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The Golden Rule

"Do unto others as ye would
That they should do to you."
'Tis the precious golden rule;
We say we love it, too.

"Do unto others as they do
To you"—how strange to say;
But examine your heart to see
If this is your rule each day.

When others smite you on the cheek,
Then turn the other, too;
If he bid you go a mile,
Then travel with him two.

If he sue you for your coat,
Give him your cloak, 'tis said;
This is our precious golden rule—
Or would we change it instead?

Just listen and see if this sounds right
And if it is written true:
"When others smite you on the cheek
Be sure to smite them, too.

"If he bid you go a mile,
Then bid him to go twain,
If he sue you for your coat,
Then take his cloak again."

So choose which rule you wish to live
As you your course pursue:
"Do unto others as ye would,"
Or "as they do to you."

Mrs. Harvey Johnson

A Pure Life

There are some dear people who say that no one can live a pure life. I do not wish to be against those people, but I hope to show them, as well as others, how it can be done, by the holy Scriptures.

In the first place, a life cannot be above its fountain head, for as the waters of a spring flow out and

down from the spring, so our lives flow out from the heart of man. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" Prov. 4:23. So long as our heart, which is the center of our affections, is set on the things of this world, as is the case of the natural man, we cannot arise above them but will naturally flow down the course of this world. Please read 1 Cor. 2:9-14, also Eph. 2:1-3. These Scriptures plainly teach that we are in bondage to the natural course of this world as long as we live after the desires of the flesh and mind, and cannot really receive the deep things of God until we are awakened and quickened. The awakening takes place when the gospel is preached and the Spirit of God reveals to the heart our own lost and undone condition. Sinners can understand that because they are responsible for the things they do, also they can understand that there is hope in Christ, for God reveals many things along this line to sinners in order to persuade them to forsake sin: "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou, that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" Eph. 5:14. Then, Jesus says, "Repent and believe the gospel" Mark 1:5, and Peter says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" Acts 3:19. Praise God for the peace and joy that comes through faith in Christ because our sins are gone! "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Rom. 5:1. "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" 1 Pet. 2:2.

In this justified state we find many problems which we do not know what to do with. However, there are many instructions in the Word of God, teaching us what to do. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" Matt. 26:41. And many other texts of Scripture warn and instruct us that there will be many temptations to go back to the old life.

Also, there is within us a nature for which you and I are not responsible, but which came to us from our forefathers which seems to pull us back to sin. But the young Christian does not want to go back, for the love of Christ and peace is so sweet to him, so he must fight continually by prayer and watching, lest he should lose out with God. Here is a text that

tells about it, "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" Eph. 2:3. Here we read of our actual transgressions and also a nature. The deeds of our life are taken away in justification, but not the nature. "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ" 1 Cor. 3:1. So, according to these texts of Scripture, babes in Christ have the carnal nature; but, thanks be to God! there is deliverance even from that foe in Christ: "By whom also ye have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" Rom. 5:2. Here is another grace for the Christian that he may be able to stand.

We love the Lord so much that we want to make an offering to Him: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" Rom. 12:1. When that offering is complete God seals us to himself by the Holy Spirit of promise, see Eph. 1:13, purifying our hearts by faith. See Acts 15:8, 9. And making us partakers of the divine nature, 2 Pet. 1:4. This is the work that takes place in our hearts when the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, comes in to teach us all things and bring to our minds the things Christ has said unto us, St. John 14:26. Please read from the 15th verse including the 26th. Christ and his Father take up their abode in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, thus breaking down the last stronghold of sin in our lives. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" Rom. 6:22.

So, the life which flows from the heart thus purified and filled with the very Spirit and power of heaven, will be pure, and we have a pure conscience, purged through the blood of Christ. 1 Tim. 3:9 and Heb. 9:14. Also, we are instructed to think on pure things (Phil. 4:8), so our language will be pure (Zeph. 3:9), and our words pleasant (Prov. 15:26). "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" Tit. 2:11, 12. "Keep thyself pure" 1 Tim. 5:22. No wonder Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" Matt. 5:8.

—Ray Key.

Do What He Says

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 1:19, 20.

In Deuteronomy is a prophecy of the coming of the Lord: "I will put my words in his mouth." Verse 19: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him."

In the third chapter of Acts, Peter referred to the Scripture found in Deuteronomy (verse 22), "For Moses truly said unto the Fathers, A prophet shall

the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, that will not hear [obey] that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."

On the Mount of Transfiguration the God of heaven spoke to them when the cloud overshadowed them, and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."

In the second chapter of John we read that some were in much distress because the wine had run out at the wedding feast. The mother of Jesus said unto the servants, "Whatsoever He [Jesus] saith unto you, do it." Jesus told them to fill the six waterpots with water, and they filled them to the brim. He commanded them again to draw out and bear unto the governor of the feast. They did as he said and the water was made the best of wine. Simple obedience to Christ will bring good results.

In the 21st chapter of John we read that seven of the disciples went fishing and the first night they caught nothing. Jesus appeared on the scene and said, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find." They did as he commanded and they were not able to draw it to land for the multitude of fishes caught. Simple obedience brings wonderful results.

In the fifth chapter of Luke is a record of a similar incident. Peter told the Lord, "We have toiled all the night and have taken nothing, nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." When they obeyed his word, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes in-somuch the net brake. Oh, that men would become willing and obedient! If they would obey the Lord, they would receive the good things from heaven. He gives us the promise in Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." How few are really obeying the Lord in this command today. It seems that most all are putting earthly things first and have no faith to trust God to add the things they need.

Let us notice another scripture found in Luke 6:39, "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." How few in the world today are really practicing this truth; but on the other hand they hold to earthly things and pile them up, fearing to let them go, believing that God would never give them back. The Lord has very little chance to show himself strong in behalf of men, for they do not obey his teaching. What a faithless generation of people we find in this world, and that with big claims of following the Lord!

The majority of people in the world need to obey the scripture found in the 3rd chapter of John, which reads, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." We retain a "born again" experience by obeying the voice of the Lord. People who profess to be the Lord's and do not obey him prove by their daily acts that they do not believe from

the heart. According to the written word found in the first few verses of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians, such people are walking 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. And are by nature the children of wrath. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him." —Fred Pruitt.

Pleasing God

1 Thessalonians 4:1, "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more." First we want to notice what kind of preaching they had heard. The kind of preaching people hear makes a great difference in the way they live or conduct themselves. If they only hear or sit under the modern "come easy, go easy" way of handling the Word of God, their living will be an up and down experience. Far too many preachers are guilty of that kind of preaching. The Thessalonian brethren had heard the preaching of the apostle Paul by the Spirit of Jesus Christ with no uncertain sound, telling them how they ought to walk to please God. They had no excuse for not pleasing God in their lives; and they were to abound more and more in love and good works. 1 Thess. 2:3, "For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile."

2 Cor. 7:1, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 1 Thess. 2:4, "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God." Gal. 1:10b, "For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." God "trieth our hearts." God knows whether the preacher is trying to please men or God. Every man's work shall be tried by fire of what sort it is. If it is not up to "thus saith the Lord" he shall suffer loss, and he himself shall be tried by the same fire that trieth his works.

The preacher cannot please men and women who want to have their own way and their own thoughts and please God at the same time. If the preacher compromises the Word of God, he will be in trouble at the Judgment bar of God. It will be too late for him to make it right with God then.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God," meaning especially all the New Testament for us in this dispensation. And nothing short of all the Word of God will make men and women perfect in Christ Jesus.

Col. 1:22, 23, "In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight: if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister." Verse 28, "Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

Many people are thinking of going to heaven where Jesus is. Jesus was perfect. He left us a perfect example that we should follow his steps who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth. 1 John 3:4, "Every man that hath this hope in him [of going where Jesus is] purifieth himself even as he [Jesus] is pure." Where Jesus is, everything is pure and holy —no uncleanness, no disobedience, no worldly pride, not a thing that is defiling. Heb. 13:21, "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will."

1 Cor. 9:16b, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." Rev. 22:18, 19, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

—Written by A. L. Giesler shortly before his death Jan. 27, 1952.

Calif.—I had a very strange experience and wish to tell you about it. I was working for a man who was a candidate for mayor. I was in charge of a small place on main street. People would stop to talk and I would hand out literature. It started to rain very hard. A young man was walking down the street and stopped outside in the rain and asked what this place represented. I told him and asked him to come in out of the rain. He was very wet. He looked at me with a very clean steady look that was very piercing, thanked me, and walked in. I asked him to take off his coat, sit by the fire, and make himself at home. After he was there for awhile he leaned over a table I had there with paper and pencil on it and said to me, "Do you mind if I write you a poem?" Of course, I didn't know what was coming, but I said, "Go right ahead." Here is what he wrote:

"I want to feel by the set of the sun
That some little deed of love I have done.
And, when I pillow my head to rest,
I want to feel that I have done my best.
Now I don't want to feel like sounding brass,
Or a twinkling shadow as I pass;
But, in each man's face I chance to see,
Behold! a Man of Galilee."

I never saw this young man before or since, but to me he seemed to be kindness and love in its fullest. And ever since I have wondered, Whom did I meet?? I wish everyone in this world could read this poem, memorize it, and realize its depth.

Glen L. Rye.

AT WHAT AGE SHOULD A CHILD BE TAUGHT OBEDIENCE?

I read this: A woman's close friend told her that her child, who was not a year old and could not talk nor walk yet, could lie and steal. She said she could put candy near him and he would not touch it so long as she was in the room, but when she left the room the baby would eat it and when she returned she would ask, "Who ate that candy?" The baby would point to his older brother.

Surely our children need to be taught at an early age what is right and what is wrong. They are smarter than you think.

—A Reader.

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A LARGE BELL NEEDED

There is a need for a large bell at the California State camp grounds located at Pacoima, Calif. If anyone has a large bell which could be used for camp ground purposes, please notify brother O. B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California. If you know of one that could be purchased reasonably, let him know.

Editorials

We send holy greetings of love to, and our interest in, all the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is with much soul rejoicing that we write the editorials for the May paper as so many have expressed their appreciation and soul encouragement for and by the contents of the paper. We are thankful for so many that have renewed their subscription for a year after the three-months trial subscription was up. We are determined by the grace and help of the Lord to do all we can to get the truth to men by the printed page and in every other way that the Lord will be pleased to work in and through this clay house. The need of having the pure gospel of Christ before the people by the printed page is great, as so many precious souls are deceived into false ways by unenlightened would-be leaders. Our prayer is that God will help us to make the gospel so simple and plain that every really humble soul will be able to find the true way and walk therein. When we think of the enormous cost that Christ paid for the purchasing of souls it makes us zealous to seek after them with our whole heart and soul. On the other hand, we think of the awful cost that men and women are going to have to pay in a miserable fire and brimstone hell for rejecting the Saviour and going on in sin, and it makes us doubly anxious to snatch every soul we can from the burning by pointing them to Jesus who is able to pull them out of the horrible pit of sin and the mirey clay of worldliness and to set their feet on Christ the solid Rock and to establish them in righteous ways and to put in their hearts new redemption songs which will issue out praise and honor to God who loves us far beyond our knowledge and understanding. "Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies" Psalm 40:4.

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A company of us have been out in evangelistic work for the past month, doing what we could to get the truth to precious souls. The company consisted of W. C. Murphey, Kenneth Flynn, Lois Whipple, Maybelle Pruitt (L. D. Pruitt's wife) and the writer. We first helped in a meeting at Pacoima, California which was held in the auditorium on the state camp grounds. This meeting was well attended and quite a number were at the altar during the meeting—some for salvation, some for sanctification, and others for healing of the body. It was a very good meeting, and quite a number of saints testified that they were blessed and helped in the meeting.

From there, we went to Pomona, Calif. and had five nights meeting in which the Lord showed his love in blessing the Word to the edification of the saints at that place.

The next move was to Dinuba, Calif. about two-hundred miles north up the coast. There are not many saints there, but they were glad to have the Word preached to them and we enjoyed their fellowship. The meeting was held in Bro. Royal Taylor's home, as he had quite a large room for this purpose. The attendance was good and the blessings of the Lord rested upon the services from time to time.

On Wednesday night we all went to Fresno, Calif. and met with the saints at that place. They were having a revival. The meeting house was quite well filled and the Lord gave good liberty in giving out the simple truths of the saving gospel of Christ. We enjoyed being with the saints there. While there we also visited our son Andrew and wife who live there, and we thank the Lord for the privilege of being there.

On Thursday we visited sister Sidener of Tulare, who is physically blind but rejoices in the salvation of God. In going there we hoped to be an encouragement to her, but it seems that we got the most encouragement for she was alive in the things of God. She sang and offered prayer which was edifying to our souls. Sister Fields of Pomona was staying with her while her son was visiting in the east. It was a pleasure to be with them for awhile on our way to Bakersfield, Calif. to fill another appointment for meeting.

During our short stay at Bakersfield we were treated with saintly hospitality and the Lord showed himself in the two nights meeting in a very precious way. Bro. Isaac Chandler is pastor there and the work is prospering spiritually. There is quite a large congregation of saints at that place and they showed their love for the truth. If time had permitted, we would like to have stayed longer with them.

Easter Sunday was spent in an all day meeting at San Bernardino, Calif. The meeting house there was packed with people. Many of them had come in from other places to be in the Easter service. Four car loads came from Bakersfield. The blessings of God rested upon the services in a way and manner that caused much rejoicing among the sanctified children.

Bro. Gus Poulos, Jr. was formally ordained as a minister in the church of God by the laying on of hands of the ministers and prayer. May God bless brother Gus and may he study to show himself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth to the edification of all with whom he comes in contact.

While on this tour we met up with many promising young saints and it made our hearts rejoice to know that God was bringing along a number of young saints to take the place of the older ones when they will lay down their labors and go to their reward. Jesus has said, "Other men labored and ye have entered into their labors." John 4:38.

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It is a good thing for the saints to be established in the present truth, and a bad thing for them to compromise with the world or to make any peace with the devil; but while we are lawfully holding the truth in its proper place we should also be careful not to take up with any of the enemy's fanatical ideas that may undermine sound judgment and truth and cause strained conditions to exist that work for bondage with surmising and division. Satan hates the oneness of God's people and will do all he can to get some over zealous person to advance some strained pet ideas, confusing souls that are not on their guard and without knowledge of what lies back of the promoter's zeal in sowing discord. Paul exhorts the saints to be sound

in the faith and also exhorts them to "Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This will all the true ministers of God do and they will not give heed to seducing spirits nor doctrines of devils which lead into confusion and cause souls to be drowned in perdition. Any promoter of doctrines that deny the second definite work of grace as a cleansing and purifying process wrought by God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit in the souls of believers, is not sound and will lead into confusion and division.

Paul exhorts the brethren to have boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus (Heb. 10: 19). In the 14th verse he says, "For by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified."

When a soul in a justified state comes to the Lord to be sanctified, feeling his need of being cleansed and made pure, he presents himself and all to God as a living sacrifice—all that he knows and all that he does not know—and makes a covenant with God to be led of his Spirit into all truth. When cleansed and infilled with the Holy Spirit, he is then in a good condition to grow in knowledge and in truth, and by so doing he will retain this perfected state; for if we walk in the light as He is in the light there will be a dying out to all that comes up in life that would be contrary to God's will. Paul said that he died daily and also that he kept under his body and brought it into subjection. He always obeyed the leadings of the Lord regardless of others and the desires of the body or flesh and thereby kept the sanctified experience in his soul. It is up to each of us by the grace of God to do the same today.

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Some people have a wrong conception of what Paul was teaching in the third chapter of Philippians. They think they have to cultivate the self-life to be perfect. The selfish carnal life is to be suppressed and held in subjection in a justified state and put to death by the sanctified work.

In this third chapter Paul was thinking not only of the perfection in this life in a sanctified state, but also about the perfection of the body in the resurrection. In verses 10 and 11 he makes it plain, "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

In the 12th verse he makes it known that he had not attained to the perfection of the body or its change in the resurrection from a decaying body to a glorified body which would never decay, but he was pressing on to that high calling in Christ Jesus. In the 15th verse he says, "Let us therefore as many as be perfect [sanctified] be thus minded."

Being perfect in a sanctified state and being perfect in a glorified state are two different things. There is a perfection in sanctification that preserves the soul and gives one power to keep the body in subjection to the will of God, preserving us blameless unto His coming. At His coming, the body is changed in a moment of time in the twinkling of an eye (1 Cor. 15:52) from a decaying, corruptible body to a glorified body such as the Lord himself possessed after the resurrection. This is the perfection that Paul had not attained to in this life and not the cultivation of the

selfish carnal life which some so erroneously teach. In the last verse of this chapter he makes it exceedingly plain what will take place with the faithful at his coming, and says, "Who will change our vile [decaying] body, that it may be fashioned like unto his [Christ's] glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

God's Loving Care

With grateful hearts to our loving Saviour, who saves, keeps, and heals us in our afflictions, we feel we should report of his goodness to us and to honor him for his mighty power to protect all who will love, trust, and obey him.

The little bunch of saints here are advanced in his love and grace. Most all the saints here have met with a test of affliction this past winter, but none have wavered from their trust in God, and God has not failed one. Wife and I both took the flu the same day, very severely. We were really sick and could not wait upon each other. Our children live a hundred miles away, some farther. We could not get in touch with the dear saints here, but we could and did pray. About five hours after we became ill brother and sister Clyde Lea drove in and just took over and cared for us. We all prayed, and in God's own time he healed us completely. While suffering in body 1 Pet. 5:6-11 came to our hearts. We gladly said, "Father, thy will be done" and ere long we were both well again. But we testify that those saints surely looked good when they arrived—as one sister said, they looked like angels.

Brother Lea plans, Lord willing, to be with us as long as God directs, and, oh, how we thank God for it. Wife and I are getting aged and more feeble in body and have been praying for more than a year for God to direct some younger workers to help us, and we rejoice that he has answered.

At this writing most of the saints are well again, yet few have not been completely healed, so pray on for all of us. God knows the way that we take and that we love to trust him and are contented with his dealings with us. Since brother Lea has come, I may be away part of the time in other vineyards. We are looking forward to our coming campmeeting and praying God to lead the ministers of his choosing to be with us and to hold every false spirit that might try to creep in and to make a way for every soul who has a desire for God and truth to get to the meeting.

With prayers for all saints, and crying daily, "Help, oh God, thy holy remnant," I am your brother and servant in Christ.

—Sam Wilson.

Prayer Requests

Sarah Hopson of Mississippi desires prayer for her body. She is bothered with indigestion and constipation.



Sister C. E. Johnson of La Junta, Colo. asks the saints to pray for her brother who is confined in the hospital at Pueblo, Colorado. One limb has been amputated and he is in a serious condition. This is a strain and heavy burden on sister Johnson. Pray for her.

Tex.—Dear ones—Will you please pray for my complete healing? I am afflicted with rheumatism, weak heart, and for the past two months I suffered with bladder trouble and a bad cough. But I know God can heal me, and I believe He will heal me, praise his dear name.

Mrs. Emma Courvisier

Obituaries

Hazel Virginia (Blais) Lea, born June 22, 1915, died at Albany, Ore. April 19, 1952. She was united in marriage to Clyde Lea March 7, 1951. She was reared by a faithful Christian mother and has loved the Lord all of her life. For a number of years she has been a diligent worker for God, she and her mother being steadfast in the evening light truth. Her husband is a minister and they have faithfully worked together for God and souls during their short stay together. God also delivered to her the gospel of truth and anointed her for preaching His gospel.

We shall miss her very much, yet say, "Thy will be done, our God." We sorrow not as those who have no hope. We feel assured that she has met her last foe, has conquered and is now at rest.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband and his two sons by a former marriage, Donald and Norman Lea, her mother, Bertha V. Blais of Eugene, Ore., one sister, Mrs. Allie Tucker of Eugene, two brothers, Kenneth Blais of Seattle, Wash, and Lewis Blais of Portland, Ore., many friends and saints. All who knew her and her holy life loved her. She labored for all whom she could, persuading all who would to seek God and salvation.

Funeral services by the writer, assisted by the Lord and a goodly number of saints. Texts used: Psa. 23:1-4; 116:15; Rev. 14:13; 7:13-17; 1 Cor. 15:12-25; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

Sam Wilson.

Our precious Virginia so dear,
Your going has left us lonely here.
You've gone to be with the Morning Star,
While on our hearts is left a deep scar.

Your life here was like a shining light,
In dark places it did shine so bright;
But God called you to Heaven above,
To share that mansion with him you love.

So farewell to one we love so dear,
We cannot call you back to us here;
But to God we will always be true,
So that some day we can come to you.

—Sister Dolly Locker

Jefferson, Oregon—To the saints and readers of "Faith and Victory"—This is to acknowledge our thanks and appreciation to each one for their deeds of kindness and prayers and sympathy during this sad time. I pray that our God will richly bless each of you, especially in your souls. There is no doubt in my mind but that she (my wife) is at rest with Jesus. Let's meet her there!

Pray for me that I'll be faithful and true to the Lord, and above all, that I will be saved at the end of my time here on this earth, that I too can be with Jesus in eternity. The loss of my precious companion here is heaven's gain. Virginia was a perfect wife and a mother to the boys, and I don't want to, regardless of the cost to me, fail to meet her again. She was a real blessing of the Lord to me and the boys. I feel confident that now I have two precious wives with Jesus. And I know they are watching for me. Wilma and Virginia both were faithful in trusting and serving the Lord.

—Clyde Lea and sons.

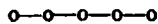
Ulysses Grant Nave was born April 10, 1865 at Independence, Mo. and passed to his eternal reward March 14th, 1952. He is survived by his wife, Sadie A. Nave, two daughters, Mrs. Vira McKnight of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Mary Landis of Oceanside, Calif., two sons, Howard C. and Floyd T. of Kansas City, Mo. Two daughters, one son, and great-granddaughter preceded him in death. He also leaves twelve grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends.

Brother Nave entered the ministry about 1906, serving as pastor and evangelist in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, and a short time in California. He did some pioneer work, raising up new congregations in different places, also. He was a strong believer in the Word of God and trusted the Lord for both soul and body for many years and kept his faith firm in God to the very end of his life. He expressed a desire to depart and be with the Lord many times during his last illness, but always said, "God's will be done."

His life was an inspiration to many. He never tired of telling of God's dealings with him and trying to point others to Jesus, the One whom he loved so dearly.

In his last illness he suffered no pain to speak of, but gradually grew weaker and weaker until the Lord saw fit to take him quietly to his eternal home.

Funeral conducted by O. B. Wilson assisted by others. Text: Psa. 39:5.



Bro. Albert Doolittle, a native of Canada, was born Feb. 26, 1874, and departed this life March 26, 1952, age 78 years, 1 month. Bro. Doolittle with his family moved to the state of Oklahoma where he later married Miss Olive Berry of Springfield, Mo. To this union seven children were born, 2 sons and 5 daughters. Two daughters, Edith and Phoebe, died in infancy. He is survived by his wife, Olive, 2 sons, Truman of Texico, N. M., and Francis Elmer of Los Angeles; 3 daughters, Maxine Bohlen, Ann Doolittle, and Hazel Phipps all of Los Angeles, Calif.; seventeen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, John Doolittle of Chelsea, Okla.

In the year of 1905 they moved near Texico, N. M. where they homesteaded land. Bro. Doolittle lived on the farm in N. M. from 1905 to 1939 when he retired and made his home in Lynwood, Calif. where he passed away.

Bro. Doolittle gave his heart to the Lord many years ago. He was much encouraged by his former pastor G. E. Harmon who exhorted him, "If you fail, get up with your face toward God and try again." In the last few weeks of illness he said the Lord was talking to his heart, showing him that his trust must be more fully in Him. Obeying the voice of the Lord, he claimed the promises of God for every need and received deliverance from much suffering. He said he was ready and willing to go home. He called for each one of the children, one by one, speaking to them and exhorting them to make sure of heaven at any cost.

Funeral Services were conducted by Bro. O. B. Wilson assisted by Bro. A. E. Harmon and Bro. Ira Stover. Interment was at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

GRANDPA

My Grandpa went Home to stay,
He left from here just the other day.
Before he left he told us all
To each stay true and never fall
From that strait, shining way so bright
Till soon our home will come in sight.

This encourages me ever to stay
In the strait and narrow way,
So I can meet my Grandpa there
And dwell with Him in mansions fair.
—Nelda Doolittle (age 14).

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Meeting Notices

Jefferson, Oregon Campmeeting

Lord willing, the Oregon Campmeeting will be held June 20th to 29th on the saints' grounds on Hazel St. The Lord gave us 16 cabins and a number of bed springs and we feel all who come will be cared for. Meals will be served in the dining hall, straw will be furnished for bedding. Springs and cabins are free. We make no charge for God supplies it all for us. All come who can and all saints pray much for us and the meeting. Come for salvation, for healing, and for edification from our God.

The home which God gave us is one block south of the bus depot on old 99 Highway. The new cut-off misses Jefferson two miles. Those driving, watch for the Jefferson sign. All who wish can have their mail come to Box 41 and you can get mail on Sundays. Bus drivers are on strike now, but we hope they run before camp meeting. Any wishing further information write Noah White or Clyde Lea, Jefferson, or Emma Busch, Scio, Ore.

Hammond, Louisiana Campmeeting

The 45th annual campmeeting of the church of God will be held on the General Southern Campground at Hammond, La., to begin the last Friday in June (27th) and continue through Sunday, July 7th, 1952.

Our hearts are burdened for a good meeting, and we desire all the saints to get under a real burden for souls and pray that the Lord will work in a mighty way in all the campmeetings to be held this summer. Much time, effort, and money is expended in order to have these meetings and I believe more good could be accomplished if each of the saints who expect to attend will see to their own spirituality and have a revival in their own souls. Then when the word of God is preached, hardened hearts will be melted and precious souls will be saved.

If possible, bring your bed linens, including straw ticks and towels. Meals are served on the ground. All expenses are met by free-will offerings. Any who feel led to help in this way may send donations of money, canned or fresh fruit, vegetables, etc. to Max Williamson or Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

Myrtle, Missouri Campmeeting

There will be a campmeeting again this year at the saints' chapel one-half mile east of Myrtle, Mo. on the Myrtle and Pocahontas road, August 15th to 24th. Myrtle is a small town eighteen miles due east of Thayer, Mo. and thirty miles northeast of Pocahontas, Ark. Those coming by train or bus to either place will need to take a taxi to the chapel and camp ground or notify some one to meet you. Let all who know the Lord pray much for this meeting. Especially pray that God will send the ministers here whom He wants to preach His truth that souls will be saved and sanctified, and God be glorified in all things. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan with our faith in God that he will supply all needs.

Tents will be available on the grounds as the Lord provides, and all who can bring bedding. Begin now to seek the Lord about coming to this meeting. This is the second meeting to be held in this place. Last year the Lord richly blessed in the meeting and much good was done, so we are looking to him for even greater things this year. Let all come who can. Your needs will be provided for. Anyone desiring further information or sending offerings for this meeting may write A. J. Sorrell and wife, R. 1, Myrtle, Mo.

National Campmeeting, Monark Springs, Mo.

The National campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the camp ground at Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo. July 18 to 27, 1952.

Guthrie, Oklahoma Campmeeting

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the church of God will be held on the camp grounds at Guthrie, Okla. August 1 to 10, 1952.

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ALL DAY SERVICES

There will be all day services and ordinance meeting May 11th at the chapel located 15 miles north of Mansfield, Mo. There will also be a basket dinner. The saints are invited to attend this service—Murphy Allen and D. A. Gibson, pastors.

Do You Need A Revival Meeting?

The immediate answer of every saved person or one with a profession would be, "Yes." We want to answer this question by the Scriptures which are clear and distinct. Isa. 66:8 reads: "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for AS SOON AS ZION TRAVAIL-ED, SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER CHILDREN."

To have a successful meeting there must be some effort put forth before the meeting—some travelling. To travail means to toil, to suffer, to labor. If souls are born into the kingdom of God there must be some fasting, some earnest praying, some of the cares of life laid aside. Luke 21:34 reads: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life and so that day come upon you unawares." The parable of the sower says cares of this life choke out the word. I have been in meetings where many of the congregation came thirty minutes late and many would go to sleep during the service. At this very time there were souls sitting there lost in their sins who needed someone to show them the way Home.

Yes, we often hear this question: "Why don't you come and hold us a revival meeting?" Many who ask this question do not attend their regular prayer meetings. Many times they are not at Sunday school and regular services.

For a mother to bear children, she must travail. The church is the mother, God the Father, and the children are new converts. God will give children when he sees they will be cared for.

Our question is: DO YOU NEED A REVIVAL MEETING? Our answer is this: You having taken care of what God has given you, you are willing to

travail for some more. When they are born, remember, they will need comfort, instruction, and much care. They will require time that you could use on your job, in your home, and other places. A revival means more than just a few nights meeting. Amos 6:1, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion."

Dear reader, consider these few thoughts. They are not written to fault find, but are to stir up our pure minds. We need a greater burden for souls now because of the wickedness which is abounding on every hand.

—David Madden

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. Through hard trials and tribulations Jesus is my strength. I am down with T. B. and have been since 1946, yet I give God the glory and thanks that I am still able to say "thank God." I have something to thank God for. Jesus is my rock and my strength. I desire the prayers of the saints everywhere. If it were not for the Lord what would I do? Your brother in Christ, Ezra Curry.

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Ill.—Dear saints,—Greetings to all. I want to thank everyone for the prayers sent up in my behalf.

Lola V. Chase.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—I feel that the Lord wants me to write a few words for him. This finds me saved and much encouraged to live for Jesus. I thank the Lord for what he is to me. He heals my body and heals my children. They trust him to heal them. He is my Savior, healer, and my keeper. I just thank the Lord for saving me when he did. I had promised the Lord if he would raise me up when I had measles that I would live for him. I went and went before I thought of my promise. The Lord began to talk to my heart. I remembered my promise. I gave my heart to God. He saved my soul and I thank him for it. He tells me so many encouraging things to keep me saved. Praise his holy name. He said he would not leave us nor forsake us and that he would be with us even to the end of the world.

Dear ones, we should be more encouraged than ever before. We can see how wicked this world is. We see more happening. There are car wrecks, airplane crashes, train wrecks, and many being shot to death. They are going into eternity nearly every way you can think of. Many are unprepared to meet God's face in peace. Let us be more watchful and prayerful. My husband is not saved. I desire prayer for him and my children.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,

Amelia Ligons.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I promised the Lord that I would write of his healing power, if he would heal my boy of his cold. Usually it lasts several days and he can hardly breathe and I have to sit and hold him most of the days and nights. But glory be to our Savior, he touched and within half a day his breathing was normal and his cold is healed. Praise his name!

The devil tried to keep me from writing by telling me that I write too much, but Jesus never told us we could praise him too much so I will follow him. I am thankful to know the Lord and all his goodness. Pray for me that I will remain faithful and be a light in this community, as husband and I are isolated. There is a great need here so pray that God will send someone to give them the truth. The people of this community have opened the doors of the church to the saints, so surely God is working.

Mrs. Lavern Moles.

Young People's Section

Your Life

You need not tell others how you live every day,
Your life is being watched, if at work or at play.
If your soul is on fire or the flame burning low,
There's someone who will notice wherever you go.

Your soul-fire must ever be kept burning within,
So your life may keep pure and free from all sin.
Are you now working hard to obtain that high goal?
Your life has influence, and it might save a soul.

Is your soul filled with peace, with kindness and love,
And humility that's given from our Father above?
Or does Satan control with his malice and strife?
What you have in your heart will show in your life.

—Mrs. Troy D. Meek

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings of holy love! The Lord is so precious to us all. Praise his name! How I want to do all he would have me do. I feel like the Lord would have me tell what he has done for me, as I promised him I would tell of his love and mercy to me, if he would heal me.

Last month, (March) I had a tooth filled. It hurt some right after it was filled, but about two weeks ago, it started hurting worse and more often. Last Friday it started hurting constantly. We prayed, but it didn't seem to get any better. After I went to bed that night, I couldn't sleep it hurt so badly. (Daddy was gone—that seemed all the worse.) I got up and had mother pray for me again. My faith seemed to be pretty high then, but when I went back to bed and it didn't get any better, the devil started in. He seemed to succeed some in getting me discouraged. I knew everyone else was sleeping, and there I was laying awake and couldn't sleep. I guess that seemed to make my tooth hurt all the more.

The next day it still hurt. My sister went to town to call sister Gibson to pray for me, but she wasn't at home. There we were—Daddy was gone, and sister Gibson too. I guess the Lord wanted us to pray it out alone. Praise the Lord, we did get the victory. Sunday morning I was feeling much better, only my jaw was swollen. It is still swollen some, and a little sore, but I believe it will get all right. The devil probably doesn't want me to say that. I'm going to trust God if it does get bad again. Through all of this suffering, I believe I have learned a lesson of patience and waiting on the Lord. Sometimes the Lord may want us to suffer a while longer, and teach us some lessons.

Dear young saints, let us draw closer to God. I am realizing more and more, that this is a very close way. There are so many things that is hard for young people to abstain from, one being foolishness. Pray for me that I may get farther and farther away from the things of this old perishing world and closer to God. I believe that the coming of the Lord is not too far away. I surely want to be among the redeemed of the Lord. It encourages my heart to know there are some young people standing for the Lord, however there are few here in this congregation. I'm praying that the Lord will send more

young saints to this place. The young people at Myrtle, Mo. seem to have such good times in their young people's meetings on Sunday night. Pray much for me, as I want to be a shining light to others and not a stumbling block.

Christian love,

Shirley A. Allen.

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Mo.—Dear young people,—I want to thank the Lord for his many blessings to me. The Lord has made it possible for us to have young people's services here now. There are about eleven young people here. We had been praying for the Lord to make it possible for us to have a young people's meeting for quite some time. Also that the Lord would send us a minister to be here all the time and at last our prayers were answered. It seemed we needed services for the young people so badly. I would think, "I can't give up until the Lord answers prayer." Sometimes we have to wait upon the Lord.

Isaiah 40:27, 28, 31 says, "Why sayest thou, O Jacob and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. (verse 31) But 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." Psalms 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." We should not get discouraged if the Lord doesn't answer right now. Jesus spoke a parable in Luke 18:1 "that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." I wanted to write this to encourage anyone that has problems and desires, not to give up. If it is according to his will he will not forget us. I wonder if we don't appreciate it better when we have to wait awhile. If any of the young saints would like to write to me I would be glad to hear from them and I will do my best to find time to answer. My address is Myrtle, Mo. Pray for the young people here.

Eva Lou Sorrell.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of our Lord. This morning finds me saved and encouraged to live on for the Lord. We are thanking and praising the Lord for how he blessed us in the trouble we were in. Probably most of you have heard that my little niece was severely burned from her neck to her knees on February 21. They said it was third degree burns. She was burned about nine o'clock in the morning. My mother and the saints were called and began to pray. She didn't seem like she was burned the way she was and that night she was called to meet the Lord. Since it didn't seem that she was burned bad, we didn't expect her to pass and we didn't have a doctor for examination. After she passed the authorities gave us much trouble. They examined and cross-examined us several times, but the Lord was on our side. Some of the neighbors and people wrote threatening letters and talked a lot but we thank the Lord how he blessed and helped us at this time.

The last inquest that was held, brother and sister Stover, brother and sister Ostis Wilson, and brother Eugene Harmon came up. Word's can't express how thankful and encouraging it was for them to come and be with us. It made us realize that when one saint is in

trouble, the rest are too. We truly thank the saints and all for their prayers and their kindness shown to us in every way. Several letters have been received from people which were and still are very encouraging and uplifting. Continue to pray for us that we continue to live for the Lord and do everything he would have us to.

Your sister,

Hazel Blackwell.

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Ark.—Dear saints,—I want to give my testimony because I love my dear Lord from the depths of my heart. If we love him we should show our love by living for him. Sometimes the Devil puts evil thoughts in our mind that we don't need. The Lord will take evil things from our heart if we ask him to. When evil thoughts come to you, get the precious Bible and read it, because we need holy and pure thoughts in our minds. Sometimes we think we cannot do the things that the Savior asks us to do, but we find we can always do them. The Devil makes us believe we can't do some things He asks us to do.

We should read the Bible often and get the meaning of the scriptures. When we read the Bible we should get our mind off of all the things that happened during the day and get our mind on the scriptures we are reading.

We should always be kind to our neighbors and playmates for they will never forget our kindness. It makes me sad to think about some person that has never been saved by the Lord Jesus. Some people do not know how happy they could be by living for Jesus. If we are not living for Jesus, we are living for the Devil, which we do not need to do. You that are not saved should pray to Jesus and get saved before he comes back. I want all of the Christian people to pray for me that I might ever be doing His will.

Floyd Tolleson.

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The Flesh Vs. The Spirit

The flesh and the Spirit do not agree. If we are going to live a fleshly life, we will not please the Spirit of God. But I believe it is our chief desire to please the Spirit (When I speak of Spirit, I mean the Spirit of God). Therefore we will have to deny the flesh of its many wishes. Gal. 5:16, 17 states this fact, "This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Notice the last phrase, "So that ye cannot do the things that ye would." If Paul and the Galatians could not do the things that they would, we cannot do them today either. Please do not get confused here, God does take the "want to" for the world out; but we do not want to do the things of the world because we have a greater desire to please God.

In Matthew 26:41, Jesus tells his disciples to "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Dear ones, if the disciples' flesh was weak some two thousand years ago, ours surely would be today because men are finding out different things all the time to save labor so man doesn't have to work as much. The less work a person does, the weaker he becomes. The same is true with our wills if they are not exercised they become weak.

Let us take heed to what Romans 13:14 says, "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." I think it would profit us much more if we spent more time making provision and laying up treasures in heaven rather than fussing and working trying to make your home more comfortable and planning and making things for your future home that you may never have. By this I do not mean to sit around idle when you could be working, but I mean we would get more blessings if we spent that time reading and praying. I have found through experience and by watching others that the more time we spend for the Lord the more blessings we will receive. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." In other words, if we do not have the flesh crucified, we are not Christ's. What is really meant by crucify? Webster's dictionary says, "to put to death by nailing the hands and feet to a cross; to subdue or mortify." Romans 8:13 says, "For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die: but if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Let each one of us get the flesh and its deeds dead so we won't be kicking around when someone crosses our path.

Paul said to the Galatians, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

When God asks for sacrifices of a good meal or a few winks of sleep, let us not be weary in it, because anything is well doing that pleases God. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them of the household of faith." Ephesians 6:8-10. If you have the least opportunity to do good to somebody, do it without delay. If you wait, God will lay it upon some one else and they will get the blessing which follows. Then you will be wondering why that brother or sister gets blessed so much more than you do. Maybe you could take someone to services who otherwise wouldn't be able to go. We surely have been happy when some dear saint would come and take us to services. A lot of the time we would not be ready, but they would wait. Perhaps we could visit some of the saints and encourage them. Just to know that one saint is interested in your soul will help a person to live a true life.

Jesus said in Matt. 10:42, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." We don't have to do some great thing, just a very small thing to get a reward of God. On the other hand, we can do only a small sin and we shall also receive a great punishment. We may have to put self in the background, so to speak, to be able to help some one else, but that is not hard if we keep heaven in view.

The Psalmist in Psalm 109 says that the wicked were talking and doing all manner of evil against him and he was fasting very much. In the 24th verse he says, "My knees are weak through fasting; and my

flesh faileth of fatness." Do not be afraid you are defiling this temple by not eating enough or regular or by not sleeping a lot. I do not believe any saint fasted forty days as Jesus did (Matt. 4:2). If Jesus did without food for forty days and did not die of some kind of stomach trouble, I am sure we can leave off one or two meals.

In 1 Cor. 9:27 Paul says, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway." I believe many things in the Bible are as the old saying, "easier said than done," but through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we can live triumphant over sin in the flesh, IF WE WILL.

I have learned that when our souls the perfect price has paid, that when all selfish worldly desires have been crucified with him that we can then say with brother Paul (Gal. 2:20), "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." Again in Gal. 5:24, 25, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the spirit let us also walk in the spirit." Our souls are now filled with the Holy Spirit of our God and the rich blessings of heaven abide with us flooding our hearts with love and peace, holy pleasures that abide, and we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Earthly pleasures fade away, eternal peace abides with us.

Your blood-washed sister, Charlotte Hightower

Where Do We Go From Here?

Now and then we meet with someone who seems to be concerned about the increasing number of divorce cases coming into the courts of our land with seemingly very little effort from any source being put forth to better conditions along this line. There are no doubt many reasons why conditions exist as they do and why the divorce business is increasing at such an alarming rate. The people of our land as a whole do not regard the Word of God as they should, nor take it as a safe and true guide to follow.

Mark 10:2-12: "And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this precept, but from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

This is Jesus' teaching on the subject as recorded in this passage, but we find it is not regarded in this age by the populace as instruction worth while, but the lax laws and regulations of modern legislators have a much greater appeal to them than the Word of God.

Let us turn to the 7th chapter of Romans, "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

The Word of God in many instances is made of none effect by the laws and traditions of men. The hearts of men and women are growing harder and harder; and the fear of God is rapidly diminishing in this glamorous and modern age. And many parents, though they be church members so-called, do not obey the instructions given in Ephesians 6:4, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In reality, there is very little of the real fear of God being taught in the homes of this pleasure-loving generation. Believe me, dear ones, this is true. It just is not being done. People are interested in too many other things of far less value.

Let us turn for a moment to Titus 2:3-5, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discrete, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, That the Word of God be not blasphemed." And connecting with this Eph. 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." Just think on the foregoing Scriptures a moment or two, then consider how many aged women of today are really teaching and instructing the young women to love their husbands. Many mothers have been responsible for the separation of their daughters from their husbands, and sons from their wives. Instead of giving some advice as to how to make their union happy and their married life a success, they magnify the faults of their in-laws and run them down, so to speak, and make such expressions as, "I wouldn't live with him," or "I could have made a better pick than that with my eyes shut," "He's so droll," "She is so dumb," "so this" and "so that," and because that love is neither cultivated nor nourished, sometimes under the slightest provocation the parties concerned become agitated and gruesome and desire to be free the one from the other since the principle of forbearance has not been instilled into their hearts. They seem to know nothing or care nothing for the disgrace that is attached to a divorce; and do not realize the handicaps and disadvantages that will be the heritage of their children (in many cases) and, seeing so many

others who take the divorce route, seeking for happiness and satisfaction they fall in line (the blind leading the blind) and resort to this God-dishonoring and home-wrecking practice. I am persuaded that many thousands of divorces could have been avoided if the young women and young men involved had been given good wholesome instruction at the needy time, or at the critical moment, as some might say. Instead of someone void of the fear of God coming along and adding fuel to the flames (and sometimes that someone is the bride's or the groom's mother, or maybe some relative or friend), better let the Word of God be your advisor, dear young married people. Honor God's Word.

Another thing, the divine standard has been let down so low (I mean in the minds of the people, God's standard is as it always was), and there is so much laxity, indifference, and irreverence in the hearts of many of the young people of this age, being fostered partly by the wild romance and abominable pictures in the movies and displayed otherwise, filling their minds with so many corruptible thoughts and false notions until they have no conception of the true ideal ("As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.") and therefore they have no solid foundation upon which to build. The hearts and minds of the youth have been so captivated and intoxicated by these influences that they can not walk straight. The germs of free-love and lust that find their way into the hearts of many through these evil avenues are bound to germinate and grow even after being encircled by the bonds of holy matrimony, and break through with disastrous results. Flirting, petting, joy riding, and undue familiarities with those of the opposite sex is something that should have no place whatsoever in the lives of those who have taken the solemn vow to forsake all others for her or him alone, and to live with her after the ordinance of God until death you do part (all others excluded).

To whom will the people of the world look for guidance if those who call themselves followers of the meek and lowly Lamb disregard the Word of God by divorcing and remarrying while the first companion still lives? Where is the light? Thousands today are claiming to be sent of God to proclaim the truth of his Word who have divorced or put away their wives and have married some other woman. Some have divorced and married two or three times while their first companion still lives. No wonder the world is in such gross darkness. "The leaders of this people cause them to err: and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isa. 9:16.

Where do we go from here? How do we expect to invoke the blessings of God upon ourselves and our posterity traveling in direct opposition to his divine will and plan? Dear married ones, whosoever you be that read this, do you want to make heaven your home? Keep thyself pure. Let no one steal your affections. Get in the order and will of God, and stay there. Do not take the broad way that leadeth to destruction. Honor the Word of God. It will take you safely through. No substitute will do.

—Ulysses Phillips

CORRESPONDENCE

La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I can witness I am saved and standing under the blood of Jesus. I want to go all the way with my Savior. I have been sick about four years, but by the prayers of the dear saints I am able to be up now but I'm not healed completely. I promised the Lord I would write this testimony. I want to thank God for what he has done for me. I have heart trouble, high blood pressure, and pneumonia settled on my right lung, but I know he can completely heal me. I ask the saints everywhere to pray for me.

Your saved sister,

Alice Scruggs.

Calif.—Dear brother Pruitt,—Praise the Lord, and give glory to him, who is Lord of lords and King of kings, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, making intercessions for us. My heart is filled with praise to Him, who has saved my soul, and sanctified my nature, giving me a clean heart. He makes life a joy. Where once there was fear and condemnation in my heart, now there is a song of victory and praise to him to whom all honor belongs. It is still wonderful how God can save a poor sinner like me. He blesses my soul these days and helps me to pray, and talks to me and reveals his word many times when on my knees. Glory to his precious name. It is blessed to be a born again Christian with all sins forgiven, and know without a doubt you are ready for Heaven.

January 26th, I was praying with a small group of Christians, when the Lord brought the verse in Revelation 19:7 in front of me like a panorama and the last clause seemed to stand out in capital letters, "and his wife has made herself ready." I saw something there I had not seen before, that we as the church, cannot take it easy in these last days, for the responsibility is upon us to be sure we are ready. When the Lord brought that verse before me, my heart overflowed with joy, and as I was praising him, he sent his glory down, and I had a most blessed time before him. It is wonderful to be ready, and to be prayed up. All honor and praise belongs to him who has done wondrous things for me. I am not at all worthy, but through his great mercy, he has redeemed my soul, and helps me to live a happy life every day. God bless you and the workers.

Everett Jones.

Ind.—Dear saints,—I trust the Lord is blessing and helping each one. The Lord surely did bless our gathering together Easter Sunday. Shouts and praises were going up all day. I believe thirty-six took part in ordinance meeting and I believe it was one of the best we've ever had here in Muncie. I know my soul couldn't have contained a greater blessing and stood it in this earthly tabernacle. My only desire is to please God at all times. Some from Dayton, Ohio; Plymouth, Ind.; and New Castle, Ind. were at the meeting. Sister Basey from Rosewood, Ohio was also with us. We trust some other isolated saints will have the privilege of being in meetings soon.

We need your prayers. In fact, God's children need to pray much for one another at all times if we aim to make it through, as the enemy has a greater force working for him than we realize. He is coming in many new ways, shapes, and forms. Let us be on guard. sister Brown.

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Calif.—Dear saints of God,—I feel so thankful that I can write my testimony in the little paper so everyone can read it since my dear husband has passed away. It was lonely. It seemed as though I could hardly stand it. We had been together over fifty years, but I have felt the saints progress in such a marvelous way, until I can't be-

gin to tell it. I can't find words to express it. I thought at first I couldn't stay in this house again, but all of that feeling is gone, thank God! My husband told me several times while he was so sick, not to cry that he was going to glory and that I ought to rejoice. I told him I was rejoicing, but would miss him so much.

When the saints would come and sing to him, he would raise his hands and thank God that he would soon be with Jesus. His face would brighten up and he would try to join in with them in singing. It was wonderful to be in the room with him. You could feel the very presence of God. I feel it is going to keep me busy, so I will be ready to meet him up there. By your prayers and God's help every hour, I can make it. May God bless everyone and pray for my unsaved children. I know if he could speak to us today he would say, "pray that my children will get saved." That is what he told everyone. I am praying that my children will not forget his last words to them.

Mrs. A. Doolittle.

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Iowa—Dear friends in Christ,—Truly I feel that I have much to thank the dear Lord for. Where could we find one so patient with us? To know him, is to love him. I am thankful today that I do know him, and I really feel sorry for the lost ones who do not know his wonderful presence in their lives. In 1 John 5:12 we read, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." It is a priceless gift, and it is sad to think that so many people are refusing to let Christ in their heart, when he can do so much for them.

Satan has people so deceived, that many go on trying to be good in their own strength, instead of acknowledging themselves as guilty sinners, in need of a Savior. The very fact that Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life," shows that we need him. Dear Christian friends, let us show the world a little more, that we do love the Lord, and that we appreciate what he has done. Let us ask him to help us to help others find him.

Yours in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Harvey A. Sorensen.

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Ind.—Dear saints,—We are reporting victory this evening in Jesus Christ our Lord. We surely had a battle here this past week, but God in his love and mercy reached down and gave us real victory. Our little Lester was so very sick with a heavy cold, high fever, and then a breaking out over his body. We called brother and sister Gibson the morning we called you folks and with the saints here we prayed, pleaded, and begged that God would undertake and relieve his suffering. About six o'clock that evening the baby took food, his fever reduced, and he slept fair that night. Sister Gibson called in the evening and said that brother Gibson had prayed through and was assured of the healing also. We do thank God for it and will praise him forever. This evening (three days after his healing) he is going around in the walker and you would not know he had been so sick. He is still a little weak but is eating normal and will soon regain strength. Our desire is to have God's approval upon us at all times and encourage others to trust God for all of our needs. We do want to thank all the saints that prayed with us for our little son.

Christian love, Brother and sister Hamell.

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Okla.—Greetings to the dear saints far and near,—We want to tell to all the goodness and mercy of God unto us, for how he did manifest his power and wonderfully

blessed us and enabled me to walk once again on my leg. Oh, how we do praise our God for his goodness. We do thank all of you for your prayers and for the love and kindness you showed to us. We thank God for hearing and answering prayer. We do thank him for the people of God, and for this wonderful salvation we are now enjoying. The Lord has done so much for us and is still wonderfully blessing in so many ways until we don't have words to express ourself in telling of his goodness unto us. I am so glad the Lord saved me. Truly it is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Praise our God for evermore!

I want to tell some of the things the Lord did for me, as some might not know about the accident last August 10th, 1951. While riding in a pick-up with brother and sister Ligons and some more of the saints, brother Ligons lost control of the vehicle. It over turned twice with us as we were nearing the camp ground in Guthrie. Four were seriously injured, including myself. Some had broken limbs and a broken neck and some bad bruises. My right leg was badly lacerated and scraped to the bone. We were rushed to the hospital and put in bed. After the doctor dressed the wounds he seemed to be very doubtful about my case and I realized it was with him. He told me if the leg set up infection he would probably have to take it off. But I knew God was real. All things are possible with God and the case was in his hands.

After refusing the doctor's medicine some papers were brought for me to sign as I didn't yield to him in any way, no more than dressing the leg. He then wanted to talk to the ministers about the case and which he did. We thank God for the talk the ministers had for the doctor. About the third day in the hospital the leg set up infection. The doctor put the word out that I was going to die, but God worked in such a miraculous way that things seemed strange to the doctor. He then wanted to scrape the wound and graft more flesh on the leg, but we knew the Lord didn't need any help. My trust was in my God. The nurse said to me "Do you know what's going to happen if you don't let the doctor do something for you? That's what God put doctors here for." I told her that doctors were for people who didn't have faith enough to trust God. I knew God had all power in heaven and on earth and when he speaks everything has to obey.

I wanted to go home. The doctor asked what I was going to do, go home and let the flesh decay and more grow on? as though he didn't seem to think it could be done. I told him yes. There were more papers for me to sign as he didn't want to release me. Thank God, that is just what happened. The old flesh decayed and God put more flesh on the leg and it has filled out and healed and now I can walk again. Praise our God!

We still need your prayers. The enemy is busy trying to make it sore again but I thank God for the victory. I am not discouraged. I know the work is done. He also put the news out that I was going to sue brother Ligons but I want you to know I have never had such a thought of doing such a thing. We are against everything that God is against. We want him to get the glory out of every thing we do. We are serving a mighty God. One who is above all and can do more for us than we are able to ask or think. Your sister in Christ, Christine Warren.

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Okla.—Dear Saints scattered abroad,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am so grateful from the bottom of my heart for victory through the blood of the Lamb—saved, sanctified, and kept by the wonderful power of God. I know that all praise and honor is due him, as I have no good merits of my own to claim.

The Lord has been blessing us richly with his divine love. From our youth we can see how the Lord led us along. We had wonderful parents who had a burden and concern for our souls. They did not allow us to indulge in worldly enticements so that their prayers were not hindered. Though I afar did roam, yet I could not forget the loving care of the Savior and the training and precious hours spent around the family altar. I am often made to think of my mother, tho she has gone on to her reward, of her steady life of faith in God. Truly the prayers have followed me. I was a sheep gone astray, but the Lord came looking for me and found me. Blessed be his name!

Are you a lost lamb? My friend, the Good Shepherd is out looking for you. No matter how far you have gone, he is anxiously awaiting your return and wants to fold you in his arms of love and carry you to the blessed regions of the happy and free—free from the burden of sin and condemnation, a conscience clear and tender, void of offense before God and man like that of a very young child. He said, "Ye must be born again."

Oh, who could fathom the love of God? I heard a young man say, "But I've gone too far. I've been in prison on Federal charges and going up again." But the Lord says, "No, not too far. Please, just come home."

Young girls whom the enemy has entrapped, the devil may whisper, "You can't face the world." But the Lord bids, "Come." He loves you; His people love you. In His arms all will be bright if you will just come home to the Savior's love, One who can bear all your burdens.

Away out in the depths of this world of woe the Lord is seeking and hunting for the gems to brighten his kingdom. Will you, dear friend or loved one, be one of the bright shining gems for the Master by just letting him take you in his arms?

As I look out on the world and see the sting of sin and remorse on the faces of so many, how my soul longs to be able to entreat them somehow. I think of the anguish, sorrow, and trouble of this world, and then what will the next world be without hope for one soul to be there, and it might be one of our very close loved ones. Let us tarry before the throne of grace more often in weeping, that, if possible, God will again strive with that one who seemingly is unconcerned about his own welfare.

Again I say, boys, girls, young men, young women, and aged folks, we entreat you in love to a wonderful Savior. Won't you let Him find you now? His yoke is easy, his burden is light, because He said it and we have found it so, and you will too.

I do not know for whose benefit the Lord has inspired, but pray that these few lines will find their way to the hearts of those that are lost. Are you lost?

A blood washed sister,

Inez Eck.

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Ala.—Dear saints,—We feel it is God's will that we write a few words of encouragement and exhortation, as we see a need of a full consecrated life, that we might say, "thy will be done in life or in death, in comfort or in suffering." God chose you in Christ to suffer for Jesus' sake, that His blood might atone for the sins of many. And that the power of His resurrection might be fully known of all that believe.

Before going on I would like to say just a word about the piece written in the February paper "His coming draweth nigh." Upon reading this piece we felt sure that it was a true warning to all saints. What we would like to get to you is the real need of a crucified life. Your hearts need to be tried and purged thoroughly, that you might say at all times in all things "thy will be done."

Let us not be hasty to think of other people and na-

tions as our enemies in a spiritual sense, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood. They are flesh and blood, and therefore they cannot and will not, over run God, who is our strength and our salvation.

Now if it pleases God that ye suffer for Jesus' sake in order that people who have been in a dark cell, taught and raised up that there is no God, should receive the love of God in the last late hour, is it a vain thing? Let us think of our boys who are going out at the command of a temporal ruler, giving their lives, and consider it their very duty. How shall we retain selfishness for our mortal being and have the Spirit of Christ?

We read of a widow that cast in two mites into the treasury of God. It was accepted of the Lord and spoken of as the greatest gift that had been given. I fear that some of us have cast in one mite and still retain one. As we see the day of the Lord approaching let us make a full surrender to God and remember that our experience in the Lord can not be fully made known to man in words if we have the Spirit of Christ. He that hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of His. The word was made flesh that man might behold the love of God. Bless the name of Jesus.

May God help us to be contented, gladly committing the keeping of our souls to Him that judgeth righteously, counting Him able to raise us up as He has also raised up our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless you all.

H. A. McMillian.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad I am saved tonight and have a desire to go all the way with my dear Lord. It seems my faith is weak and I do want to trust our dear Lord for soul and body. Please pray for my faith to be strengthened for I am very sorely afflicted in body. I desire the prayers of all the saints for my complete healing so I can work for my dear Lord. The night cometh when no man can work. There is much to be done around here. People are so badly deceived with false doctrine. It seems that the world is waxing worse and worse. I am so glad we have a dear Savior to look to in these dark ages. One that will never leave us or forsake us.

We were saving money for a roof on our little chapel and someone got in the building and took it or most of it. Pray that God will condemn them so they will have to return the money. There are only a few of us and we need a roof on the building. Christian love, Mrs. H. Rumfeet.

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BIBLE STUDY

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WARNING AGAINST PROFANE LIVING

May 4, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37: 23:16-22.

Exo. 20:7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Matt. 5:33. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34. But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35. Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

23:16. Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

17. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18. And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

20. Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Exodus 20:7.

Practical Truth: In every man reverence for God should be a fundamental attitude of soul.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Due reverence for God is the great principle that underlies the law. This principle is violated by all profane swearing, and indeed by much that is called prayer, when the name is taken upon the lips, but with little thought of God in mind. Matt. 5:34-35. The word of a Christian should be as good as his bond. It ought not to be necessary for a man of God to have to find support for his personal morality outside of himself. Adam Clarke applies the third commandment not only to outright profanity but to actual prayers "not accompanied with deep reverence and genuine spirit of piety." Jesus told the fault-finding Pharisees of laying aside the commandment of God, whom they honored with their lips, but their heart was far from him. In all his condemnations, Christ points out the Pharisees' weakness as being chiefly that they omitted the weightier matters of the law; "judgment, mercy and faith." The Pharisees failed to seek God sincerely in the manner prescribed by God's holy word. Since there is a large provision made, there is no excuse for a religious life that is empty of the Spirit of God. Gal. 5:22-23; 1 John 4:7-8; Jude 20-21. There is plenty for all, "Overflow with righteousness" as we find in Isa. 10:22.

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THE RIGHT USE OF SUNDAY

May 11, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:27-28;
Luke 4:16ab; 13:10-17.

Exo. 20:8. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy Work:

10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Mark 2:27. And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28. Therefore the son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Luke 4:16ab. 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.

13:10. And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11. And, Behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

16. And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17. And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Memory Verse: There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Heb. 4:9.

Practical Truth: Sunday should be a day used for our own spiritual profit and for the advancement of the kingdom of God, every day an experience of continual sabbath of holy rest in Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The sabbath was made for man, (vs. 27-28) and therefore the Son of man was Lord even of the sabbath. This principle was one of the scope of which was not fully comprehended until his death and resurrection. As Lord of the sabbath, Jesus has entirely abrogated the 7th day sabbath, which was a shadow of things to come, Col. 3:1, we keep the Lord's day, Rev. 1:10, the first day of the week, Acts 20:7, in memory of the resurrection. Look at the sabbath day law from the standpoint of its literal meaning to the Jewish nation, and its spiritual application to the God who delivered Israel from their bondage in Egypt and gave them rest. When Jesus died on the cross he gave soul rest to the Christian. We let no man persuade us to esteem one day above another, but keep every day a holy day by living free from sin, thus an unending sabbath day. (Get the book written by Mrs. Samuel E. Abbott, 610 West Penn St., Whittier, Calif. "The Beginning and the Ending of the Jewish Sabbath Day.")

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CONSERVING THE FAMILY HERITAGE

May 18, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:9-13;
John 19:25-27.

Exo. 20:12. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Mark 7:9. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11. But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13. Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

John 19:25. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

26. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Memory Verse: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exo. 20:12.

Practical Truth: It is a duty of children to honor their parents, and a duty of parents to be worthy of honor.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God's law has a regard for duties to man as well as duties to God. But the duties to God are put first; because God's rights are preeminent. He is infinite, the whole human race is finite. He is the Creator, we are the creatures. Furthermore, if God's rights are disregarded, men's rights will soon go. Before we live up to the standard of the ten commandments, we must receive Christ, who will enable us to keep the whole law that we are expected to keep. The Holy Spirit will interpret the law in our hearts to make us understand God's ways. Rom. 8:3-4.

Four things are included in full obedience to this commandment: 1. Respect for them; 2. Listening to them, Prov. 1:3; 3. Obedience to them, Eph. 6:1-3—only limited to the higher obligation to God; 4. Support to them, Matt. 15:4-6. A special promise was attached to the obedience of this commandment, Deut. 5:16; Eph. 6:2. Again look at Col. 3:20-21. "Children obey your parents in all things: for this is wellpleasing unto the Lord, Fathers provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Verse 23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men." The parents should be living examples also before their children.

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GOD'S ESTIMATE OF HUMAN LIFE

May 25, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26;
18:5-6; Luke 9:51-56.

Exo. 20:13. Thou shalt not kill.

Matt. 5:21. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with

his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24. Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

18:5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Luke 9:51. And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52. And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55. But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

56. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not kill. Exo. 20:13.

Practical Truth: Because human life is sacred in God's sight, we should oppose that which brings ruin and destruction to men.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

An outstanding characteristic of the religion of the Bible is the high valuation it puts upon human life. Notice how Psa. 8:4-6 shows the value that God puts upon mankind; "Made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands." Think of man having charge over what God has created. And God loved man so much that even after he sinned he sent his Son into the world to redeem him back to himself. Take a good look at John 3:16.

When man was first made in the image of God in that he had spiritual life the same as God, he was in condition to commune with his Creator. After the fall of Adam, one of the first records we have is a murder. Murder has had its mark upon the world ever since. When Christ came he gave his followers a better way. He told his disciples in Luke 9:56 "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Warnings are given in many places that we do not offend any one, nor cause, either directly or indirectly, their downfall. Contrary to offending anyone Jesus gave us the best way; "Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

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