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Faith Is Stronger Than Sight

I saw not the Lord in his infantile glory
As humbly and sweet in the manger he lay,
And heard not the words of the heavenly chorus
Of the angels who sang on that first Christmas Day;
Yet I know it is true, for that song is still ringing,
Its heavenly music enraptures my soul.
And the bright Morning Star in my bosom is shining
As onward I march to the heavenly goal.

I saw not my Lord in the waters of Jordan
As upward he rose from the bright flowing stream,
And heard not the words from the mansions of glory,
And saw not the Spirit abiding on him;
But, glory to Jesus, to me he has given
The same Holy Spirit to comfort and guide
As onward I go on the Highway to Heaven
With Jesus my Saviour so close by my side.

I saw not his face on the high mountain summit,
So radiant with glory and bright as the sun,
And saw not the glow of his beautiful raiment,
And heard not the voice of the High Holy One;
But my soul is aglow with the heavenly music,
My garments are washed and made whiter than snow,
I'll shout and will sing the old sweet gospel story,
And tell of my Saviour wherever I go.

I saw not the cross or the nails that were given,
I saw not the spear that they pierced in his side,
And saw not the wounds where the nails had been driven,
And heard not his voice as in anguish he cried;
But stronger than sight is the truth that is written,
And God's Holy Spirit bears witness to me.
I know that for sin Jesus made the atonement,
I know that Christ died, for his blood cleanseth me.

I saw not the form of the bright shining angel
That rolled back the stone where the crucified lay,
And heard not the words that were spoken to Mary
By the Lord who arose on that bright Easter Day;
But deep in my heart there's a Heaven-born witness
With joy springing up like the waves of the sea.
I know that my blessed Redeemer has risen;
I know that Christ lives, for he liveth in me.

I saw not my Saviour ascending to glory,
I saw not the form of the angel so bright
that spoke to his friends of his future returning
To gather them home to the mansions of Light;
But I know he will come to receive his beloved
With heavenly angels all at his command,
Then all who are ready will rise up to meet him,
Forever to dwell in that Heavenly Land.

—John W. Youngblood.

Who Will Suffer For the Saviour?

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin, That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God" 1 Pet. 4:1-2. It was God's love for us that caused Him to give his Son to suffer and die for the redemption of man; and truly it was love for us that caused Christ to suffer the scoffs of this cruel world to do the will of the Father.

Every child of God has a part in this suffering. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" 2 Tim. 2:12.

To be armed with the same mind as Christ, means to be fully consecrated to do as he did to the extent that one would undergo any ordeal of suffering He permits. You may wonder why you must suffer sieges of affliction. The Lord knows what you need. Precious lessons are learned; and, too, your life during this suffering when the Lord's life is being exemplified in you, will inspire some one to such a sweet resigned life. Suffering is one of the ways God uses to convict and save many souls.

Paul and Silas, after preaching the Word of God, cast the spirit of divination out of the damsel and caused quite an uproar. Her masters caused them to be beaten and put into prison. At midnight they prayed and sang and there was an earthquake. The jailer was convicted and asked to be saved. He and his house were saved (Acts 16).

He who counts not his life dear unto himself to please the Lord, will count the suffering of this life precious to his soul.

The Hebrew boys, who were favored of the King of Babylon, when demanded to fall down and worship the golden image, said, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Dan. 3. True, they were cast into this furnace, but the old king saw Jesus in the furnace with them. They were delivered unharmed. Thank the Lord! Do you have Him in the furnace of suffering? Can He be seen in affliction or persecution? The result in the case of the Hebrews was that the king made a decree acknowledging God as the true God to be worshiped, "because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

There are various ways and adverse circumstances the people of God must suffer. John the Baptist, a just and holy man of God reproved Herod's evil deed. Herodias, the woman with whom he was living, had a quarrel against him and had John killed. He stood true to the Word of God. By it we live; by it we must die to prove our loyalty to the Lord.

Christians now are suffering under the cruel hand of the enemy of the Lord. Be strong, be valiant. God is our strength and song and has become our salvation.

Good old Stephen was a beautiful picture of suffering (read it). He asked the Lord to forgive his murderers—no murmuring, no retaliation. The Lord loves to see his image reflected during the suffering of his children. He is looking on with pity and contemplation. He has a balm for every one—the shut-ins, the cripples; yes, those who have problems in the home. Keep the mind of Christ who suffered for you. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you. Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. —E. V. Phillips

SUPPOSE?

Supposing, according to one writer, the apostle Paul wrote a letter like this in reply to the "Macedonian Call":

"Dear Brethren in Christ: Doubtless you remember the invitation you extended to me to come over to Macedonia and help the people of that section. You will pardon me for saying that I am somewhat surprised that you should expect a man of my standing in the church to seriously consider a call on such meager information. There are several things I would like to know before giving you my decision, and I would appreciate you dropping me a line, addressing me at Troas.

"There is one important item that you overlooked in your brief and somewhat sudden invitation. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE SALARY I was to receive. While it is true I am not preaching for money, there are certain things that need to be taken into account. I have been through a long and expensive training and hold several degrees; in fact, I may

say with pride that I am a Sanhedrin man—the only one in the ministry today.

"The day is past when you may expect a man to rush into a new field without some idea of support he is to receive. I have worked up myself to a good position in the Asiatic field, and to take a drop and lose grade would be a serious matter, nor can I afford to swap dollar for dollar as the saying is.

"Kindly get the Macedonian brethren together and see what they can do in the way of support. You have told me nothing beyond the implication that the place needs help. What are the social advantages? Is the church well organized?

"I recently had a fine offer to return to Damascus at an increase of salary, and I am told that I made a favorable impression on the church at Jerusalem. If it will help the Board at Macedonia you might mention these facts to them, and also some of the brethren in Judaea have been heard to say that if I kept on, I might have anything in the gift of the church. For recommendations, write Rev. Simon Peter, D. D., Jerusalem. I will say that I am a first class mixer and especially strong on argumentative preaching; I sing and play several musical instruments.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Dr. Paul, D. D."

I am glad that this is not so. What a difference between Paul and the worldly-minded preachers of today!

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Be Clean

"Be ye clean." Isa. 52:11. The Church of God is a pure, spotless Virgin. She is of heavenly birth. She came out from God and bears His image upon her. She is decked with rich ornaments from His Treasure-House. She is robed in garments of light. Her brow is as fair as the morning, and her cheeks are as comely as the rose. In her reflection of God's holiness she is as fair as the moon; in her shining splendor of purity she is as clear as the sun; in her flowing white robes of heaven's purity she strikes terror to the hearts of evil men. O mortal man, we announce to you, on authority from heaven, that she is the pure, spotless, holy bride of the Son of God. She is pure enough for Him to take into His bosom.

Satan has robed an harlot, donned her with a garment of (false) light, branded her "Church of God" and put her out upon the world. Outwardly she looks like an angel of light, and her ministers like ministers of righteousness; she is arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold, pearls, precious stones, and has a golden cup in her hands (Rev. 17:4). Inwardly she is full of the abominations and filthiness of her fornication. The pure Church of God has no more affinity with her than Jesus has with the devil. As rays of light pass through miles of atmosphere laden with dust, dirt and life-destroying germs untainted, so God's pure saints pass thru this corrupt, sin-cursed world pure as the breath of an angel. Nothing earthly—silver, gold, diamonds, pearls could make them pure. Their holiness is too rare and costly to be purchased by any thing of earth.

"What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus?

What can make me pure within?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Saints of the Most High have gone to the cross, and passed through the transforming tomb with Jesus, leaving their grave-clothes behind them; they have walked with the Son of God through the seven-times-heated furnace where they were loosened from every earthly tie; they have gone with Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration and been moulded into His image; they have ascended in a chariot of fire into the kingdom of God and sit with the Savior in an heavenly place. They are not of the world even as Jesus was not of this world. (John 17:16).

Woe to the man that would attempt to eat of holy things until he is made clean. (Lev. 22:4). "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord" (Isa. 52:11). O ye preachers, how dare you come into the pulpit with the smell of filthy lucre upon your garments! How dare you to approach the sacred desk with a message from God under agreement with men for money! Woe to you who teach that we should share bed and board with the poor, and you spend the Lord's money in sight-seeing trips! Woe to you who beg for money from laboring men and women to send the Gospel to the heathen and you receive such a percentage of the money as will enable you to live in ease! Ye editors, how dare you edit Gospel messages under a contract for a fixed salary! O ye writers, how dare you write articles on holy themes, in competition with others, for a money-prize! O ye evangelists, how dare you attempt to fly through the heavens with the everlasting Gospel to preach to others when you have made money your wings! Woe to you when you advertise for meetings, stating you want to work for souls when you know it is filthy lucre you are after! How dare you invite corrupt politicians to offer strange fire in your houses of worship! Woe to you when you display the flags of earthly kingdoms and invite magistrates of corrupt courts to speak in your temples about to be dedicated to God! Woe to you who come from the party, the show, the pageant, the festival, the banquet, and in nakedness of dress, with painted cheeks, beauty parlor-waved hair, decked with jewels, sit in the choir-loft and with scarlet-colored lips attempt to sing the Lord's song! Your songs are an howling in His ears (Amos 8:3). Ye who love ease, pleasure, pre-eminence, honor, praise, money, are covetous, boastful, proud, heady, high-minded, selfish, love pomp and show, greedy, lustful, how dare ye attempt to bear the vessels of the Lord! You may hold your head high now, live in ease and luxury, succeed in holding high positions and be a D. D. in the First Church of —, receive your salaries, frown upon the poor, but some day you will have to account to God, and then you would give all the world to exchange places with Lazarus. No unclean thing shall pass over God's holy way.

—C. E. Orr.

The Holy Spirit must be the teacher, not what man thinks.

Be Watchful

To all the saints everywhere,—Be watchful, for we know not the day nor the hour when our Lord shall come. Keep oil in your vessels and your lamps trimmed and burning. The stores will all be closed when He comes and it will be too late to buy then. Be wise and be prepared. It is now a busy time. You will not want to be overtaken and unprepared. Your old sister is anxious for your souls. I am looking for my Master to come any time. I am 92 years old, and may see Him come to claim his own. I want to be ready. There are many traps set to catch souls who are careless and think they have plenty of time.

How swiftly the years go by. What have we to offer for the golden moments lost? I prayed my Father to let me redeem the time I lost while in sin, and see how He has lengthened out my years. But I feel that I shall soon be going home. Pray for Aunt Becca, that my last days will be my best.—R. Basicker

WAR

War with all its horrors is in progress o'er the sea, Innocent boys and men with families are fighting for victory.

O, think of the heart-broken women, the homes now blasted away,

Is there not a just God in heaven who will make it right some day?

O yes, He is near, but is pleading, for we walk not by sight, but by faith,

And when all we hold dear has been taken, we stop to contemplate.

We realize this world is crumbling, and the lust thereof must pass;

We long for the incorruptible, the things that are sure and steadfast.

Then we look to the Saviour and with prayers ascending above,

With outstretched arms He greets us with His infallible love.

He will beautify the meek with salvation, the abased shall be lifted up,

These He's called for His kingdom, and shall go in with Him to sup.

Yes, the God of our Bible is righteous and He maketh wars to cease (Psa. 46:9),

And at His right hand are pleasures with everlasting peace.

—Roberta Reese.

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints,—There is a correction to be made concerning the notice of the Bakersfield, Calif. Young People's meeting, published in March issue.

There will be all day meeting every fourth Sunday, with young people conducting the afternoon service. All saints are welcome and ministers both young and old, also the unsaved. Everybody is welcome. Also, the use of the words "National Young People's Meeting" was a mistake.

—The young saints of Bakersfield, California.

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Editorials

Again we send heart-felt greetings to our many readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper. We have been enjoying the many letters that have been pouring into the office. In some, the writers expressed the joy and comfort they had received from reading the March issue of the paper. We are thankful to know that God makes the contents of the paper a blessing to souls. We take great delight in being a worker together with God. Every one who contributes to this work in prayer or means has a part and can truthfully rejoice with us and the workers here at the "Lord's Print Shop."

It is wonderful when one has a clear vision of the church, the spiritual body of Christ which is composed of members (men and women) whom He has placed in the Body as it has pleased Him, and see how precisely and cleverly the Lord uses the members to work together to bring about certain things that are needful to the fulfilling of his promises to men in order to get the Gospel of Christ to people by the printed page or otherwise. For a simple illustration, a cook reaches and gets this dish or that dish and fills them with appetizing food and places them on the table. When the table is fully set and every dish filled with good things is on the table, the guests are invited to sit down and enjoy those good things. The Lord uses many members or vessels in filling the "Faith and Victory" paper with good wholesome food for the souls of men and women and invites them to freely eat thereof.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion [the church, the body of Christ], Thy God reigneth!" Isa. 52:7. Fear not, brethren, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31. Jesus Christ has spoken, and His word is sure, is steadfast, and cannot be broken. Here it is: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18. Jesus is our elder brother, and he has ascended up to heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father. Eph. 1:20, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all" (vss. 22 and 23). Praise our God forever.

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Lately I have had many thoughts of people who profess to follow Christ and "wear a veil." The veils that they wear are of different texture and shades, and some that they wear are quite heavy and dark, allowing only an exceedingly small amount of light to penetrate through.

In Heb. 8:10 we read, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel [Church of God] after those days [law days] saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother,

saying, Know the Lord: [by the law] for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

When Jesus hung upon the cross and gave up the Spirit, the "Veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." Matt. 27:51. It was then and there all taken away and the holiest of holies was opened up to all mankind everywhere. It is certainly a work of Satan that causes men to hang up the veil again and shut souls away from the Holy place of God, keeping them under the law, a veil over their faces which hinders them from having liberty with an open face [eyes] to behold Him as in a glass and be changed into his image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord. Read 2 Cor. 3:17, 18.

In 2 Cor. 3:5 Paul makes it plain that God has made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter (law), but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life. Read on in this chapter and you can plainly see that a New Testament experience greatly excels the law experience in glory. When Jesus gave up his life on the cross, there was a great change made and men could no longer be justified by keeping the law of Moses. We read in Gal. 2:16, that Paul plainly declares that we are justified by the faith of Christ in the soul and not by the works of the law: "For by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." In the 19th verse he says, "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God."

Paul, speaking of law keepers, says, "But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their hearts." 2 Cor. 3:15.

Those who keep Sunday and call it the sabbath day have a veil over their faces. Those who keep Saturday as the Jews did as a sabbath are "wearing the veil." Those who make a law of tithing and call it a New Testament doctrine have lost faith and have a dark veil over their faces. Those who make a law of water baptism are not rightly dividing the Word of God and have a dark veil over their hearts, causing many to stumble into a false hope, for Noah's Ark was a type of Christ and not the water that was around the ark. The water merely showed that they were saved (1 Peter 3:21). The water in this case was filling the world; and when one goes down into the watery grave it gives us a picture of one being dead to the world and alive in Christ. Then he walks in newness of life, a new life. Old things have passed away and all things have become new. In Col. 1:27, Paul writes about the salvation of the Gentiles, and says, "Which is Christ in you the hope of glory."

In 1 John 5:19, we read, "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." Those who were in the ark, the type of Christ, knew that they were saved, and that the whole world was full of water, which meant destruction to any one out in it. This world is filled up with sin and wickedness and we know that we are safe in Christ; but the whole world of people are on the broad way to destruction.

Practically all who are in the sects and carnal divisions are wearing a veil in some form or another and keep their converts in bondage to elements and

powers of this world so that they cannot be changed from glory to glory.

Let us turn and read a few verses from the 6th chapter of 2 Corinthians, beginning at the 14th verse, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said; I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Wherefore [or because of this], come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, [The Lord said this] and touch not the unclean thing: [Do not be a partaker with them.] and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." God said this to you and me.

Brethren and sisters, if you want to be changed from glory to glory and have his bright image in your soul, you must not allow anyone to bring you under bondage to law doctrines wherein the Spirit is hindered from working freely in your soul. Do not join up with any man-made religions which are so numerous in this world. Keep free to be led by His Spirit. Do not join the lodges, the unions, the armies; tie yourself up to nothing but the Lord. Make a confederacy with none of the worldly or earthly organizations. Read the eighth chapter of Isaiah, beginning with the eleventh verse. Verse 13, "Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; [In other words, set Him apart to live in your hearts and be your instructor and counsellor] and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." Be not of this world even as Christ was not of the world. He told the religious people of his day, "Ye are from beneath; [of earth] I am from above: ye are of this world, I am not of this world." John 8:23.

When Christ was crucified, buried, and arose again to die no more, a change was made, and for souls to turn him down would mean death to them. Jesus became the light of the world, and he said to some of the law keepers (recorded in John 15), "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin." Verse 24, "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." In Acts 17:30, Paul tells us in the times of past ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. All people everywhere are commanded to repent. Ye cannot be justified by keeping the law any more, but we are justified by repenting and looking in faith to His Blood as an atonement for our sins. Jesus has broken down the middle wall of partition between the Jew and the Gentile and has made of the twain, one new man, so making peace. Eph. 2:14, 15.

If you want to learn more about people who "Wear the Veil" send for a 24-page booklet which makes it very plain and simple to see and understand.

We have just printed this booklet. It is free for the asking.

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Harvey Johnson, who has been numbered among the workers at the Lord's Print Shop for almost three years, felt like the Lord was pleased to make a change in his life; so in accordance with these leadings he left Guthrie the latter part of February and secured employment in Webb City, Mo. On Sunday, March 18, 1951 he was united in marriage to Sister May Ola Casto. They plan to make their home there with her semi-invalid mother at present. The saints at Webb City are few in number and welcome this addition to their congregation, and we believe he will continue to serve the Lord there as he did here. Pray for them.

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ALL DAY MEETING

The saints at Webb City, Mo. welcome other saints and friends to meet with them all day April 8th. 400 S. Devon.

CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The 44th Annual Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the General Southern Campgrounds at Hammond, La., to begin Friday, June 29th and continue through Sunday July 8th, 1951. Meals will be served on the ground and all who come will be cared for.

For further information write to Ray Key or Max F. Williamson, Box 370, Hammond, La. Contributions toward the support of the meeting may be sent to the same address.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the Nottingham's granddaughter of Union City, Ind. She has pneumonia.

Sister Martha Jenkins of Dayton, Ohio desires prayer for her eyes, and an urgent unspoken request.

Mrs. Nels Allen of Mo. desires prayer for salvation.

Pray for Sister Madelon Reynolds who was seriously injured in an accident. At present she is with Bro. and Sister Key in Hammond, La.

Bro. William D. Summers, 305A N. High St., Belleville, Ill. feels burdened to pray for the sick. Write him if you need prayer. When writing, let him know your case and whether you are saved or not.

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Obituaries

Sister Wilhelmina Priem who has been a member of the church of God for thirty years and has been sick for over three years passed away February 25th, Sunday afternoon, 3:20, at her home. She was born in Germany May 12, 1869. She departed this life at the age of eighty-one years, nine months, and nineteen days. She always loved the Lord and wanted to support His cause. She wanted to go home, until finally the good Lord took her home. She leaves her husband and one sister.

She was a good wife and a good house keeper. She loved to go to meetings and served the Lord the best she knew how. I feel very lonesome without her.

Graveside services were conducted by Earl Brown, a church of God minister from Kalamazoo, Mich.

Rinhart Priem, her husband.

Charles Buddy Reynolds, born Sept. 8, 1941, passed to his reward March 6, 1951, age 9 years, 5 months, and 28 days. He was the youngest child of Bro. Charles E. and Sister Madelon Marcella Reynolds, the rosebud of the home, a sweet, religiously-inclined child, and we believe he is resting in glory today waiting for the rest to come. He was taken in an accident that occurred March 6th when, because of a blowout on the truck, the truck and trailer house were rushed down an incline off the road into a tree, which wrecked both vehicles and hurt all the family, taking little Buddy. But they find comfort in the Lord. Their hearts are only reaching out for a closer walk in the Lord.

He leaves to mourn their loss, both parents, one little brother and one little sister, besides grandparents on both sides and many other relatives and numerous friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Oak Grove chapel out of Loranger a few miles. Scripture reading: 2 Sam. 12:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:58; John 5:28, 29; 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Interment in the saints' cemetery there.

— Sister Katherine Key

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John W. Youngblood, born October 20, 1860, passed to his reward at the family home in Pomona, Calif. Mar. 1, 1951, at the age of 90 years, 4 months, and 8 days.

Jan. 11, 1883 he was united in marriage to Nancy Hildebran in Buffalo, Mo. To this union four daughters and three sons were born. Bro. and Sister Youngblood celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in January.

Bro. Youngblood gave his heart to God about sixty-two years ago, and shortly after began preaching the gospel. About the year 1895 he received the full light on the church of God, to which he held to death. He was among the early pioneer ministers who traveled far and near to scatter this blessed evening light. They lived for many years in Missouri and came to California from Arizona in the year 1909 to assist in publishing the gospel for the blind. They have lived here the past forty-two years. He had retired from active duty several years ago, although preaching occasionally. His last message was delivered on Sunday night, Feb. 4th. He was well read and deep in the Scriptures and blessed with a wonderful memory. Many times he repeated from memory long poems he had learned when a boy. He loved to sing, and has written a number of hymns. He enjoyed singing solos. He was very faithful in attending services, and will be greatly missed by many, especially the congregation here.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Lillie Westlake, Creswell, Ore., Mrs. Rena Cox, Pomona, Calif., Mrs. Naomi Hill, Cottage Grove, Ore., Mrs. Ruth Dawson, San Gabriel, Calif.; three sons, Ruel J., Springfield, Ore., Riley, Northridge, Calif., and Ross Youngblood, Pomona, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Goodson of Windson, Kans. There are sixteen grand-children and twenty-eight great-grand-children, besides a host of friends and saints to mourn his passing.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. E. M. Zinn, O. B. Wilson, E. A. Harmon, and I. D. Stover.

The song, "Faith Is Stronger Than Sight," (See Page One.), which he composed, was read at the service.

The Visible Body of Christ

Col. 1:18, "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." The following instruction is given to all who have been born into the family of God and are free from sin and condemnation: Rom. 12:3-5, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." "God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Any man or woman can have just as much of God's holy love and salvation as any one else, if he pays the full price made known by the truth, the Word of God, and one is just as much a part of the body of Christ as another. For as we have many members in our physical body, and they all work together in perfect harmony for a well body, even so it is in the body of Christ. The saved and sanctified saints who are truly living a holy life free from sin compose "one body and all the members have not the same office, so we being many are one body in Christ." Christ had only one physical body, and he has only one spiritual body. "And every one members one of another." That means I am a part of you and you are a part of me so long as we are both free from sin. By our fruits we are known. Sin of any kind is the only thing that separates one from God and from each other. If the Word of God says a thing or an act is sin, it is sin and will keep us out of heaven. It matters not who sins against God or his Word, He has said, "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Exodus 32:33.

1 Cor. 12:20-27, "But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." The eye needs the hand to take away the things that hurt the eye, and the hand needs the eye to keep it from getting into something hurtful. The head cannot go any place without the feet taking it. "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary . . . God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." Have you been tempered by the Spirit of God so that you fit perfectly into the spiritual body of Christ? He wants no schism or division in His body. Someone is wrong where there is division, and that one will have to answer to God. "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done, and there is no respect of persons." Col. 3:25.

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." Does the world see us acting that way? We are instructed in 1 Cor.

1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Perfectly joined together is God's demand and the Word and Holy Spirit agree. Every Holy Ghost filled man of God is duty bound to pray and act with all lowliness and meekness with long suffering forbearing one another in love, for charity shall cover a multitude of faults, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:2, 6, 13). "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

When we are filled with the Spirit and look through His eyes at the Word of God, we can see it just as God intends for us to see it in its fullness, and will work for this unity of the visible body of Christ here on earth. We shall have to be in perfect harmony and unity in heaven, for there is only one heaven to go to, and Jesus has only one bride. She cannot be divided. Often here we see conditions existing as they did in Paul's time when he rebuked them for being divided and saying, "I am of Paul; I am of Apollos," etc. God knows where the division is. Some one is short of living by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God and they will suffer defeat at the Judgment. The bride must have only one mind, the mind of Christ. The saints of God need to be about their Master's business and work for perfect unity according to the Word of God, that we all see eye to eye and speak the same thing and that there be no division among us (1 Cor. 1:10). —Artie Giesler

Correspondence

Calif.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory,"—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am in the month (March) the 12th of which marks the 90th mile stone of my physical life in this time world. In my girlhood days I was converted which means I was born again. The mistakes of my life were many yet by God's help I lived to all the light I had until I learned that, The bent to do evil that I could not repent of and have blotted out was not removed through my repentance toward God and faith in Jesus. It took a second definite application of the blood, applied by the Faith of God which was granted to me when I presented my body a living sacrifice. Rom. 12:1, John 17:19, 1 Cor. 1:2, Heb. 10:10, Jude 1:1. Through my knowing I am a child in God's family or church gives me a Title to a mansion in the skies. Every child who endures to the end will have a title to a mansion. Praise our God! Children are all treated alike.

But you must be born into God's family. Just having your name placed on some church where the record is kept here is not enough. They must be on the record in heaven. Luke 10:20.

There are many things that accompany salvation. One is healing. Jesus has purchased healing for us through suffering. Read the 19th chapter of John, the first verse especially. By his stripes we are healed. He has been my physician for more than fifty years. I will just relate one very miraculous healing of sciatic rheumatism in my

right hip and severe pain all down the limb and just as bad in the heel. I couldn't bear a bit of weight on my right foot without falling. I suffered a few days and crippled around but one morning before I thought of getting out of bed I was meditating and praying. I said "Father, I am going to walk by faith today and trust you to rebuke this awful pain so I can walk." I dressed, stood on my left foot, leaning against the bed and swung my right limb a few times and set it flat on the floor. I did not fall. I straightened up, threw my shoulders back and started to walk. The farther I walked the less pain until all pain stopped. Glory to God that was 15 months ago and I'm still healed. I will give no more healing because of space.

This does not mean I am not failing in strength for I am and I am praising God for it as I realize this outer man must perish before I can go home and sometimes I get homesick for heaven. Pray for me that I will have an end like Paul. 2 Tim. 4:6-8. God bless the whole household of Faith.

Mrs. Sadie E. Orr Harmon.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings to you in Jesus' name! I want to write my testimony that it may glorify my heavenly Father. About three weeks ago I took a hot frying pan out of the oven and in a few minutes I went back to the stove and picked up the handle of the pan with my bare hand. It deeply burned the palm of my hand and three of my fingers. The pain was so severe I couldn't keep from crying. It was then I felt I needed help from the Lord and very soon. The thought came to me how Elijah prayed only once and immediately fire came down from heaven and consumed the water and the burnt sacrifice. I took that thought from the Lord as a witness that God was going to do something miraculous for me. I prayed for the Lord to heal me and the pain left and I praised the Lord for healing me as I continued to cook and could use my hand even though it was fiery red. I suffered the pain just long enough to know how terrible the pain was but the healing touch from God took all the pain away and even the soreness.

I wish more people would just let God help them out when they need help because he will never forsake us. Some are afraid they will die if they don't have some medicine or a doctor but I have found I have never had any sickness or disease that was too hard for the Lord to heal.

I also want to tell how the Lord has blessed the children's Bible class here at my house. Each Wednesday the neighbor children meet here from 3:30 to 4:30 and we read Bible stories or some out of the Bible, sing, pray, and learn verses out of the Bible. The largest attendance was 20 children and altogether 31 children have met together at least one time. We have met together the past eight weeks and several of the mothers have thanked me for teaching their children. Some of the neighbors who do not have small children have given me much encouragement to continue in this work as they feel we do not take enough time in home missionary work. Please pray for me that I will be pliable in the Lord's hands so that he can use me to his glory.

With Christian love,

Sister Lucille Elliott.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I feel impressed to write my testimony. I am still saved, living for the Lord. I will soon be 69 and I know the dear Lord has spared me for something. When I first got saved I had stomach trouble so bad and it kept getting worse. I couldn't eat anything and I knew if the Lord didn't heal me I couldn't last long

at that so I was anointed and prayed for and the Lord healed me and now I can eat anything I want to. Praise his name. I never have been bothered since but I have had several other afflictions but God was so good to heal me of them all.

At one time when my three little girls were all small I thought the Lord was going to take me and I was willing and anxious for him to but he gave me a vision and let me see my little girls standing before me and said to me, "I am going to let you live to raise these girls." That satisfied me and I was willing to live. But now as all of my children are married and still he lets me live, I know it is for some good reason. I can't see one thing I am doing or any influence I am having but it came to me that maybe it is for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I am trusting the Lord will help me in every way so I can be a help to them. I am praying that the Lord will save my children but it may not be while I am living. I think of some that used to always ask for prayer for their children. Brother Miles is one who used to ask prayer for his unsaved children and the last time I saw him was at Los Angeles meeting. He got up with tears in his eyes and said, "Saints remember my children that God will save them before too late." I never have forgotten that. I think we ought to still remember them. I know if he could only speak to us again he would say the same words and I know I would love for the saints to remember mine after I am gone.

I do need prayer that I will live faithful to the end for I know it is going to mean much to get to heaven and we can't afford to miss it. My soul is being stirred every day for a closer walk with God. I know the end is getting near.

Mrs. Albert Doolittle.

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Ind.—Dear saints,—Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus' our Savior. We are truly praising God for his wonderful love and goodness to us. I want to tell of some of his precious dealings.

On the last Sunday of the tent meeting at Plymouth, Ind. prayer was requested for our son, Jerry who was subject to very frequent and severe headaches. From that day on after prayer was offered he had never had any trouble with his head. I had mentioned it to the saints here and we were praising and thanking God. I also felt impressed to write of his healing in the "Faith and Victory" but neglected to do so just then. On March 7 he came home from school with a very bad headache. He was suffering much and was very sick. We stayed in constant prayer until God answered. The pain left and he fell asleep. I am very sorry to have neglected as I feel had I written of his healing when first impressed this never would have come back upon him. We thank and praise the dear Lord for his great compassion toward us. Jerry went to school today and came home feeling fine.

We can say as did David, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him." There are only a few saints here but we love the Lord and love the straight and narrow way, and by the help and grace of God we are striving to walk therein. We sincerely thank the saints for every prayer offered. May God bless each one.

We enjoy the letters and testimonies in the "Faith and Victory" as well as each and every article. The saints here have been much encouraged when some of the ministers stopped by to bring us inspiring messages from God's precious word. We ask an interest in your prayers that we may always be led of the Lord, obeying his every command. In Christian love,

Mrs. Edna Hardy.

Young People's Section

I Wouldn't

I wouldn't make fun of a boy who is poor,
For he has quite hardships enough to endure.
His coat may be ragged and shabby his hat,
But if he is honest, respect him for that.
His father's a drunkard—Well, he's not to blame;
Be thankful that your father isn't the same.

I wouldn't make fun of a schoolmate—oh, no!—
If you're at the head, and his place is below.
A diligent scholar, though slowly he climb,
May be at the head of his class some time.
Perhaps it would give him a pleasant surprise
If you would help him a bit to be wise.

I wouldn't abuse the dumb animals, they,
Are given us for our service each day;
Nor kill the dear birds—Oh! how sweetly they sing
When back to our homes they return in the spring.
God cares for his creatures, the large and the small,
Remember this, boys, and be kind to them all.

I wouldn't make fun of the aged, not I;
Perhaps you'll be aged yourself by and by.
'Tis better to smile when you happen to meet,
And give them your arm when crossing the street.
You'll feel well repaid for the good you have done
As they thank you and add a "God bless you, my son."
—Selected

In God's Fold

I was out in the old world dark and cold,
I had strayed away from the Father's fold.
My mother had gone to that City fair,
Wondering ever if I'd come there.

She told God if she had to die
To let me meet her in the sky.
So now I'm happy in my soul,
I'll live for God and ever be bold.
Now when I cross over to that shore,
I can be with my mother forevermore.

Donald Lea

Mo.—Dear young saints,—Tonight I am still saved
and much encouraged to live on for the Lord all the days
of my life. It means so much to be a Christian. Some-
times the way looks dark, but if we just keep looking up
he will help us. I have been having trials and tests in
school, so I need all of the saints' prayers. I could never
tell how the Lord has helped me. He has done so much
for me. I do want to live closer to the Lord than I have
before. I have one sister and two brothers that are not
saved. I desire the prayers of the saints that they may
get saved before it is too late. I want to press the battle
on till the victory is won. So I need your prayers.

With Christian love,

Wanda Atnip

Dear Bro. Kenneth,—I received your most welcome letter and was happy to hear from you. I also received the literature you sent. Lord bless you for it. I read some of it today. I am encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I surely see the need of living close to God in this dark world. He is our only hope.

Praise the Lord, I have made my stand for him. The Lord just convicted me so much about being in this army until I could bear no more of it, so I got down in all sincerity and prayed over the matter. I prayed for the Lord to have his way with me and to show me what to do. I know the Lord will never lead us wrong.

On the morning which we were supposed to begin our cycle of basic training I went to see the company commander. I told him in a very humble manner that because of my convictions by the Holy Spirit of God, I could no longer take part in any manner as a member of the armed forces. I explained to him my position as best I could. I felt God's presence in that office. The Holy Spirit was leading. The captain was opposed to it all, but the Lord was pleased, and that is what matters. I was sent to my barracks and confined there. The next morning I was summoned to his office. He asked me if I had changed my mind. I told him no. He told me that I would regret it. I told him that I would not regret anything I did for the Lord. Later on that day I was sent to the Lieutenant Colonel. He tried to dissuade me from my stand, but I held out for the Lord. He was inconsiderate for awhile until he saw that I did not get angry or stirred. The Lord was with me and I was calm. I told him of God and his goodness and how he wants us to love one another. He told me if he gave me orders and I did not obey them that I would be court martialed. After about two hours of explaining, receiving opposition and exalting the Lord, I was sent back to the barracks. On the third day everyone was called to be paid. I did not want the money, so I did not go. How could I accept money for something I did not believe in? It seemed like "guilty money" to me. I was a little low on money, but I knew the Lord would provide. I just told the precious Lord even if I had to do without I could not accept that money. The Lord blessed wonderfully. The next day a boy handed me a ten dollar bill and a slip of paper containing his home address, and told me when I could to return it to that address. I praised the dear Lord and thanked the boy. The Lord is good.

I have been confined to barracks. About every other day some officer would come and talk to me and try to get me to change, but I'm standing firm for the Lord. Man has no heaven for me. I don't know what they are planning on doing with me, but I'm willing to suffer for His sake. I do not fear, for God is my all and in all. Please pray for me.

—Edmond McCallum

Ore.—Dear young saints,—I feel impressed to write my testimony for the paper. We surely are serving a mighty God! One who would even look down on this earth and save me. I was crying and praying to the Lord a few nights ago, wondering why he saved me, and praising God for doing so. Not very long ago when people would talk about waking up in the night and talking with God I wanted to be the same way. Praise the Lord, I am that way now. I prayed unto the Lord to wake me up in the night. About twelve o'clock I woke up, got up and prayed. Oh, how I was blessed! Ever since then I have

awakened two or three times almost every night. I often think about the song which says, "Jesus laboured night and day, and He knows." I seem to keep very busy during the day with my studies, but, praise the Lord, I don't study all night. I would much rather talk to the Lord than sleep. Surely my cup is running over, just as the Psalmist said.

I am still praising the Lord for the many things he has done for me in the past. A year ago last assembly meeting my two sisters, who are in school also, and I wanted to attend the assembly meeting very much, but couldn't see any way possible. We prayed about it and the Lord sent a good storm, so our school closed. Praise God! We were able to attend almost all the meeting. Last summer we wanted to attend the campmeeting very much. Praise the Lord, he worked it out, too. We were able to attend a whole week of the meeting. This winter God softened the hearts of our teachers and we were excused from school to attend the meeting. One day something happened and we didn't have any way to get to church services (about five miles from our home). I was very disappointed. I went into my room and was praying about it when I thought about the Irish Saint, holy Ann. She would start out walking and the Lord would send her a ride. I walked into the living room and said to my sister, "Bob, let's walk." Quickly she agreed. We started out walking and hadn't gone more than half of a mile when some of our friends came along and picked us up. Thank God, he can work out anything.

Last Sunday in the message the minister said God could help the young people to live so close to him that people would be astonished. I have been thinking about this very much this week, and am praying unto the Lord to help me live that close to him. Praise God! I know he can. I desire every one to pray for me that I will live just as God would have me. Your saved sister,

Charlotte Hightower

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Ore.—Dear young saints scattered abroad,—Greeting in Jesus' dear name. I truly thank the Lord today for salvation and for victory in my soul. Even our trials seem easier when we look to the Lord for help. I heard a sister say one time that she refused to be discouraged. That has been so much help to me. When we have it settled that we will not become discouraged no matter what comes, you know the devil doesn't have nearly so much to work on.

I have been thinking about the Hebrew Children when they were sent to the fiery furnace. That was surely a great trial to them, but they did not become discouraged nor dreaded to go through the furnace. They had it fixed in their hearts that whether the Lord would deliver them or not they would still serve the Lord.

We may not see any good from our trials at the time, but we never know who is watching our lives, and other people can see whether we come out victorious or not. The Word says that our trials for a time seem grievous, but if we hold fast it will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Many times we have need of patience that after we have done what the Lord wants us to we might receive the blessing. I know in times past I would not wait long enough on the Lord, and then when the next trial would come it would seem so much harder. But, praise his dear name, he has taught me to be more patient. We may think the Lord is slow answering some of our prayers. He will answer when he sees it is for the best. Sometimes it might even be several years before he will make it plain to us, but if we have patience and wait on God, our lives will be so much easier. He knows what is best for us all of the time.

We may think we have more trials than any one else, but the Lord may see that through trial or afflictions is the only way he can teach us how to serve him better. Our trials may seem many, but if we stop to compare them with the blessings we will see there is no comparison, for each trial will prove a blessing if we come out victorious. The Word says when we are tried we shall come out as fine gold.

I truly thank the Lord that though it be trial or affliction, we can still have the joys of salvation in our hearts. Your sister in Christ, Marie Busch.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—I've been wanting to write my testimony for a long time, but felt like others could write so much better than I that I neglected writing.

I'm very happy in the Lord, realizing we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. I am thankful for all the Lord has done and is doing for me. The Lord sought after me while I was in sin and the world and also brought me out of sectism. He showed me the one holy church, and I want to live so that I can make up a small part of God's church.

Bro. Porter has been teaching us Revelation, and I can realize and be more thankful than ever before that the Lord brought me out into the light.

We are thankful the Lord sent Bro. and Sister Merrill Williamson to be with us here at Webb City. They have been an encouragement to us. Pray for me that I'll live to please the Lord. Betty Cash

Correspondence

Mo.—Dear Saints,—Greetings of love in our Saviour's name. This finds me pressing on with the hope of winning my crown of life. I feel a need to testify for my Lord and Saviour this morning. He is so sweet to me. My baby has a cold and coughed some yesterday, but, praises to God, he is resting this morning and did all night. I would all the world could realize the joy and satisfaction of serving Jesus. My heart is burdened for the lost. It seems as though they never think of eternity or where they will spend it. I wish to say to the dear ones in sin to not harden your hearts, but yield all to the Lord today. God said his Spirit would not always strive with man. It does not pay to reject His calling, even once. Repent, dear sinner, because the time of our Lord's return is drawing near. Dear saints everywhere, pray for me that I may ever be where the Lord wants me. My desire is to go all the way with him. Your sister in the one way, Mrs. Lavern Moles

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Mo.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—Greetings of holy love! Oh, how I love you every one. Although there are many that I do not know still I know that love flows from my heart to your heart and from your heart to my heart. Thank the Lord for the oneness of God's people. Thank the Lord for the truth of God's word. When I look about me and see the world lying in darkness it seems as if we could cry aloud the truth of the gospel and people would flock to the light. It is so sweet to our souls. But oh, how few will even listen. Usually when I start talking to anyone on the scriptures they tell me what's what and that's that before I can even get started. I believe we should keep right on talking as the Lord directs because sometime we'll get someone who will listen and receive the truth.

The enemy is so sly and tricky. He has doctrines of every kind blowing everywhere. Many of them sound very good and so near the truth but remember Paul said,

"By good words and fair speeches (they would) deceive the hearts of the simple." Read Rom. 16:17-18. Since there is but one Holy Spirit there can be only one truth. In Amos 3:3 it says, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" We know that it isn't possible for two people to walk together except they are agreed to do so. Neither can we walk with God unless we agree to give up self and sin and walk God's way or in the path God leads us. Deut. 10:12-13. "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul. To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?" Also read Eccl. 12:13, Matt. 22:37.

Since we must walk God's way to be his child, then everyone that is born of his Spirit is automatically walking the same way. There can be no division between us, (1 Cor. 1:10) as God does not divide his people but rather binds and knits our hearts together in love that we might be ONE, even as the Father and Son are ONE. (St. John 17:20-23.)

Isaiah 52:8, "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion." Thank the Lord, Zion is the church of God and the Church truly does see eye to eye and speak the same thing. I can't thank the Lord enough for showing me the truth, though I was so unworthy of it.

Dear saints, let us remember Satan is very busy these days because he knows his time is short. Rev. 12:12. He is come down in great wrath, that's why the pressure is so hard pressed against us. If we listen to him at all we will weaken. Then when trials come, we'll be unable to stand. So let us Beware and Watch and Pray and Study more because we may be devoured right at the last if we don't grow stronger instead of weaker. I'm so glad that Paul said, "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. 5:20. God has given us every promise we need and also the grace to cause us to live right. But let us not forget that our sufficiency is not in self (2 Cor. 3:5.) but it is in God. And we must believe his promises are true and trust him to have his way with us, then he will give us the grace to live for him and do his will. Oh, the sweet consolation and comforting words to his dear children, that we find in his precious word.

I have been guilty of listening to the enemy and becoming weak for which I have repented. May God help me to overcome, and I know he will. Please remember me in prayer because it isn't everyone that saith "Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21. Truly I want to be a shining light in this dark world for him. May God help us all to draw closer to him and win some soul for Jesus. Mrs. Leo McIntosh.

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Miss.—Dear saints and friends,—I feel like it will be to the glory of God for me to write my testimony of healing of last week. I had a catch in my right leg Monday, Feb. 19. It got worse every day until I couldn't move the lower part of my leg with my thigh. I had to drag the leg from my knee down when I walked. Thursday night I lay praying and meditating and I went to sleep. While I slept it seemed like someone took my thigh and shook it hard and when I awoke I was afraid to move it but when I did, behold it was healed. I praised God for it. I want to tell this so it may help some one else to trust God. I am living by faith and I fear no alarm. By the

help and grace of God I want to press on. May God bless each one that reads the "Faith and Victory."

The article in the March issue, "Before you Marry" is a true warning to all young people. My life has been somewhat like that and it is hard for both sides, so please do as it says, before you marry Stop and Think. I praise God for being able to do a little for him in my small way. I still pray for the sick to be healed according to James 5:14-15, also Mark 16:18-20. May God bless all that read this testimony with faith to trust him more. Trust and obey is my prayer and desire of heart.

Yours in Him,

Sister J. Strickler.

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Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and Co-workers,—We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, a name worthy of all praise. Today I have victory in my soul and enjoying all the benefits the Lord has for his children, not an experience of 25 years back but today. Thank God. I thank him today for keeping me saved.

We seldom write to you dear folks but we pray often for you all and we keep in close contact with the dear ones and their trials and experiences through the "Faith and Victory" paper which we read from cover to cover. As soon as we are through with the papers they go to the county hospital and we don't know how far from there but we feel sure that God's word will not return unto him void. Sister Rabaush goes to the county hospital every Sunday afternoon and passes out tracts. Sister Wizenick sends for the tracts and Sis. Rabaush loves to pass them out. Sis. Wizenick and I go around to different places and she loves to read articles to the people from the "Faith and Victory" paper. So I want to encourage you dear workers to press on. God is working. We are all workers together with him and he sets us in the body as it pleases him.

We are just a few here in Chicago but the Lord is blessing us. Even if only one soul gets saved that is worth a whole city. We go to places to try to help people and, oh, how they love us at the beginning and, oh, how they hate us in a very short time but we give out the word and show them how saints dress and when we can do no more we just go quietly out of their company and try another place. We don't go out to hurt anyone but try hard to get the pure word to them. If you lived in Chicago you would soon see what a hard world this is. So much wickedness, so press on dear ones. We can see that the time is short and let us work while it is day for night cometh when no man can work. Sister Melican.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Holy greetings to you all in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. The Lord is so wonderful to his children, it pays to stay true to God. Truly I can say in my heart that I am trusting him for both soul and body. I have been saved going on five years and I can truly say I was glad when the Lord saved me and I haven't had any desire to turn back. I just can't thank the Lord enough for what he has done and is still doing for me.

A few months ago my four year old boy broke out with a rash. I didn't know what it was and don't know yet what it was but I know that the Lord knew what it was. He was very ill but the Lord wonderfully healed him. Last Friday night I was very ill and thought the Lord was going to take me home but my husband and Bro. C. C. Payne prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I was weak Saturday but he healed me and gave me my strength back. I had never felt like that before. My baby was very sick Tuesday night and couldn't

keep anything down. We prayed for her and today she is happy and playing like she had never been sick. Oh, how it pays to serve the dear Lord. I know there is a true and living God and it pays to serve him.

I need your prayers that I'll grow closer to the Lord. I realize we can't live too close to God. What a mighty God we are serving. We need your prayers. Pray for me that I keep true and do all he will have me do.

Your sister in the one body, Lorene Payne.

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Kansas—Dear saints,—I promised the Lord if he would heal me of an awful hurting in my chest I would write a testimony to the "Faith and Victory" so I must keep my promise. I suffered so long I can truly say the Lord has healed me. Many times when I called on the Lord I received help. I couldn't get along without the "Faith and Victory." It helps me much in understanding the Bible. God bless all the saints.

Rose Burley.

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Mich.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—I am writing because I am truly a believer of the Truth and judging from the "Faith and Victory" paper you are too. I am writing my testimony because I believe it will help some person to have faith in God.

I was reared in a Christian home and was brought up in a Christian manner. I was taught the right way and had a fine example to follow. I am married now and have two children. I want to bring my children up just the way my grandmother and grandfather did me. I am aware that I need faith in God so that I can do this.

My youngest child is two years old. When he was eight months old he had a peculiar skin rash. It lasted about six months and nothing seemed to do him any good. I am so far from my grandmother and grandfather. They live in Louisiana and I in Michigan. I could not carry my child to them for prayer so it was then I decided I needed faith for myself. I always believed if my grandparents prayed their prayers would be answered. I prayed that God would take this awful disease from my child. The doctors didn't seem to know what to do and my son's head was almost mortified. It smelled so bad no one could hardly be near him. I was up practically all night with him praying. Somehow my prayers didn't seem to do any good. I know now that I didn't have enough faith.

I wrote to my grandparents and told them my trouble. They agreed in prayer with other saints and a few weeks later I could see the changes. The sores left so fast I don't even remember what they looked like. The doctors would give me some medicine that seemed to do him good, the sores would vanish but return in a month's time as bad as ever. When God touched his body the sores have not returned.

Saints, it pays to have faith. God is a keeper and a perfect healer. Pray that I will continue to have and gain faith in God. Pray for my grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Nick Brown of Benson, La. They are old but God takes care of them. A friend of His, Jessie Taylor.

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Dear friends in Christ Jesus,—Today I would like to honor the Lord with a testimony. I rejoice in his love and sincerely want to please him in all things. I know there is no victory apart from him and I remember his words, "without me ye can do nothing." I want to thank the Lord for health and strength, and all things good. Truly I have found him a very present help in time of trouble. He shows me that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28.

It is my desire to win souls for him. We are told that "He that winneth souls is wise." I long for that wisdom of the world for God's word tells us in 1 Cor. 1:2, "Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world." Pray for me that I may be strong in the Lord and the power of his might.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Harvey A. Sorenson.

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Ind.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I want to let you know that the Lord healed me of my rash and itching, then I took cold and he healed me of that. I am praising him this morning for his goodness to men. I had quite a battle but the little book, "A Great Sacrifice," was a big help to me to take my stand against the enemy.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Henry Treesh.

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Okl.—Dear saints,—I just feel like sending in my testimony. I feel so unworthy to be able to claim an inheritance with such a powerful and great one as our Savior who so wonderfully gave his dear life that we might live in this dark world free from all sin. What a wonderful privilege we are blessed to enjoy. Why should not we do everything he lays down in his word (for us to do) with all our might. Truly my chiefest aim in life is to be a real saint and I do know that I can't be one if I disobey any of his word knowingly. I ask the Lord each day to keep me informed on just what it takes to be a saint in this gospel dispensation. The answer he gives me is the same one he gave to the Sadducee in Matt. 22:37 when he asked him what was the great commandment in the law. He answered him saying, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Truly dear ones, I get great joy out of striving each day to obey these wonderful sayings of our Master.

I find in loving the Lord with all my heart it keeps my heart filled with love, and therefore no room left for strife, hatred, or malice. Not even any little secret stands will be able to enter while my heart is full of love. With the soul full of love it is always rejoicing and filled with the burning fire of God. We have a testimony at all times, in all places, ready always to let the world know that the burning love of God is filling all of our soul's desire. When we love him with all of our minds then our minds are filled at all times with love. As long as our minds are filled with the love of God we're at peace with all men; we take up no reproach on our brethren, we judge no one.

I am your sister in Christ serving him with all the knowledge I have. Please pray for me and all my family that we'll make heaven our home. Fannie Edmonson.

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Wisc.—Dear saints,—Greetings to you all in the blessed name of Jesus. Sometime ago I wrote to you for prayer and also sent a piece of cloth to be anointed for me as I was suffering much with an ulcer on my leg and I placed that anointed cloth on the sore and at the same time I promised God I would send in my testimony as soon as I was healed and I am praising God and thanking him with all my heart that I am healed and able to walk again after being laid up for 2 months. I have been healed many times before. Two years ago I was injured and was hardly able to be on my feet. I was in terrible pain. I wrote to you dear saints for prayer and how wonderfully the Lord healed me in just a few days. If I spend the rest of my life thanking God I can never thank him enough for all he has done for me. I want to thank all you dear saints for your prayers for me.

My youngest son has been called for examination to be sent to training camp to prepare for war. Please pray for him that he will not be taken and that God will choose to use him for his service. He has no bad habits and we are praying for him night and day that he will surrender his services all for the glory of God. I want to thank you again for your prayers and may God bless you for all you have done for us.

If there are any of you who read my testimony that are afflicted or whatsoever troubles you have, do not hesitate to place your all on the altar before God and he will surely have mercy and help you no matter how hard your problems may be. I placed my all before God when I was suffering and he was to do with me whatsoever he willed and I was wonderfully healed. Praise God forevermore. Your sister in Christ, Matilda Klatt.

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel that it would be to the glory of God for me to send my testimony to "Faith and Victory" paper.

The Lord has been so good to me, praise his dear name. I fell and hurt my knee and was anointed and prayed for. While we were praying I felt something slip in my knee and it hasn't hurt since. Praise God. In January I had a heart attack or that is what we thought it was. I had four bad spells. Bro. and Sis. Carver would come pray for me. The other saints here were praying for me too and the Lord healed me. It doesn't look to me like the days of healing are over. Thank God for his goodness. I want to live for him the rest of my life. Pray for me and my children. A sister in Christ, B. Constable.

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When worldliness comes into the heart, God goes out.

1 John 2:15, "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."

Are We Thankful?

1 Thess. 5:18, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

As I was in prayer this morning, asking the Lord for his blessings upon me through the day, my mind went back to the past blessings of the Lord, and I realized with shame that I had failed to give Him due praise for all he had done for me. I had almost forgotten some of the things he had given me in answer to prayer. How soon man forgets what the Lord does for him, and we just go on asking for more of his blessings. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

My mind goes back a few years to the time when I was held in affliction's chain, almost from a child. I suffered several sieges of arthritis and inflammatory rheumatism, and I would only get relief when my limbs would swell until it looked as though they would burst. I would almost scream when anyone would come near me for fear they would touch me. My father would turn me over in bed with a sheet when I could lie no longer in one position, and it seemed I couldn't lie in one position over fifteen or twenty minutes without every bone in me aching; but I thank the Lord this morning that he brought me out of the affliction without a limb or finger being twisted. I think my spine was slightly enlarged, but surely all who knew my affliction say the Lord performed a miracle.

I also suffered from enlargement of the heart since the time I had scarlet fever (about five or six years of

age) and a doctor told my parents I could not live until I was thirteen years old and forbade me to do any strenuous exercises of any kind for fear I would drop dead. At eighteen years of age I began having heart attacks, and while in the jaws of death many times, I promised the Lord if he would only heal me I would give him my life to use as he saw fit. Even before I began having heart attacks I would have weak spells, and it seemed I could not even lift my little finger. These spells lasted for hours and sometimes days; in fact, it seemed I was tired all the time and was very little help to my parents.

While in California, during the time I was having so many heart attacks, the Lord seemed to witness to me that he was going to heal me and I would be able to enjoy health, and surely he did do a wonderful work for me. My heart would always pound and beat hard, but I remember awaking one morning and putting my hand on my heart and I could hardly feel it beating. I asked other people if that was the way their heart beat, and I was over-joyed to find that mine was beating normally. I began to gain strength rapidly and took interest in house work and things I had never been able to do before. Almost a year after that, I was married. And of course, being sickly from a child, my parents and different ones wondered whether I should marry or not; but we felt the Lord leading that way and as my husband thought the matter over the Lord assured him he would take care of everything. We made our home in Loranger, La. and the people there have witnessed to the health and strength I have had. The Lord also gave us a healthy baby boy six years ago.

I have had a few flutterings of my heart since then when I over-worked, but I don't believe I am even going to have them, as I offer up greater praise and thanksgiving to God for what he has done for me and draw closer to him. It seems I have never been able to tell in words what the Lord has done for me, and the enemy would make me think it would get boring to people for me to say too much, but I have felt the Lord wanted me to tell my experience for quite awhile, and I take this opportunity to witness for him. This is only a sketch, as space would not permit me to tell of all he has done. I wore glasses for awhile, as my right eye scarcely had any vision for reading, but the Lord impressed me to take them off and he would heal me. For awhile I couldn't sew but a few minutes without getting a severe headache; but, thank the Lord, I can sew all day now and it doesn't bother me at all.

Even though I have had many afflictions I have received many precious lessons out of them. During the early part of my afflictions I wasn't saved, so I am sure they helped lead me to give my heart to God; and too, I know better how to get under the burden for those who are suffering now than I would have if I had never had any sickness.

Dear ones, if you feel discouraged and down-hearted today, take time to stop a moment and try to count your many blessings. Are you as diligent in giving praise and thanksgiving to God as you are to ask him for numerous blessings each day? May the Lord help us to remember the "Ebenenezar" we erected in our past life, or "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and it will give us courage to press on and face the problems ahead—Ruby Williamson

A pious minister was once addressed by his married sister who was troubled about many cares; "You may serve God very well, who have no family to occupy your thoughts, nor children to call off your attention of religion." The minister thus replied in a single text of Scripture: "And Enoch walked with God, and begat sons and daughters." Gen. 5:22.

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BIBLE STUDY

THE CREATION

April 1, 1951

Printed Portion.....Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31.

Gen. 1:1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

4. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Memory Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Psalm 19:1

Practical Truth: As God took a rib from Adam's side and made a help meet (wife) for him so Christ's bride (the church) came out from his side when they pierced his side.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Let us begin this lesson with these words, "The Wonders of Creation." Before time began God came out into open space and spoke the world into existence. To create means that something has been brought together out of nothing. "In the beginning God," but when God is left out there is no way to explain anything. God had no tools to work with when he created the earth and the whole universe. He just commanded things to come into existence and they obeyed his voice. First he commanded the earth to come into existence and "hath it on nothing." Job 26:7. Then he began one by one to set things in order by the word of his mouth. He brought the water together and called it the seas and then he divided the seas and earth from the firmament which he called Heaven and then he set all the beautiful planetary bodies each one in its place. He still keeps every one of them in its place.

How true it is that the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handy work. God's crowning creation was man. When man was brought into existence his creation was finished. God formed man out of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul and a part of God or God's Son. Read Luke 3:38.

oOo THE BEGINNINGS OF SIN

April 8, 1951

Printed Portion.....Genesis 3:1-6, 9-15.

Gen. 3:1. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2. And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

9. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12. And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Memory Verse: Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned. Rom. 5:12.

Practical Truth: There is only one remedy for sin and that is the blood of God's sacrifice (Jesus).

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Sin is the most dreadful disease that ever came into this old world that is so sinful and wicked now. It had a small beginning but it went like fire in dry grass until it has finally covered the whole earth. There is no part of the earth where sin has not done its deadly work. Wherever man is found sin abounds. Sin is the transgression of God's known law. The first sin came into the world when Adam and Eve listened to the old serpent in the garden of Eden. The next time it is mentioned is when Cain killed Abel. Sin is the most deadly and contagious disease the world has ever known. Leprosy is a type of sin as leprosy is incurable as far as medical science is concerned. There is no way of getting rid of sin in the heart of man except through the blood of Christ.

After sin had come into the world with its destructive influence God promised a Redeemer which was to be the seed of the woman which is Christ; for he came to this sinful world to save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21. Jesus came to take sin out of the hearts of those who will humble themselves before him. We read in 1 John 3:8, "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."

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THE PERIOD OF THE PATRIARCHS

April 15, 1951

Printed Portion.....Genesis 15:1-6; 17:5-8, 18-19.

Gen. 15:1. After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2. And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3. And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

4. And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

17:5. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

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

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

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

17:18. And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

19. And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son

indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Memory Verse: Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation and all nations of the earth shall be blessed in him. Gen. 18:18.

Practical Truth: The oracles (Word) of God came down to us thru the patriarchs. We owe much to them.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Patriarchs means fathers of families. Abram whose name was changed to Abraham was the first of the patriarchs and was the grandfather of Jacob whose name was changed to Israel. He was the father of the twelve patriarchs. The period of the patriarchs began about 2,000 B. C. and continued for about 1,000 years. In the second chapter of Acts the 29th verse it speaks of David as a patriarch and his time in the old testament was about 1000 B. C. Abraham was the first person God called out to be a special people for himself. He is the father of the Jews and later called the Israelites the descendants of Jacob. God said to these people, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, "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: for all the earth is mine and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation." And God speaking of Abraham said, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Gen. 18:19.

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THE PERIOD OF MOSES

April 22, 1951

Printed Portion.....Deuteronomy 5:1-6; 6:20-25.

Deut. 5:1. And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

2. The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

4. The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

5. (I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to shew you the word of the Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

6. I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Practical Truth: Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It would be a long story to tell of all the outstanding things in his life from the cradle to the grave. At the time Moses was born the king of Egypt had commanded that all of the boy babies of the Hebrews should be killed. But when Moses was born his mother saw that he was a goodly child so she hid him three months and when she could no longer hide him she made a little ark of bulrushes and fixed it so it wouldn't leak. She put little Moses in it and put the little ark in the river where she knew the king's daughter came to wash herself and when the daughter of the king of Egypt came to the river she saw the little ark and she sent one of her maids to fetch it to her. When she opened it little Moses cried so pitiful it touched her heart and she fell in love with him and she decided to take him for her own son. God works in wondrous ways to carry out his plans. Read the 2nd chapter of Exodus it is a very interesting true story.

Moses lived here on earth for one hundred and twenty years. His life was divided into three periods of forty years each. Very little is told of the first forty years except that Pharaoh's daughter took him as her own son and had him educated in all the learning of Egypt. Little did she know how she was working out God's plan for Moses. The next forty years were spent as a shepherd in the land of Midian where he married Zipporah one of the daughters of the Midian priest he was working for. This account is in the latter part of the 2nd chapter of Exodus. The last forty years were spent leading the children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt through the Red Sea and into the wilderness. Moses led the children of Israel to the border of the promised land and God took him up on a high mountain and let him see this good land which he promised to his people and then Moses died and the Lord or angel buried him on Mount Nebo. And thus came to an end the life of one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known.

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THE SETTLEMENT IN CANAAN

April 29, 1951

Printed Portion.... Joshua 14:6-13; Judges 2:7-10; 21:25.

Joshua 14:6. Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barne-a.

7. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barne-a to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8. Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God.

9. And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance,

and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.

10. And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

13. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

Judges 2:7. And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel.

8. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

9. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

10. And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

21:25. And in those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Memory Verse: And I will give unto thee (Abraham) and to thy seed after thee the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession and I will be their God. Gen. 17:8.

Practical Truth: Egypt is a type of sin and through the Red Sea of deliverance from sin and crossing Jordan into Canaan is a type of sanctification.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In Exodus 12:40 we read, "Now the sojourning of the children of Israel who dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years." Moses led them out from the bondage of Egypt through the Red Sea and out into the wilderness of sin and because of their rebellion against the Lord and Moses, God kept them in the wilderness for forty years. Numbers 14:33. God can't do any thing good for those who rebel against him. After this forty years in the wilderness they came to the border of Canaan, the promised land. They crossed over Jordan and then followed the conquest of Canaan before they were finally settled in the land that flowed with milk and honey which the Lord had promised them about five hundred years before. After Moses died God appointed Joshua to be his successor and he led the children of Israel into Canaan and after the Canaanites were driven out, Joshua by the directions of God appointed all the Israelites to their place so they were settled in Canaan where they could use water out of wells they didn't have to dig. There was an abundance of fruit, of grapes, figs, and olives. Before they went into the promised land Moses warned them that when they had found all these good things to use which they did not have to provide and when they had eaten and were full to "Beware lest you forget the Lord God who brought you out of the land of Egypt and the house of bondage." Deut. 6:10-12.

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