been much better if you had not given up."

Accusations very often get people into the most rigorous bondage. For instance Satan will impress you to do some certain things—possibly to speak to some one concerning salvation—and say, "If you do not obey, you will lose your soul." Such suggestions are usually made when it would be unreasonable or impossible to obey them, then Satan will say, "You have grieved the Lord."

It is almost enough to drive insane any one who will listen to the repeated accusations of the devil. The past experience abandoned, the present one unsatisfactory, and but little hope for the future, the soul sighs and reels beneath the load, supposing that God is grieved away, when it is only Satan's lie.

Satan is very cautious in his approaches. He will not present too much at once, lest he should be detected; and yet when the proper time comes, he will present the most unreasonable things possible. He generally begins by suggesting that you are not sanctified. If he can get you to believe this, he will begin to argue about as follows: "Now, you know that you could not lose sanctification without losing all, so you are unsaved and will have to repent." On this you give up and begin to try to repent; but as you can not think of anything of which to repent, you will possibly conclude you are all right after all. At this juncture Satan again appears on the scene and suggests that even if you were all right in the first place, you are now backslidden, as you have doubted the Lord. After you have struggled on under these false impressions for a while, Satan will then advance far enough to tell you that you have committed the unpardonable sin, and grieved the Holy Spirit entirely away. This lie is selfevident to all who are acquainted with the wiles of the devil, from the fact that the one who has committed the unpardonable sin does not feel convicted. But many poor souls have believed this falsehood, and on account of it have been driven to the utmost bounds of human anguish. Mortal tongue can not frame words to describe the suffering of a soul thus accused of the devil. The imagination of Dante could not dream of a darker scene than this, nor could the brush of the most skilled artist paint a picture so dismal.

Probably the next step Satan will take is to suggest self-destruction, or suicide. And souls in this awful state of mental anguish have been known to take their own lives, and so perish soul and body, when mercy was freely offered.

The same vile spirit of the devil that will accuse you about your own experience will in order to cut off any possible help he may see coming your way, accuse others to you and cause you to lose confidence in them thus causing still greater discouragement.

Along with the spirit of accusation there often goes a disposition to confess all the deeds of one's life. Satan will bring to your mind some past mistake or sin or failure and tell you that if you do not confess it you will lose your soul. Then when you go and confess to some one, Satan will turn and accuse you for doing what he impressed you to do, and will say that you have made a fool of yourself and that the brother to whom you have confessed will never have confidence in you again. I have known persons under the spirit of accusation to confess publicly to the secret sins of their life, which the Lord had long forgiven and forgotten. Such confession brings shame and disgrace to the cause of Christ, and nothing but discouragement to the confessor. The spirit of accusation is a greedy tyrant

that can not be satisfied. The person who tries to confess until the spirit of accusation has been satisfied will find a life-long task.

The Bible teaches that we shall confess our sins but does not teach that we shall confess them to everybody. Sometimes confession to certain individuals is necessary, and sometimes when a community has been wronged, sinned against, or disgraced, public confession is required. "Confession to whom confession is due" is a good motto. If you have sinned against God and against him only, then confess your sins to him alone, and he will be faithful and just to forgive you and to CLEANSE you from all unrighteousness. If you have wronged your neighborhood, your brother, your wife, your husband your children, or your parents, confess your wrong to those whom you have wronged and to them alone. If you have committed sin before the public, have sinned openly, then confess your sin publicly. Remember this and do not let Satan put you over the mark and cause you to bring disgrace upon the cause of Christ and discouragement to your own soul.

Sometimes people get into such a habit of confessing past deeds that they are seized by an irresistible desire to confess their past life, and their only relief, it seems, is to pour out their confession to somebody who will listen to their tale of woe. I have known dear souls who were as honest as truth to confess under the influence of accusation that they had been hypocrites all their lives. Such confession never benefits any one.

I repeat, you can not satisfy the spirit of accusation, for it will accuse you till you confess and then accuse you for confessing. So there is no end to it only by saying, "The Lord rebuke thee." To open your heart to a spiritual adviser able to instruct you is often beneficial, but continually confessing, confessing, confessing, is a work of the devil and will only tend to discourage and dishearten you.

With joy we point to a proffered way of escape for every soul bowed down by the accusing and discouraging powers of the devil. Every one who will take God's way may be set free, and instead of being depressed by Satan may tread him under foot, for God has promised "Power over all the power of the enemy."

The case of one oppressed with accusation very much reminds us of a certain ship and its crew that were once lost at sea. Having exhausted their fresh water supply, they were famishing with thirst; and on sighting another vessel passing near them, they cried out, "Water! fresh water!" In reply the crew on the passing vessel informed them that they were in the mouth of the Amazon River, and shouted, "Let down your buckets." Had not this lost crew been informed that they were in fresh waters, they might have perished, when help was near. Dear soul, there is help for you; the water of life is offered free, and if you will only drink, you may live.

There is one rule by which you may always detect the spirit of the devil and distinguish it from the Spirit of God. When the Spirit of God is convicting

you of sin, it will point out the wrong so clearly that you will not be left in doubt; but when the devil is accusing, he can never tell what is wrong. You feel very bad, and in every way you may feel like a sinner; but if you do not know that you have transgressed God's written law, stand your grounds and defy the devil. Satan may say that your trials are not like other people's trials, or that they last too long to be trials only; but if you continue to resist him, he must flee. You must be willing to bear trials, for "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation." Jas. 1:12. You must learn to "Count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations." Jas. 1:2; and "let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Jas. 1:4.

Yonder is a city of refuge, dear accused and despondent soul, to which you may flee to be safe. It is called Stability, and its streets are paved with victory. In it floats the air of freedom, and all its inhabitants, though not without trials, are triumphant. The road which leads to it is perseverance and faith. Flee to it before the slayer strikes the final blow and your soul is lost; for little does Satan care whether you lose your soul through accusation or through crime. Start today for the city of refuge, for its gates are open wide to admit the weary soul. Linger not to spend your time in listening to Satan, for he seeks your destruction. Sternly resist him and turn your back upon him forever.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." Jas. 4:7, 8. Some people spend all their time resisting the devil, consequently have no time to draw nigh to God. Resist the devil, leave him with the accusations, ignore him, draw nigh to God; God will draw nigh to you, and victory shall be yours.

—from *Rays of Hope*, selected by D. A. Gibson

## CORRESPONDENCE

Calif.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory," greeting to all in Jesus' name. I am still trusting in the Lord for soul and body. I was always told when ever you had hay fever it would stay with you until frost and it would leave. But, dear ones, I want to say the God whom I trust will heal anything, praise His holy name. And by His grace I mean to ever keep my trust in Him. A man told me a few days ago that God works too slow for him. I told him it had been fifteen years since I had taken anything. He then said there would come a day when I would take something, and that I would die if I didn't. I told him that people are dying every day and are going to doctors.

Also, something was growing on my body and the Lord took it off. I do not know when it left. It was a cluster of four pones about an inch long. One day I felt for them and they were gone. A number of times it has healed my body.

I am much encouraged in God to press on. Pray for me, that I ever keep my hand in God's hand, and that my life may be a light to sinners. Jettie Mae Phillips

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. This is to tell you God heard and answered prayer and touched my body with His healing virtue and gave

victory thru faith in His name. I wrote for special prayer in my behalf on Tuesday and I was fasting. I thought you would get my letter Thursday, so that evening I was praying and seemed to get victory and thought I could claim healing; but that night soon after I went to bed I felt it coming back. The bed was cold and it got very severe. I said, "Lord, didn't you promise us power over the power of the devil?" He said, "Yes." Then I began rebuking the devil, but the pains kept getting worse for awhile. It was severe suffering, but the Lord said, "Resist him steadfast in the faith and he will flee from you." I had quite a battle, but never lost faith. I continued to rebuke the devil and resist him with all his impositions and commanded him in the name of Jesus to take his hands off me and to get behind me. After so long a time, by my contending and standing on the promises of God, the pains stopped and I began to praise God. Then it came back again it seemed with more force and greater pains, if possible, but I still stood on God's promises and the pains all stopped, this time not to return. But my knee was left sore at the bone. It did not hurt unless I stepped a certain way or pressed on it at a certain place, or when I try to walk down a little bank it would hurt. I had to limp and cripple around, but I kept asking God to take all soreness out, and it is just about gone now and I can walk without limping. I give God the praise for it all.

I got ready to go with Sister Glass to Arkansas, but she did not feel like coming this far alone as it makes her sick to travel. Pray for her that the Lord will keep her from getting sick on the bus and that He may lead in this case.

I am so glad and thankful we have such a wonderful God and Saviour and Healer for both soul and body. Praise his dear name for ever. Lizzie Harper

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La.—To all the saints, greetings in Jesus name,—I am still saved and trusting in my blessed loving Saviour. I feel impressed to write my testimony to tell the world what Jesus has done for me. The most wonderful thing he did was to redeem my soul from sin, praise his dear name. Several weeks ago I had an attack of indigestion. I awoke about midnight with a ridge across my stomach and was choking. I kept getting worse. My daughter Jean called Bro. Max Williamson to come and pray. The suffering would let up a little but in a few minutes it would return. Bro. Charlie Bailey came. They prayed several times. I got relief and they went home. It came back again. Bro. Max and Sister Audrey Baumgartner came and prayed until we got the victory. I had nervous chills and was at death's door. I could not have stood another attack, but the dear Lord is so good to me. I could not be up Sat. I was weak and dizzy, but Sunday I was able to be at both services, praise the dear Lord.

I tripped my foot on the street Oct. 5th, Monday. I did not think I was hurt badly. I got up and walked about a mile and had arrived at my aunt's home when I suddenly began to get real sick. I went to bed and soon learned I could not move my leg or even sit up. It was getting worse. I got home, and sent for the saints to pray. Bro. Charlie Bailey and wife were the first ones here. Soon others arrived. I had another attack of indigestion. They prayed again until we got the victory. Praise the dear Lord. My unsaved children thought my knee was out of place so they sent for a doctor. My leg was so swollen he could not tell anything, so the Lord gets the praise and glory. He is so good to me to heal

when we get sick. Praise His holy name. He has promised to be a present help in time of need. He never fails us. I have thought more seriously what it really means to be ready at all times to go. I mean by his help to make heaven my home. I need your prayers also for my unsaved family. Yours in Christ, Mary Bush.

Indiana.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have a request for prayer. I have been reading "Faith and Victory" paper for quite some time now, and I believe that the saints of this paper can get their prayers thru to God in my behalf. I have high blood pressure and heart trouble and it seems many other things wrong with my health. I have been praying for myself but have not been able to touch the Lord. I do not know of anything that would keep Him from answering. I am willing to give up everything of the world and serve him. Pray for me that I may have complete healing from my illness. I would love to receive letters from those to whom God has given complete victory. I shall be looking for the letters and waiting for your prayers to be answered. You may print this letter that the saints may know my request. Pray for me that I may learn to know the Lord better. Emma Cannan, 128 Dickson St., Plymouth, Ind.

Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings: I am glad and thankful to the dear Lord for all He has done for me. I appreciate the Lord and His children much for the help that has been given me from the bondage and power of sin. I am certainly glad for the real freedom and liberty His children have, which we did not have for quite awhile. I am so glad I was brought up to love the Lord and appreciate people who trusted Him for both soul and body completely.

Early Tuesday morning of September 7th, if the Lord had not undertaken for me through the earnest prayers of His dear children, I would not be here today. I was sick for about one hour, not knowing it. I was snatched from the jaws of death. I appreciate it very much that the Lord spared my life and helped me as he did. One thing that I have been very thankful for is that whenever I would get sick I would have the saints pray and I would get well.

Any instructions that any of God's dear children have to offer for my encouragement would be appreciated. I expect, by the grace and help of the dear Lord, to make it through and meet Him in peace with His approval in my heart and life. Pray for each one of the saints here, that we stand firm and true for Him and be guided and instructed in the right way. Your saved brother,

Alvah Lawson, 527 S. Walker St., Webb City, Mo.

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Oklahoma.—To the dear saints of God that are scattered abroad, greetings in the precious name of Jesus,—I thank the dear Lord this morning for salvation and for his watchful protecting care each day. I am glad and thankful to God for the saints that held on to God for my healing. I can hear much better, also walk much better, for which I do praise God. I had almost given up to go Home, but the dear saints wept and encouraged me to hold on for healing. The dear Lord encouraged me and strengthened my faith and touched my body. Now I can hear the preaching of His Word, the testimonies and prayers and they can read to me now and I can hear them.

I am asking the saints who read this to continue to pray for me that the Lord will complete my healing.

Your sister for the whole truth, Somie Phillips

Ind.—Dear saints,—We attended the Guthrie campmeeting and had our girl Betty, age 10, anointed and prayed for, as her nerves had been upset. She got better, but after we came home she became worse again. Almost every night she could not stay in bed and was up and down until about midnight. When she was worn out she would fall asleep, but would wake up when morning came. She could not sit down to eat, and would only eat a few bites and say she was full. She had no rest at any time. We were praying and had written to brother and sister Pruitt asking them and the saints there to pray for her. My wife was about worn out, not being able to get her rest, and I would be called every other night to go out on the rail road at one-thirty.

She did not get any better, so we thought we would take her to a nerve specialist as we were so anxious to try to do something for her. But she would not take one bit of the medicine. But God heard the prayers and healed her body. She now eats and sleeps well and is improving each day. Bro. and sister Scott Baker.

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Kans.—To all the dear saints everywhere, greetings, I have enjoyed reading your fine letters and testimonies in "Faith and Victory," this little paper we love and appreciate so much, and I wondered if you would like to read mine. I feel so impressed to give it.

The Lord blessed us, Sister Edna Underwood, Husband and me, with a trip to California and the privilege of attending the last two days of the campmeeting. I had often heard Bro. O. B. Wilson, jr. testify to being glad for salvation and the benefits that accompany salvation. I had always appreciated that testimony, but truly never realized the full importance and reality of its meaning until we came to a mountain over-pass between Kingmore, and Needles Arizona. Having never traveled in mountains before, I felt I was in the most dangerous place I had ever known. Like so many things in life, it was upon us before we knew and realized the narrowness of the way and the dangers on every side. When we did, the dear God of heaven proved our strength, a very present help in time of need. The benefits of the power of Jesus' name I can never describe nor express. Only my heart knows. This is so like our Christian journey. The way is narrow with dangers and snares on every side and unless we keep a strong hold on the Lord we will be like Christian of "Pilgrim's Progress" who came to a mountain where it took the benefit of the power of Jesus' name to take him through.

We arrived in Pasadena Wednesday, but due to some obligation to others who accompanied us out there, we were unable to be in service until Saturday. We were received by the saints in much love and kindness. We were made glad for the way the saints' unsaved children of both races received us. They were outstanding in respect and hospitality. We enjoyed a wonderful service. Holy Ghost messages were brought, which were received with thanksgiving. We met many saints, among whom were some we knew quite well and esteemed. Sunday morning was another day, truly a high day in Zion. We had met the saints, been blessed with a good night's rest and were ready to hear from heaven by the Word and Spirit of the Lord. The services again were blessed with the power and presence of the Lord. How we did rejoice in our souls for the benefits and blessings accompanying salvation. Bro. Chandler brought the morning message, going deep into the Word of God on the subject of the progress of the church moving forward as one body, which



was indeed timely and seemed highly acceptable. Many made comments and application. Two were baptized, after which Bro. O. B. Wilson, jr. brought a message on the death, and passion of our dear Lord, the ordinance of feet washing and the hour of the last supper. Saints, it was the most realistic reproduced scene of the hour that the eyes of my soul has ever seen, felt, or known. Sunday night Bro. Gene Harmon delivered a soul stirring message and appeal to the Lost. The campmeeting came to a close with sweet peace and fellowship prevailing. We all parted in love.

We spent the next Wednesday with Bro. and Sister Wilson and their family and saints in that place, attending the prayer meeting, worshipping the Lord, and giving thanks to God for salvation and the benefits that accompany salvation. Pray for us that God will help us to be worthy of His love. The dear Lord blessed us with a safe trip home. How we do praise Him for salvation and the benefits that accompany salvation, which is no longer Bro. Wilson's testimony, but our very own. Praise the dear Lord from the very depth of our heart. Mary Martin

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Orland, Calif.—Dear Saints of God,—I feel that it would be to the glory of God for me to write my testimony of how good the Lord has been to me. He has saved my soul and kept me for several years and I am happy in the Lord's service. As many of the saints knew how sick I was last December, I want to say that the Lord was wonderful to me. I had letters written to different ones and telegrams sent, so I knew my case was in God's hands, but healing did not come as soon as my loved ones thought it should. They would ask why I did not get a doctor. But I said, "No, the Lord will heal me." As you know, sometimes we get impatient. We want to have our way, but I learned a good lesson from my sickness. I wanted to get well immediately. I did not think I had time to be sick, but I had to take time. Different ones of the saints came to see me. I well remember when Sister Opal Wilson came to fill the monthly appointment at Orland, and of course, I was worrying about not being able to wait on my company. She said, "Sister Alpha, you are going to have to get to the place where you can be willing for them to wait on you." It was hard for me to do that, but it pays to be obedient. I was confined to my bed and house for over four weeks. But when I was willing for the Lord to have his way, I began to mend.

I have been slow about writing my testimony, so I have been going through some more afflictions. I want to thank all the saints for their prayers, and most of all, I thank the Lord over and over for his healing power. I am satisfied with the Bible way. Remember me when you pray. I am having bad headaches. Alpha Daniels

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## Religious Glamour

Perhaps there is nothing more deceptive in this evil age than the religious glamour which is thrown over practically everything. Regardless of what schemes men may devise, if they can find a way to throw a religious cloak over them, scores of people will eagerly swallow the same and ask no questions. "It can't be wrong," thy say, "because it is so religious."

Years ago the secret orders learned to deceive people by this religious guise. Just recently a woman

remarked to a relative of mine that there could be nothing wrong with the lodge because it is all on the Bible and so religious. The terrible oaths taken in secret orders are thus covered over with a religious glamour; but it is a religion which, at the core, is bitterly opposed to genuine spirituality.

Churchmen, as well as statesmen, throw a religious glamour over the gory events of war. Religious publishing houses issue books extolling great generals and war leaders as men of faith; at the same time one can read in the newspaper the language used by some of these war heroes—language which no person of real faith would think of using. Yet some HOLINESS PROFESSORS seem to think that these men are good Christians!

Some time ago I heard a mother telling how she had written as follows to her son in training camp. "You are carrying on the work of Christ; for that is why Christ died on the cross—to save our souls and keep our country free." I am sure there is no Scripture which says that Christ died to keep our country (or any other country) free. Moreover, the boy in question was a worldly boy who gave no evidence of belonging to Christ—much less of carrying on His work.

What was that mother doing? She was deceiving both herself and her boy by throwing a religious glamour over his war activities. And that is done in more ways than one in regard to war. Too many people are living back in Old Testament times on the war question. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world."

A Hollywood star was pictured in a costume no modest woman would wear, and the newspaper article accompanying the picture stated that she had danced at a certain ball "all for charity's sake." We fear that the entry in Heaven's record books reads very differently. Yet the press praised this dancing girl for what was considered her pious streak of charity. This threw a religious glamour over her ungodly dancing.

Men die, and great flowery sermons (so-called) are preached over their mortal remains; sometimes the living are assured that the dead are now with the angels of heaven, even though the person in question may have made no profession whatever. What an attempt to throw a religious glamour over the death of a lost man or woman! Does that change the eternal habitation of a soul? Certainly not! But it *does* tend to deceive the living. What an awful thing for such a preacher to face at the judgment bar of God!

The reign of Constantine is stained with gross crimes. He had his brother-in-law, Licinius, executed in breach of a solemn pledge that his life would be spared. His own son, Crispus, was executed on a mere suspicion. Yet because he gave great sums of money for the building of Christian churches and claimed to have seen a supernatural sign in the skies, he was permitted to effect the union of church and state. This downward step on the part of the church was brought about because of the religious glamour thrown over the ungodly life and carnal ambitions of this ruler.



When warring against the Philistines, the backslidden Israelites had the ark of God brought into the camp. When it appeared they "shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again." But there was no God in it. It was merely religious glamour thrown over their backslidden condition; and they suffered a bitter defeat before their enemies. The church activities of many church organizations today are nothing more than religious glamour thrown over the ungodly lives of God-fighters and truth-rejectors.

Many movements seem to thrive on two things: First, their religion does not require a clean-cut separation from sin and worldliness; second, most of them are "healing cults." God can and does touch the bodies of His saints; but demon power is also at work. I want to know where my healing comes from. Satan is glad to lift his hand from the body of an individual if by such means he can deceive that soul into believing that he is right with God. One of the best means of deceiving the soul is to have a religious glamour thrown over demon activity as it works within the bodies and souls of men.

Even in the holiness movement, compromise and carnality are often plastered over with a religious glamour. The old-time preacher of the Gospel was used of the Spirit to locate the unsaved and crowd the unsanctified into a corner. Too often the modern holiness preacher throws a religious glamour over spiritually shallow and unregenerated souls. He does this when he encourages people to profess with little or no evidence of vital spiritual life in their souls. In some instances the preacher himself may be in such shallow water that he fails to sense the lack of divine life in his congregation. What a tragedy! A profession without a possession is mere religious glamour and is damning to the soul. —Mrs. Mary Sink.

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## Think On These Things

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8.

"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matt. 12:34-36.

What a precious verse: "Whatsoever things are true, think on these things." When anyone comes to whisper something in your ear about your brother or sister, ask him to read Matt. 18:15-17. "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother, but if he will not hear thee, take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word

may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen and a publican."

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest." Think on these things. A saint is one whose heart has been made white by the blood of the Lamb. The Lord tells us to "Keep thyself pure," and "Whosoever hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure." So there is something for us to do to keep ourselves pure after the Lord has done his part. Our part is to think on pure things, and pure thoughts will result in pure lives. Can you imagine the Lord entertaining evil, foolish, or idle thoughts? No, and He will not dwell in you if you entertain them.

God looked upon the people in Noah's day and saw that the imagination and the thoughts of their hearts were only evil continually, and He destroyed them with a flood. We know that this same condition exists among unsaved people today. Their hearts are filled with evil continually, but a saint is not of this wicked world. They mind heavenly things. Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new—a new creature in Christ Jesus. This old world is but dross; heaven is the home of a saint. Praise God, what a precious thought! We can be hid away with Him. He is our all and in all. He is the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning star.

Phil. 4:7, "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Let us seek God with a true heart that this may be our experience, that we may continually have this peace of God which *passeth all* understanding; that we may have grace to stand and point our brother to the Word of God.

Each saint has the privilege of living for God in such a way that he will be an example of the believers and can say like Paul, "Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen IN me, do, and the God of peace shall be with you." Phil. 4:9. "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, *think on these things*." This is the Bible way.

There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Jesus is the WAY, the truth, and the life. He said, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Let us go forward; this is a pressing way. Phil. 3:14, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:20, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Let us ask God to turn the search light of heaven into our hearts and see if there be any evil stored away and our hearts have become hardened and we have forgotten we were purged from our old sins.

We read in Phil 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." —Alta Mead

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

## The Great Invitation

Let me have your attention for a few moments. I have an announcement to make. I have a great offer to make. It is not my offer. If it were it would be worthless. It is the offer of One who can do for you what all your life you have been wanting done, and what no one else in earth or heaven can do. The very thing that all the world is wanting to gain, we are now going to announce to you how you can gain it. Are you listening? Incline your ears. It is the greatest invitation ever given to mankind. If you were to get all the wealth, honor, and pleasure this world could give it would not be equal to what you are here invited. Here is the invitation. "COME UNTO ME." Now, do not turn away, but listen a little farther. Who is this that invites you to come unto Him? It is Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world. It is He who can do for you what you have been hungering for for years. Listen to what He has to give you if you will come unto Him. "I WILL GIVE YOU REST." It is not restfulness of body that the Savior is here promising, though much of this is included, but it is restfulness of heart—of soul. There is a restfulness in the life of everyone who has not come to Christ. This restlessness may not be so consciously felt at all times, but it is always there. They are seeking for something, they know not what. Jesus has that for which you are seeking. Let me quote you the words of one who had attained to great worldly riches and honor:

"O life, thou art a galling load  
Along a rough and weary road,  
To wretches such as I."

This man is but voicing the convictions of those who have not found Christ. Listen to another man whom the world called great. If the wealth of the world, its pleasures, its honor, its praise could have given the rest the heart of man craves this man would have gained it. He says:

"My days are in the yellow leaf,  
The flowers and fruits are gone;  
The worm, the canker and the grief  
Are mine alone."

Listen to what another says whose writings are read even to this day. He was greatly honored by all the world.

"O God, O God,  
How weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable  
Seem to me all the uses of this world."

One of the greatest statesmen this country ever knew has left his testimony behind him. Surely if ever man had a reason to be satisfied by earthly things this man had. He was a very moral man, but not a Christian. He wrote to a friend that he did not accept the divinity of Christ, nor believe his miracles. On the day of his death a book lay open beside him, with a pencil mark around these words:

"Would I were dead, if God's will be so!  
For what is in this world but grief and woe?"

It is certain that all who have not come to Jesus have a dull unrest in their souls. They may not know what is lacking, but there is something lacking. Let me give you the words of one who had come to Christ.

"I bore within my breast  
A deep and painful void,  
I wanted inward rest,  
And peace that would abide.

"I have found it, Lord, in Thee,  
An everlasting store  
Of comfort, joy, and bliss to me:  
How could I wish for more?"

Rest of the soul is to be had on the sole condition of coming to Jesus. You are to come to Jesus, but there are a few conditions concerning the coming. One is the time of coming. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." There may come a day when He can not be found. How sad that would be. Dear reader, are you not yet concerned about your soul? Have you lost all interest in the life beyond this one? Do not you yet have a spark of hope lingering in your bosom of a better life beyond the grave? Now is the day to seek Christ. Tomorrow may be too late. Flee, oh flee to Christ today. Today He is calling thee. Today the invitation comes to thee. Come to Him now.

There is another condition concerning the coming. You should not only come today, but you must also come His way. You will need to forsake your way and come to Jesus in His way. To turn to Jesus is to turn from sin. Jesus can not give you rest except you turn from that which is causing you unrest. A man had been eating something that was slowly poisoning him. He sent for a physician. The doctor told him that he could cure him, but he must quit eating that stuff that was killing him. He said he liked it so well that he could not keep from eating it. "Then," said the physician, "you must die."

Friend, you must cease from doing that which is filling your soul with unrest if you would have Jesus to give you rest.

You may be told by someone that there will be no punishment after death. This is not true, and if it were true you should not seek the Savior just to keep from being punished. But there is punishment after death for the sinner. Will you please read Mark 3:29. Such a one will never get forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. The damnation is not for a day, but is forever.

There are seven old Greek manuscripts containing these words, and this verse is given by them when properly translated, "Hath never forgiveness, but is held in eternal sin." Beyond doubt this is the correct reading. "Held in eternal sin." Terrible words! They describe a terrible state. If you die in your sins you will forever be held in sin. It will be sin forever to be held in sin. It will be sin without end,

and consequently it will be punishment without end. Wherever there is sin there is punishment. "And these [those who had not come to Jesus] shall go away into everlasting punishment." Matt. 25:46. Why are men so afraid to die if there is no punishment for sin after death? There is something in them that speaks the truth their lips would deny. The invitation is out. Accept it today. Tomorrow may be too late. Will you not come to Jesus today? We plead with you to come.

C. E. Orr, "Path of Life," June, 1932

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If one of our statesmen

Would get to him fame,

Let him enact a law

To be known by his name:

Which would punish the criminal

Who sells the vile booze;

For the crimes thus resulting,

And their families abuse.

—Erle E. Forbes.

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### THE BOOK OF JOB

Sunday, November 7, 1948

Printed Portion ..... Job 1:1; 2:1-6; 42:1-6, 10.

Job 1:1. There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2:1. Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

2. And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3. And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4. And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone

and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6. And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

42:1. Then Job answered the Lord, and said,

2. I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

3. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

4. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

5. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

10. And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Memory Verse: Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy. James 5:11.

Practical Truth: This story of Job proves to us that it pays to be true to God and trust him always whatever our trouble or afflictions may be.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In today's lesson we find the devil attempting the second time to wreck poor old Job's faith in God. God surely had great confidence in Job or he would not have turned him over to the devil. The devil challenged God to the point where he told God if he would take away all of Job's possessions he would curse him to his face. After the devil destroyed all that Job had, including his sons and daughters, no doubt he was surprised to hear Job say, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

But the devil came again and contended with God that if he would let him afflict Job's body then he would curse him to his face. God said, "He is in your hands, but do not kill him." The devil surely is nasty and mean. So the devil smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head, so that Job took a pottage (a piece of broken pot) to scrape the filth and matter (the discharge from his sore boils) from his body. He sat down in ashes, showing his humility. His wife advised him to curse God and die, and no doubt the devil whispered to him, "That's the thing to do now." But Job rebuked his wife and told her that her suggestion was foolish. He also answered her, "We receive good at the hand of God and shall we not also receive evil?" In all this he did not sin with his lips. And beside all this he had to contend with his miserable comforters who tried to convince him that his sins were the cause of his afflictions. But he maintained his innocence. Job proved true under the sorest tests. This makes us to know that God will protect and care for his faithful ones who take shelter under his big wings (Psalm 91:4).

In all of Job's trouble and afflictions we hear him say, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust Him," and "When he hath tried me I shall come forth as gold. In all of his suffering he never lost confidence in God. As he thought about what was beyond death, he said, "There the wicked cease from troubling and the weary be at rest." After the Lord convinced the devil and healed Job he gave him twice as much as he had before.

## PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE

Sunday, November 14, 1948

Printed Portion ....Amos 5:21-24; 7:10-15; Micah 4:1-4.

Amos 5:21. I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

22. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; or I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

Amos 7:10. Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, lee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

13. But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

14. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:

15. And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

Micah 4:1. But in the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

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

Practical Truth: The Bible contains messages which God gave through his prophets.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As we read this lesson today it takes our minds to the last verse of the 10th chapter of Romans: "But to Israel he saith, 'All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.'" And Jesus said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

At the time of this lesson as it is recorded in Amos the 5th chapter, it seems that Israel had forsaken God and they were worshiping idols. In the first part of the chapter we find the Lord pleading with them to come back to him and he got no response from them. Then we

hear him tell them how he hates and despises their feast days. Then God sent Amos to prophesy against them for their ungodliness, but they would not take heed to his words. Amos told them that Jeroboam the king of Israel would be killed with the sword and Israel would be carried away captive out of their own land.

In the first chapter of Isaiah we hear God calling unto his people: "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children and they have rebelled against me." No doubt the Lord is feeling this same way toward the people and even nations that populate the earth today. And we hear our loving Lord say: "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land. But if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be devoured with the sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Now we have Micah, a prophet of the Lord, coming into the picture with a prophecy of the church. He begins his prophecy, "But in the last days it shall come to pass—" The last days mean when Christ would make his first advent into the world and last unto the end of time. Micah makes the statement: "The mountain of the house of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains." It is spoken of as Zion and New Jerusalem. Later we hear Christ say, "Upon this rock I will build MY CHURCH and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." John on the isle of Patmos saw the church descending out of heaven from God. Here the church is spoken of as the bride the Lamb's wife and also that great city Holy Jerusalem (Rev. 21:9, 10). Also read the 26th verse of the 4th chapter of Galatians.

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## POETRY IN THE BIBLE

Sunday, November 21, 1948

Printed Portion .....Psalm 24; Habakkuk 3:17-19.

Psalm 24:1. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place:

4. He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your head, O ye gates! even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Hab. 3:17. Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls;

18. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

**Memory Verse:** Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

**Practical Truth:** The rich blessings of God shall rest and abide on all who conform their lives to the teachings of his Holy Word and to His will.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this beautiful lesson today we are told that this old earth on which we live belongs to the Lord, and that means all that is on the earth as well as the earth itself. How foolish it is for people to call land by their own name when it all belongs to the Lord. Read Psalm 49: 11. The Lord created this whole universe for Himself and then he set man over the works of his hands. Read Psalm 8:4-6. Now the question: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or Who shall be admitted into his true church? All those who get in must have clean hands and a pure heart and be free from pride and vanity. They must not swear deceitfully, for all liars will have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. God will bless us abundantly when we have confessed our sins and forsaken them and accepted Christ as our personal Saviour. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." It is blessed to live every day in the presence of the Lord. Clean, honest, truthful people will be seeking for the Lord, and Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in and will sup with him and he with me." When we lift up the gates of our souls or open our heart's door to the Lord the King of glory will come in, and then we shall be new creatures in Christ, or a new creation in Christ. Then our dead souls will be quickened, or resurrected, from their dead state, which is the first resurrection. The King of glory is the Lord of hosts.

This is a beautiful lesson today and it is practical to be applied to our lives in this present day in which we live. We find these comforting words in Romans 10:10: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (verse 13).

#### PARABLES IN THE BIBLE

Sunday, November 28, 1948

Printed Portion ..... Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46;  
Luke 15:3-10.

**Matt. 13:31.** Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Luke 15:3. And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4. What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he

lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5. And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

9. And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

**Memory Verse:** Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people . . . and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation.

**Practical Truth:** What we invest in eternal things is all we will save for eternity.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The question comes to our minds, what is a parable? A parable, as Jesus used it, is the portraying of a spiritual truth by using the natural things we see with our eyes. As we know, in Christ's time on earth vineyards were plentiful and common and Jesus portrayed himself as a vine and his true followers as the branches to show the vital relation between himself and his true disciples. In portraying the kingdom of heaven Jesus uses a single mustard seed which indeed is very small. And the seed of the kingdom of God, sown in the fertile soil of a broken up heart, is very small in the beginning, but as we cultivate it and feed it on the Word of God it grows and becomes strong so that it is able to bear the weight of objects that light on it without being broken or disfigured.

Next, He portrays the kingdom of heaven as a little leaven hid away in the heart that is given to God until our whole being is leavened with His kingdom.

Next He portrays the kingdom as a hungry soul looking for something to satisfy it. He uses a treasure hid in a field, and this poor hungry soul finds this treasure which he knows will satisfy every longing of the soul. So he hides this treasure right there in the field, then goes and sells all he has and buys this field to get what he knows will satisfy his hungry soul. The man who has found this priceless treasure sells all that he has and purchases it. That is real wisdom to dispose of earthly things and invest the price of them in heavenly or eternal treasures. We all know that Jesus tells us to lay up treasures for ourselves in heaven.

The other parables in this lesson portrays what a priceless treasure we are to God our loving Lord when we give ourselves to him without reserve so we will believe him and trust him and obey his Word indeed. Jesus said there would be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents and gives himself to God to walk in his ways than for all the rest who are safe in the fold.

One of the most interesting narratives we read in form of a parable is found in the ninth chapter of Judges. Read the whole chapter.

—G. S.