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The King of Light

Behold, the flight of time has brought us
To another Christmas morn,
And we are again reminded
Of the time when Christ was born.

When the world was under bondage,
Bound by sin's dark, dismal sway;
And the souls of men were pining,
Waiting for the light of day.

Through the long, long years of waiting,
God had often sent relief,
By his promise through the prophets
Of the coming Prince of Peace.

So at last the watchman shouted,
As he pierced the shades of night:
"Lo, behold the morning cometh—
I can see the dawning light!"

For the morning Star arises
And the darkness fades away,
While the law departs from Judah,
And his sceptre loses sway.

For another King arises—
A new born King of kings—
And his throne and his dominion
Shall be in the hearts of men.

Let us bring him glad hosannas,
Let us worship at his feet;
For within His sacred presence
We have gladness most complete.

Yes, my soul is filled with rapture
As I muse upon His love;
And I long to dwell forever
With Him in that land above.

Where no darkness ever enters,
Where there comes no shades of night,
Where the King, the babe of Bethlehem,
Forever is the light. —Ulysses Phillips.

The Prince of Peace

In Isaiah 9:6, 7 we find the great promise of the Prince of peace. God gave this promise many years before he came to this world, but over 1950 years ago there was born in the city of Bethlehem a Savior, the Prince of peace, a King of kings. The promise was: "Unto US a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

We are living in a time of war and battle and confusion and strife. The devil has planted this in many minds and has succeeded in blinding their eyes to the wonderful peace that could be found in their souls.

There is a greater war going on today in the hearts of the people against the Prince of Peace than there is over in Korea. There is a spiritual war within the bosom of mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, children, and grandchildren against their Maker. The world offers them so many things to satisfy their minds—the television, picture show, dance hall, whiskey bottle, cigarette, and many other tools he has to give them a temporary peace. But when once you find the Prince of Peace, the Wonderful Counselor, the Christ of the Bible, he will give you that peace that surpasses all of man's understanding, and it will cause you to study war no more. This peace is hidden from the wise and prudent of the world; but if you will humble yourself down in the dust of humility, it will be given to you. Then you too can witness that He is a Mighty God and the Prince of Peace.

No doubt, at Christmas time folks begin to think of their loved ones and what they will give them that will make them happy. Listen, my beloved, God has given the greatest Christmas gift that can ever be given when He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The prophecy of our text was fulfilled when Jesus was born unto the world. Luke 2:11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord. . . . Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And when this came to pass the angels began to praise God, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE, good will toward men." When one sinner repents (lets Jesus be born in him) the angels will begin to repeat their same song today of great rejoicing. He was not only a Savior of 1950 years ago, but, thanks be unto God, it works today also. "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Are you going to let him in or war against your Maker? If you will let Him in, He will be the Governor of the kingdom of peace which he will establish in your heart, also in the heart of everyone that will come unto him. And he will establish you with judgment, justice, and peace that has no end. Even when cold death is creeping over the body, you will fear no evil. His rod and staff will be your comfort, joy and good tidings will be yours forever.

We desire your sincere prayers that God may bless us in this field of labor. Amen. Bro. Lewis Williams

—::— The Judgment Day

That there is a great day coming, called the Judgment Day, is very evident from many Scriptures both from the Old and New Testaments.

We are told in Heb. 9:27, it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment, and in 2 Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

This Judgment Day will be greater than all former days, both to the righteous and to the wicked. To the righteous it will be a great day of rejoicing, and to the wicked a great day of sorrow and lamentation. The righteous will have boldness in the day of judgment (1 John 4:17) because they know all is well with them. They have followed their Lord and walked in his ways. They have hated their lives in this world and have kept them unto life eternal—John 12:25. They have counted all things but loss that they might win Christ. Phil. 3:8. They have denied themselves of all ungodliness and worldly lusts and have lived soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Titus 2:12; Luke 1:74, 75.

They have not lived for self, but for others. Rom. 14:7, 8; 1 Pet. 4:1, 2. They have been crucified with Christ and they no longer lived but Christ lived in them. And they lived this new life by the faith of the Son of God. Gal. 2:20. They died to sin, and Christ Jesus set them free. They were resurrected to a new life in Christ. 2 Cor. 5:17.

They have been born of God. John 3:7. They love God and keep his commandments. His commandments are not grievous, for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. 1 John 5:1-4.

They love not the world, neither the things that

are in the world . . . 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. 1 John 2:14-16.

They have been patient in tribulation. John 16:33; Acts 14:22; Rom. 12:12. They did not turn their ears away from the truth: but loved the truth and were led by the Holy Spirit into the way of all truth. John 16:13. They followed on to know the Lord. They were not ashamed of their Lord in this sinful world, but chose to suffer with him and confessed him before men. And God is not ashamed to be called their God; but will confess them before the angels of heaven. Luke 12:8, 9. They have watched and kept their garments white, washed in the blood of the Lamb. They have been watching for the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven and are not surprised at his coming, for they are ready to meet him.

Death and the judgment have no terror for the righteous. Praise the Lord!

But, ah, what a sad day for the wicked, doomed to eternal destruction! The day of mercy forever past! They refused to hear the voice of God calling them to repentance. They lived for the pleasures of the world, have loved sin and ungodliness. They have loved self and have heaped treasures together for the last days. Some of them made a start to serve the Lord but when persecution and tribulation or afflictions came they gave up and did not choose to suffer here for Christ's sake.

They turned their ears away from the truth, would not submit themselves unto God. They received not a love for the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God sent them strong delusion "that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who loved not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 1 Thes. 2:10-12. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rom. 1:18. (Read on through this chapter and see many fruits of wickedness).

We are told in 2 Peter 3 that there shall come in the last days scoffers walking after their own lusts and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? . . . but beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day (time is not counted with God). The Lord is not slack concerning his promise (the promise of his coming) as some men count slackness, but is long suffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (See 2 Peter 3rd chapter). Now please read Matt. 25:31-46. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal."

—Mrs. Frank Brant.

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

Thy Will Be Done

To Thee who notes the sparrow's fall,
Whose boundless love provides for all,
This chorus comes from great and small,
Thy will, Thy will be done.

Show me the strait and narrow way,
Guide Thou my feet from day to day,
At every step teach me to say,
Thy will, Thy will be done.

Let malice, hate, and anger flee,
Let love for all abide in me,
My watchword may it ever be,
Thy will, Thy will be done.

And when I meet what all have met,
When death decrees my sun must set,
Be my last thought free from regret—
Thy will, Thy will be done.
—A song composed by Joseph McMurrin.

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A Message to the Church of God

"I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance" (2 Pet. 3:1) "and it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God as he hath commanded us." Deut. 6:25. And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be full." Luke 14:23. "For though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:16.

Now this message is not meant for preachers only, but also for every saved person in the church—you and me. If we are not called of God to go and preach the gospel to a lost world, we are to give of our labor and means to help send the ones whom God has called to go, and to help support and care for their families and loved ones they leave behind. I believe God will hold the laymen for failing to do their part at home just as much as he will the preacher if he fails. If we fail to help support the pure gospel of Jesus Christ against light we cannot stay at home and pray the prayer of faith for those that labor for souls. Dear saints, take new courage. We have the truth of the word of God. Work while it is day, our time is short.

We are now living at Norris, Tennessee, and I truly believe that the hand of God directed us here. This is a needy field for the pure gospel—not more than many other places in the world perhaps; but our hearts are burdened heavy for Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina. If you haven't a burden for dear lost souls that need the pure gospel of the Son of God carried to their homes, please come, drive out into the mountains and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35.

We have made several trips out into the mountains in different directions, my wife and I. We drove

over into the coal mine mountains twice lately. We drove over country roads through the mountains and to see those homes and dear little children and their parents as I would look high upon the mountain side and then down into the hollows and see them in the yards of their little cabin homes, my heart was made sad, as I felt sure they had never heard of a loving Jesus that would save their souls and come into their hearts in the form of the Holy Spirit and help them to live happily with sweet peace in their souls in these little mountain homes. No doubt, some of them have been taught some religious belief; but, dear saints, they must have the truth if they are ever saved; and I feel sure that if some true saint of God doesn't go into these mountains and carry the pure gospel to their homes they will never be saved—lost forever, oh, how sad! God has shown me something I do not want to forget.

Dear true church of God, let us put on new courage, earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 3.

I am sure we have the pure evening light gospel of the Son of God, that God called dear Brother D. S. Warner, C. E. Orr, and other true men of God to establish the true church of God back in the nineteenth century with the evening light gospel, the last reformation. So let us not be discouraged. God is with us. We are bound to win if we fight, and we are bound to fight if we win. We should be farther up the beautiful highway than our fore-fathers were. We have the truth; there is nowhere else we can go and be with God. So let's go hand in hand and help to answer Jesus' prayer in the 17th chapter of St. John. We can get careless and be divided and not see eye to eye, let the spirit of confusion come in and have nothing to offer at the last days but just a name "Church of God."

Can we read our titles clear to those lost souls out on the mountain-side and say to them at the judgment day, "Our consciences are clear; we suffered persecutions, hardships, and trials, gave of our money and time and often prayed for you in tears, trying to point you home to God?"

Our home at 158 Garden Road, Norris, Tenn. is open night or day to ministers and saints. Come when the Lord says come. Our phone number is 588.

Your faithful brother in Christ, W. D. Lemonds

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Calif.—To all the dear saints scattered abroad, Greetings. For the glory of God I want to tell of his wonderful healing power. On last July 11 I had a terrible hemorrhage from the nose. I went to the phone to call the saints at Orland but couldn't get them. Husband told me to get into the car and he would take me up there (16 miles). We went to the home of Sister Daniels. She sent for Bro. and Sis. Stubbs. They came, anointed and prayed for me and in about one half hour God gave the victory. The bleeding stopped and from that day to this (Nov. 2) I have not had a return of the attack nor any symptoms of it. Praise the Lord!

I'm glad to report I'm still saved and trusting the Lord for soul and body. I want to be true to him at any cost for he is so good to me. Your sister in the one body, Mrs. Nora (Barker) Lightner.

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Editorials

In the November issue of "Faith and Victory" we sent out blank lists for ten subscriptions for three months. These blanks filled out have been coming in quite freely and it rejoices our hearts to know that we can have the opportunity of sending the truth of the gospel of Christ to so many new subscribers this winter. The gospel by the printed page is a great way to get men and women interested in eternal things. It gives God an opportunity to work upon hearts by his Spirit and bring them into the true way that leads to heaven and to God. We ask our readers to pray for these souls that will be reading the truth this winter, that God will get conviction upon them so heavily that it will bring godly sorrow to their hearts so they can repent and be saved the Bible way.

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The Bible makes it very plain by Scriptures in different places that Christ by his sacrifice saves the soul of man from all sin, and also says that he will preserve the spirit, soul, and body of man blameless unto his coming. This is not something that man can do within himself, but as he yields himself into the hands of God, He who called us, will be faithful, who also will do it. Read 1 Thess. 5:23, 24.

By reading the Bible, we learn that man first becomes justified by believing in Christ and repenting of his sins. The blood of Christ atones for all of his sins and they are blotted out as a thick cloud and remembered against him no more forever. But the carnal nature, which was planted in the soul by the enemy when man fell, must be cleansed away, destroyed. Man cannot repent of that, for he did not commit the act. He must look again to God for this work to be done by him. The apostles were in a justified state before Pentecost and in that condition they were weak and often did wrong things. For instance, two of them wanted to call fire down from heaven and kill men who would not let them stay in their city over night, but Jesus rebuked them and said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of; the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Luke 9:54, 55.

All of the carnal professors are doing that way today when they endorse and participate in war, as they are trying to take vengeance on those that do them wrong; thereby they give way to the wrong spirit and sow to the flesh.

Again we find that two of the apostles wanted to be exalted to his right and left hand, and all the others became indignant about it. They were jealous, which is a sign of carnality. Peter, under temptation, cursed and swore that he did not know the Lord. He backslid in heart, and this proved that he needed his heart cleansed from the carnal nature and to receive the indwelling of the Spirit of God. When the cock crew he remembered the words of Jesus, and as Christ looked at him he went out and wept bitterly. He repented. He was never that weak after he had received the Spirit of God on the day of Pentecost,

for he stood before the people of Israel and said with boldness that God "hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:36.

We read in Rom. 5:1 that we are justified by faith and have peace with God. The next verse says, "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand [standing grace] and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." We first are justified by faith and then we have access by faith in this standing grace, or sanctified state. Our whole salvation comes by faith. In Eph. 2:8 we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

In Eph. 1:13 we find that after we believed, we are sealed with the holy Spirit of promise. Now turn to John's gospel 14:6 and see what the promise was: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter [Christ was their comforter then, as he was with them] that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world [unsaved folks] cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." In a justified state the Lord by his Spirit is with us, but in a sanctified state he dwells in us. The above are some of the plain teachings of the sacred word that every one should believe and repent and humble down before God until he has an experimental knowledge of it in his soul. He will know then that he has been quickened by the Spirit, has passed from spiritual death unto life in God. Old things have passed away and all things have become new. And he will be able to say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." What all men need is the faith of the Son of God in the soul that the life of Christ may be seen and heard, that when he appears we can also appear with him in glory. Col. 3:3, 4. Continually present your body to the Lord as a living sacrifice, sacrificing your earthly ambitions and wishes in order to do the will of God, keeping ready as a minute man for God.

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In the November issue of "Faith and Victory" we printed an article entitled, "The Wisdom of Christ." In it we referred to the Lord's statement recorded in Matt. 21:44: "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." In the article, we referred to the Holy Spirit as falling on us and stated, "When this is done the carnal nature is crushed out, the old man is crucified, destruction has taken place in our souls, and we are new creatures. Old things have passed away, and behold all things have become new—a complete new creature."

Two brethren have written to me concerning this and I love them as brethren in the Lord. From their writing it seems they think I meant that the Holy Spirit would make one miserable when he came in; but I did not mean to convey that idea, but failed to make myself clear in the matter. When the Holy

Spirit takes possession of a soul, that one is made exceedingly happy. It was the work of the Spirit that preceded the infilling of the Holy Spirit that I mean was crushing out the carnal nature, as Paul says in Rom. 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him [there is a suffering in crucifixion], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that hence forth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."

In the seventh chapter of Romans, Paul, writing about the time when he was in sin and under heavy conviction, said, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" My experience in getting saved was similar to Paul's, and it was said of Paul that after he received the Holy Spirit he was certain days with the disciples, "And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God." Just four days after the old man was crucified and the Lord had filled my soul with the Holy Spirit, he had me preaching the gospel and declaring to the people that Christ saves from all sin.

Now, the Scriptures tell us to be subject one to the other in the fear of God. These brethren who have written to me think that being ground to powder or crushed has reference to the judgments of God upon one who rejects Christ. This may be true, and I do not believe that God would object to our using it that way, but it appeals to me to be the crushing out or grinding to powder of the carnal nature, the crucifying of the old man. My experience was so vivid in that way that scriptures along this line appeal to me and I feel that others ought to know and yield to the Lord until the work is completely done.

However, I will not be contentious about the matter, for I am a great believer in obeying the Scripture found in Eph. 4:3, which reads, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." I am sure to believe it either way will not keep one out of heaven unless God has definitely given light and knowledge and one would rebel against Him who rules the universe.

We earnestly desire your prayers.

Assembly Meetings

The regular annual California State Assembly meeting will convene, Lord willing, December 22-31, 1950, in the saints' chapel at the corner of Walnut and Naomi streets in the city of Los Angeles, Calif.

We are expecting the usual visitation of God and the outpouring of his Spirit in this meeting that we have enjoyed in former years and for God to send in Spirit-filled, God-called, God-sent ministers who shall be able to feed souls, expose sin and the workings of Satan on every line, instruct souls in the ways of truth and righteousness and help souls who are in any trouble to find the way out of their trouble—also to pray the prayer of faith for those who are sick, that they may be healed.

We urge all saints and lovers of God and truth and any who stand in need of help from God to attend this meeting.

Usually there are a few rooms in the immediate vicinity of the meeting that can be rented. If any want

to rent a room you should let us know and we will obtain as many rooms as possible. Those who do not get rooms will be taken care of otherwise so no one need hesitate to come to the meeting for fear they will not be cared for.

Any coming by train or bus should notify us in advance of their arrival time so we can meet them.

The financial needs of the meeting, meals and all, will be provided on the free-will offering plan.

Address your correspondence to J. P. Sims, 11111 S. Compton Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., or O. B. Wilson, 4254½ Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, (39) Calif.

The Oklahoma State Assembly meeting will be held in the saints' chapel, located on the corner of 6th St. and W. Warner, Guthrie, Okla., beginning on Friday, Dec. 22nd and continuing ten days.

These are perilous times when the enemy of all righteousness is working hard against the true church of God, and we earnestly desire this to be a meeting in which all of his workings will be exposed and defeated and one that will long be remembered because of the outpouring of God's Spirit. This can only be accomplished through much earnest prayer and a willingness on the part of all to work with God and against the devil. Pray much, and come if you can and the Lord leads.

We are looking to God to send some of his faithful Holy Spirit filled ministers to preach the whole truth.

This meeting, as usual, will be supported by free-will offerings from all lovers of the truth. Send your offerings and supplies to Bro. O. C. Porter, 511 E. Springer, Guthrie, Okla. or bring them to the dining hall, located across the alley from the saints' chapel.

The sisters have a sleeping room above the new dining hall and the brethren will occupy the old dining hall. Bring your bedding if you can. Those who live near and come in cars should bring pillows so the few pillows we have can be used by those coming from a distance.

Obituaries

Mrs. Mellie Arthurs Esters was born Aug. 20, 1896 and departed this life July 27, 1950 near Olla, La. Age 53 years, 11 months, and 24 days.

She was married to Elija Esters in 1912, to which union ten children were born, four having preceded her in death at infancy.

Survivors are her husband, five sons, one daughter, thirteen grandchildren and two brothers beside other relatives.

She was afflicted some months then the Lord raised her up inasmuch that she attended the Hammond, La. campmeeting, which she enjoyed very much and attended most of the services during the meeting.

She was faithful in trusting the Lord through all her sickness and received much relief in answer to prayer.

Funeral services were conducted by C. C. Carver.

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Mrs. Ella Rozetta (White) Bailey, born January 10, 1893, died September 27, 1950; age 57 yrs. 8 mos., 27 days. Her father and mother, five brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage to Charlie Bailey August 27, 1914. Surviving are: her husband, one adopted son, Wilton White; two brothers, Albert and Lee; three sisters, Mrs. S. D. Oschner, Mrs. J. E. Bailey, and Mrs. Anthony Wattney; besides many other relatives and friends.

She was saved in early life and her talent seemed to be lending a helping hand to the sad and unfortunate.

Their home was always opened to all the saints, and to sinners as well. A welcome was given to all, and she did what she could to make every one feel at home. It could be well said of her that she lived for others, thus fulfilling the words of Jesus which says, "For as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:35, 40.

She became ill in the early part of the year and was confined to her bed for several months before she died. The saints and many of the ministers visited and prayed for her. It seemed for a time that the Lord was going to heal and raise her up, as she was wonderfully blest in answer to prayer, but in His wisdom, God saw best to call her home. She trusted the Lord to the end and her final testimony was that she was ready to go.

The funeral service was held in the saints' chapel on the camp grounds conducted by Bro. L. L. Perry. Text: Heb. 9:27. Her body was carried to the Oak Grove Cemetery near Loranger.

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In Remembrance of a Wonderful Mother

Sarah E. Turner, born May 5, 1863, to Johnathan and Hanna Hinkley, passed away October 8, 1950, at the age of eighty-seven years, five months, and two days.

She was married December 25, 1884, to Jefferson Turner, who preceded her in death, January 12, 1944.

She was a faithful wife and loving mother, and her sweet smile and cheerful disposition won her many friends wherever she went. She was a Christian and faithful to the Church of God for many years.

Left to mourn her passing are one son and three daughters, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and saints, and a host of friends.

She has gone to that beautiful land, where there will be no death, neither sorrow nor crying.

Peace to her memory.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Luther Farley. The 23rd Psalm was read, which was her favorite Psalm, and the following Scripture texts were used: 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Eccl. 12:7; Gen 3:19. Burial was made at Lucasville, Ohio. Funeral was held at the Russell Ullmer Funeral Home in Dayton, Ohio.

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Corintha L. Busler was born Dec. 15, 1856, at Kendalville, Indiana and departed this life Oct. 22, 1950 in Los Angeles, Calif. at the age of 93 years, 10 mos., 7 days.

On August 23, 1874 she was united in marriage to H. E. Cramer. To this union four children were born, all of whom preceded her in death. Her husband passed away Dec. 18, 1937.

Sister Cramer found the Lord at an early age and has been with the church of God for the past 51 years.

She is survived by two sisters: Etta Lamb and Ora McCullosh; one brother, N. D. West and other relatives.

Funeral service was conducted in Los Angeles by E. M. Zinn on Oct. 25th with interment in Inglewood Memorial Park, Inglewood, Calif.

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REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Dear Christian friends in the Lord,—I am speaking this way because I know a true Christian will forgive and forget the mistakes of those who make mistakes and err from the right way, and will gladly pray for and help the fallen brother or sister to rise and shine for the Lord and His cause.

This community and section of country has in times past been almost a religious resort, but the devil and his agents about five years ago very near completed the long started job of trying to destroy all the Christianity in

the place, but he failed in my case. I made a wide and miserable mistake in becoming entangled with a married man in a business matter and finally married him. I want to say that Bro. and Sister Pruitt proved a faithful brother and sister to me in my troubles, giving help and prayers and advising me concerning the married man, for which I'll always truly thank them.

The devil could not completely destroy the seed of righteousness out of my heart. In a few weeks after I married the man I became sick and sorry—not that I had made a mistake in the man's principles at all, but because regardless of faults or short comings on the part of the other one, there is no excuse for adultery. I did not stop nor rest until I had cleaned up my part and side of the matter from the depths of my heart. Now I have a much deeper experience of true salvation than ever before. I want everyone to pray that I'll never be deceived in any way or nature by the devil or any of his dirty work any more while I live, but that I'll ever be found perfectly true and faithful to the Lord and His will under every circumstance of life.

I also want everyone to pray earnestly, and if anyone will, fast one meal and pray that the Lord will send some true, devoted church of God minister or helper here to raise up and carry on a true and clean work for the Lord. And pray that souls will be saved and the devil will have to retreat. Also pray earnestly that the Lord make some desired provisions and changes if it be His will and to His glory. Yours, saved and trusting wholly in the God of heaven,
Mary J. Jones

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Tulsa, Okla.—To all the saints scattered abroad, I greet you in Jesus' dear name. Today finds us still pressing on against the spirit of aggression. It seems the clouds hang low, but we know when they clear we shall see Jesus' dear face. Truly we are living in perilous times, but, oh, the blessedness of prayer and the sweet relief it brings!

We want you to help us pray for sister Parker who has been bed fast for so long with arthritis. She is in need of some one to take care of her, as she is helpless and has to have a nurse all the time. Means are scarce and help comes so high and her home is under mortgage, and her pension just will not reach. She surely needs our prayers. She is indeed a saint, so please pray earnestly, for she must have a nurse as the one she has is sick and worn out.

I want to tell what the Lord has done for me. An abscess came on my breast which looked like I might have a cancer coming. But God healed me and all the time the abscess was on it I never had any pain nor lost any time doing my work. God is the greatest healer if we just count him faithful.

Brother Barton's health has been better this fall.

May God bless all His dear saints,

Sister Barton, 2264 North Columbia Pl.

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FIELD REPORT

W. Va.—To the dear saints scattered abroad, we send greetings in the name of Jesus:—It is not often that we write through the paper, but we enjoy so much reading your articles and testimonies and pray for the sick ones.

We left home in July to go wherever we felt the Lord leading—Brother Key into evangelistic meetings and I to Minneapolis, Minn. after the close of the Monark Springs campmeeting where we attended a few days and also the ministers' meeting. I stayed in Minn. over nine weeks. Sister Sadie Hall of Bangor, Mich. came to be with me

the last few weeks, also Bro. Key came the last week to help in a revival meeting before we left. There are some very precious saints there. From there we went to Wisc. where we met Sister Dietrich, her son and daughter and grandchildren. We enjoyed the visit in their home very much and believe they are good people who heard the truth preached years ago but much grieved because of so much lowering the standard among the so-called church of God people. Many of the dear isolated saints wonder what to do or where to look. We tell them the Lord is still the same, also his Word, and to look up, for we are living in a time of great deception on every hand and we need to keep the Spirit of God burning in our souls to give us discernment of spirits.

We then visited a young couple in Iowa and left them encouraged in the Lord. Then to Ill. where we had services with the saints in Chicago and in Sister Badal's home near West Chicago. Our next stop (over night) was at Plymouth, Ind. in the home of Bro. Hardy where we had services. They are some of the dear saints who took their stand for the Lord and the narrow way not long ago, and are really deserving of the saints' confidence and prayers. Then we went to Mich. and had services in Bro. Brant's home on Sunday afternoon. From there we visited some of the saints at Akron, Ohio and enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Jones' home. Sister Jones was gone from there at that time. We went to Venango, Pa., where we held a week's meeting in Bro. Boda's home, then one service at Hermine, Pa., with the saints, and to Wellsburg, W. Va. for a visit, and have been in S. Charleston since Nov. 4th. If the Lord wills we plan to go to a place in Tenn. for meeting with Bro. and Sis. Lemonds and Sis. Ollie Ray before our return to Hammond, La. in time for our assembly meeting. I am sure there are a number of saints wondering where we are and do not know where to write us, so address us at our home, and we shall be glad to hear from any of you. God bless you. Pray for us.

Ray and Katherine Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

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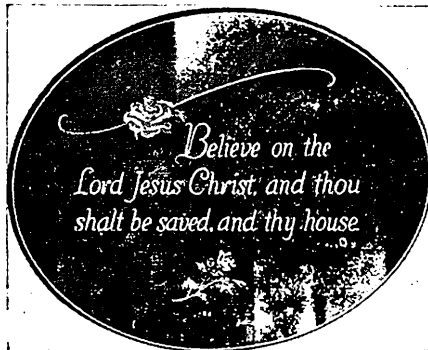
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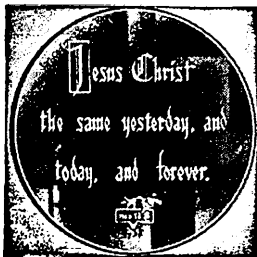
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Should Saints Belong to Labor Unions?

We believe the word of God is true on any subject or problem that faces the people of God today. We cannot deny its truth.

God's kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, an everlasting kingdom reigning here on the earth today over all the powers of Satan. The Spirit of God is against a man or any group of men taking the matters of this life in their own hands.

Luke 3:14, "And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, DO VIOLENCE TO NO MAN, AND BE CONTENT WITH YOUR WAGES." There is much violence today used in the demands of this man-made organization. They seem never to be content and always striving for more. Many a home has no husband or father now because UNGODLY MEN set up as pickets have killed them when they attempted to go on their jobs.

James 5:4, 5, 6, "Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and HE DOTHT NOT RESIST YOU." God's people take the humble way. Matt. 5:40, "And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also."

Dear souls, we must put our SOUL AND BODY upon the altar of God today. The devil has many cunning devices to trap souls, and this is one of them. The very spirit of Communism is behind the labor unions of the day. Communist Russia is a victim of labor unions. Through strikes and murders Joseph Stalin gained his power—all the power of Satan working through men to organize the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

Rev. 16:13, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." These three spirits have most of the world deceived. Communism, Catholicism, and Protestantism. Only the elect of God will be spared. As people of God, we have no right to demand a thing. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and we are not our own (1 Cor. 6:19). "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Saints, if you are connected with a union, pray to God earnestly and he will deliver you.

A saved brother,

Young People's Section

Two Thousand Years Ago

If I had seen the anguish on her face
 As Mary sought for shelter, head bent low,
 Would I, ungracious, have denied her place
 As did the keeper of an inn, so slow
 To know his blessed Lord,
 If I had lived two thousand years ago?

If I had heard the song that angels sang,
 Which Judah's shepherd's heard long, long ago
 While yet the air with holy praises rang,
 Would I with humble shepherds, kneeling low,
 Have owned and worshiped Christ,
 If I had lived two thousand years ago?

If I had seen the wise men westward bound,
 Their hopeful hearts and faces all aglow,
 With light and promise of a star, new-found,
 Would I with precious gifts have hurried so
 To own and crown Him King,
 If I had lived two thousand years ago?

My heart finds answer to these questions old:
 If I can be like Mary, gentle, meek,
 And with the wise give freely of my gold,
 Make room for stranger, and with shepherds seek
 The living Christ; e'en so
 Would I have done two thousand years ago.

—Edith Eleanor Day

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Calif.—Dear young saints,—Greetings in the name of our dear Lord who has truly done so much for us, who died for us that we might be saved and does all that we will possibly let him do to keep us saved.

A few nights ago I was meditating on some of the good things of the Lord and he seemed to turn the searchlight on me, asking me why I didn't move up and do more for the Lord. Then I thot, "Well, Lord, I surely would like to do more for you, but it seems like I have so many trials that every time I move up a little the devil just pushes me right back." Then He showed me why. I hadn't completely turned loose of everything. Some of the things of the world were still holding my affections.

You know, young saints, if we want to get anywhere with the Lord, we have to completely turn loose of this old world and decide we're going to be all out for the Lord from now on. Then is when we'll really start gaining the victory in trial. I believe there is such a thing as our bringing trials upon ourselves. If we hold on to something of the world, then the Lord is going to talk to us about it and we'll really have a fight on our hands until we turn loose of it. And if we don't, then it won't be long until the Lord will bring us to a place where we will either have to choose between it and the Lord, which we will serve. Sometimes it is surprising when we really realize how we'll let something get between us and the Lord unless we really are watchful. So let us all be watchful and prayerful.

I realize that these big business men of this world, to get to the prominent place where they are, had to devote all their time and life to their business. It is the same with us, if we want to really have power with the Lord, we must devote all our time and life and all to the Lord.

I desire an interest in the prayers of all the young saints that I will be all the Lord would have me to be in this life. With Christian love, Dale L. Doolittle

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Should We Have Instrumental Music In Our Public Worship?

"So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders . . . And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy" 1 Chron. 15:14-16. I believe this to be the introduction of musical instruments, and singing into the public worship of the Jewish dispensation. I find no instructions from God to Moses to use either singing or instrumental worship in the tabernacle worship. And yet God had been very explicit in his instructions to Moses when he called him up into the mountain. "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. . . . And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount" Exodus 25:8, 9, 40.

Because Eli had not restrained his sons, Israel suffered defeat, and the ark was captured by the Philistines. Yet the Philistines were afraid to keep the ark, because it brought suffering and pestilence into every city into which they placed it. So they sent it back, and it had been stored at the home of Abinadab. David moved it from that house to Obed-edom's house. While moving it, "And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals" 2 Sam. 6:5. Since Obed-edom prospered during the stay of the ark in his home, David decided to bring the ark to Jerusalem, which journey is described in the following words: "And David danced before the Lord with all his might: and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David [her husband] leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him

in her heart . . . And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaidens of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said unto Michal, It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father . . . therefore will I play before the Lord" 2 Sam. 6:14-21. "So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it" 1 Chron. 16:1. "And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel: . . . Asaph made a sound with cymbals; Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priest with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God. . . . And with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God" 1 Chron. 16:4-42. And so instrumental worship became connected with the tabernacle services. If God approved it was an after thought, for he had not told Moses. When Solomon built the temple, which permanent structure took the place of the moveable tabernacle, the instruments of music were continued. "And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, Saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God" 2 Chron. 5:11-14.

To further establish the instrumental worship we wish to quote some other Scriptures: When Joash was crowned king in the temple, "And all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise" 2 Chron. 23:13. When Josiah repaired the temple he called for offerings, and turned them over to the different skilled men to work with. "And other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick" 2 Chron. 34:12. "And he [Hezekiah] set the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the Lord by his prophets. And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar.

And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel. And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished" 2 Chron. 29: 25-28. And for a final quotation, Psa. 150:3-5, "Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery, and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals." I believe this fully establishes the fact that instruments of music were used during the Jewish dispensation.

When dispensations change, when one is fulfilled and another takes its place, we always find some who seem unable to change. We find the early church plagued with Mosaic believers, even after Christ's death and resurrection. There was a great controversy over circumcision. But the church gave up circumcision. Now let us examine the matter of the instrumental music.

In the fourth chapter of John we find Christ talking with a woman of Samaria. She says, "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH: FOR THE FATHER SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM. GOD IS A SPIRIT: AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH" John 4:20-24. This can have but one meaning: The temple worship was ceasing, and another kind of worship was coming on the scene. Gold and silver adornments of the temple, fine tapestries, jewels of many kinds, rituals and ceremonies, great trained choirs, great orchestras and gaudy trappings were ending, and something spiritual, something unseen, something humble was to be the worship of the future church. The temple with its hundreds of priests clothed in white, its outward show, its eye-catching beauties, was to be replaced with the realities of loving hearts, faithful hearts, true hearts. Remember back when the glory filled Solomon's temple, that there was not a CLEAN HEART in all the crowd. Solomon himself said, "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" Eccl. 7:20. In his prayer at the dedication of the temple, Solomon thus prayed, "If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the Lord toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name: then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,)" and so if they are captured Solomon prays

that they may repent and pray that God hear and return them to their land. Solomon realized that Jerusalem was chosen by the Lord for His city, but now Jesus gives up Jerusalem, that he may move into EVERY HEART that is willing to have sin erased therefrom, and is willing to provide Him with that sanctuary He always wanted.

In studying the tabernacle and temple we have learned many of the realities, or anti-types, of the temple. Let us review some of them: The Court round about stood for those friends of the church, near and not yet a part of it. The literal Brazen Altar stood for the spiritual death to sin. The literal Basin stood for the spiritual washing in the blood of Jesus. The literal Lamb of the sacrifice stood for Jesus, our spiritual sacrifice. The literal Golden Candlestick stood for spiritual Light in the church. The literal Table of Shew Bread stood for the good Jesus has for us all, healing, etc. The literal Golden Altar stood for that spiritual sacrifice that brings sanctification. The literal Veils stood for Jesus as the door. The white raiment of the priests stood for our white raiment, righteousness. The literal Jewels stood for the graces with which Christ adorns his church today: Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, etc. The unity of sound between orchestra and singers represents the oneness of the church. So we find the visible things of the temple were types of something invisible in the church of God. But, the instruments of music? Oh, yes, they are types too. We do not want the PICTURE; we want the REAL thing.

Let us look at the anti-types of the musical instruments. The orchestra has its different sections. The brasses, the wood-wings, the violins, the drums, etc. You will see the director bringing up one section, drawing out the type of music he wants. Then another section will be emphasized and the first section quieted down, or stilled completely. Then one instrument will solo, while the rest of the orchestra plays a soft accompaniment, until at the close probably every instrument will be playing with all the force and power at their command, closing with a mighty crescendo of sound.

The Holy Spirit is the director of the church of God. He leads, directs, gifts, and uses as He desires. We are instruments given over to God, dedicated to His use, purpose, and direction. The Holy Spirit is the great Director of God's Orchestra, leading and stilling and emphasizing and soloing whomsoever He wants, and in the way He wants. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit. To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another di-

vers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the self same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" 1 Cor. 12:4-13. Did not Jesus say to the woman of Samaria "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" John 4:24? If we are spiritual, God can play us bringing out the symphony he wants. Spirits and spirituality are unseen things. The worship of the past, Mosaic, was visible ceremonies, rituals, and rites. Worship today is in and of the heart, invisible. I realize that there are certain ceremonies, or rituals, today that we associate with worship. But these visible things may be connected with worship (in God's sight) or they may not be worship. They may be real, or they may be hypocritical. God is not worshipped with material things—but with man's redeemed spirit.

I remember going with some young men friends of mine one night out to pray. These boys began praying for a meeting that was going on at that time. I remember one of the young men praying, "Lord, bless Bro. —'s hands as he plays the piano," for the revival. A Scripture forced itself so vividly upon my mind, "God . . . neither is worshipped with men's hands" Acts 17:24, 25. Paul said this, of course, since the completion of the Law covenant, and the coming in of the New Covenant. Now, if God is not worshipped with men's hands, (and I believe the apostle Paul when he says it), GOD IS NOT WORSHIPPED WITH MEN'S HANDS. And if God is not worshipped with men's hands, then instrument playing is not WORSHIP. So let us worship the Lord properly. That form of worship was not brought over into the New Covenant. Was any of the old worship brought over? Yes, singing was. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, SINGING and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" Eph. 5:19, 20. That is worship. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with GRACE IN YOUR HEARTS to the Lord" Col. 3:16. That is worship. We find at the end of the Lord's Supper, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives" Mark 14:26.

Sectism brings over some things Christ did not bring over: tithes, priestly garments, incense, dancing, Sabbath-day keeping, great temples, and instrumental worship.

Jesus did not come to perpetuate the Temple. He said it would be torn down. He did not come to perpetuate its type of worship. It came to an end. He replaced gaudiness, display, grandeur and ceremony with an humble heart, a meek spirit, an inner

glory. The church was no more at Jerusalem alone, but everywhere there was a broken heart. We read of the "church in thy house" or the "church in his house" in Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Phm. 2. What a change! From the huge Temple to individual homes. Orchestras and instruments were no longer needed—neither the great choirs. Confessions of faith, testimonies, preachings, singings, instructions in righteousness, exhortations, all being directed by that one Holy Spirit—these became the church's mode of worship.

The SPIRIT of a song or hymn is in the words, not the music. In worshipping God in SPIRIT, the thoughts of the song are the important part. The melody and harmony only incidental, a vehicle to carry the thought along. That is so different from instrumental music. The great symphonies are wordless. The music was written. The composer was wanting different instruments to bring out pictures, emotions, moods, imitative sounds, etc. Words may have been added later, but the musical score was the heart of the concert. Spiritual songs, on the other hand, carry a message by means of the words, the words being written first, and a melody or tune supplied later. Words are spiritual things, unseen things, and now they become the important part of the worship. Worshipping in SPIRIT is not for effect. Worshipping in SPIRIT is not to make display, to please the ear of the multitude. God is the one to be worshipped and we direct our HEARTS to Him. WHO can entertain the great God of the universe upon an organ or piano? You might enthrall a crowd with your display of technique, skill, interpretation, etc., but God ??? He is looking for the humble heart, worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth.—C. C. Carver

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mich.—Dear saints of God,—While reading of the history and growth of the Church of God and how wonderfully the Lord led people into it that taught and preached the pure gospel of the evening light, I'm sorry to say that the gospel is not preached on these grounds as it was then.

I was raised on a farm one mile north of Grand Junction just across the road from the grounds Bro. Warner bought for a permanent camp ground. I have known him personally (until his death 1895). I have heard him say many times that those grounds purchased by the saints were dedicated to the Lord and were to remain so until Jesus comes. Then their annual campmeetings were all well attended. Souls were saved, sanctified and were healed. Meals and lodging were free to those who were unable to pay. It was run by free will offering and glorious singing was heard for one half mile away without piano music. When I think of those glorious songs I can still hear Bro. Warner's voice in song of "Come and Be Saved."

Oh, how much different are those grounds today from Bro. Warner's time. The camp ground has been improved in appearance, nice cottages have been built. Some of the people are spending their vacation there. They still have their annual camp meeting and a minister is sent down from the Church of God generally selected from

Anderson. The two Sundays during the meeting big collections are taken up by 4 to 6 ushers using 10 to 12 quart pails. You pay for your meals or don't eat. By watching the crowds on the grounds you can not distinguish professed saints from sinners by their wearing apparel or deportment. You don't hear any "Praise the Lord" or any "Amen" on the grounds as we did during Bro. Warner's times. Spiritually it seems lacking.

It was through the preaching of the gospel that those good ministers preached brought me out of Roman Catholicism of which I was a devoted member. I was catechised and instructed by Father O'Brein of Kalamazoo and confirmed by Bishop Borges of Detroit. I was so sincere in the church that I taught a catechism class every Sunday. I was about 18 years old when I began to attend those meetings on the camp ground, not for the preaching but just to be among the young folks. I had no idea of ever being one of those "sanctifiers" as they were called. But during protracted meetings many souls got saved. I would listen to their preaching but did not believe the Bible which was protestant. I thought it was Luther's writing so had no use for it. Oh, how wonderfully the Lord can work on honest hearts. Through the prayers of the saints the Lord finally got to my heart but I would not yield until I was satisfied that the Bible was true as I had never read it. I went to the priest at Kalamazoo to get me a Catholic testament if such were obtainable. I asked the priest if there was such a book as a Catholic testament, he said yes, but wanted to know what I wanted one for. I told him to read, evidently I was the only one who had ever asked for one.

When the preacher would announce the text in the evening I would mark it down to find the next day in the Catholic Bible. What a time I had to find those books as I didn't know how they were arranged but by the Lord's help I was finally convinced that there was no difference in translation. Oh how interested I was. I could not get the Bible to read often enough. How much light I received and what a time I had to leave the Catholic Church. How the devil worked to keep me in the church. The priest finally warned the parents of children to keep them from other churches if not they couldn't receive communion and that was real bad. I received orders from father to keep away from those meetings or leave home. Things got rather serious at our house but the Lord was with me. Through prayer and consecration to God I finally consecrated to the Lord and lived up to all the light I had.

In the course of a few years I settled down, married a nice Christian girl and we both gave our hearts to God and the Lord had our worship. The Lord blessed us. But I'm sorry to say by watching professors we allowed the enemy to cheat us out of the grace of God. For years I felt miserable and the Lord certainly permitted me to be beaten with many stripes. Oh how I regret those years I wasted. I wanted to repent but always was hindered by the enemy. In about 12 years the Lord saw fit to take my darling companion to him. She got saved two years before she passed on. The day before her death she wanted me to promise her that I would give my heart to the Lord. I promised her that I would by God's grace sustaining me. I never will forget she said, "Praise God, praise God." I was an awful tobacco fiend which I asked the Lord to deliver me from and he has done it. I have had no desire for any kind of tobacco.

I truly thank him for his goodness. I asked him for mercy to forgive me for all wrong doing and by taking him at his word he has forgiven me. I surely appreciate

his goodness and mercy. Will the faithful children of God remember me in their prayers?

Your saved Brother,

J. C. Wauchek.

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Mo.—Dear Saints,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I feel led to write and give thanks in testimony to the Lord for his goodness unto us. He is a precious Savior. He has healed in several instances which we praise him for. We especially want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers in our behalf and in our boys behalf when he was so in need of prayer. The dear Lord wonderfully undertook for him. Praise his name.

Our prayer is to be all he would have us to be. When we find things we need to measure up to we want to do it. Pray for us. The dear Lord is ready to answer prayer as he sees fit to. We are so glad we have found the truth in the one way. We love the Lord and his dear saints.

In the One way,

Mrs. Edith Boulden.

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Texas—Dearest Ones,—Greetings of Christian love. The Spirit has been prompting me for the last few days to send in a testimony for the dear Lord as we each one are always concerned about the others. Also each one can help some one else by their testimony. Praise the good Lord I'm still encouraged to press the battle on for God. It seems I love him more than ever. I do desire the prayers of each praying person that I will prove true to God always. Praise God, I do want to. It is such a wonderful privilege to be a child of God. It is the most wonderful thing ever.

Praise the good Lord! One little seed can grow and produce much more seed so let us be sure to sow the right seed. Recently we had the Beautiful Way paper sent to a neighbor, her neighbor came in, picked up one and read it. They folded it up, put it in their pocket to take home and read so let us work while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work. Pray for us always.

Much Christian love,

Sister Essie Moore.

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints,—I could not attend any of the camp meetings this year as my daughter had to have lots of care but I prayed that God would be in the meetings to bless and own the work. I am still praying that many be saved and ready for our home above. O, I thank God for his word as I read it. I am strengthened to press on. A verse in 1 Peter 4:12 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." I see we will have to go through trouble in this life. As I thought over my daughter's 36 years of suffering and I have suffered too by seeing her suffer, I thought of the song in Select Hymn, No. 348. It says, what are these in spotless robes and whence come they, they are singing with palms in their hands? (The answer is) These through tribulation gained the victory having washed in the blood of the lamb. Yes, I believe I will be in that number that has come up through tribulations and have washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb. Pray for Julia and me.

Yours in the family of God,

Rena Armstrong.

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Calif.—I greet you brother and sister with the love of God in my soul. I am happy in the Lord. I'm going to make heaven my eternal home. God is so good to me in all things and I never get a bit discouraged serving my Jesus with all my best knowledge. My body is old and broken down most of the time but God never lets me suffer more than I can bear by his grace. He always

gives me strength to take care of myself as much as is necessary in my home. O, I can trust him truly for all help in all things. I love him with all my soul and mean by his grace and help to live to be ready to go home at any minute he calls me. Knowing this keeps me happy and praising his holy name. I know you pray for me and I ask you to keep on praying that I never loose faith. I need your prayers for my body too.

Bonnie Wells.

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Mo.—Dear Bros. and Sisters in Christ,—I am happy to say I am on the Lord's side. I can't say very much but I want the world to know I am a Christian and with the help of God I intend to make heaven my home. I need the prayers of everyone who knows the worth of prayer. I have many trials and temptations. Please pray that I'll go all the way. A sister in Christ, Mrs. Louise Hughes.

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Mo.—To the dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings. As it has been some time since I wrote my testimony I believe it would please the dear Lord for me to tell what he has done for me this summer. I believe it was in April I had a bad spell with my stomach. I suffered so bad husband and our daughter-in-law wondered if the preacher here in the church of God (pentecostal) could pray the prayer of faith for me. I said, "No, it would not do one bit of good. You can call Sister Gibson of Seymour and tell them to pray." Nola called Gibsons and they were soon praying. They went on to meeting and had prayer again at Mansfield and also phoned to Bro. Gibson in Illinois. God heard and answered their prayers in my behalf. I went to sleep and was healed. It must have been acute indigestion. One of our neighbors had it not long before this and he only lived 30 minutes. What a mighty God we serve and the true saints how they love and care for each other. I received a letter from Sister Gibson, she said, "I just cried when I heard you were so sick. I just felt like I couldn't give you up at this time." They went to God in earnest prayer for me and I was healed. Praise the dear Lord forever.

Later in August I took down with an awful cold. It was different to anything I ever had before. It seemed every symptom of T. B. then I was told it was T. B. but don't let it scare you or bother you for the Lord can heal it. I said, "I know it" but it did bother me for about two hours then the thought came to me, why? I prayed for Bro. Bob Strain myself when he was bad off with T. B. years ago and the Lord healed him and he will heal me. I was anointed and prayed for and was healed the first day of September. I was healed and I'm completely well of it. No symptoms of it anymore and I give God all the praise. He is so precious to me. May God encourage all the readers of Faith and Victory to have faith in God for his promises are sure.

Your sister in the one body,

Lizzie Harper.

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints in Christ,—I feel impressed to write my testimony to what the dear Lord has done for me. I had a tooth to give me trouble about a month ago. I had a bad infection because of it and my jaw was swollen quite a lot on one side. I had to have it taken out and on my way home it gave me great pain. I went to my mother's before I went home. When I got there she asked me if I wanted her and Sister Gorden to pray for me and I said yes. She phoned Sis. Gorden and when Sis. Gorden got there they anointed and prayed for me. The pain stopped and never has hurt me that bad since. My husband drives the school bus and when he had finished his route I was able to get up. When he left me

to run his route I was lying down. I thank the dear Lord and he has helped my husband and me in many ways. Saints pray for us. Your sister in Christ, Pearlene Nichols.

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Calif.—Dear ones at the office,—Greetings in His precious name. We are glad that we can report victory over the enemy. The Lord is doing wonderful things for us here. Praise his name. The school is progressing nicely. We give him all the praise. We have 11 students, one or more in each grade except the seventh. Ella Mae is assisting Sis. Faith teaching the lower grades. This next week will make her fourth week. We can see the Lord working in behalf of conditions here. Praise his name for all blessings. Yours in Him H. P. Huskey.

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

December 3, 1950

Printed Portion.....Romans 12:1-2, 6-8; 2 Corinthians 8:3-5; Philippians 2:25-30.

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

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

6. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7. Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8. Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

2 Cor. 8:3. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4. Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Phil. 2:25. Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

26. For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

27. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28. I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29. Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

30. Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Memory Verse: And Moses verily was faithful in all his house as a servant (or steward) for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken. Hebrews 3:5.

Practical Truth: My life, my love I give to thee
Thou Lamb of God who died for me.
Oh, may I ever faithful be
My Saviour and my God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To be a steward means that we are set over the affairs of another as we read in the second chapter of Hebrews, "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands." God gave us our lives to be used for him. In 1 Cor. 4:1-2 we read, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." When we are saved we belong to God both soul and body and God has appointed us a place to work for him in his vineyard. He expects us to be faithful in the place he has appointed us but remember we are working for Him. Heaven is our reward if we are faithful to the end.

When God finds a steward unfaithful then he takes his stewardship from him. Remember God gave us this life to use for him. We don't belong to ourselves and we don't own anything. It all belongs to God and we are just working for him. The Lord is the best pay master anyone ever worked for.

THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

December 10, 1950

Printed Portion.....Acts 8:4-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Philippians 1:12-18.

Acts 8:4. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8. And there was great joy in that city.

2 Cor. 5:17. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19. To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Phil. 1:12. But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13. So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14. And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the

word without fear.

15. Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16. The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17. But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.

18. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

Memory Verse: Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

Practical Truth: Faithfulness is what counts with God so we must be faithful if we would receive the reward.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Stewardship of the gospel means that God entrusted the gospel to us, his ministers and gospel workers. He gave this gospel to us that we might give it out to others. The Lord said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Paul realized the great responsibility that God placed on him as we hear him say "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel" and we hear him say in the first chapter of Romans, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." This gospel is precious and God wants us to guard it with a jealous care and keep it pure, clean and not mix anything else with it. God wants us to preach the pure unadulterated gospel so it will save all who will believe it.

God requires us to be faithful stewards of his gospel and give it out to others without charge. Faithfulness is what counts with God. Unless we are faithful in our stewardship of the gospel we will lose heaven, our reward. If we neglect our duty in proclaiming the gospel to others then souls will be lost and God will hold us guilty and require their blood at our hand. We hear Jesus saying, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

VICTORIOUS DAILY LIVING

December 17, 1950

Printed Portion.....2 Corinthians 11:18-30; 12:8-10.
2 Cor. 11:18. Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

19. For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise.

20. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

21. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

22. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

23. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26. In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren.

27. In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30. If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

12:8. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Memory Verse: For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4.

Practical Truth: As long as we keep the faith we will have the victory.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As we read in the devotional and the written portion of the lesson today we see that we must have a victorious life if we would lead others to victory. The Bible clearly teaches victorious daily living. We see no excuse for Christians having the blues. The word victory sounds so much better. Victory shall be the chorus, victory our watchword and song; Jesus is marching before us leading his armies along. Peter lost the victory by following Jesus afar off and he also slept when he should have been praying. After he lost the victory he was found warming himself by the devil's fire and before he really knew what he was doing he denied the Lord.

We must be brave soldiers and fight hard if we would live a victorious Christian life. When we entangle ourselves with the affairs of this life, to some extent we will lose the victory. If we would live victorious lives we must obey 1 Thes. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." We know of no reason why we should not live just like the Bible teaches. If we live just like the Bible teaches then we will have the victory every day.

THE SAVIOUR IS BORN

December 24, 1950

Printed Portion.....Luke 2:1-16.

Luke 2:1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a

manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Memory Verse: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached to the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1 Tim. 3:10.

Practical Truth: We should strive to be like Jesus.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." This statement was made by the angel to Joseph before our Saviour was born. Then in the fulness of time (that is God's appointed time) our Saviour was born. The announcement of this miraculous birth was first made to shepherds who were watching their flocks out on the Judean hills. As we read from the written portion of today's lesson how the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and the shepherds were sore afraid but the angel said, "Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings." It was the most wonderful message that ever came to this cold, dark world. The Saviour was born and he came to seek and save that which was lost. Good tidings of great joy which was to all people.

The angel of the Lord told the shepherds they would find the babe in the city of David which was called Bethlehem. The angel said, "You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. The baby Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room for them in the inn. This was the most wonderful event that had ever taken place upon the earth and still a greater event it was when this wonderful Saviour died the ignominious death on the cross to save poor sinners and still a greater event when he came forth from the tomb the mighty conqueror over death, hell, and the grave.

GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

December 31, 1950

Printed Portion.....John 15:1-5; Philippians 3:8-16.

John 15:1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it,

that it may bring forth more fruit.

3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Phil. 3:8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Memory Verse: Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness? 2 Cor. 6:14.

Practical Truth: Jesus is the light of the world. They who follow him do not walk in darkness.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To have fellowship with Jesus we must be clean. As we read today's lesson it reminds us of the vital relations between Jesus and his true followers. We say true followers, there are many who say they are following Jesus and they profess that they know him but in works they deny him. Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Notice how Jesus speaks in the first verse of the lesson today. He said, "I am the true vine" and this would signify that there are false vines but Christ's true followers have no fellowship with the false vines. To have fellowship with Jesus means first that we have been born again and that we are new creatures (or a new creation) and old things have passed away. Then our lives will blend right into Christ's life because our lives now, since we have been made new creatures through the new birth, we are like Jesus and being made like him we naturally have fellowship with him. Notice how Jesus said, "Now ye are clean thru the word which I have spoken unto you." Now read 2 Cor. 6:14-18 and we will get a clear picture of true fellowship. The fellowship we have with Jesus is sweet but we must be clean or there will be no fellowship.

G. S.