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Praise to Jesus

O Jesus, my Saviour, I know thou art mine,
For thee all the pleasures of earth I resign;
Thou art my rich treasure, my joy and my love—
None richer possessed by the angels above.

Thy Spirit first taught me to know I was blind,
Then taught me the way of salvation to find.
And when I was sinking in gloom and despair,
My Jesus relieved me and bade me not fear.

In vain I attempt to describe what I feel,
The language of mortals forever must fail;
My Jesus is precious, my soul's in a flame,
I'm raised in sweet raptures while praising his name.

I find Him in singing, I find Him in prayer,
In sweet meditation he always is there;
My constant companion; oh, may we ne'er part!
All glory to Jesus, he dwells in my heart.

If ever I loved Thee, it's now, my dear Lord;
I love thy dear people, thy ways, and thy Word;
I love all creation—I love sinners, too,
Since Jesus has died to redeem them from woe.

When happy in Jesus I regard not the proud,
Though sinners despise me for shouting aloud.
His love overwhelms me, had I wings, I would fly,
And praise him in mansions of glory on high.
—Hattie Munden

For Professed Christians Only

Amos 6:1, 4—Woe to them that are AT EASE in Zion. . . . That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches.

Ezek. 3:18—When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but HIS BLOOD will I require at THINE hand.

2 Tim. 4:1, 2—I CHARGE THEE therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the WORD.

Mark 12:42—And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

Luke 6:38, 46—Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. And WHY call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Mark 13:10, 34—The gospel must first be PUBLISHED among ALL nations. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave AUTHORITY to his servants, and to EVERY MAN HIS WORK.

John 15:8—Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

2 Cor. 9:6—But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall REAP also SPARINGLY.

John 20:21—As my Father hath sent me, even so SEND I you.

Mark 16:15—GO ye into ALL the world, and preach the GOSPEL to EVERY CREATURE.

Matt. 12:50—For whosoever shall DO THE WILL of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Isa. 50:6—I gave MY back to the smiters, and MY cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not MY FACE from SHAME and SPITTING.

Heb. 11:36, 37—Others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonments: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented.

Acts 5:41—They departed from the presence of the council, REJOICING that they were counted worthy to SUFFER SHAME for his name.

Acts 9:16—For I will shew him how great things he must SUFFER for my name's sake.

Phil. 3:8—Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ

Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the LOSS OF ALL THINGS, and do COUNT them but dung, that I may WIN Christ.

Matt. 13:17—For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have DESIRED to see those things which YE see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which YE hear, and have not heard them.

Luke 12:48—For unto whomsoever much is given, OF HIM shall be MUCH REQUIRED.

Mark 8:34-36—When he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him DENY HIMSELF, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

James 2:26—For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith WITHOUT WORKS is dead also.

2 Cor. 6:4—But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses.

Eph. 6:17—And take the helmet of salvation, and the SWORD of the SPIRIT, which is the Word of God.

John 21:17—He saith unto him the THIRD time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, FEED MY SHEEP.

Jer. 23:28—He that hath MY WORD, LET HIM SPEAK MY WORD FAITHFULLY.

John 14:23—IF a man love me, he WILL KEEP MY WORDS.

Luke 19:10—For the Son of man is come to SEEK and to save that which was lost.

John 4:35—Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Matt. 20:6—WHY stand ye here all the day IDLE?

Amos 6:1—WOE to them that are AT EASE in Zion.

—Sel.

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The Angel's Message

Revelation 14:6-10

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to him; For the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and fountains of waters.

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."

We have here a picture of the Christian movement from the time of its inauguration, following the crucifixion, and setting up of the kingdom of Christ, on down through the ages until the present time. First, we see an angel fly in the heavens with a message for the people. This angel carries a message which is for all nations, kindred and tongues. It is universal in scope. We note also the character of the message. It is eternal, an everlasting gospel, nothing temporary about the message which this first angel carries. It is not a message for a certain people, and applicable to a particular time, but it is for all people and for all time. It is eternal in duration. What is this message which the first angel carried? "Fear God, and give glory to him; For the hour of his judgment is come." That was the message that the early church proclaimed to the nations. No longer was religion of the Jews and for the Jews; but, Salvation was of God. Jesus, the Son of God had come and set up a kingdom on earth, supplanting every other kingdom. His rule and authority, his judgment is supreme. No longer were men to be judged by the standards of men. Jesus himself was the judge. He could look down into the very heart of men to revere the priesthood of their ancestors, but they were to worship God alone. This was the message. And it went to the whole world in one generation. It is said that during the lifetime of the apostles, the gospel was taken to the entire known world. The first angel of this study typified the early church.

Following this first angel, typifying the morning church, we see a second angel following him. We are not told that he follows the first angel immediately. He might have followed immediately behind him, and he might have not. However late he came, if he followed in the same route as the first angel, he would have been following him.

It happens in this case that several centuries elapsed between the appearance of these two angels, or, in the appearance of the two movements; which were, in fact, two passes of the same movement, which the two angels typified.

Just as the first angel typified the morning church and the church had a message for the world, so does this later angel bear a definite message, the message that Babylon is fallen.

Just why was it necessary that this message be sent at the time it was sent instead of when the first angel was flying?

To answer that question, we must notice some things in connection with the conditions prevailing at the time of this first angel's message and compare that with the conditions at the time of the second angel's flight.

In the early morning of Christianity, spiritual Babylon had not come into existence. The word Babylon means confusion, and there was no confusion existing in the early church. Christians of the first century following the setting up of the Christian church were united in faith, doctrine, and purpose. The divisions which characterized Christianity of a later time were unknown; consequently no special emphasis was placed on this phase of the gospel; however, the writers of the New Testament were able to look down through the ages ahead and see that division was likely to come into the church, and they warned their readers to avoid them. Hear the apostle Paul as he speaks in his letter to the Corinthians: "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." 1 Cor. 1:10.

This is only one of the many warnings found throughout the New Testament. In spite of the many warnings, however, the believers did allow divisions to come among them, and the result is what we see today in the several hundred different, so-called, Christian churches. This condition necessitated the message of the second angel—the message which called particular attention to the division of the followers of Christ, and called on all Christians, everywhere, to come out of the confusion of sectism, and stand united on the Word of God.

It was about the year 1880 that D. S. Warner, and a few fellow workers began teaching the truths that resulted in what is sometimes known as the Holiness movement; but what is better described as a restoration of truth. One of the truths to which they called special attention was the truth in regard to the divisions of sectism. They taught that division was not in accordance with the teaching of the Bible. They and those who have followed them, brought, and are still bringing the message that Babylon is fallen. The body of believers who are called "the church of God" have consistently taught against the evils of division. If there is any one thing which they have stressed more than any other, it is the doctrine of unity, and the sinfulness of division, or in other words, sectism. This teaching, the sounding of this call to come out of sectism's confusion, this heralding of the news of Babylon's fall, identifies this movement as the one typified by the second angel, which John the revelator saw.

While the church of God ministers and teachers have taught that division was not of God, they have also taught that the Holy Ghost would unify the people of God. If and when the people of God allow the Holy Spirit to have right of way, He will guide them in the way of holiness and will unify them in the body of Christ, which is the church.—A. R. Hightower

Just Squeeze into Heaven

There are many who have expressed themselves that if they could only "just make it into heaven" they would be satisfied. There is in that expression a very

small value put on the cost and sacrifice that God, in his infinite mercy, has already paid for the redemption of mankind. The work of redemption that was finished at the cross when Jesus gave his life's blood that man might be redeemed from all sin while living here in this present world (Titus 2:11, 12) was a great work; too great a work for any one to think they can live in sin, follow their own way the most of the time allotted to them, and then at the last, just before death is their portion, make ready for heaven.

There are those, who for want of instruction, have done that at the very last; but the ones who know the remedy for sin and then put it off until the last moment are doing themselves a great injustice. God has provided the way that every soul in the world can be saved from sin. Isa. 55:6 says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." That is God's way. It indicates that he has a time when he deals with each soul. There is a great danger in putting off the wooing of the Holy Spirit for two reasons: First, He may never come to your soul again and it might be the last time, no matter how long you live; second, your chances of living may be very short.

Instead of the title of this article, God has an abundant entrance (2 Pet. 1:1-11) for all who "shall be purified, and made white, and tried" (Dan. 12:10). God will have a people who are crucified to the world and the world unto them (Gal. 6:14). It is a crucified way for all who will enter in at the strait gate, and everyone has a cross to bear after he has been saved from sin (Matt. 1:21; 16:24, 25; 1 Pet. 4:12). We can be saved from all sin (1 John 1:9; 3:9) and we can be kept saved from all sin by the power of God (1 Pet. 1:5; Rom. 6:22). In this we must realize our utter dependence upon God to help us live holy all the days of our life (Luke 1:70-75). We, within ourselves and by our own strength, cannot live above sin; but the Spirit dwelling within helps us when we need help. (Rom 8:11-13). "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his," Rom 8:9. The big impossibility is to live a Christian life without Christ. It just cannot be done. "Christ in you the hope of glory" Col. 1:27.

Dear soul, do not think you can get into heaven by "the skin of your teeth." God has a well defined outline in the Bible, by following which we need make no mistakes. Listen to this from Jer. 29:13, 14, "And ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord." Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Jesus said in John 6:37, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." So do not stop seeking God until you find him, and the Holy Spirit will make the Bible a new book to you as you read it. Then guard the spiritual life that it does not leak out, and do not still think you are a Christian when all you have left is a profession.

—C. H. Weir.

Jesus was homeless (Matt. 8:20) to give me an eternal home in glory (John 14:2).

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What Jesus Did

Jesus became poor (2 Cor. 8:9) that I might become a millionaire in him (2 Cor. 9:8).

Jesus suffered hunger (Matt. 4:2) that I might be fully and forever satisfied (Rev. 7:16).

Jesus was thirsty (John 19:28) that I might have a well in me (John 4:14).

Editorials

In looking over the dates of the many different camp meetings advertised in the "Faith and Victory" paper we find that the Hennessey, Oklahoma camp meeting is the first one to convene this year. It begins the 8th of June. This camp meeting is about fifty miles from Guthrie. Highway 81 runs through Hennessey north and south and No. 51, east and west. The saints at Hennessey are looking forward to a heavenly meeting and ministerial help, and help in any other line will be much appreciated. The saints at Hennessey, though few in number, are up and moving for God. Come and enjoy yourself with refreshing blessing from heaven in this camp meeting.

We are praying that God will work mightily in the camp meetings this year; that He will save souls, sanctify believers, and heal bodies as usual, and besides all this, that the enemy will be held in check by the power of God and the sweet heavenly Spirit of Christ will have preeminence in all the services.

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In the fifth chapter of Romans, beginning at the first verse, we read how that we are justified by faith and have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. In the second verse He says we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. We find the two works of grace plainly taught in these two verses of Scripture. The 3rd verse tells about the fruits of a sanctified life, and says that we glory in tribulations, for we know that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope. The fifth verse tells why this is. Having that hope, we are not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

This brings us up to the love of God in the soul of the sanctified, baptized saints of God. The love of God in the soul is God dwelling there. In 1 John 4:16, we read, "... God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in Him." This love is given to us by reason of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. When the Spirit is grieved away, the true love of God is gone and one will be filled with his own ways; with only a profession; having a name of living and yet dead. It means much for us as saints to retain the love of God in the soul and have the testimony that the apostle Paul had when he wrote thus, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

We have an abundance of instructions and exhortations in the Word of God how to do and live in order to retain that divine love in the soul. To begin with, we need to obey the first verse of Scripture found in the 12th chapter of Romans. Keep our bodies presented to Him as a living sacrifice in holy state; be not conformed to the world in any way, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind and thereby prove ourselves to be in that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. It is possible for us to allow the love in our souls to wax cold, insomuch that

carnality will manifest itself in finding fault with brethren, and even sometimes in letting out railing accusations which reflect the condition of one's own soul. This is a sad state to be in, and only proves how we as God's children need to watch and pray lest we fail of the grace of God and a root of bitterness spring up and defile the soul. We read about this in Heb. 12:15. In the 14th verse he says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

In the third chapter of Colossians, beginning at the 12th verse, we read, "Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels [tenderness] of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these, put on charity [divine love] which is the bond [an assurance] of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule [govern] in your hearts, to the which ye also are called in ONE BODY; and be ye thankful."

Paul says in 1 Cor. 12:31, "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet I shew unto you a more excellent way." In the 13th chapter he goes on to show though one should be able to speak fluently, or as he terms it, with the tongues of angels, and have the gift of prophecy and do many works that seemed to be commendable, yet if one had not charity it would profit him nothing so far as reaching heaven in that way. He begins in the 4th verse to tell about the fruits of charity or divine love in the soul. It suffers long and is kind, does not envy, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. James 4:11 reads, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law." Next verse: "There is one law giver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgeth another?"

Dropping back to 1 Cor. 13:8, we read that charity or divine love never faileth. Prophecies shall fail, tongues shall cease, and knowledge shall vanish away, but we understand that the divine love of God in the heart will not cease. It being there will cause us to go into heaven and have a glorified body to live with God forever. At the end of the chapter, we read, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (or divine love).

Brethren, we should be very careful lest we allow jealousy or envy enter our hearts instead of divine love. What is in the heart will manifest itself at some time. Recently I read again the 12th chapter of Romans, and before I finished the chapter my heart began to cry unto God, Oh, for more of God in my soul; more of thy fulness, O God, more of heavenly wisdom to manifest the Lord among men! Let us consider what God has really done for us. Let us read Col. 1:13, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Now the 27th

verse, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Brethren, let us seek God for grace to keep in the narrow way. Keep on the whole armour of God that we may stand against the wiles of the devil, and when we have done all, to stand.

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In last month's "Faith and Victory" paper we made the statement that the saints would have only one campmeeting east of the Mississippi River, or in the east, and that would be at Muncie, Ind., but since that time the Lord has moved on the saints at So. Charleston, W. Va. to advertise a campmeeting at that place, which will convene August 24th to Sept. 2nd. We are thankful to know that God has stirred their hearts to have this meeting as there are many saints scattered through the eastern states that need a convenient place to attend campmeeting. And no doubt many others would flow into the Body if they had a chance to see and know what God is doing in these last of the last days. The Lord is gathering his jewels for his coming, and those that will not be gathered are being gathered into sects and pens of their own making. The true ministers in this evening time are doing a great work for God. The preaching of the Word in the Spirit of Christ will gather all honest souls together, and those that have selfish ends in view or prefer to remain carnal and have only a show or profession of Christ will be gathered into other places called churches where they will be held in darkness awaiting the final judgment day.

Those who wish to know more about the Scriptures on this subject should send and get the book entitled, "The Great Sacrifice." We have just printed a new supply of them. The first edition of this book went fast and it was necessary to reprint. It tells of the great Red Dragon and his appearing again on the scene under the cloak of Communism, also the great slaughter of souls that is going on because they stiffen themselves against the humble ways of Christ, and in word and action say, "We will not have this man (Christ) to rule over us." This book will be sent to you free for the asking. Get one for yourself and some for your friends. This message was preached at the Monark Springs Campmeeting in July, 1950, and was recorded while it was being spoken under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Every child of God needs the light and instruction found in this book. Send for your copy today and some for your friends.

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At this writing my wife is visiting our three children and families in California. Our oldest son, Andrew J. Pruitt and family lives in Fresno, Calif., where she is now, but soon expects to leave there and go to southern California, near Pomona, to visit our two daughters and their families, Mrs. Anna Marie Miles and Mrs. Mary Lola Embly. She will likely be gone near six weeks, as her visits will include many of the saints in those parts and a brother in Los Angeles.

La.—To the saints scattered abroad, greeting in Jesus' name. I wish to write a few words in behalf of your great love and kindness shown to brother Charles and sister Madelon Reynolds and family. Many of you know about the great disaster that befell them March 6th of this year while traveling through Texas enroute to Hammond, La. when their trailer house and pick-up truck were wrecked and the youngest boy killed. When we went after them, how sad everything seemed to us in this sad plight. Soon the dear saints in numerous places took the burden on themselves and sent them money with letters and cards of encouragement. Some things were given besides money. I would hardly dare say how much money was sent them, but around \$500 I would say, which has helped them meet all the expenses connected with the wreck—such as, the undertaker, garage bills, etc., and the Lord has been blessing him with plenty of work painting since then, and he has work ahead. We hope to see her and the children well located in their trailer house again before long, which is to be repaired here beginning the 14th. Bro. and sister Reynolds found the truth awhile back and saw themselves in double marriage, which they knew was displeasing to the Lord. They decided to walk in the light and live separate lives, but it has been very difficult to get adjusted. He sleeps in a room on the camp ground and she and the two children are with us in our home until they get the trailer house repaired, then he plans to leave Hammond for other quarters. I am sure the Lord will bless them with more grace to live for Him when they are farther apart. My heart goes out to them. Let us pray that they may grow in spirituality and get rooted and grounded so nothing again will move them.

Since they have been in our home, I know pretty well just what the dear saints have done for them, and felt I should take this means of further showing our appreciation—I with them.

Brother Key and brother Salvatore DiDio are in evangelistic work now for some time. Pray for them.

Yours in His service, Sister Katherine Key

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Dear saints,—Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. We are thankful that we are able to report victory in our soul. We have just closed a wonderful meeting. The Lord richly blessed in the preaching of the Word, and it was with much authority.

I am writing you because of our heavy financial burden. We want your prayers very much. This little con-

gregation has a large debt after having to move our building. We feel it our duty to support our pastor, too; but we are not able to meet the weight of the payments on his car. Bro. Charles Smith has been thinking of selling it because he is not able to meet the payments.—Inez Eck

(Editor's Note:—Saints, we feel like this is a worthy cause, as Bro. Charles Smith has proved to be a true minister of the gospel and gives all his time to the service of the Lord. He has purchased a station wagon and makes long trips with it Sunday morning and night to pick up people who want to go to meeting, and have no way. They are poor people, and not able to help him much on the gas bill and payments.. Ask the Lord what he would have you to do. Address Inez Eck 1169 N. Main, Tulsa. Okla.)

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Dear saints everywhere,—We are in charge of a little mission in St. Louis. We teach holiness living without sin. We need a building. Every sanctified Christian pray that God will come to our rescue. —Jesse Stark.

MEETING REPORT

Wife and I, along with sister Ruth Murphey and sister Dora Freeman, left Shreveport, La., Friday afternoon, March 30, for a visit with the saints at Anderson, Ind., and Akron, Ohio. We had a meeting scheduled for about ten days in Anderson, while sisters Murphey and Freeman were to go on to Akron. We arrived in Anderson late Saturday night, and found the city given over to drunkenness. The streets were full of parked cars, and men and women parading from drinking place to drinking place. We thought something special was going on, but found it was the regular Saturday night spree. Anderson is a factory city and the many workers take over after pay days.

We had two services Sunday, and services each night until the next Sunday, when we had three services. The congregation is small, as so many are, but the spirit is good. Bro. Grover Martin has purchased a trailer house for visiting ministers to use when there, and we hope others will make use of it soon. While the preaching was mostly to the saints, two got saved, and others received help. We believe the congregation received encouragement, and we are expecting them to grow, both in numbers and spiritual blessings. Some came from a distance, and we were glad to meet them all. The meeting closed Wednesday night. Sisters Murphey and Freeman came back from Akron with an encouraging report. Two were saved there. We were glad to visit sister Brown of Muncie, and trust they will have a wonderful camp meeting there this summer. We enjoyed a short visit with the Treeshes and Hardys of Plymouth, and rejoiced with them when the Lord healed sister Hardy.

We came home by Selma, Ala. and spent a night in the Bunting home with sister Gertrude and her husband. We arrived in Louin, Miss., Saturday night in time for our regular appointment there. After Sunday morning service we left for Monroe, La., to be with the dear ones there Sunday night, and then home. The Lord gave us a wonderful trip, praise His name! In Christ, C. C. Carver

Our Bible

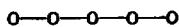
Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse from its pages.

Pray it in. Never lay aside your Bible until the verse or passage you have studied has become a part of your being.

Put it down. The thoughts that God gives you put down in the margin of your Bible or in your notebook.

Work it out. Live the truth you get in the morning through each hour of the day.

Pass it on. Seek to tell somebody else what you have learned.—J. W. C.



Campmeeting Notices

Following is a list of the church of God campmeetings which, Lord willing, will convene in the summer of 1951. Meals will be served at all the campmeetings as the Lord supplies through free-will offerings of money, vegetables, fruit (canned and fresh) and other needed supplies, which may be sent to the address given with each notice, or taken directly to the camp meeting when you go.

Scarcely anyone will deny that we are living in perilous times. Since this is a known fact, the saints in light should put forth every possible effort to prepare their own souls for coming calamities and to help other souls who are groping in darkness. We know of no better way to keep prepared than by watching, praying, reading the Word, and attending and whole-heartedly supporting the campmeetings this summer. Pray very earnestly for a rich out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in each of these meetings, and that God will provide laborers (ministers and workers) at each camp meeting. We believe when all work in the unity of the Spirit that God will work and confirm the Word by signs and miracles following. All camp meetings will be run on free-will offering plan.

HENNESSEY, OKLA. Date: June 8-17. Location: 2 blocks south and three east of bus station. The meeting will be held under the pavilion on the chapel grounds.

Come prepared to help care for yourself as much as possible. Bring such things as sheets, towels and other things needed in a campmeeting. For further information write to Bro. Thomas Davis or Sister Willa J. Williams, R. 1 Box 113, Hennessey, Okla.

JEFFERSON, OREGON. Date: June 15-24. Location: close to bus station (inquire for Sam Wilson's residence). God has given us cabins for camping and springs to sleep on, a dining hall to eat in. We make no charge. All are welcome. Write Emma Busch, Scio, Ore. or Noah White or Sam Wilson, Jefferson, Ore.

If saints coming will have their mail come in care of P. O. Box 41, Jefferson, Ore., they can get it on Sundays.

HAMMOND, LOUISIANA. Date: June 29-July 8. Location: south of town. Good taxi service from Greyhound bus station and I. C. Railroad. If possible, bring your bed linens, including ticks and towels. Address: Ray Key, Box 370, or Max Williamson, Hammond, La.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Date: July 13-21. Location: on or near the church of God chapel grounds 1617 W. 14th St. This is a new field and the saints there need the prayers and cooperation of all saints and lovers of the truth. They have rented large tents (small ones could not be secured) and will divide them with canvas. Men will sleep in one and women in another. Sleeping space will be \$3.00. Notify sister Brown as soon as you can if you want sleeping space. All who can should bring straw ticks. Straw will be furnished. Bring your sheets and pillows. Do not stay away if you do not have tent

money, for God will provide in that case. Please bring your "Evening Light" song books.

For particulars write sister Minnie Brown, R. 6, Muncie, Indiana.

MONARK SPRINGS (Neosho, Missouri) NATIONAL Camp Meeting and Ministers Meeting. Date: July 20-29. Location: About five miles east of Neosho. Inquire in Neosho for Monark Springs. Monark Springs is not a Post Office nor a rail road station. Those traveling by bus or train should come to Neosho and take a taxi to the camp ground, or phone some of the saints through the Monark Springs grocery store to come after you. Highways 71 and 60 pass through Neosho, and all-weather roads lead to the camp ground.

This is a national meeting and saints everywhere should feel it their responsibility to support it and attend if possible. The Lord has poured out his rich blessings in past years at this place, and we are looking forward to another heavenly meeting.

All who can should bring their bedding (for very cold nights), sheets, pillows, wash pan, etc. Bedding, sheets and pillows have been donated to this camp ground, but there is not enough to accommodate the crowds. It should be left for those who come from a distance and cannot conveniently bring bedding. Also, bring your straw ticks.

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each, and steel cots \$1.00 each (including a mattress as long as they last). Space in dormitories and cots for individuals will be \$2.50. Let none stay away from the meeting who are unable to pay. Quarters will be provided. If you want a tent and cot, please send your order with money to Sam Barton, 2264 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla. by July 10th. Bro. and sister Barton are the business managers.

The campmeeting will be followed by a two-day ministers' meeting on July 30th and 31st.

GUTHRIE, OKLA. STATE CAMPMEETING. Date: August 3-12 (Notice: A mistake was made in the date for this meeting published in the May issue.) Location: 6th St. and W. Warner. Sleeping quarters for women above the new dining hall and for men in old dining hall. Bring towels, sheets, and those who can bring pillows.

For information write to O. C. Porter, 511, East Springer.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. Date: Aug. 10-19. Location: 501 South Brown St.

We extend a hearty welcome to all to attend this meeting. Arrangements will be made to take care of those that come from a distance. For further information write J. A. Harris, 615 So. Haley St., phone 33805; or Frances Blackwell, 501 Monticello St., Phone 32731.

Bro. Isaac Chandler, Pastor

BOLEY, OKLA. Date: August 17-26. Location: north of the Boley High School campus. Come prepared to help take care of yourself as much as possible, as we are having much expense improving the camp ground. Bring your bedding, sheets, ticking, towels and other needed things for camping. All are invited. Come praying and trusting our heavenly Father for a glorious meeting. For further information write: Sister Salissa Griffin, Bro. C. A. Wallace, or M. J. Phillips, Boley, Okla.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Date: unknown (See July Faith and Victory) Location: Camp ground by Erle Forbe's residence, 12304 Osborne Pl., Pacomia, Calif.

MIDWAY, LA. (Post Office, Jena, La.) Date: Aug. 17-26. Location: 1 mi. west of Jena. Bus transportation

to Jena. Cab service to camp ground, or call 828F12. Address: Willard Esters, Box 757, Jena, or Ruth Murphey Box 824, Jena, La.

DOVER, OKLA. Date: Aug. 31 to Sept. 9. Location: chapel ground 1 mile north and 2½ east of Dover. Bring your blankets. Address: Ulysses Phillips or Henry Caldwell, Dover, Okla.

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W. VA. Date: Aug. 24-September 2nd. Location at the chapel on 10th and F st. Plenty of trailer and parking space. All who can bring cots and bedding.

We desire the prayers of all the saints. Agree with us that God will send the ministers of his choosing, ones that will not fail to declare the whole counsel of God without fear or favor to man. This is our second camp meeting here in South Charleston. We invite all lovers of the truth to come and all that need help in soul and body. The saints will do all they can to take care of those who come. This is practically a new field and we feel that much good will be done, as all here have a mind to work. Address: Mrs. Olive Keene 1328½ Frame St., Charleston, W. Va. or Mrs. T. L. Spaur, 151½ 10th Ave., South Charleston, W. Va.

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All Day Meeting, Orland, Calif, June 3rd. Location: four blocks east of Post Office. All are invited to come and enjoy these meetings with us. We especially urge all the saints of California, Washington, and Oregon to attend, who desire information about the requirements of establishing a church day school in their congregation and obtaining books. Our school, which will close June 1st, has been a success for God. Sister Faith Embly will be here a few days after school closes. We shall be glad to share with the saints the information we have gathered.

Route 2, Box 215,

H. P. Huskey.

—::— The Trinity

There is the "Jesus Only" doctrine that is going out all over the world today. It is a good warning to every saint of God to stay with the Bible, and "thus saith the Lord."

The doctrine of the Trinity is very clearly set forth in the Word of God. It is not strange that the doctrine should be overlooked by a superficial reader, but it is passing strange that it should be denied by a real student of the Scripture. I know this: A study of the divine titles as they are used in God's Word will convince any person who is willing to be convinced that, while the God-head is one so far as nature and essence are concerned, there are in the God-head a plurality of persons. The passage which tells us that "There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one," (John 5:7) may be called into question by critics whose conclusions some may be disposed to accept, but the fact remains that the passage, whether genuine or not, sets forth a truth that other passages, admittedly genuine, undoubtedly corroborate.

Let us go back to the Hebrew Scripture. God in the Hebrew Scripture is called EL about 250 times. This title is rendered GOD in our commonly accepted version. Another title, ELOAH, from AHLAH,

to worship, is also singular, and presents God as the one supreme object of worship. Literally rendered, it means, THE ADORABLE ONE. It occurs about fifty-six times. We find it the first time in Deut. 32:15, where we read that Jeshurum "forsook ELOAH which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation."

The word ELOHIM is the plural of ELOAH, and literally rendered, means the ADORABLE ONES." It is a fact that this title occurs in the Hebrew Scriptures about 2,500 times. It looks as though the Holy Spirit inspiring the writing of the Scriptures purposed to lay particular emphasis upon the fact of the trinity. (Praise the Lord!).

We can go back to Gen. 1:26, "And God said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness."

If Jesus were the Father, he could have said, "I will make man in MY image." Still the most loved text in the Bible I believe is, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Vs. 17, "For GOD sent not HIS SON into the world to condemn the world . . ." Vs. 18, "The only begotten SON OF GOD."

I would like to ask the question, If Jesus were God the Father, should we read John 3:16 like this? "For Jesus so loved the world that he gave himself, as he was the Son." Any child of God that can read can see that this doctrine is of the devil to deceive God's people.

Let us read Mark 9:7, "And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a VOICE came out of the cloud, saying, This is MY BELOVED SON: hear him." There are many Scriptures which prove that Jesus is the Son of God. Read Matt. 8:29, Matt. 14:33. Read Mark 1:1. What was it that Jesus said in Mark 14:35, 36? "And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt."

Friends, if we take God's Word only and follow it, he said (Deut. 11:16), "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other Gods, and worship them."

Oh, how many of God's children have been deceived! The Lord also said, "Thus saith the Lord; Deceive not yourselves" (Jer. 37:9). I love the way Paul records it in Eph. 4:14: "That we HENCEFORTH be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." We must put this first: "Thus saith the Lord," and not what man said.

I have studied the "Jesus Only" doctrine, and I still love the way that God teaches it in his Word. Praise the Lord! And I know there will be many of the "Jesus only" people who will read this article. I love every one of them, but not the doctrine. I will preach and teach the old church of God doctrine as long as I live. I have not dealt with this subject, or in other words covered the whole subject, but some day, Lord willing, I will for the saints of God, or those that love the truth. —Bro. William D. Summers

Young People's Section

Have You A Family Altar?

**You say you are busy this morning,
In the maelstrom of family cares,
And the husband must rush to his work
So there isn't a moment for prayers!**

Then the children are sent to the schoolroom
And the grind of the day thus begins,
With no word from God's Book to remember
Nor the echo of strengthening hymns.

What wonder the burdens are heavy,
And the hours seem irksomely long:
What wonder that rash words are spoken,
And life seems discordant and wrong!

And at even', discouraged and wearied,
You carelessly go to your rest,
Forgetting that Jesus is waiting
To pillow your head on His breast.

He longs for a word of thanksgiving,
And to hear your love spoken again;
He asks to review the day's record,
To keep you from blotches and stain.

So pause for a little each morning,
And again at the close of the day
To talk with the Saviour who loves you,
Remember, He taught us to pray. —Sel.

Mo.—Dear young saints,—Truly this finds me encouraged to press the battle on. Sometimes it seems like a hard fight, but the Lord is always ready to help us in every time of need, if we will only trust him.

I have felt for some time that I should send in my testimony, but seems like I just let the devil have his way, but I am praising the Lord that I have defeated him.

I need your prayers that I will always keep true to the dear Lord at all times.

Your sister in Christ, Eula Gentry

Okla.—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I am thankful that I can say I am still saved. I would like to send in my testimony. One day I had a severe headache. It wasn't bad at first, but it got worse. That night I prayed for it. The next morning my head wasn't hurting. Thank the Lord for answering prayer. Pray for me that I will keep true to Him at all times.

Your sister in Christ, Lilly M. Adams

Arkansas—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory,"—I am a little boy twelve years of age and want to write my testimony that it may please God to let you know that I am on God's side. I feel that I want to do anything He wants me to do. We should try to live as near Christ as we can. We should do our best to please Him. He never puts a burden on us that we cannot bear. Our flesh is weak but our spirit is willing. When you have troubles,

go to God in prayer. If you are sad, take it to God, he will make you happy. There is a Scripture that will help you when you are troubled: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1). We should pray to God and serve Him every day, for the end is drawing nearer every day. If you have never been saved, you don't know the pleasure of serving God. We are happy because of the spiritual blessings. God loves everyone. When you are not living for God, he is very sad. There is no better time to be saved than right now. St. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I want all of you people to pray for me, that I may ever please God. I am a very nervous child and stutter when I talk. I want you to pray that I will quit stuttering and overcome my nervousness.

Floyd Tolleson

Correspondence

Okla.—To the dear saints everywhere, who may read these lines,—I send greetings of Christian love. The dear Lord is so good to me and just now I am rejoicing in his love. The dear Lord has been my physician since 1911. He has healed me of many afflictions. I feel led to tell of the healing of my eye. A few weeks ago I felt a severe pain in my left eye. It continued to hurt and became very red. You could see a dark spot in it that looked like a blood clot. I was anointed and prayed for. The pain instantly stopped. I thanked the dear Lord. In a few days my eye was as clear as ever. So may the blessings of the dear Lord be upon each of God's little ones continually is my prayer.

Nettie Sample.

La.—To all the dear saints,—Greetings of holy love in the precious name of Jesus. It has been quite some time since I have sent in my testimony. The Lord has been with me and the children and has showered down his blessings upon us. Praise his dear name.

The Lord has recently healed me of a serious ailment. I have been trusting him for the healing of my body for a number of years. I'm not afraid to leave my body in his care for I know nothing is too hard for the Lord to do. We suffer sometimes so we will have things in common with our Saviour. It means we must share his sufferings. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21.) Then God permits our suffering to prove he can give us all sufficient grace. Perhaps there is no better way of demonstrating this than by letting sore trials and intense suffering come to his people. In the midst of it all, he will give them grace sufficient to sustain, cheer and make victorious. (2 Cor. 12:9.) The Lord wants his children to have patience. If we are not careful we will become impatient if things do not go as they should or in the way we think, but these precious words (Rom 5:3-6) tells us "knowing that tribulation worketh patience." Our suffering may be the trial of our faith to purify it. Our faith needs to be strengthened "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7. We notice it says "tried with fire." When gold is refined, it is burn-

ed or cooked over a fire until all dross is burned out. It is so with us. When we are in the furnace of affliction being burned and suffer until our Saviour can see his image in us then that is sufficient. It is also a testimony to others to see how the Lord can heal. Neighbors looked on and watched my illness to see if I would die. But live or die I'm trusting the Lord. When he is ready for me I want to so live that I'll always be ready to go and be with Him. The Lord has blessed and raised me up again. Praise his precious name.

I am glad I love the Lord and the one true way. All you dear saints pray for us. We want God's approval on our lives. We have a very serious burden before the Lord. Please pray for me. Let's all be what God requires of us. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Rom 8:28. Sister Rubye C. Quave.

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Okla.—Greetings to the saints everywhere.—Today finds me still saved and living for the dear Lord. I'm encouraged to go all the way with him although I have been isolated for some time. I can truly say in my heart that I'm living to all I know and understand. Praise his dear name. There are only two living lights here, Mother and myself, but we stand for the Lord. We have some hard tests but just hold to God's unchanging hand. Mother has been unable to get around well for a long time so keeps me to care for her, but I do trust the Lord will make a way for us to attend meeting often. I humbly ask the prayers of the saints everywhere to pray for my son and wife and my sister and her children. Pray that the Lord will give mother and me grace to go through. We need your prayers. Your sister in Christ, Carrie Murdock.

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Ohio.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints,—I felt led to write you a letter and couldn't get it off my mind. The scripture teaches us that we have the mind of Christ so I would rather have the mind of Christ than all else. The Lord gave us a good meeting on Easter Sunday. About twelve attended the New Testament ordinances. It was a glorious day and a good meeting. Everything is going along nicely. We want nothing that Babylon has. We trust the Lord each month for our payment on our meeting building. It is paid down to \$425. We can thank the Lord when it is all paid for. God help all of the true saints everywhere. We surely would like to have a tent meeting if it be the Lord's will this summer. I have been trusting the Lord 29 years without taking medicine and have been healed several times. Leman Rodgers.

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Okla.—To all the saints scattered abroad,—Today finds me still on the Lord's side. I truly am thankful to be counted a child of God in these evil days. It seems the very air is changed with the spirit of strife. Oh how I want to be found of the Lord at all times. I know the devil is after the God that is in our souls. The more God, the more of the spirit of oppression we have to meet. We have been in the furnace for over six months. It seemed the powers of darkness were so great we had to walk by faith. Brother Barton has finally broke under the strain of oppression and his nerves and general health seems to be at a very low ebb. He truly needs your prayers. He is able to work some but has to go on faith most of the time. He just seems to be able to make each day by itself.

We surely do thank all the saints for their kindness to us during the loss of our car. I tried to write each one a letter but I missed one sister but later talked to her. One brother didn't send his address. It seems I am very

slow to mention this again but I have so much writing to do at camp meeting time until I get neglectful. My eyes have given me a lot of trouble the past year which made me shirk writing.

Camp meeting time will soon be here and my body feels that I'll need much prayer to be able to do as I have done in the past. I'm praying God to lay much of the burden on younger, able bodied people to help this year. It is just a willing worker God needs. We never take any pay. Sometimes we try to help the cooks with their fare to the meeting. I think surely we can donate ten days to the Lord each year to help get the truth to some soul. All the money that is taken in at the camp meeting goes to get food, add beds or dishes, and what is left over is used to improve the grounds. We pay \$200 each year on the tents. So dear ones all goes to support the meeting. We had about 300 people on the grounds last year. The grocery bill is no small item but our dear Lord has never failed to help us meet every bill so far. It is his work and we are his servants so let us be diligent about the cause of God. Be sure to send in your tent and cot orders early as it will make it easier for Bro. Barton. Pray for us. Sister Barton.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I have been much impressed the last few days to write this little message for Jesus that it might be an encouragement to some troubled soul. As I was praying very earnestly about the burden on my heart Jesus said, "I am standing by," and it seemed as if I could reach out my hand and touch him. Ever since that time when the devil tries to tempt me I hear those sweet words, "I am standing by." Praise the Lord, I have more power to resist the enemy. When he sees that Jesus is standing by he has to leave. O, what sweet peace and comfort it is just to know that in every trial Jesus is standing by to help us and that he said to cast all of our cares upon him for he cares for us. My prayer is that this little message will cheer your heart as it has mine and that we may be drawn closer to each other and realize more that Jesus is standing by and that he knows all of our trials. He is on the job 24 hours a day and he said I will never leave nor forsake thee. Praise his name! P. C. Stubbs.

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Ind.—Dear saints,—I promised God I would send in my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper if he would answer my prayer, so after much delay I am sending it. There is a woman whose husband died leaving her with eight small children, whom I have known since November, 1950. I read about it in the local newspaper and my heart was troubled. God awakened me one night and told me to go out and pray. While I was in prayer he showed me he would have me visit this woman. After some inquiry I found her and found she was saved. I continued to visit her from time to time, taking her tracts and doing what I could. Then one day I received a letter from her saying she had to move and was told if she couldn't find a place the children would be put in a home. She felt she couldn't bear that and having six little ones of my own I well understood. I got under the burden in fasting and prayer. About the third day of my burden I said, "Lord, I know you have a place for that woman somewhere and if you'll supply her with a house this very day I'll send in my testimony to the 'Faith and Victory' paper." The next day I went to see her and she told me she not only had a house but some folks were building a new house and she could live in it as long as she wanted to. Praise God, he is able to supply our every need and when we cry to him in earnest, he always hears. Judy Tinsman.

W. Va.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am writing my testimony to tell of God's wonderful power to heal his people when they are sick. Last July, 1950 I broke down with cancer on my breast. I was almost dead. There was a hole eat out in my breast until any one could set a teacup down in the place, it was so deep. But thank the Lord he healed it. Just the scar of it is there. My friends told me that it surely was a miracle. I was told by friends after I began to get better that the doctor said two months would be a long life for me. But praise God he healed me and spared me a while longer for some reason. Pray for me that I will ever live true to God and be just what he would have me to be. I thank the dear saints who prayed so earnestly for me when I needed their prayers and help so much. I love God and his people above every thing else in this world. Pray much for me.

Your sister in Christ,

Hermie Graley.

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W. Va.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I feel like the dear Lord would have me to write some of my experiences with the denominational churches that man rules and not the Holy Spirit.

I have been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper four years and I find it full of old time gospel truth. Many articles feed my hungry soul. I find it holding the same standard with power that D. S. Warner preached and commanded come out of Babylon. As he gave the call they obeyed and that brought the church visible in the one body. That is what composed the church of God and it stands. The members stand together today in the one body and are willing to let the Holy Spirit rule over them and not man. God wants a people that will live humble, down at the foot of the cross where he can talk to them.

I was saved 25 years ago. I first joined the Baptist Church but when this glorious truth came around here I accepted it as it was preached by D. S. Warner. That was long before the split or falling away came. Things went well for a long time. Later I began to see the preachers were not holding up the standard of the gospel. I could feel a great letting down in their spiritual life. The Gospel Trumpet had compromised with bobbed hair and lowered the standard of dress and catered to the world.

One night about nine years ago I was at church (Gospel Trumpet) and went home grieved over a sermon I heard on sanctification. I was so grieved and burdened. That night I called on God, "What am I going to do?" I went to bed and that night God's voice spoke to me. He showed me there was so much man rule that the Holy Spirit could not work. He said so plain, "Come out of her my people." I left Babylon again, determined I would stand alone with Jesus. I never have felt like going back anymore. It wasn't long until I heard about the division and that God still had a few true saints that were separated from the world. There are a few of us that now stand separated from the world and the things of the world. God tells us to be separate. I stand separate from the world, from the Gospel Trumpet movement, and all other false movements and I am praising God for his goodness to me. I'm so glad I had a willing mind to listen to his still voice. It pays to listen to God and not man. The voice of man may tell you wrong but God will never tell you anything only what is right. Praise his holy name.

Georgiana Sayre.

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Colo.—Dear saints,—I send greetings to all the saints in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. The Lord is so wonderful to me and he has done so much for me that it pays to stay true

to God. Truly I can say in my heart that I am trusting him for both my soul and body. I have been saved going on 16 years and I am so happy in this true way. I was so glad when the Lord saved me from my sins. 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. I have 11 or 12 in Sunday School. They sure do like to come to Sunday School. The Lord has called me again for this work. I want to do just what he wants me to do. As I was in prayer this morning I asked the Lord for his blessings upon me through the day and to keep me from all sin.

I have had many trials and afflictions but the Lord may see that through trials or afflictions is the only way he can teach us how to serve him better. Our trials may seem many but if we compare them with the blessings we will see there is no comparison for each trial proves 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. I am much encouraged to live on for the Lord all the days of my life and do all I can to win souls for the dear Lord. We are told, "he that winneth souls is wise." I long for that wisdom. Pray for me that I may be strong in the Lord and the power of his might. A sister in Christ, Mable Belveal.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Mo.—To the dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. This morning finds me saved and encouraged in the way of the Lord. We are thankful for the many blessings the Lord daily gives us. Truly he is good to those who seek to do his will and daily live humble before him. I am sending in a special request for prayer for my eyes that the Lord will completely heal them to his own glory. We have been praying and we earnestly ask the saints to be agreed in prayer with us. May the dear Lord bless each one.

A sister,

Mrs. Ed Whipple.

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Tenn.—Mrs. Grace Burger has a very urgent request for prayer.

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N. M.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus name. I feel that the dear Lord would be pleased for me to send in my testimony. I am so thankful for a know so salvation I feel deep down in my soul. I am one of God's little ones. I am so thankful God saw fit to save my soul.

The Lord is my helper and healer. He has healed my body so many times of different things and also my children but I have had an affliction over six years. I have been prayed for different times and been healed for months but it comes back on me and oh how I do suffer. Oh, how the enemy tries my soul to try to get me to go to a doctor but I never have gone to a doctor. I know God can heal all diseases. Please dear saints, one and all pray earnestly that God will completely heal my body if it is his will. I do thank all of God's dear children that have prayed so much for me.

Your saved sister,

Stella Wilson.

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Alone

There was much I wanted to do, dear Lord,
So much I wanted to do;
But now with most of it still undone,
I'm shut in alone with you.

Shut in alone, but never shut out
 From the wonderful power of prayer;
 For on spiritual wings I can still send aid
 To the needy ones everywhere.

And sometimes I think, as I finger the keys
 Unlocking Thy promises true,
 That perhaps I am filling a far greater need
 Just shut in alone with you.

Alice H. Mortensen (Sel.)

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What Was Found In the Underworld

Senator Kefauver says: "Since May 26, 1950, when the committee held its first hearing in Miami, Florida, I have listened with mounting revulsion to the sordid story of the filth on America's doorstep. I have heard millions of words of shocking, at times incredible, testimony from approximately 450 witnesses. I have read additional hundreds of thousands of words in memoranda and exhibits backing up this oral testimony. I have seen and listened to persons who, in the eyes of most of their fellow members of society, are unquestionably the scum of the earth; and I have been heartened by the courageous appearances of upright citizens who are working tirelessly to cleanse our nation of this scum.

"What I have learned scares me.

"The facts uncovered by the Senate Investigating Committee plainly spell out that many acts of crime in the United States are not isolated, self-contained local activities. On the contrary, there is a nation-wide crime syndicate—loosely organized, but cohesive—in the United States. The activities of this syndicate are guided by an evil colation—an alliance of conscienceless mobsters and of cynical, equally conscienceless, so-called 'respectable' business and professional men.

"I cannot shut out completely a feeling of fright as I contemplate how close America has come to the saturation point of criminal and political corruption which may pull us down entirely. I look about the world and see once-strong, once-proud nations of Europe and elsewhere where the infection of criminal and political corruption set in and progressed to the point where democracy and national strength were utterly lost. I ask myself—and it is a good question for every citizen to ask—Did the citizens and the legislative bodies of those ruined countries realize what was happening? Couldn't they sense that the mess of political-criminal corruption would so weaken both the moral and economic fibers of their countries that their homelands inevitably must degenerate into ruined, impotent, third-class powers?

"The big question—and I put it bluntly—is this: Has criminal and political corruption, which we now know is rampant in the United States, reached the point where this country, too, must follow the downward path after others? I say that we are dangerously close to that ruination point. However, though the hour is late, it is not yet too late."

Not only Bible preachers, but politicians are warn-

ing the nation that moral corruption and spiritual indifference and unbelief will undermine the nation and lead to its downfall. God will most certainly judge all sin that is not repented of. Unless our nation repents, judgment and decline are inevitable.

Our national situation is a smelly mess. The "five percenters" have bought and sold "influence" in Washington to the point where people now say "it isn't what you know but who you know that counts." The crookedness in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been a lurid tale. The corruption of college basketball players who "fixed" games in alliance with underworld gamblers was shocking. The corruption unearthed by the Kefauver Committee is nauseating. God have mercy on America!

Failure in government; failure in the homes; failure in our schools; failure in churches; failure in the business world; failure in womanhood; GOD HAVE MERCY ON AMERICA!

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Home, and Our Children

Dear Saints:—For some time my heart has been burdened for our children. Many today are going astray that but yesterday were given to us to protect and train for heaven.

In the beginning God blessed the human race with homes. Matt. 19:5 reads, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh." "For this cause," to establish a home. This does not mean to move in with father and mother; or to marry, knowing that tomorrow they must part. We see so much of this in times of war. The purpose of marriage is to establish a home. When that cannot be, better remain single until the Lord makes a way for the home to be established.

Home cannot be what God intended it to be unless He reigns there. God sends little souls into our homes to be protected and guided by us. Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go." The training "in the way he should go" is left to the parents. When these little ones are born into our homes, we have a great responsibility. God expects much of us. Oh! may we feel this: a little twig to bend heavenward or hellward; a little life to train upward or downward.

All children are born with the carnal nature in their little hearts. This carnal nature feeds on, "The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life," which is not of the Father, but of the world." 1 John 2:16. We parents can curb this lust and pride and help the child to keep it under control. We do this by our example and training. Our example first, for the child adores its parents and tries to be like them. So above all, saved parents, keep the victory, keep sweet in your souls so they will have a heavenly pattern to pattern after. We, parents, by carelessness and neglect, and following the wrong advice, can cultivate the lust and pride in our little ones until it brings forth fruit that may land our children into a devil's hell.

Oh! you mothers, how are you training your children? Are you dressing them the way you want to see them dress when they become men and women. Some do not think it matters much the way we dress them when they are small, so they take the easy course and dress them after the fashion of the world. If they only knew they were feeding the pride and lust in their little hearts, they surely wouldn't do this. Some say we cannot expect our children to bear the reproach of the world when they are not saved. This is contrary to what was taught by the early saints. Before our children reach the age of accountability, they are saved. They are sweet, innocent saints of God. Of course, they have the carnal nature with its pride and lust; but here is where we can help or hinder them. If we dress them worldly, let them have their own way, we shall be feeding their pride and lust until it will get such a power over them that few indeed ever will be saved.

When your child reaches school age, if you have trained it for heaven, you will be dressing it to please God and the child will have no desire to put on worldly adornment (I speak from experience here). Could you now, in order to protect your child from the scorn of the world, strip it of its godly clothes and adorn it after the fashion of the world? I fear this is a trick of Satan. It is not when our children reach school age that the mothers fail, but it is long before this, when they are still in Mother's arms. Yes, sad to say, but some mothers start feeding the pride in the hearts of their little ones long before they reach school age, killing all the God-given modesty they have by exposing their little bodies, so when they reach school age they want to keep feeding their pride as the parents have taught them.

Dear ones, God is full of mercy, and if we see where we have failed, humble ourselves and ask forgiveness. Repent, forsake, and expose the devil and his ways. God will forgive and help us win our children. I fear we are not all acquainted with Satan's devices. Let us be sure we are obeying the God of heaven and not the god of fashion.

Some today are wearing longer skirts just because it is the style, when a few years ago they wore them so short as to be indecent, and would not change when the Word condemned them. But they changed to longer, decent dresses as soon as the style changed, thus obeying the god of fashion instead of the God of heaven.

Dear ones, brothers and sisters, beware of transparent clothing that exposes the body, that Satan would like to get all of us to wear. We see dresses, hose, men's shirts, much too thin to be decent, and surely much out of place for saints professing godliness to wear. Let us live to please God and not to please the god of fashion. We want to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We do not want to hear Him say, "You have obeyed the god of fashion."

Dear ones, we are praising Him for all things. He is so good to us all. He is drawing us closer to Him and each day His services become sweeter to us.

Souls here are seeking help. Sinners are being convicted. The saints are stirred to seek a closer walk with Him. A soul burden is settling down upon all. We are burdened more than ever for the saints' children and the loved ones of the saints that are not saved. We have many on our hearts that we wish to see saved, so pray for us, and seek Him to know His will about church schools. We believe He wants a school in every congregation where there are children of school age. The requirements for church schools are not so hard to meet as they are for private schools. So do not ask about requirements for a private school, but for a church school, because our schools are church schools when supported by the church.

We send our love to all. Your brother and sister,
—H. P. and E. M. Huskey

Suppose

Just suppose we had never heard the gospel, never knew one word of it, lived as many heathen live. Can we imagine ourselves in this condition?

I was just praising the Lord that I was taught from the time I was old enough to know anything. How glad I am, but I do not believe I have done half enough about it. I see many who are just swinging along on easy street, and how we all need to stir ourselves. I heard a brother say not long ago that we need to put in a request for Jesus: "Pray ye the Lord of harvest to send forth more reapers into his field." Suppose there had never been any consecrated workers and no one had ever gone out to work for souls. We know thousands never would have been saved. I do not see how we can feel at ease as long as we know there are fields ripe unto harvest. Let us lift up our eyes and behold the fields. I pray God to give more Holy Ghost messages on this line.

"Why stand we idle waiting
For reapers more to come?
The golden morning is passing,
Why stand ye idle, dumb?
Go out and gather the golden grain,
The world is your harvest field;
Your toil for Jesus will not be in vain,
For He will increase the yield."

May this be our personal question: "What doth the Lord require of thee?" Suppose we fail? —J. H.

Watch

Rev. 19:19, 20, "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." The beast represents Catholicism and the false prophet represents sectism. Kings of the earth are false preachers and their

armies are the people whom they have blinded that follow them. The mark of the beast is joining these sect churches which sprang from Catholicism, the beast (Rev. 16:13, 14). They are spirits of devils working miracles which go forth over the whole world to gather them that don't have the love for God's Word just as it is. They get into some of the devil's pens and fight against God's true and holy way. This battle is going on today.

1 Tim. 4:1, 2, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." We know by this that the devil has many doctrines and spirits, but God has only one spirit (Eph. 4:4), one doctrine (1 Tim. 6:1-6), so we need to take earnest heed that no man deceive us (Matt. 24:3, 4). We must be willing to take God's way, as Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And we must love the truth of God's Word or God will allow the devil to deceive us and we will believe we are right when we have turned our hearts against God's light.

We are living in perilous times (2 Tim. 3:1-5). Read 2 Tim. 4:3, 4. This is the condition of the world today. More people are claiming religion than ever before, but there are only a few denying themselves and taking up the cross to follow Jesus. 2 Cor. 11:13, 14, 15 plainly teaches that the devil has ministers who may seem to be righteous. Satan is under a religious form today, deceiving all who do not love this crucified way even though they claim to be very religious and know a lot of Scripture. If their lives do not measure up to what they preach and teach, or to God's Word, we had better not have any fellowship with them.

We must live up to what we preach. Matt. 7: 21 to 23 proves that not everyone who claims to be right will get to heaven, but only those that do the will of the Father.

In Matt. 24:24 we are warned that the false prophets will show great signs and wonders in order to deceive. We must become established (Eph. 4:14) to keep from being deceived by the cunning craftiness of men that lie in wait to deceive.

Read 2 John verse 7. These are the ones who do not believe Jesus dwells in the hearts of his people on earth today. Verses 10 and 11 prove that we have to be careful to whom we bid God-speed, or we will be partakers of their evil deeds. Read Titus 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:13; 2 Thess. 2:10:12.

2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (1 Cor. 2:12-14). It takes the Spirit of God to enable us to spiritually discern the Word of God. A natural man, or one who only claims to be saved, can not rightly divide the Word of truth.

Because of a love for the souls who are in such darkness, this is written. It is such a sorrowful thing to think of the many many souls who are not willing to pay the full price by bearing the reproach of the

cross, and are taking some man's way, trying to get to heaven an easier way. The Bible classes these people the same as thieves and robbers. Jesus is grieved because people won't come in by Him, but he knew there would be just a few, as he said in Matt. 7:14.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6. In another place Jesus said, "I am the door."

False prophets come in sheep's clothing or under a religious cloak, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves (Matt. 7:15). Read Acts 20:28-30.

Many warnings are in God's Word, so we must watch as well as pray. —V. Marler

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Jesus was lonely (Matt. 27:46) that I might never be alone (Matt. 28:20).

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THE RESTORATION OF JERUSALEM

June 3, 1951

Printed Portion.....Ezra 1:2-3; 6:14-16;
Nehemiah 4:6; 8:1-3.

Ezra 1:2. Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

6:14. And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16. And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.

Neh. 4:6. So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

8:1. And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of

the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

2. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

Memory Verse: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31.

Practical Truth: Through wholehearted cooperation on the part of many, great undertakings can be achieved.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Since the Holy Spirit is our teacher, (John 14:26) let us look to him. According to Ezra 7:9 it took 4 months to travel from Babylon to Jerusalem but when king Cyrus gave the people of God liberty to go back after their being in Captivity 70 years, there were over forty-two thousand that went back. Their being in captivity 70 years had taught them to worship God for they could not sing the songs of Zion "in a strange land" (Psa. 137:1-4) but they were so glad to get back they "shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord." Ezra 3:11. There were many that did not go back and were contented to stay in Babylon but the remnant that went back were of one mind to work to build the temple and the walls. While they were building they met with opposition from the enemy in various ways. When the Jews would not permit them to help, they began their spite work. So it is with us in our building for eternity when the enemy works against us. But we can pray like Nehemiah did at every turn and no matter how much some people laugh at us we can conquer in Jesus' name.

We need to ask God to help us watch as well as pray. The chorus says, "Watch and pray, watch and pray, Or the tempter will lead astray; Watch and pray, watch and pray, You shall overcome if you watch and pray." Some of the worst opposition was from those who were on the inside, for the Jews were inter-married with the Samaritans which was a serious drawback for they informed the enemies who were on the outside of what was going on, making it hard for the honest souls who were among them to go ahead with the work of the Lord. God raised up Haggai and Zechariah to encourage them so that the work was done. The book of Haggai tells us, "Consider your ways" (1:5, 7) and Zechariah 1:3 says, "Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you." (Read both of the books.) Eph. 2:19-21 tells of us being "An holy temple in the Lord."

JESUS AND HIS MINISTRY

June 10, 1951

Printed Portion..... Luke 4:14-22; 19:10;

Mark 10:45; John 3:16.

Luke 4:14. And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

15. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been

brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

19:10. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Mark 10:45. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Memory Verse: The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45.

Practical Truth: The mission of Jesus Christ was to provide salvation for us all.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus was anointed with the Spirit for the work which God sent him into the world to do. No effective work can be done without him. Jesus did always those things that pleased the Father. John 8:29. Many times it is mentioned that he prayed. Even at the very last before he went to the cross he prayed earnestly there in the garden. Only by prayer can the work of God go forward. The mission of Jesus was to seek and save the lost. Those who are poor in spirit and realize it are the ones who can inherit the kingdom of God. When we become broken-hearted and humble then Christ can preach to us the acceptable year of the Lord. He can give us "gracious words" that will set us at liberty from our sins. God showed his love for the world in giving his Son to die as a ransom for many. No greater love has ever been shown in this world for mankind. No other way has been invented by man that has an effectual cure for all the ailments of the human race. The eternal life that God gives is a spiritual life that lasts throughout all eternity. Therefore Christ has established a supreme claim upon our lives. Even our thoughts and our steps are under his direction when we surrender to him. Prov. 16:3; Psa. 37:23.

THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

June 17, 1951

Printed Portion..... Acts 1:8; 4:5-12; 28:15-16, 30-31.

Acts 1:8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

4:5. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6. And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

28:15. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage.

16. And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

30. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31. Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Memory Verse: Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8.

Practical Truth: All who know the Lord can have a part in spreading the gospel by bearing witness concerning what Christ has done for them.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A witness is one who has personal knowledge and gives testimony to it. A witness for Christ receives power from God to make his testimony effective. It can not be effective without the Spirit. Rom. 8:8-11. "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Any one who is born of God and has the divine nature has a permanent duty, which is also a privilege, to witness for Christ. Peter and John as they witnessed before the sanhedrin gave a clear testimony of Jesus as the only way "Whereby we must be saved."

The gospel that Paul preached proved to be "The power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." He said "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." 1 Thess. 1:5. This sinful dark world needs witnesses that are filled with a divine message and a love for God that will impel them to go from house to house as the disciples did seeking out those honest souls who are willing to live the crucified way. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27. When Christ dwells within he will direct our actions. (Send for tracts "A Mission for Every Believer" and "Highways and Hedges.")

THE CHURCH UNDER PERSECUTION

June 24, 1951

Printed Portion. 1 Peter 5:6-11; Revelation 1:9-11a;

7:9-10, 13-14.

1 Peter 5:6. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 1:9. I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11. Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.

7:9. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10. And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

13. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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

Practical Truth: By God's grace we may make it through to heaven in spite of every hindering thing.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the last lesson we discussed witnessing. A faithful witness is sure to have persecution. 2 Tim. 3:12. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." The humble before God are a special people that God can work through and give to this sinful dark world his message of love. We are to cast our cares upon God. And whatever the devil should try to put upon us, take it to God. All of life's problems, when committed to God will make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle us. John the apostle was cast on a lonely island because of his faithful testimony of Jesus Christ. But Christ revealed himself to John while there in that tribulation and showed the wonderful outcome of those who had made their robes white in the blood of the lamb. The washing that Jesus Christ gives is a permanent work for all them that endure unto the end. Beware when all men speak well of you. "If like Paul we're cast into the prison, Or thro' burning, fiery flames should go, Can we glory in such persecution, Bear the image of our Lord below? Jesus, we will follow in thy footprints, Share thy suffering and shame and loss: For the glory that is set before us, We will triumph in the Saviour's cross." C. W.