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### "Remember Lot's Wife"

If you'd stopped and looked, my brother,  
To that city of sin and strife,  
You'd beheld four were departing—  
They were running for their life!

God had warned them on the morrow  
He would burn this city low,  
"Leave all earthly gain behind you,  
Take yourselves and upward go:

"To the mountain top, and hasten,  
Don't look back nor turn thy head;  
Keep thine eyes upon the summit,"  
Were the words the Master said.

But there's one—we see her falter—  
Thots back there caused her to halt;  
Thus again God issued judgment:  
Poor Lot's wife was turned to salt.

But the others kept God's warning:  
Don't look back, but upward run—  
Thus we see the three press onward  
Till the summit's top they'd won.

You who start to climb the mountain,  
Fleeing from this sin and strife,  
Fix your eyes upon the summit  
And keep running for your life.

Always running, climbing upward  
From this awful sin and strife;  
Don't forget God's awful judgment  
He pronounced on poor Lot's wife.

Always running, pressing onward  
Till Mount Zion's height's you've won,  
Never stopping, never turning,  
Always upward you must run.

—Bert Mead.

### The Cross

A man wrote to a minister, and this is what he said,  
"We want encouragement from pastors, not discouragement, NOT A CROSS."

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, Let him DENY himself [or renounce himself is that thot: Let him RENOUNCE HIMSELF] and take UP HIS CROSS and FOLLOW ME." Matt. 16:24. And that, my young friends, means a CROSS IN THIS LIFE. Other words, where there is NO CROSS, NO CROWN; NO CROSS, NO CHRISTIAN; NO CROSS, NO CRIMSON FOUNTAIN; NO CROSS, NO CHRIST; NO CROSS, NO CALLING.

A cross spelled death in those days, and when you become a Christian, it spells death to your worldly desires, to your worldly friends, for pleasure of the applause of the world—IT MEANS DEATH TO SELF.

Saints of God, remember, a cross means a CROSS, and with it goes a crown—and it does not mean a piece of jewelry around your neck.

Will you just think on this verse? "Must JESUS bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for every one, and there's a cross for me." The Lord will help you to carry the cross, praise the Lord! Remember this: "If God calls you to fill a Martyr's shoes, He will give you a martyr's grace."

Maybe you say as you read this: "WHAT CAN I DO?" Read this slowly:

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it and make it worth \$6,000—THAT IS GENIUS.

Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars—THAT IS CAPITAL.

A mechanic can take metal that is worth only five dollars and make it worth fifty dollars—THAT IS SKILL.

An artist can take a fifty-cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it and make it worth \$1,000—THAT IS ART.

But GOD can take a worthless sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity—THAT'S SALVATION.

Here are a few questions. Can you answer these? "I am saved, but is my home life all my Lord would have it be?

Is it seen in every action, Jesus has control of me? I am saved, but am I doing all my Lord would have me do,

That the dying souls around me may be brought to JESUS too?

I am saved, but would I gladly, Lord, leave all to follow thee?

Could I answer when Thou callest, HERE I AM, SEND ME, SEND ME?"

My prayer is that every person that reads this will give all to Christ. You may say: "The world will laugh at me." Yes, the world will hate you; but remember, live a "prayer life" and study GOD'S Word. A prayer can pull big sermons out of little preachers. Prayer is the path that leads to GOD. Remember, you will never be able to give the world JESUS until first you pay the price.

John Wesley said, "If you want a revival, get on fire, and the people will come and see you burn."

Voltaire said, "I hate life; and yet I hate to die."

Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." I always shed a few tears whenever I read this Scripture. I know some day I will be with Paul; then I can say, "Paul, now I know what you mean." Thank God. "GIVE ALL TO CHRIST." —W. D. Summers.

### Friend, God Loves You

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." Luke 19:10. This Scripture was uttered by the Lord immediately after he had saved Zacchaeus, the man who was chief among the publicans and was lost in sin. In the third verse of this chapter we find that he was seeking for Jesus. It reads: "He sought to see Jesus who he was." Since Zacchaeus was little of stature and the people were thronging Jesus, he could not see Him. But he was not to be baffled with such, for he was seeking the Lord. He ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up into a sycomore tree, for he knew Jesus was to pass that way. He put forth some effort to find the Lord, and gave no heed to those who would laugh at him for running and climbing up into the tree, for he was intent on seeing the Lord.

If sinners would seek the Lord now as faithfully as Zacchaeus did, they too could see and be saved from their lost condition.

The Lord was also looking for Zacchaeus. As he looked up into the tree and saw him there, he bade him come down, saying, "For today I must abide at thy house." This was more than Zacchaeus was expecting—the Lord will always do more for us than we are expecting. It is said that Zacchaeus made haste and came down. He also did something else, he received him joyfully.

Zacchaeus was so thankful at heart that Jesus would give attention to him—he felt very unworthy of the Lord's notice—that he stood before the Lord and said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." Then words of comfort fell from the lips of the Saviour, and he said unto him, "This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham."

These were blessed and heavenly words to this

sinner man, for salvation means deliverance from sin. It means that the lost has been found and restored back to the Father's house and embrace. It means that the one who was dead in trespasses and sins has been resurrected to life in God and now can sense the favors and blessings of God and know that he has passed from death unto life because he loves the brethren. When Jesus saw and knew that Zacchaeus believed and was saved and restored from his lost state, he said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Souls that really seek the Lord with a whole heart can have that same experience today, for Jesus is just the same.

We find another illustration of one getting saved recorded in the 15th chapter of Luke. In this writing, the lost one is called the prodigal son who took his portion of goods and went into a far country and there wasted all in riotous living (or sinful living). Being in a far country would mean that a sinner is far away from God and needs to do some coming back. Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (soul rest). Sinners need to break off from their sins and come to God through Christ.

This prodigal son joined himself to a citizen of that country. Sinners do that today when they join lodges, secret orders, insurance companies, sect churches, etc. All these things are of the world and far away from God, and never satisfy the soul. While people try to feed on these husks of the world, their souls are starving to death for want of heavenly food. Swine represent men with hoggish natures that never get enough and have nothing to give to satisfy the hunger of a soul which craves the things of heaven and of God. He found no man that could give him the true riches that would satisfy his soul. Finally he came to himself or was awakened to the fact that the hired servants of his father's had plenty to eat and to spare, but he had acted the fool and left the true riches of his father's house, and now was in starvation and death. He realized, "I must do something, or perish."

Dear sinner friend, you are in this same condition and unless you come to God in repentance as the prodigal you will perish and be banished from his presence forever. This young man was in the valley of decision, and he made the wise choice. He said: "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." He put the decision into action and arose and went.

Dear one, sinner or backslider, you are going to have to do something about this condition if you want Father's forgiveness and embrace. So the prodigal started home to Father's house with a heavy broken heart, feeling ashamed of his rebellion and haughtiness and was going back just to seek favor enough to be taken in as a hired servant. But the great heart of our Father God was yearning for this wayward son and was looking for him to return. When he was yet a great way off the Father saw him, had compassion on him, ran to meet him, fell on his neck and

kissed him. Oh, can you imagine the joy that must have been the son's with his mistreated Father's arms around him and the kisses of love and affection upon his forehead? Nevertheless, the son so sorely realized the wrong he had done his Father that he said, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." The Father freely forgave him and brought him to the house. The whole household of servants and all were rejoicing. They killed a calf and made a feast. They ate and were merry, for the Father said: "This my son was dead [folks who are in sin and of the world are dead to God] and is alive again; he was lost and is found." People who are joined up with the world are lost and on the broad way to destruction.

Dear sinner friend and backslider, the heavenly Father, who loves your soul, has prepared a love feast for you. The fatlings are killed, the dinner is prepared (Matt. 22:4); and it is up to you to return to God through repentance and belief in Jesus Christ. His blood that atones for your sins has already been shed on Calvary's cross. It is up to you now to come back, forsaking the world and all sin, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with a penitent heart, eat of his prepared supper, and live forever with God the Father. Do it now while you have life in your body and the right use of your senses. Tomorrow may be too late. "Behold, now is the day of salvation." Today is your day; so do not harden your heart against the wooing of His Spirit. He loves you, backslider, and wants you to come in reach of Him through repentance; so he can plant a kiss upon your forehead and put his arms around you again. Will you please forsake the husks of this world, eat of his prepared supper (Luke 14:16) and possess the true riches that will last eternally?

—Fred Pruitt

### Man—His Destiny

What is man? The Bible is our only answer. Scripture cannot be broken. Man is the crowning glory of God's creation. God crowned him with glory and honor and gave him dominion over the works of His hands, Gen. 1:27, 28. Gen. 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

**Breath**—Job 33:4, "The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."—Breath-life—breath of life. As God breathed in the body of dust it became a living soul. He made us in His image; not a physical image, as God is a spirit; but a spiritual image, a soul or body image that could not die but would live forever. God is, and always will be, and He breathed in us the Spirit of God.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made in form, utility, symmetry, and beauty, far surpassing all other creatures. We are superior in mentality. We plan, think, reason, and can know and obtain great knowledge, unlock mysteries of the sky and earth. Mind searches heavens, digs into the deep, spans rivers, tunnels, mountains, circles the earth, and talks over

either waves or wires. The animal creatures have not advanced above the plane from whence they were created.

Man is associated with two worlds, heaven and earth. He knows right from wrong (Gen. 3:22; Psa. 100:3; Acts 17:28, 29) and is accountable to God.

**Life and Time.** We are on probation in this life. Choose whom ye will serve. This life is given by God and is in his hands, for "in Him we live and move and have our being." This life is the place and time of preparation for our destiny. "Prepare to meet thy God."

Our destiny is entered into at death. Where? It will be heaven or hell in eternity. God says in his word, "I set before you life and death; Choose life that ye may live." Death is the door through which we enter. All must pass through. There are but two ways. "If a man die, shall he live again?"

There are two ways, the strait and narrow and the broad way. The broad way allows all things but righteousness. It requires no effort on our part to travel on it—just drift aimlessly along, carelessly, heedlessly, reject light and God's warnings, reject God just long enough, be unconcerned a little longer, refuse His mercy a little longer, close your heart's door a little tighter, and lose Him forever—then death, the gateway to eternity!

The other way is strait and narrow. Few there be that find it. This way is full of trials and temptations. All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him. The Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering. He is the author and finisher of our faith. His grace is sufficient. He has promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He that endures to the end shall be saved and inherit eternal life.

Think seriously concerning your eternal destiny if you choose the broad way in this life. At death, then what? Lost! Lost! Lost! Eternity's night with no ray of hope, no love, no kindness, no sympathy, no singing, no word of encouragement, no God—eternal darkness. You will pray, but too late. Your sins have separated you from God.

"Man is born for higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, Where the stars will be spread out before us like Islands that slumber upon the blue ocean, Where the beautiful beings that here pass before us Like visions, will stay in our presence forever."

"Just as I am Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!"

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**NOTICE**

Sister Neva Buchanan of R. 2, Cherry Valley, Ark. an elderly saint who lives alone desires that an aged sister come and live with her. Write to her first.

**Editorials**

We are now approaching the New Year of 1952. We look back over the past year in the publishing work with much satisfaction, and our souls go out in praise to Him who has made it possible to put out the gospel by the printed page. While we had many burdens at different times through the year to carry to the Lord in prayer, yet there was much rejoicing in spirit when detecting his hand of love working so cleverly and heavenly in so many different ways in keeping the gospel going forth. We are looking forward to another good year's work for the Lord, and have confidence that He will not fail to make it a successful year of service. We send greetings to all our readers, asking the choice blessings of God to rest upon each one. Pray for us.

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We are thankful indeed for the three months subscriptions that have been pouring into the office from our readers in all parts of the country. It rejoices our hearts to know that we shall be able to send the "Faith and Victory" paper to so many new subscribers, and that in so wide an era of the country. We feel sure that some souls will be saved by this effort, and many others will become stronger in the Lord by reading the contents of the paper for three months. It is a blessed privilege we have of the Lord to be workers together with Him. Every member functioning in his proper place in the Body, the Church, will cause the whole Body to be a living active force in the world to the saving of souls.

The office girls have been working over-time to keep up with the subscriptions which are coming in day by day. They will not lose their reward, as the Lord is faithful to fulfill all of his promises to his workers in his vineyard. The small price of ten cents for three months does not fully meet the expense of sending out the papers, but we trust God to make up the deficiency and to keep all phases of the work up. We have no way of keeping the work up only as God moves upon his consecrated servants to supply, and he has proven himself to be faithful in this for years, and I know that he will never fail. We do very little printing for others, for we make it a rule not to print anything for any body unless it is sound and in harmony with the Scriptures as God has revealed them to us. Most of the religious material that is written today is by men who have imbibed some erroneous teaching which would poison souls rather than to enlighten and edify them, and we shall not be a partaker by His grace and help) of such.

When God made it known to us that he wanted us to print and send forth the true holiness doctrine, or gospel, we were unable to see how we could ever do it; and we were so burdened about the matter that we went to prayer and fasting for a month or more; and the Lord brought the Scripture to our mind, found in 2 Cor. 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." That so encouraged our hearts, up-built our faith in God that we moved forward with the printing, and

he has surely proved himself true to all of his word and has made us able to stand steadfast in all the storms and tornadoes of Satan's devices to hinder or to destroy the work.

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We have just printed some new booklets. One was for Sister Abbott, entitled, "The Beginning and Ending of the Jewish Sabbath Day." If you want this 36-page book, you may write to her for it. Address her: Mrs. Samuel E. Abbott, 610 W. Penn St., Whittier Calif.

"The Modern Gift of Tongues Exposed," is another booklet of 16 pages, just printed. The other new one is a 32-page booklet entitled, "The Church of God," which is a message preached here at the Guthrie Campmeeting last summer and recorded by a recording machine. We now have it in booklet form, so others can read and hear the message that was delivered under the anointing of the Spirit. The 16-page booklet, which exposes the modern gift of tongues, is about the best I ever read on this subject. It was delivered at Waco, Texas. These booklets are free for the asking.

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In the December issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper, we wrote some thoughts on the subject of the sin nature that man received by Adam's transgression, and how through Christ we are delivered and made free from that state of pollution. One brother told me that I did not explain my teaching very clearly; so, by the help of the Lord, I'll try to do some explaining to clear up the deficiency.

First, I want to say that when I am writing under the inspiration of the Spirit, I try to make it as condensed as possible in order to save space, trusting God to make the truth clear to all honest souls.

This sin nature, which passed upon all men by Adam's transgression, is the very thing that made it necessary for Christ to shed his precious blood on Calvary's cross that we might be justified and freed from every sin committed and cleansed from that unrighteousness or sin nature that had passed upon us by Adam's transgression (Rom. 5:12). The Pharisees were offended at Christ, and the Lord said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up." Some think that Christ meant that the Pharisees as a sect should be rooted up; nevertheless, be that as it may, we do know that the religious Pharisees who opposed Jesus and rejected him, not only manifested the indwelling sin, but were also full of sin and unrighteous acts, and could not have been saved at all. They were possessors of that root of evil and sin nature; they had the planting of Satan in their souls, and by their hatred and evil acts against our Holy Christ, proved that they possessed the same evil nature that Cain manifested against his righteous brother Abel. Those that believed on Christ as the Saviour who would take away that sin by his blood, became justified; not by keeping the Mosaic law, but because they believed and followed Christ and received his teachings. They became stronger and had an experience far above a law experience, and found that they could live free from committing sins and from

condemnation, with the few exceptions, when the carnal, sinful nature, which could not be cleansed away before His blood was shed, would disturb them under temptations and lack of knowledge combined. We must remember that the disciples were with Christ for three years or more, and we only have record of a few times when the carnal sinful nature got the best of them, and they committed sin. Most all the time they were living free from sinning, and were free from condemnation. The Lord gave them power to preach the kingdom, to heal the sick, and also to cast out devils. No law experience would give them that power. They lived free from sinning, almost all the time, insomuch that Jesus told them just before he was going to be crucified (John 15:3), "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." No doubt, he meant by this statement, that by following him, receiving his teaching, and living free from sinning, they were clean as far as one could be in a justified state, and they would be ready for the sacrifice he was going to make by giving his blood to cleanse them from the sinful and carnal nature that they had suppressed by keeping his teachings.

In the seventh chapter of Romans, Paul was telling his experience when in sin and had that indwelling sin within him, which made him wretched and caused him to do those things that were evil and sinful in the sight of God. The experience Paul gives in this seventh chapter is not the experience of a justified man under grace; but of one living in sin, and that sin nature (or indwelling sin, as he calls it) is causing him to do evil and is bringing death to his soul. His experience, as he relates it in this seventh chapter, would be in harmony with the experience of one under deep conviction, wanting to do right, but because of the power of sin in him (or the indwelling sin that passed upon all men because of Adam's transgression) he would do evil or wrong. He could not get free from sin and condemnation until he turned to Christ. In the eighth chapter, he has found Christ, believed on Him, and is free from sin and condemnation; for he says in the first verse: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

No man is ready to be baptized with the Spirit, or sanctified wholly, unless he is living free from committed sins in a justified state. Jesus makes this plain in John 14:15, 16, 17. In Romans 12:1, where Paul is instructing them to consecrate, he calls them brethren, and exhorts them to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is their reasonable service.

My experience in getting saved and then sanctified (filled with the Holy Spirit) agrees exactly with the Word of God.

I was living on a farm at that time, on the plains of New Mexico. I was not attending meeting, nor did I have anyone to teach me but the Lord. I got under deep conviction because of my sins. By confessing my sins and repenting, I received peace in my soul from God and had no condemnation on my soul; neith-

er did I sin, as I was careful to please Him in everything that I knew. Day by day for two months and a half, the peace of God flowed into my soul from heaven. But one day I was faced with a strong temptation through the lust of the flesh, and the carnal nature—that sin that passed upon all, even me, because of Adam's transgression—rose up, and I was overcome, and lost the peace of God until I repented and promised God that I would not do it any more. Then God forgave me and the peace flowed into my soul again. I was exceedingly careful to watch and pray and yield to His will, and the peace flowed clear and strong in my soul. By this transgression, I began to realize that I needed a pure heart. I prayed and called upon God to give me a pure heart, and He did that very thing. He cleansed my soul from that impurity, sanctified my nature, and filled me with His Holy Spirit until it seemed to me that all heaven had come into my soul. The sin nature had been cleansed out by faith in his blood sacrifice, and the Comforter had come in to abide. Glory hallelujah! He is abiding in my heart today, and I would to God that all men would believe, not only to the saving of the soul from actual transgressions, but also that they would believe to the sanctification of the Spirit, and be cleansed from the carnal sinful nature which Jesus gave himself as a sacrifice to destroy right out of our souls. In 1 John 3:8, we read: "He that committeth sin is of the devil." And he goes on to say, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested [slain] that he might destroy the works of the devil." Yes, my dear friend, the Lord will not only forgive you of all your transgressions, but will also destroy the works of the devil right out of your heart and give you power to live free from sin every day. Listen to the Word of God, recorded in Hebrews 7:25: "Wherefore he is [Christ] able also to save them to the UTTERMOST that come unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

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PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Ruth Murphey of Jena, La. desires the saints earnest prayers for a serious affliction on her body and an urgent unspoken request.

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**Obituaries**

Brother Daniel S. Richardson was born in Vernon, Alabama May 20, 1876 and departed this life November 4, 1951. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson.

Early in life he was converted and was united to the Methodist Church. Later in life he was saved with the evening light saints and here remained until departing this life. In the year of 1909 he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Sarah Lignons. To this union four children were born. His wife and one daughter preceded him in death.

In the year of 1940 brother Richardson moved to Hoffman, Okla. There he was pastor of the saints congregation, until becoming ill and was faithful to the Lord until the end. Through his long illness he was patient and waited on the Lord for his deliverance.

He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Mrs. Lunerdia Benton of Sand Springs, Okla.; two sons, James

Richardson of Niagra Falls, N. Y. and William Andrew Richardson of the armed forces; one brother, William M. Richardson of Indianapolis, Ind.; seven grandchildren, a host of relatives, friends and the saints.

Funeral service was conducted by brother Sam Barton. Scriptures used were Heb. 9:27, Job 14:14, Prov. 14:32.

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Brother Noah Queen passed away December 3, 1951 at the age of 74 years. Brother Queen was saved in 1912 at a cottage meeting held by the saints in Springfield, Mo. He loved the truth once delivered to the saints.

Brother Queen was the father of twelve sons and two daughters. The children's mother and two sons preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Flora Queen; ten sons, Jesse, Charles, Jack, Emery, Francis, Paul, Wayne, Harold, Bob, and Alvah Lee Queen; two daughters, Anna Mason of Shawnee, Okla. and Gladys Cotter of Springfield, Mo.; twenty-three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Tulsa, Okla. Brother Sam Barton assisted with the services. Scripture reading, Job 19:25-27 and Psalms 73:24-26.

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### Best Fitted For His Service

The story is told of a fisherman who had a large tank on the side of his fishing boat. It was perforated so that the water of the sea passed right through it.

He would put the fish that he caught in this tank to keep them alive and fresh for the market, but he found that after they had been kept in there a few days they lost their firmness and flavor.

Their life in the tank was not their natural life. They did not have to struggle for their food, and they were safe from their enemies. Such a life of ease produces deterioration.

There was another fisherman there who also kept the fish that he caught in a tank on the side of his boat, but he always brought his fish to market in good condition. Others tried to find out this secret, but he would not tell. After his death, his daughter told the secret.

He always put a catfish in the tank and it kept the fish in fear of their lives all the time, and they always had to struggle to keep out of his way. It was like their natural life in the sea.

The afflictions and misfortunes which distress the children of God are not all to be explained as chastening for their wrong doings. There may be the catfish in the well placed there by Him who knows all things to keep them in the best of condition. Those who live in comfort and ease usually never amount to very much for the Lord. God, in choosing men, always selects those who have gone through trials and hardships.

A noted violin maker went out into the timber to select his own timber for the making of his violins. He always chose the wood from the north side of the tree because he said it was used to the hard beating storms from the north and was tough and would stand more strain. This he said was better suited for violins. Those who have withstood the stormy trials and hardships of life are the ones who are best fitted for His service. —Selected

## Ever Be True

If the Lord you love to serve,  
Ever to Him be true;  
Always "resist the devil  
And he will flee from you." (James 4:7).

Just cast yourself at Jesus' feet,  
For "He resisteth the proud,  
But giveth grace to the humble" (James 4:6).  
Who watch for Him in the cloud.

There are many, many promises,  
The Holy Bible does record:  
"Be patient therefore, brethren,  
Unto the coming of the Lord." (James 5:7).

"Looking for that blessed hope"  
With these, our spiritual eyes,  
The "appearing of the great God  
And our Saviour Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)  
—Effie Miller.

## Mount Up With Wings

Mount up with wings. They that wait (pray or work for 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 30:40.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." When the prodigal son came to himself, he said, "I will arise and go to my Father." "And you hath he quickened [brought to life] who were dead in trespasses and sins: wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:1-6. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God: and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. —Sis. R. Reese

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## Where Shall We Find Refuge?

How shall we find refuge? Just seek the Lord, with your whole heart.

"Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: Come ye, buy and

eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts; neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:1-4, 6-9.

My friend, come to Jesus just now and he will save you from all your evil ways if you will confess and forsake all and ask the Lord to forgive you of all your sins. If, when you come to Christ and remember that your friend or anyone else has something against you, go and be reconciled to that party, then come to Christ and forgiveness is ready for you. Read Matt. 5:23, 24. "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Rom 10:8-11. Jesus gives the invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:28, 29. This is the way to find refuge in Jesus.

Thus I found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me. As we walk and talk about the way and live for him and do his will, the way gets better as we get nearer our eternal home. And as we ask to be like Jesus and do his will and look not to our own understanding, but live and stand on the promises of Jesus, he satisfies every longing of our soul. He is a precious refuge at all times. Praise the dear Lord for the holy way. Praise his holy name all the time for grace and glory.

—George Galloway (deceased)

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## Thy Will Be Done

Not my will, Lord, but only thine;  
Far better thine than were it mine.  
For were it mine, and were not thine,  
In sorrow I would soon repine.  
But when it's thine, I can recline  
This head of mine with joy divine  
Upon that hallowed breast of thine,  
And we can dine. —Sister E. C. Wiggins



## Are You Sure You Are Saved?

### It Is Possible To Be Mistaken

There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. 16:25.

It is possible for people to be honest and sincere in regards to their being saved, yet be mistaken. It is Satan's business to deceive and the Lord warns to be careful, lest Satan deceive you.

Satan has many people believing that they can be saved by being honest, sincere, doing the best they can, joining some religious organization, practicing the golden rule, and giving to charitable organizations, living up to the teaching of their lodge, paying their debts and many other similar ways. He doesn't care what they believe just so they leave Christ out of their lives. He knows this is how people are saved.

To be saved one must surrender his life completely unto Christ, take up his cross and follow Him, forsaking all sin, including the worldly pleasures of this life. —Sel.

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### Pantheism

In the twelfth century, certain sects of the New Manicheans, with Pantheistic ideas, held that carnal vices are not sinful for the spiritual man, because the spirit in him, which is God, is not affected by the flesh and cannot sin.

Such teachings led to the most immoral consequences. In the 17th century five points are given as to a belief at that time. 1. They teach that the moral law is of no use at all to the believer, nor a rule for him to walk in, nor to examine his life by, and that Christians are free from the mandatory power of it: whence one of them cried out in the pulpit, "Away with the law, which cuts of a man's legs and then bids him walk." 2. That it is as possible for Christ to sin as for a child of God to sin. 3. That the child of God need not nor ought to ask pardon for sin, and that it is no less than blasphemy for him so to do. 4. That God does not chasten for sin. 5. That if a man know himself to be in the state of grace, though he be drunk, or commit murder, God sees no sin in him."

Such teaching is still in existence. Some have said that Christ kept the law for us, and that he imputes righteousness to us; so, if we believe in him, although we may break every law in the Bible, yet he looks upon us as though we had not sinned. Such doctrine is very convenient for people who wish to follow their own carnal desires. Such people should give heed to the stern warnings of Paul: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor. 6:9, 10. Verily, God demands of us a righteousness that is REAL. We may be sure that God sees things as they are, and does not regard a man as righteous and take him to

heaven at last when in fact he is as bad as the devil wants him to be.

It seems that the enemy succeeds in getting most men to endeavor to wrest the Scriptures and fix them up to harmonize with their sinful hearts rather than turn themselves fully over to God and let him take away the sin of their hearts so they can have power to practice the truth of the Scriptures as they are written, and in that way really be ready for the Judgment Day.

John says, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." If folks would behold him and believe in Him, they could get rid of sin and live righteously, soberly and godly "in this present world" (Titus 2:12). When sin is destroyed out of the heart, by faith in the atoning blood of Christ, one can then have power and wisdom to harmonize his life with the Scripture found in Luke 1:74, 75, which reads thus: "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, ALL THE DAYS of our life."

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### Can It Be Done? WHAT?

Love our neighbor as ourselves. With man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Most of us are too high in our own estimation. We think we are above our neighbor. Rom. 12:3 tells us not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, for God deals the same faith to each of us. Gal 6:3 says: "If a man thinketh himself to be something when [in reality] he is nothing, he deceiveth [God or the people? No!] himself."

We read in Rom. 12:16, "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits." "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight." Isa. 5:21. We could give many other texts, but this should be sufficient.

A few years ago an elderly saint minister said something like this to a younger man who was trying to exalt himself: "Come down, son, come down; you will have to come down."

To all of us who look so far down on our neighbor, let us take heed to God's Word and hear our brother's voice as it still rings out: "Come down, son, come down. You will have to come down." There is no other way to love our neighbor as ourselves. God has sufficient grace. Your brother, —Erle E. Forbes

### No Room For Him

When Jesus came to this world, there was no room in the INN.

He came down from heaven, just to be the Saviour of men.

The world hated Jesus from the day that he was born. The only crown the world gave Him was the crown of thorns. —Sister William D. Summers



# Young People's Section

## His Child

Oh, the joy, the peace to know  
That I am His child just now;  
Just to hear Him say again,  
"Thou art mine," as low I bow.

When the storms of life shall come  
I'll not fear the tempter's roar,  
If I can always hear Him say:  
"Thou art mine forever more."

So let me keep low at His feet  
In sunshine or in dangers wild;  
And let me, whatever may betide  
Just hear Him say, "Thou art my child."  
—May Ola Johnson

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## Ecclesiastes 12:1

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

### I.

"You are not your own, you have no right to yourselves. God made you. He is your Creator. He made you that you might be happy: but you can be happy only in him. And as He created you, so He preserves you; He feeds, clothes, upholds you. He has made you capable of knowing, loving, and serving Him in this world, and of enjoying Him in His own glory for ever. And when ye had undone yourselves by sin, He sent His Son to redeem you by his blood; and He sends His Spirit to enlighten, convince, and draw you away from childishness, from vain and trifling, as well as sinful pursuits.

### II.

"Remember Him: consider that He is your Creator—your loving and affectionate Father. In youth memory is strong and tenacious: but, through the perversion of the heart by sin, young people can remember anything better than they can remember God. If you get a kindness from a friend, you can remember that, feel gratitude for it; and the person is therefore endeared to you. Have any ever given you such benefits as your Creator? Your body and soul came from Him; He gave you your eyes, ears, tongue, hands, feet, etc. What blessings are these! how excellent! how useful! how necessary!—and will you forget Him?"

### III.

"Remember Him in thy youth, in order that you may have a long and blessed life, that you may be saved from the corruption and misery into which young people in general run; and the evil they entail upon themselves by giving away to the sinful propensities of their own hearts. As in youth all the

powers are more active and vigorous, so they are capable of superior enjoyments, faith, hope, and love, will be their best tenor, their greatest vigour, and in their least encumbered state. And it will be easier for you to believe, hope, pray, love, obey, and bear your cross, than it can be in old age and decrepitude.

### IV.

"There is another consideration which should weigh with you, should you live to old age: it is a very disadvantageous time to begin to serve the Lord. Infirmities press down both body and mind, and the oppressed nature has enough to bear its own infirmities; and as there is little time, so there is generally less inclination to call upon the Lord. Evil habits are strengthened by long continuance; and every appetite in the soul is a stronghold for Satan. There is little time for repentance, little for faith, none for obedience. The evil days are come, and the years, in which you will feelingly be obliged to say, Alas: we have no pleasure in them; and, what is worse, the heart is hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

Since it is impossible to get right with God before this present time; you have already let time slip away (you that are not saved). Why not at this very moment yield to the gentle wooing of the Holy Spirit and yield yourself to God? Then the content of the following song will fill and thrill your soul from day to day. You who endure to the end, "the same shall be saved." Mark 13:13.

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## WALKING WITH JESUS (Heb. 11:6)

"My days are swiftly passing by, My time ere long will close,  
But I've a home beyond the sky where I shall soon repose.

"Then help me, Lord, to ever be a faithful child of thine  
Washed in thy blood that flowed so free, and filled with love divine.

"I press my hand, dear Lord, in thine, and walk by faith with thee,  
Oh, let thy glory in me shine, that men thy life may see.

"I walk and talk with Jesus now and lean upon his arm,  
And to his sceptre meekly bow, He keeps me from all harm."

Cho.—Yes, passing gently, gently on to realms of holy rest,  
My soul is filled with rapturous song, I'll sing among the blest."—Selected.

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has been so wonderful, that I want to express some of his goodness. In John 3:16 we read, "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." How beautiful are these words. In my mind it expresses God's great love toward us. In return he expects us to live for him, study his

word, preach his gospel, visit the sick, and many other things we can do to show our love to him. I believe God wants us to work for him, to bring in the sheep into his fold. Our reward indeed will be great, and happy are we if we do these things.

Assembly meeting was very good this year. Brother Young helped to take me to meeting in his car. I appreciate kindness like this, dear saints. I'm sure God rewards his faithful ones. The preaching was good. I enjoyed brother Allen's message. It was really soul stirring and made me to search my heart.

Arrangements have been made for me to receive a "Home talking Bible machine." This will enable me to hear the word of God. My left eye is totally blind, and my right eye is very poor. So this machine will do the reading for me. I am not interested in getting any other literature. I could send in for records on human life and philosophy but my heart reaches out for more of God in my soul.

We have services here in the home. The saints come in occasionally to visit with me and pray. I especially enjoy preaching service. Any time saints come to Hammond, come in and visit us. I am just a poor saint but I have a heavenly Father that is rich. He is the one who gives us a reward. If you feel led to write to an invalid brother write to this address, Theodore R. Carter, P. O. Box 506, Hammond, La. I cannot write, my fingers are all stiff. It encourages me to read mail from the different saints. My skin is not white, but what does it matter if when we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb we are made white and spotless in his love? Pray for me to be strong in both soul and body. Heaven is not very far off for some of us. Soon we must all go, so let Christ be in you the hope of glory. Brotherly love, Teddy.

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am a young saint in Louisiana and decided that God would be pleased if I said a few words for him. I am still saved and encouraged to continue with the Lord. I am also thanking God for keeping me saved at school and all that he is doing for me. He has blessed me and my parents in many ways. Pray for us.

A young saint, Dorothy J. Bernstein.

If any of you young people would like for me to agree with you in prayer, just write to me. May God bless you young people, is my prayer. "GIVE ALL TO CHRIST."

—W. D. Summers, Belleville, Ill.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—I'm truly thanking and praising the Lord this afternoon for all his blessings and goodness to me, and above all things for this wonderful salvation. The Lord has been blessing my soul and body and I'm encouraged to go all the way with him.

After the Hammond camp meeting while visiting with some of the saints and others out in the country I was riding a horse and fell off, not knowing much about horseback riding. I hit my head and shoulders pretty hard and had a bad shock. Blanche and Leroy Williamson took me in their car to brother and sister Oscar Williamson's home. Some of the saints gathered in and had prayer for me and the Lord came to my rescue. Later I realized how easily I could have been killed and do thank the Lord for sparing my life. He kept me encouraged and taught me many precious lessons and I realized that God's way is always best. I missed about six weeks of work. I was at Loranger, La. for two weeks or a little more after my fall.

Just before I went back to work I had trouble with my right ear. One Sunday morning at service my ear was bothering me quite badly. In the afternoon I left for Kansas with my sister and her family. By the time we got to their home I was still suffering. I didn't sleep very much that night and it was hard for me to eat while my ear was sore. My ear was swollen and red and was running some. They wanted me to go to the doctor but I wanted to trust the Lord. I suffered about two days and nights with hardly any sleep. There were no saints around to pray for me. The Lord helped me to get ahold of him and I learned something the Lord wanted me to and then he touched my body and I started getting better. My ear still gives me some trouble running but no severe pain like I had at first.

I had gone back to work and worked about a week when my left ear started hurting me. It was like the other ear only I believe worse. I suffered with it for a couple of days and nights. I had the saints to come down and anoint me and pray for me. The Lord wonderfully blessed me and I slept that night and was getting along pretty good until about two nights later, my ear started bothering me again. Sometimes when the Lord heals us then we have a test. I believe my ear hurt worse during the test than at first. I still held on to the Lord and he did heal my ear. I'm very happy in the Lord and can say I thank him for these afflictions. I had a chance to show my loved ones I'd trust the Lord and suffer too. I also proved to myself that I could suffer and trust the Lord by his grace. Pray for me that I'll be faithful and trust the Lord to the end. I thank the saints for their prayers and encouragement to me.

Betty Cash.

## New Conscientious Objector Regulations

The classification of IV-E for conscientious objectors has been abolished. All those who were in IV-E have been reclassified and placed in either a deferred class or to I-O, which means that the registrant is a conscientious objector "available for civilian work, contributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest." The regulations defining the kind, etc. of civilian work to be done by those in I-O classification have not been made by the governmental agencies. However, it is likely that the work program will be put in operation in this year, 1952.

Properly speaking, I-O is not a deferred classification; it is merely an active class waiting for the work program to begin operation. An objector, upon receiving the I-O classification card, should make an appeal to his local board within ten days for a deferred classification if he is entitled to such deferment because he is engaged in essential work or by reason of family status. A registrant with a child or children, even if conceived but not born, is entitled to deferment. A man with wife as only dependent is not deferred.

The local boards are instructed to place all registrants in the lowest classification for which they are eligible, basing their decision on the information in registrant's file in their office. For that reason, all C. O.'s should keep their local boards informed in writing of any condition or situation that would entitle them to a deferred or lower classification than I-O.

We will endeavor to keep our readers posted when new regulations regarding conscientious objectors become effective.

—L. D. Pruitt

### The Way Out

When you become a Christian,  
Satan says unto his crew:  
"Come, my evil tempters,  
Here's work that we must do."

He'll do all in his power  
To tempt your soul to sin;  
But God's power is stronger—  
Pray much if you would win.

Our Lord was sorely tempted  
For forty nights and days,  
So don't forget, when tempted:  
There's a way out always.

Don't yield unto temptations,  
Shun Satan and his crew;  
Look ever to the Saviour,  
He'll take you safely through.—Sel.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio.—To all the saints,—Greetings once again in Jesus' holy name. I find such a pleasure in allowing the dear Lord to have his way in my life. I want to always be found doing his will and at the place where he can use me. We all need one another's prayers. I intend by his help and grace to trust him all the way. If any of you feel led to write, I would be happy to hear from you.

Ethel Mohr, Congress St., Van Wert, Ohio.

Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' holy name. Truly this leaves me happy in the way and rejoicing in the dear Lord. I am so happy because He has done such wonderful things for me and is still doing them. I thank God for his saving, keeping grace in these evil days and for the joy and peace in my soul. I am so glad to be in such a spiritual congregation, such sweet fellowship and working like the Bible reads. We are having such rich meetings and souls are getting saved in the prayer meetings. There is a sweet group of young people here keeping just as spiritual as the older saints. The Lord is surely in this place. The saints have perfect freedom. All see eye to eye and flow together. We have a faithful pastor and wife who are so deep in God and bring forth such rich truths to our souls. Our souls are stirred to follow Jesus all the way. The other ministers here are lively stones and instruments in God's hands. We get such rich things from Father's table. He is bringing such rich things to my soul and it is getting sweeter and sweeter. He gives me my heart's desire when I wait on him. Everything we need is in God's house. He heals my body. As he provides work for me, he gives me strength to do it.

I take every thing to God in prayer, the little things as well as the big things. I am finding out by hearing the word that the devil is as real as God and God is fair to every one, even to the devil. If we don't keep spiritual but give the devil place, God will let him stand on it. We have to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth

of God and take earnest heed that we don't let any of it slip. The devil doesn't miss any opportunities and if we don't watch he will slowly but surely sap the love of God out of our souls and has such slimy ways of doing it. He knows our weak points as well as God. We need to pray much in these evil days. Prayer changes things and we stir God on his throne. The dear Lord Jesus is standing before the throne of God interceding for us and praying that our faith fail not. We need to be encouraged to go all the way and follow hard after Jesus. These are evil days and dangerous times and my soul is stirred as never before to be all God would have me to be. As the hart panteth after the water brook so my soul is panting after God. Read Psa. 48:12-14. Pray much for me.

Your sister in the one body, Laura Nichols.

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Ark.—Dear saints,—I want to write my testimony. I am glad to be saved. I am happy in the Lord. I am so thankful to the Lord for what he has done and is still doing for me. I hope to encourage some to have more faith for healing. I have been having trouble with my leg for many years. It will get well and then it gets worse. If I stand on it very much at a time or bump it against something it gets sore. Recently I bumped it and it is sore and painful again. I also have a lot of trouble with my eyes. When I try reading or sewing they give me trouble. I have prayed night and day, and now my leg and eyes are better but not completely healed. I am a deaf mute and have two children. I would like for you to pray for my family and for the healing of my leg and eyes. May the dear Lord bless each one.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. G. C. Holliday.

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Miss.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I wish to add my testimony to the glory of my Lord and for the good of both, my soul and body. I am praising the Lord for his many, many past blessings. He said in his word to confess your faults one to another, and to pray one for another that you may be healed. Dear ones, I've taken some medicine and I'm sorry. I gave consent for a doctor and then went to one myself. I ordered some medicine. I don't want to do this any more. I read God's promises in his word, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." The dear Lord has wonderfully healed my body. I am in better health and God gets all the glory. Keep praying for me. I want more faith and a closer walk with God.

Hattie Legg.

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Okla.—"The Redemption Story" is a wonderful song. I will quote two lines of it. "Tell me pilgrim, traveling Homeward, Are you holy free from sin? Are you flashing light around you? Are you witnessing for Him?" The day I was praying for the blessing of sanctification I heard that song and started out to do as it said. I had been born from above when a girl of near 17 years old, but I was having some trouble when 25 or older with the sin nature, the sin that Adam and Eve caused to be in our hearts. It grieved me and how I pled to God for righteousness. God's word says they that thirst after righteousness shall be filled and God's promises are sure. It was several years before the blessing came but it did come and oh, what peace and soul rest I have. Any one wanting this heart cleansing, just pray on don't give up. Keep working for God. Hold to this holiness way and one of these days God will send a blessing of heart cleansing then oh, what joy and rest you'll have from God.

All are not called to preach but find many other ways to help in God's harvest field. They like to tell others of

the wonderful experience of the soul rest God has given.  
Yours in the family of God, Rena Armstrong.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I want to testify about the reading of the "Faith and Victory." The last few years it has been food to my soul and strength to my faith. I am so happy I can say I am saved and sanctified. I mean to go all the way with the Lord. The Lord has done great things for my family and I praise his name. Your sister in Christ, Lutie Motley.

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La.—Dear saints,—I want to write my testimony. A few nights ago I was taken with a hurting in my stomach. I prayed and asked God to stop the hurting. I kept asking him and after awhile I said, "Lord, if you will stop this hurting I will write to the "Faith and Victory." In a little while it stopped and hasn't bothered me any more. I give God the praise for it. Pray for me that I may ever please my Lord. Your sister in Christ, Annie Tooley.

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Ala.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' holy name. I feel that it is my duty to write just a few words to the saints scattered abroad, to those who know of my late experience of delusion. I want to say God in his mercy has delivered my soul and shown me the wonderful church of God as I have never seen it before.

I feel sure that God taught me many things in my experiences of late that will be used to the glory of God. I am looking forward to the time I can be able to meet with the saints again, in the true church of God. But if I should not be able to see you again in this life may you have consolation in knowing that I, by the grace of God realize what a joy it is to be a little, unworthy member in the wonderful church that the Lord built. I want to say that though I have been like a wave on the sea, I mean to be a true servant of our Lord.

Yours under the blood, Austin McMillian.

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Ark.—Dear saints.—I want to thank God for his teaching and guiding hand. I can see how he has blessed me in many ways as I look back over my life. I enjoy reading "Faith and Victory." It is food to my soul.

I want all who read this to pray for my eyes. They are failing fast and I do need them very much. I also desire prayer for an affliction on my body. Also pray for my unsaved loved ones. Sister Neva Buchanan.

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Ala.—Dear saints,—I have been saved a little over a year. I truly love to serve God. I am married, have a husband and four children. Please pray for us all. We love to read the "Faith and Victory" paper.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Silas Whitson.

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Ala.—Dear saints,—The dear Lord has been so good to me in many ways. I just can't thank him enough. He is ever near to help us in time of trouble and sorrow. I want all the saints to pray that I might grow stronger in the Lord and be found doing his will. Melia Earnest.

Tex.—Dear saints,—Greetings to all. Praise the Lord, isn't he wonderful? He has healed me of so many things I can't begin to tell it all. I thank Him for healing power. I thank him for answering prayer for me and the other saints and for supplying our needs. I read the testimonies in the "Faith and Victory" paper.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lizzie Rankin.

Jesus became an outcast (Matt. 8:20) that I might be welcomed (Rev. 3:21).

## Something To Think About

A friend is one who knows all our faults, and keeps them to himself.

One life showing the way is better than ten tongues trying to tell it to you.

I think the Lord will judge us all  
Not by the greatest test;

But to the service, great or small:  
Did each one give his best?

Stumbling blocks may be carved into stepping stones.

Your body is like a house: You can furnish it with anything you like—good or bad.

Jesus' way is an easy way IF you YIELD to it.  
Do not think the Bible is dry inside, because it is dusty outside.

The reason the Bible is a closed book to so many people is that it is so seldom opened by them.

No one is walking in LIGHT who is walking in sin, for sin is spiritual darkness.

If there is no sorrow for sins, there can be no rejoicing over salvation.

You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.

The ladder of life is full of splinters, and it is felt most by those who slide backward.

For GOD has said, and cannot lie (Gen. 2:17)

The soul that sins shall surely die (Ezek. 18:4).

Success comes in "cans; failure in "can'ts".

There is no such thing as an idle rumor; such a rumor is never idle.

A man is known by the stories he tells, the magazines he reads, and the excuses he offers.

The most beautiful thing outside of heaven is a PURE HEART.

These sayings were taken from Bro. William D. Summers notebook.

## Hints To Ministers

The religion that makes you feel like fighting your brother never came from your father, unless your father is the devil.

Too many preachers conduct their lives on the cafeteria plan—self service only.

The best way to revive a dead church is to build a big fire in the pulpit.

The hardest thing in the garden of life is digging up the root of evil, and the best way to do it is on your knees.

There is no use praying for the salvation of your grocer, when he is sitting up nights thinking about your bill.

—W. D. Summers

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## A Parable

Can you not see the picture of man in his sinful habits? He has a hold of a powerful chain with his hands. The other end of the chain is over the shoulder of the devil, who is leading him to the cemetery. The man has no power of his own to let loose of that

chain. Something in the chain has such a magnetic power, that no matter how hard he tries, he cannot free himself.

So is the power of habit. Where, oh, where is there deliverance? Listen to the answer that was given to that question two thousand years ago. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people FROM their sins." "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Then, there is deliverance to those who will obey God and by faith claim the wonderful promises to sinful man.

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### Alcohol's Testimony

I am made directly from sugar, which contains the same chemical elements that I do, but in different proportions. I can be made from any kind of vegetable matter that can be converted into sugar. Formerly I was made from the starch of grain, so that I was commonly known as "grain" alcohol. I am also made from the "black strap" by-product of cane sugar manufacture. So I ought to be called "cane" alcohol, for many need a cane to walk with after they use me a while.

I am made from sugar by an interesting process known as fermentation. This process is due to the action of chemical substances produced by living yeast cells. These special substances are known as enzymes or ferments. In some peculiar way these enzymes change the sugar into ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide. The latter is a gas which bubbles up through the fermenting liquid. The word ferment means to boil.

As soon as I reach your stomach, I begin to enter your blood through the process of absorption. About one-third of me is absorbed through the walls of your stomach and the balance through the intestines. Because of my initial rapid absorption, I reach my highest concentration in your blood within about an hour. Fifteen minutes, or more, are required to raise my concentration in your blood to where it noticeably affects your behavior. The speed of my absorption and the degree of my effects is increased if you drink me on an empty stomach. Conversely, a full stomach retards and lessens my effect.

I require no digestion, and therefore enter into your blood totally unchanged. Owing to the plan of your blood vessel system, I am first taken into your liver, where my oxidation must begin. From your liver, I am carried by your blood to your heart and thence pumped to all parts of your body, where I am absorbed by countless tiny cells. My effects upon your brain, however, are greater than upon most other parts of the body.—A testimony from King Alcohol

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### Put On The Whole Armour

God's Word instructs us to put on the whole armour that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11). We are fighting in this spiritual war against a strong enemy, and if we expect to conquer we must be equipped. Jesus has told us what to do and how to prepare. Many lose the victory because they do not have on the whole armour.

What is this armour? Read Eph. 6:14-18, "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

The first thing necessary is to repent of sins and seek God in earnestness and faith for salvation. When a soul meets all the requirements of God's Word and believes from the heart, God will grant forgiveness and save the soul. After that, there is another step to take. Jesus tells us to go on to perfection, have the carnal nature removed. We are then equipped to face the enemy in this spiritual warfare. Jesus tells us after we have done all, to stand.

Sometimes we want to do too much in our own strength. God told his children at one time (2 Chron. 20:17) to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. But we must be sure we have done our part; that is, all God has told us to do. There are certain conditions that we must meet before God will fight for us. The rules and instructions are all in the Bible. We are told to study the Word of God that we may be approved (2 Tim. 2:15).

Many neglect to read the Bible. This is our spiritual food. We could not expect to go out to fight a literal worldly battle when we are weak and hungry from lack of food. Neither can we expect to be victorious in this spiritual battle unless we have spiritual food.

I am persuaded that in these last days we are not going to be able to stand if we do not stir ourselves and put on the whole armour. We are in perilous times. That means dangerous times. If we knew our lives were going to be taken if we did not prepare to meet the foe in a literal battle, we would do something about it. And we are facing a greater thing. The Bible instructs us not to fear him that can kill the body and then can do no more, but to fear Him that can kill both soul and body (Matt. 10:28). Oh, dear children of God, let us watch and pray. The devil is going up and down in this earth seeking whom he may destroy. He is after the children of God. He knows we are the ones who are to carry on this great salvation work. Jesus has entrusted us with this salvation and is depending upon us to tell the whole world. If we fail, souls will go down to a lost world. Some say that is the preachers' work. But we are to help—every saved person. We are workers together, the Bible says. When we build a house, every part is needed to make a nice strong building. In our physical body, every member is needed to make a strong body. Yes, every child of God is needed, and if you fail, you not only will lose your own soul, but also will cause many other souls to be lost. Oh, it means something to be a child of God and fight in this battle against the devil and all his army. Let us fit our-

selves like God tells us to and then fight a good fight.

I like Paul for an example. He did not flinch. He fought to the end. Let us do the same. How sad to start out right and after we have fought many hard battles give up the struggle like some have. How sad! I want to be an encouragement to all. Jesus has done his part long ago—paid the awful price on Calvary's Cross; and He is still waiting and ready to give us the victory over sin. Praise God. Let us put on the whole armour and fight to the end. God bless one and all, is my prayer.

—O. K. Myers.



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## A Song Book For Children

Different saints who deal with children have been sending in their requests for a song book for children. At the present time, we are not in a position to print one with the notes, so we have printed a small word edition, which contains twenty-seven songs which children love to sing. It is called "Beautiful Way Songs." Price, 10 cents each or twelve for \$1.00.

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## REVIVAL MEETING REPORT

The two weeks revival meeting of the church of God at Okeene, Okla. R. 1, will long be remembered. Bro. Ostis Wilson and Bro. Isaac Chandler from California were with us all through the meeting, and God surely used them. Their preaching was with power and authority, warning the unsaved to flee from the wrath to come, and encouraging the saints to press the battle on and stand true to God at any cost. It was wonderful.

Heavy conviction was on the unsaved almost every night, and some held up their hands for the saints to remember them in prayer, but none got saved. However, we are still praying for a big harvest of souls yet from this meeting. Several were healed of different ailments and afflictions, and six were sanctified.

Other ministers were with us part time: Bro. Pruitt, Bro. Porter, Bro. Murphey, and Sister Bell of Guthrie; Bro. Phillips of Dover; Bro. Spears of Oklahoma City; Bro. Stover, California; Sister Ada Davis, Hennessey; and Bro. Lewis Williams, Wichita, Kans.

The last Sunday evening a number of the saints observed the ordinance service, which was very touching and very sacred, reminding us that truly Jesus died for all. Now we, the church here, want to thank all the saints who helped us, both financially and spiritually, during the meeting. And I wish to say all the expense of the meeting was met nicely.

Pray for us.

Bessie L. Gordon

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## BIBLE STUDY

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## FINDING THE CHRIST

January 6, 1952

Printed Portion.....John 1:35-49.

John 1:35. Again the next day after, John stood, and two of his disciples;

36. And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37. And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38. Then Jesus turned and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39. He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus be-

held him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43. The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

47. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48. Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree I saw thee.

49. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

**Memory Verse:** We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. John 1:41b.

**Practical Truth:** Today we may find the Christ through faith and a surrender of our hearts to him.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The finding of the Christ is well stated in the Bible so that no one need make a mistake as to just how to do it. Jer. 29:13, plainly says, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Psa. 119:2, 10, 58, and 69 says with the "Whole heart." No half-hearted work will do with God, either in finding him, or keeping his approval after we have found him.

It is worthy of our observation how the first disciples found the Christ. The testimony of those who have already found him mean much to those who are seeking him. Notice the Samaritan woman in the 4th chapter, how she brought the whole city to Jesus by her testimony. First, they believed because of the testimony of the woman, then they believed with firmer assurance when they had heard him themselves. Personal contact with Christ is what convinces.

There are some conditions that must be met in order to find the Christ. In Isa. 57:15 and 66:2, we find that we must be "of a contrite and humble spirit." "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." And Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

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#### THE CALL OF THE FISHERMEN

January 13, 1952

Printed Portion.....Luke 5:1-11.

Luke 5:1. And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2. And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we

have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them, And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10. And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

**Memory Verse:** Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Mark 1:17.

**Practical Truth:** When God calls it is both a duty and a privilege to respond.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When God calls any one to work for him he always prepares that individual for the work to which he is called. One must become a follower of Jesus, follow in his steps, before he can have success as a worker. The closer we follow in the steps of Jesus, the better workers we become. David was a close follower and took care of sheep. God made him the shepherd of his people, Israel. Note the preparation of Moses and how he followed God's instructions.

When Jesus was making ready the fishermen for the task he afterward assigned them, he first let them know how they were at a loss when left to themselves to toil all night and take nothing. Notice the confidence that Simon had in Jesus when he said, "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." There is no better school for God's helpers than his "WORD" being fulfilled by the direction of the Holy Spirit. As we do what he calls us to do, he can reveal other things for his servants to do. Every one that is saved from sin is a worker in God's vineyard. Farmers can have Sunday Schools or prayer meetings, etc. No one is exempted.

"I love to serve my Jesus, He's all in all to me;  
He helps me bear each burden, He is my victory."

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#### MATTHEW BECOMES A FOLLOWER

January 20, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 9:9; Luke 5:27-39.

Matt. 9:9. And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

Luke 5:27. And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

28. And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29. And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

30. But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?



31. And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

33. And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

34. And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?

35. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

36. And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

37. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and, be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

38. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

39. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

Memory Verse: They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:31-32.

Practical Truth: Business men may become very fruitful Christians.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this lesson we find that business men are also called to work in God's vineyard. Matthew was sitting at his desk, taking in the tax money when Jesus was passing by. All Jesus needed to say was "Follow me." That was enough for him. "And he arose and followed him." Not all of God's workers are so quick to respond but all must have a willing heart. Since God knows the heart, he knows whether it is willing or not and deals accordingly. It took some time for Moses to respond to God's call and God became angry with him before he could get him to respond. Exo. 4:14. Jonah was also slow to obey God but after God put him through his school he became willing to do what God said. God's school for each one of us is the best school. We do not need that any man teach us. 1 John 2:27 and John 14:26 says "The Holy Ghost... shall teach you all things."

Matthew's feast was an occasion for Christ to make known to the Jews that he came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. There was a great need then and is still a great need for men to acknowledge themselves to be sinners before God can save them from their sins. May God help us to show men their need of a Saviour.

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#### NICODEMUS MAKES INVESTIGATION

January 27, 1952

Printed Portion.....John 3:1-10; 7:45-52.

John 3:1. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I

say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10. Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

John 7:45. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46. The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

47. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?

48. Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?

49. But this people who knoweth not the laws are cursed.

50. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)

51. Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?

52. They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look; for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

Memory Verse: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3.

Practical Truth: He who came down from heaven could reveal deep spiritual truth.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus' ministry attracted the attention of one of the rulers. His coming to Jesus by night was nothing out of the way for his own work kept him busy and then Jesus was busy during the day so that he could not get to talk to him of the things that was troubling him. He wanted to have a private conversation with him and learn of Jesus, his mission to the world for he says he knew he came from God. Many of the best interviews we have with Jesus, which are very choice to us are after hours at night when all is quiet. Jesus also uses this late hour after the work of the day is done to reveal, through Nicodemus to us, and to all mankind the all important fact, of all time, "Except a man be born again he can not see the kingdom of God." He also makes it imperative by saying in the 7th verse "Ye must be born again."

Nicodemus took his stand for Jesus and was daring enough to ask the other Jewish rulers, "Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?" John 7:51. They derided him but we find that in the 19th chapter he still holds to the Lord and does his part in the burial of Jesus. We find that his devotion was to the last and was faithful.

C. W.