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The Great Campmeeting

When we reach the courts of heaven,
Gather there, both young and old,
When we meet the saints and loved ones,
Oh, the joy, it can't be told!

Multitudes of blood-washed people,
Of present times and long ago—
All their joys and all their praises
Are for him who loved us so.

There our joy will know no ending,
There we nevermore will part:
All our praise to him forever—
Praise and work, dear trusting heart.

Oh, there'll be one grand campmeeting,
When we reach that other shore,
And we see our blessed Saviour,
There to dwell forevermore.

Oh, that wondrous great campmeeting
Where we'll drink salvation's cup,
Filled to brim and running over!
This campmeeting won't break up.

I am going to that meeting,
Where all saints of ages come:
Look for me on streets of glory,
For I'm surely going home.
—Ora Futch.

Quench Not The Spirit

(Excerpts of a Message by sister Katherine Key
October, 1948)

1 Thess. 5:19. We understand that there are two kinds of spirits in the world today. We have the Spirit of God, which is one—one Lord, one faith, one spirit—then there is the unregenerated natural spirit of man which is of the world. When we are saved, God's Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are the children of God. Then if we are careful in living for the Lord, we can go on into sanctification and be filled

with His Spirit. But if we are not careful, we will quench His Spirit and drive it away altogether. We must see that we are not led by our own inclinations, but live a prayerful life, close to the Lord. This is the way to get the leadings of God's Spirit.

When led by His Spirit, we shall be led to attend services regularly. It is reasonable that people should go to services. If His Spirit bears witness with our spirit, we will want to go; then also our presence encourages others to come. It is a commandment of God, for He says not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. I know many excuses come in to hinder us from going, and we need to be very careful. If we put greater importance on our work, we will soon lose out. The Lord's work comes ahead of ironing and keeping up your house. I say it is only reasonable that God should want us to attend services. We need to come together and pray, as it is reasonable that we pray. We read in the Word of God that in prayer the Spirit of the Lord reveals our various duties, but if our time is taken up with newspapers, radios, and such things, that is not the Spirit of the Lord leading.

We need to know our place in the church. We will bestow the most of our attention upon that which we love best. The thing we love best we mostly do. God will point out what things we need to do most. But if we quench his Spirit, we will not know what he will have us to do.

"Oh," you say, "I don't feel much like praying or testifying. I think I will stay at home for tonight." You will get to the place soon where it will be much easier to stay at home than to come to meetings. And then comes that real quenching of the Spirit. Folks, today people are looking through the devil's glasses, and can't see anything wrong in these things. We need to see things with the eye of God and avoid them. Opportunity knocks once, you have heard of that, and it may knock oftener; so we need to make good use of our opportunities by giving heed to the Spirit.

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30.

This sealing by the Holy Spirit is for sanctified men and women. The Holy Ghost experience seals us;

in other words, fills us and preserves us for heaven. Yes, it is heaven in our souls, praise the Lord! It is blessed quietness and rejoicing to go with it.

"Quench not the Spirit" also can mean "Grieve not the Spirit." Both mean the same thing. How do you feel when your heart is grieved? There is such a painful sensation, isn't there? Children grieve when they can't have their own way. Sinners grieve. Saints grieve also. We grieve when we are sad and brought low in tears. We grieve sometimes over a death, when a loved one is separated from us. But there need be no separation between us and the Lord. Only sin brings separation; and so people separate themselves from the Lord by grieving His Spirit.

How far can we go in grieving the Spirit? How far can we go and still have a safe footing? There is an end of this, you know. We can very easily grieve and quench the Spirit so that He will not return. We need to be very careful, dear saints, not to hold God back. We read in Isaiah 63:10, "But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them."

Man takes it upon himself to drive out the Spirit of God. He closes his ear to the Word of God and will not hear it. He does not concern himself as he should. The Holy Spirit is but a gentle wooing of the voice of God, a still gentle voice, and we have but to be still in order to hear it. "Be still and know that I am God." David said, "Commune in your hearts upon the bed . . ." The still small voice of the Lord in the still quiet hours of the night will come and talk to you. Do you ever get a message during the night hours? In this, God prepares us for the coming day. Then when the day starts, you will have no trouble in doing what God wants you to do. If we don't retrace our steps in these things, the heart will grow cold, and finally become rebellious. Then is when God begins to fight against us. When God fights, then we are in awful danger of destruction. I would rather man should fight against me than God.

People often ask me, "What is meant by sinning against the Holy Ghost?" This unpardonable act comes when people go too far in quenching and grieving the Spirit, rebelling in such a way that God is moved to fight against such people. You remember how Saul grieved and withstood God's Word and went against Samuel who then was the mouth-piece of God, until even Saul said he could not hear from God any more. Then you recall how he went to the witch of Endor for an answer. Oh, yes, God had left him! People fight hard against God; but when the battle turns, God begins to fight. Then things become desperate. It is a dangerous place to be in! Oh, saints, never quench nor grieve God's sweet Spirit! You can not afford to lose out with the Lord. Remember how Samuel prayed for Saul, but it was no use. Then God sent Samuel to the sheep cote to select another king in Saul's place. Samuel couldn't stand to know that God had rejected Saul forever. And this was Saul, the first king of Israel. There was a beautiful future ahead for Saul. Samuel prayed for him, but God said, "I have rejected him. God chose David to be the next king of Israel for Saul had sinned away his last day.

The Radio

Since both the movie and the tobacco firms use the radio so extensively in promoting their worldly cause, for which they pay exorbitant sums of money, this brings us to a consideration of this modern invention and its effect of public sentiment.

I feel that one of the most effective ways, if not the most effective, Satan has ever found of deceiving the multitudes into partaking of worldliness, and tainting their minds, souls, and homes with it, and thereby permeating the whole church with this evil is through the radio.

Through this medium Satan has an avenue open right into our homes as in no other way. He is using it to the fullest extent. If he cannot induce you to turn on his worldly programs and listen to them, then he will induce your innocent children to do so. As an added inducement to those more spiritual, he will occasionally allow a religious program to filter through. When this is over he hopes you will neglect to turn the radio off and allow his worldly program to come in. So in most homes today we see professors, and non-professors alike lending a listening ear to the worldly programs which daily come into their homes over the radio.

Many of these programs are sponsored by beer dispensaries, distilleries, and tobacco firms who advertise for sale their products right in your home. When these programs are permitted in our homes, when our homes become places of gaiety and merry-making, where cigarettes, tobacco, beer, wine, and liquor are advertised "for sale" and where Hollywood plays, and cheap medicine shows entertain, in your home where Christ should be the head, this is a reproach to Him.

Also those worldly programs are brought to you in your car as you ride along. Some time ago a neighbor of mine wrecked his truck, which cost him a large repair bill, and might have cost him his life. And I heard that he said the reason he wrecked it was because he was listening to the radio. He was unsaved and listening to the worldly kind of program. Listening to them cost him heavily, but it may cost you more. No doubt many more wrecks of a like nature are occurring to drivers as those worldly programs grip their minds and cause them to lose their alertness to traffic danger.

Worst of all, those worldly programs can become instrumental in "wrecking" your precious soul on the highway of holiness, and hurl it into eternity unprepared to meet God. Also these worldly programs will rob your home of its sacredness, and lead your sweet children away from God.

As powerful as these worldly programs are, yet Satan saw they were not powerful enough to best suit his wicked purpose. He was only making his approach and appeal through the "eye." Added power was needed. Satan knew that if he was able to reach the people with these worldly programs through the "eyes" their power to lead astray would be greatly intensified. So he invented the "television." This is termed by one Christian editor, "The Devil's Trump

Card." It is a serpent in the grass. Innocent looking, yes, that is where it derives its power of deception. It makes things look "pleasant to the eyes, and something to be desired." When the home degenerates so does the nation and the church.

You may say, "I see no harm in television. It offers news broadcasts, education and harmless showings." True, Satan always puts forth some good things in order to induce you to partake of the evil. You use this much wisdom in poisoning rats. You may put out rat poison alone and a rat has knowledge enough not to eat it. But put it on meat, cheese, or milk, and then it deceives him—he eats and dies. Do not be deceived by what little good the television has to offer you. To deceive, a thing of necessity must appear all right, innocent, and harmless. Nevertheless, the prophet Amos says, "Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom to destroy it from off the face of the earth."

You say we can turn off the bad and turn on the good. Surely you can—if there is any good coming in at the time. But when your neighbor or your friends have come in and want to see just a little of the worldly "no harm" programs, will you forbid them by turning off this showing? If they happen to think you "rude" for doing so, will you do so? If you are waiting for the news, will you get no harm from listening to and seeing the cigarette ad? Have you considered children and their friends? Are you going to be willing and able to cull the program so they will get only good from television? You know your children. You know the answer.

For your consideration please let me give you the following statistics: In the world there are 1,180,000,000 who do not even profess to be Christians. In the U. S. there are 17,009,000 children who have never been inside of a church building. There are 30,000 villages and rural districts where no regular Sunday school or church services are carried on. Only three per cent in the U. S. claim to be saved. Ten per cent go to church services somewhere. Thirteen per cent are church members. Get this: SEVENTY per cent of church members do not claim to be saved. Less than one out of four church members claim to be saved. 450 divorces are granted every day. Then one out of four church members claim to be saved. Why does such a condition as this exist? Believe it or not, Satan has deceived them, and robbed them of their spirituality with the movies and the radio, thru the "lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes."

If you are a Christian and are in doubt about these things, then ask yourself these questions: How much of these things would Jesus listen to and look at and approve? Are they edifying to the soul? Are they good examples for children to follow? Does the world indulge in such things? Let God, His Word, and your conscience answer these questions for you, and be guided thereby.

Please do not misunderstand me, and feel that I am partial to the radio, or unduly skeptical of it, for I am not. I am only writing in the interest of your soul, as I feel "moved by the Holy Ghost," and as I feel the "Spirit gives utterance," and as I feel Jesus

Christ would speak if He were here and speaking on this subject. I am only placing the radio where it belongs, it is in the category of "questionable things."

Like anything else, the radio can be used for either good or evil. In the hands of Satan, the radio is a mighty influence for evil, while in the hands of God the radio could be great influence for good. However, we must all admit that it is a very rare instance when a real man of God is allowed on the air who will not shun to declare the whole council of God.

I do not intend to say that all "commercial" programs are evil, or that all "religious" programs are questionable, but I do say that we, as children of God, should be careful what we listen to, for Satan is on the air, and he is deceptive, and your soul is valuable.

—Selected by Archie Souder.

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Awake, Awake! America!

I feel like writing a few words on the awakening of people here in America. It seems that America has gone to sleep on the job of working for Jesus.

We read in the book of Jonah how the people at Nineveh were when God told Jonah to go preach his gospel to them. There had been so much sin there that God wasn't pleased with it. No doubt their sins were like the sins of today; such as, adultery, fornication, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, strife, seditions, heresies, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like.

God is calling laborers for his work here in America just like he did Jonah, and they do not take heed and get busy for the Lord. We see the results of the disobedience of Jonah. If we would all get busy and work for the saving of souls here in America, we could help save America, for God is a merciful God.

We read how the people at Nineveh repented and God saved the city. The Bible says the king arose from his throne and laid his robe from him, clothed himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. He caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh that man and beast be covered with sackcloth and cry mightily unto God, yes, "Let them turn every one from his evil way and from violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works that they turned from their evil way: and God repented of the evil that he said he would do unto them and he did it not."

Dear reader, we should be obedient and ready to do our part of the work to save America. Our government needs to be concerned about the souls of man.

There are several instances recorded in the Bible where men really repented and found favor with God.

May God help each one to do his part of the work of saving America by repenting unto God and doing the good work.

—Mrs. Audie Sorrell

A crown of life (James 1:12)

A crown of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8)

A crown of rejoicing (1 Tim. 2:19)

A crown of glory (1 Peter 5:4).

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"If you have a friend worth loving
Love him, yes, and let him know
You love him ere life's evening
Tinge his head with sunset glow.
Why should kind words ne'er be said
Of a friend till he is dead?"

Editorials

We give thanks to God and to the different ones who have sent in loans of money so we could get the backs put on the song books, also to those who send free-will offerings to keep the work going and the truth going out in the form of papers, tracts, and books. I pray that God will cause his face to shine upon you and preserve you unto his coming.

The "Evening Light" song books are now in stock, and we are glad to have them to send out to all who call for them. The price is \$1.40 per book up to ten books; ten books or more will be \$1.30 each book, post paid. Send in your orders for these books before the campmeetings begin this summer, which will be about the middle of June. We believe these books are better made and bound in a stronger manner than the previous ones. We shall be pleased to supply all with these books as the stock lasts.

The work at the "Lord's Print Shop" is going along nicely as He directs the way and inspires our hearts for the work. Since coming home from our evangelistic trip to California, the office force has been quite busy. Our stock of tracts was low and many needed to be printed; and we are also printing a book on the subject of "Sanctification," which is a thorough treatise on this subject, and is about the best I have ever read. It was by J. W. Byers and printed by the Gospel Trumpet Company in 1902. It is a 96-page, paper bound book, and will be sent post paid to any address in the U. S. for 25 cents each or five books for \$1.00. We will have them completed and ready to send out before you read this notice. Send for your copy today.

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We as the children of God should look to God for grace to do all we can to please Him who has translated us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son. The Word teaches us that He has purchased us with his own blood, and we are no more our own but are married to Him. If we have presented our bodies to Him as a living sacrifice, we should by all means act like it and sacrifice any of our wishes and willingly deny ourselves in any way that would be pleasing to Him. There are many examples in the Bible of those who pleased Him and of those who did not please Him. We, upon whom the ends of the world have come, are without excuse for being in darkness or to hide under ignorance as to how to please Him, for the whole Bible is full of examples of both sorts.

In Deuteronomy 28:47 we can read how God was greatly displeased with the Children of Israel because they served him not with joyfulness and gladness of heart for the abundance of all things that he gave them, and He followed up with curses which would come upon them for this thing that displeased him. A people certainly must become hard-hearted that will not be joyous and thankful at heart for all the good things that God is bestowing upon them. In Isaiah the 12th chapter we are taught the need and delight of God for us to praise him at all times, and he ends this short chapter with these words: "Sing

unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things. This is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

In the New Testament, under grace, we are taught to glory in tribulation (Rom. 5:3). In Hebrews 13:15 we read, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name."

In Romans 14:17 we read, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." The 13th verse of the 15th chapter reads thus, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing." Phil. 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Read also the next few verses. In 1 Peter 1:8, we read, "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom though now you see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

It would seem by reading these scriptures that those who do not rejoice in the Lord do not believe much or their pretended belief may be a sham.

When Zacchaeus came down from the tree, he received the Lord joyfully and was so full of love for the Lord that he said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him four fold. His heart was bubbling over with joy and gladness. What a contrast between him and the rich young ruler who went away sorrowfully because he loved the world and his riches. Souls should receive the Lord with an open heart and full of joy and gladness and continue in that state, for Paul says, "As ye have received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in Him" Col. 2:6.

In this connection I think of the young man who wrote a letter to his lady friend and proposed to her, asking her to marry him. When she received the proposal, she wired back to him: "Yes! gladly, willingly, joyfully; yes, yes, YES!" If folks would receive the Lord in this manner and keep loving and honoring Him as head, doing all they know to please Him, denying and sacrificing for his pleasure, they would have an abundant entrance into that glorious abode with Him through all eternity.

If Paul and Silas had not sung songs and praised God in the midnight hour, while their backs were bleeding and their feet in the stocks, I am sure there would have been no earthquake that night, they would not have got loose and out of jail, neither would the jail-or and his household have got saved.

Brothers and sisters, let us look to Him for grace to follow in his steps, giving him the sacrifice of praises from our over-joyed hearts continually, learn to rejoice in the sufferings and trials of life that He may have pleasure in us.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Jessie Taylor of Guthrie, Okla., desires the saints to earnestly pray for two special unspoken prayer requests.

Obituary

Edna Catherine Russell was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell at Holly, Okla., on Dec. 13, 1906, and departed this life April 26, 1952, at Anthony, Kansas, at the age of 45 years. She was united in marriage to Kenneth Underwood on May 16, 1927, at Anthony, Kansas, and to this union two children were born. Charles E. and Walter C.

Edna was the eldest of nine children and assisted her parents in rearing her brothers and sisters through their early life. And also established a place for them to stay in Anthony while they were attending the Anthony school system.

She accepted the faith of the Church of God and was baptized at Monark Springs, Mo., in 1941. She was faithful to the teaching of God's word and as long as her health permitted she was a willing worker for God's Way.

She often spoke in her testimony "I'd rather be a door keeper in the House of God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." And surely she lived it out no matter what was to be done. She gave her supreme service. The children also loved her much for her tender way in teaching them. Her desire was to establish them in the truths of the Bible.

She was patient in her affliction and trusted God till the end and many times was delivered from her suffering through prayer. In her passing she quoted the "Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want," and by the help of those by her she finished the Psalm and then said, "I'll have to go—good bye" . . . and then she went to sleep. She is our loss but heaven's gain. We loved her but God loved her more.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Kenneth; two sons, Charles E., Fort Custer, Michigan, and Walter C. of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; two daughters-in-law, Alice and Theoda; one granddaughter, Deborah; her father, Walter B. Russell of Holly, Okla.; seven brothers, Walter of Holly, Willis of Wichita, Delbert of Wichita, Oather of Omaha, Neb., Cash of Los Angeles, Calif., Harold of Omaha, Neb., and Brownie of the home; two uncles and two aunts and a host of relatives and friends. Her mother, Nellie, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Brown preceded her in death. Loving hands did all they could but God saw best to take her home. Her family circle is broken. May God bless that it will be complete some day.

Funeral services were conducted by brother Lewis Williams, brother U. Phillips, and brother O. C. Porter.

QUESTIONS FOR FATHERS

Do I always expect my children to obey me "in the Lord"?

Are my commands always according to the will of God?

Would I dare expect obedience if I asked my children to lie when the phone rings for me, and I do not want to answer?

Should the child lie and say that I am not at home when I am?

Would I ask my child to leave his time of prayer or devotions to help me clean the car, etc?

Some children do not know the love of a father, for their fathers do not love them. Do you show love to your children that will help them understand the heavenly Father's love?

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to

wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

Paul said, "Fathers provoke not your children to anger lest they be discouraged." Col. 3:21.

(See "Questions for Children" on Page 10.)

God puts the Church in the world; Satan puts the world into the Church.

Salvation may come quietly, but we cannot remain quiet about it.

Campmeeting Notices for 1952

Jefferson, Oregon

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

The 45th annual campmeeting of the church of God will be held on the General Southern Campground at Hammond, La., June 27th to July 7th, 1952.

The campground is south of town, just off White St.

If possible, bring your bed linens, including straw ticks and towels. Meals are served in the dining hall on the grounds, free as the Lord provides. All expenses are met by free-will offerings. Anyone who desires to help may send donations of money, canned or fresh fruit, vegetables, etc. to Max Williamson or Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, Louisiana.

Akron, Ohio

The saints of Akron, Ohio desire to have a campmeeting June 27 to July 6th, or as long as the Lord leads. It will be run on the free-will offering plan, as usual. We are expecting ministers led of the Lord to come and work as the Lord anoints them. All saints and lovers of the truth are welcome.

For further information write to sister Cordelia Jones, 740 Roscoe Ave., Akron 6, Ohio.

Muncie, Indiana

The Muncie, Indiana campmeeting Lord willing, will begin on Wednesday, July 9th and close the following Wednesday, July 16th. If saints and ministers will come prayed up and with a mind to work for God, He can accomplish much in one week.

We extend a hearty welcome to souls that are interested and that are in need of help for soul or body. This

is the second campmeeting in Muncie, and we are not able to provide conveniences that you may find in others places but we are thankful for what the Lord has provided, and all who come will be cared for. Tents can be rented, and all who want them should write ahead and arrange for them, if you can. Straw will be furnished, but bring ticks and bedding if possible. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Let none stay away because of finances or material circumstances. A way will be made for all.

The gospel of Christ will be preached in its fulness by ministers whom God may send and anoint from this state and others. The saints and ministers are interested in your soul's welfare. Justification for sinners will be preached, also sanctification, infilling of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, as a second definite work of grace.

The tent will be pitched near the saints' chapel, which is located in the eastern part of Muncie, just outside the city limits. Go out on Highway No. 32, turn north at Kem's Popcorn Stand, which is Claypool road; go about three blocks, turn right and you can see the chapel, which is built of red brickcrete.

For further information write to Sister Minnie Brown, R. 6, Muncie, Ind. Pray for the meeting, and come. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Sister Minnie Brown, the pastor, writes that the kitchen or dining hall is not finished, and those interested in helping with time or means will be blessed of God in doing so. The saints are earnestly praying that this dining hall will be completed before campmeeting begins.

NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo.

The National Campmeeting of the church of God will be held at Monark Springs (Neosho, Mo.) July 18 to July 27, inclusive. Monark Springs, located about five miles east of Neosho, is not a Post Office nor rail road station. It will be necessary for those traveling by bus or train to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the camp grounds or phone the Monark Springs store for some of the saints to come get you. Highways 71 and 60 pass through Neosho, with all-weather roads leading to the camp ground.

Since this is the National Campmeeting, we are looking to the Lord to move upon and to burden the hearts of His people for the needs of this meeting. Truly we want the meeting to be owned by the Lord.

All of us that are not living so far away should bring our bedding (complete). The Lord has blessed us with considerable bedding, but since the attendance is growing yearly, the need for more bedding, more space, and more accommodations in general is also growing, but we serve a mighty God that knoweth and doeth all things well.

Bring your straw ticks. Straw will be furnished. Also come prepared for very cool nights.

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each and steel cots with mattresses will rent for \$1.00 each as long as they last. Space in dormitories with cots for individuals will be \$2.50. There may be some who will be unable to pay, but do not let this keep you from coming to the meeting. Quarters will be provided for everyone. Pray much for the meeting.

If you want a tent and cot, please send your order with money to Ralph M. Beisly, R. R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans. Please do not wait too late to send in your orders. It is necessary that we know or have this information several days before the meeting.

Meals will be served at the dining hall by free-will offerings.

—Ralph M. Beisly

Guthrie, Oklahoma

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the church of God will be held on the campgrounds at Guthrie, Okla. located in the 600 block of West Warner Ave., August 1-10, 1952. There are sleeping quarters for the sisters above the dining hall, and for brethren in the old dining hall. The saints here also open their homes to as many families as they can. All who are interested in the truth of God's word are welcome. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. For further information write to O. C. Porter, 511 E. Springer, Guthrie, Okla.

Bakersfield, California

The annual campmeeting of the church of God, 501 South Brown St., Bakersfield, Calif., will convene, Lord Willing, from August 8th-17th, 1952, ending just five days before the state campmeeting in Los Angeles. We hope those coming from a distance can attend both meetings. Let everyone come that can; all are welcome. We are expecting the Lord to give us a very good meeting this year.

The 99 U. S. Highway runs through Bakersfield north and south. Those coming from the north, come ½ mile south of California Ave., turn east on 4th St., go a little more than one mile to the chapel. Those coming from the south, come ½ mile north of Brundage Lane, turn east on 4th St. to the chapel and campmeeting.

For further information write: J. A. Harris, 615 South Haley, Phone 3-3805, Bakersfield; Francis Blackwell, 501 Monticello Ave., Phone 3-2731, Bakersfield; or Manuel Francisco, 109 South Milham Drive, Phone 3-5782, Bakersfield, Calif. I. C. Chandler, pastor.

Pacoima (Los Angeles), California

The California State Campmeeting will convene, Lord willing, August 22-31, inclusive, 1952 on the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, California (a suburb of Los Angeles).

This will be the 4th campmeeting held at this location. The meetings of the past three years have been very precious and successful for God and his cause. It seems that each one has increased in divine anointing and manifestations of spiritual power over the one before.

By faith we are anticipating the same visitations of God and the manifestations of His holy power to heal the sick, save sinners from their sins, sanctify believers who will consecrate their lives to Him and fill them with His divine spirit and power, to convict men and women of the needs of their souls and to be present to fill those needs when they yield and seek Him with their whole heart, and to unify and edify the saints.

All who love God and his truth and all who need help for either soul or body are welcome to attend this meeting from all sections of the country, but we especially urge upon all through this western section of the country to plan to attend, for these meetings are held year after year in your especial interest and behalf.

So far as is known the same tents and facilities formerly used will be available and at the same price (\$10.00 for tent and 2.25 for steel cot with mattress). These tents are 14 ft. square and will accommodate four or five very nicely, which makes the cost very economical when a tent is shared by that number.

Plans will be made to care for all who come, and we do not want any who are financially unable to pay for tent, etc. to stay away on that account, because God will provide such things as are needful so you may have the benefits of the meeting. If you are aged or infirm and not able to stay in a tent, there will be space provided for you in a house where you will be as comfortable as possible, so you need not fear to come.

In as far as it is possible for you to ascertain your plans, it would be well for you to advise us of your intentions to come and what you will need in way of camping facilities.

The address is: 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. Address your inquiries and correspondence to O. B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif., I. D. Stover, 611 E. 10th St., Pomona, Calif., or Erle E. Forbes, 12304 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif.

If you arrive in the vicinity and need directions or someone to pick you up at the station, phone Empire 1-0608 (O. B. Wilson) or Empire 1-5836 (Erle E. Forbes).

Will be looking for you at the campmeeting.

—O. B. Wilson.

Midway (Jena), Louisiana

The Midway campmeeting will be held August 15-24. Midway is not a Post Office, but a small locality about half way between Trout, La, and Jena. Your mail should be sent to Jena. It is on Highway 84. Bus service from Alexandria, also from Clarence, via Windfield.

For information write: Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, R. 1, Trout, La., Manuel Mitchell, same address, or Ruth Murphy, Box 824, Jena, La.

So. Charleston, W. Va.

The West Virginia Campmeeting will be held at the saints' chapel 1006 F St., (just off 10th Ave.) South Charleston, W. Va., August 15th to 24th, inclusive.

We urge all the saints in the east to attend this meeting. We also extend an invitation to all saints and true ministers anywhere in the country to come, also those who have desire for spiritual or physical help. We believe the Lord saves, sanctifies, and heals. Come and hear the full gospel preached by His ministers whom He may send. We are trusting the Lord to send those of you whom He wants and can use in this meeting.

This will be our third campmeeting here in South Charleston. The Lord has always supplied the need for both temporal things and spiritual help. He has never failed to send ministers, as all who have been here can testify. The saints here are still looking to God to do this in this meeting. We have a nice kitchen and dining hall, plenty of car and trailer space, also rooms for sleeping. All who can bring bedding and cots, if possible. This meeting is run on the free-will offering plan. For further information, write Mrs. Olive Keene 1328½ Frame St., Charleston, W. Va. or Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Spaur, 151½ 10th Ave. South Charleston, W. Va.

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 R. 1, Myrtle, Mo.

Dover, Oklahoma

The Lord willing, the Dover, Okla. Campmeeting will be held on the chapel grounds August 29 to Sept. 7th inclusive, 1952. Location: One mile north and two and one-half miles east of the town of Dover. Anyone desiring to be met at bus station be sure to notify us in time. Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell, Dover, Okla.

Acceptable Sacrifice

"That ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:17.

"The things that were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God." Phil. 4:18.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name." Heb. 13:15.

"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing." Psalm 107:22.

"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour." Eph. 5:2.

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 2:5.

"To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord. . . . Bring no more vain oblations. . . . Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."—Isa. 1:11, 13, 16, 17.

"There is one God; and there is none other but he: and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Women

The world needs pure virtuous women. The Bible says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? Her price is far above rubies." Prov. 31:10. Women have always been used of God. Did not God choose a pure virtuous woman to bring the Son of God into the world?—the most precious event that ever happened to mankind. Through him salvation was brought to every man, woman, and child—whosoever will may come and be saved. When God created man in the very beginning

he saw a woman was needed to be a helpmate (Gen. 2:7). God has always used women to be a blessing to mankind, has trusted them to perform some of the most important tasks—but only the pure, virtuous women, so let us keep pure and clean so God can use us to his glory.

We read how Mary sat at the feet of Jesus to be taught of Him and He commended her (Luke 10:42). Then the first ones to whom Jesus appeared after he arose from the dead were Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Luke 28:1-9). And again we find a woman anointing Jesus' feet with precious ointment and wiping his feet with her hair, and Jesus commended her for her worship (John 12:3-7). Also the widow gave all she had as an offering and the Lord was pleased. (Luke 21:3, 4). He wants our all given to Him—a full surrender of our lives—then He can use us.

Dear sisters, God has something for each of you to do and can He find clean, virtuous women whom He can trust to advance his cause? I want to live so I can be an example to this lost and dying world. He wants the older women to be examples to the younger women and teach them how to act (Titus 2:3-5), so we women have something to do. I like to think that the Lord has work for the widows, for I am a widow. We read how Anna in the 2nd chapter of Luke gave herself fully to the Lord, fasting and praying. Dear widow sisters, we can do much for the Lord in these days if we will fast and pray. We all can pray, and the prayer of a righteous person availeth much.

We read how the widow was used to feed the prophet Elijah. She was down to the very last of the meal in the barrel, but God made that meal last all through the famine. If we obey the Lord, he will use us. I have proved Him and found it so. My heart is made so sad to see our precious women wasting their lives in sin when they could be doing so much to help save this lost world. And God needs us and is looking for the virtuous women to win this lost world from sin. Don't you want to be one of those pure, clean, virtuous women whom He can use? I heard a sermon by sister O. B. Wilson years ago. In it she spoke of how women must hold up the morals of this world. Woman can be such a blessing in living pure clean lives, setting an example to our younger women. What is sweeter than a pure modest woman keeping her place going side by side with her husband? also the pure, clean young woman setting an example of virtue. I attended a campmeeting years ago and saw there a number of sweet saved girls. They were dressed in white (quite a number) and their dresses were made simple and plain in a way that adorned their person and their faces shone with salvation. I never forgot that sight.

Young sisters, if you want to be beautiful, get saved and live for the Lord and He will really beautify you as no worldly array can. May God give us virtuous women in this day and age. Amen—O. K. Myers.

Jesus took upon himself the form of a man (Phil. 2:7) that I might have the likeness of God (Psalm 17:15).

Young People's Section

Be Not Deceived

Many souls are being deceived
By the devil's subtle lies;
And many turn from the truth,
And the power of God deny.

They will turn to the works of man
And lean upon his fleshly arm;
And he will pat them on the back
And say, "This or that's no harm."

Oh, dear precious honest souls,
Be careful what you believe,
For the devil is here and there,
Seeking the ones he can deceive.

Let us be filled with heavenly love,
And let the Holy Spirit rule;
We have the promise in the Bible,
He will lead into all truth.—E. Miller.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord has impressed me to send in my testimony. I am satisfied in the Lord and encouraged to live for him. He has been faithful to my soul in revealing good instruction and encouragement to me through various sources. One of these sources is the Bible; another is meditation.

I am convinced that God's way is best, yet I need God daily to help me surrender to him and go the way of the Cross. I am dependent on him. Please pray that I will always be humble enough to serve the Lord.

A young saint, Jefferlene Pierro.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus' holy name. This leaves me still saved and satisfied to go all the way with the dear Lord. The ordinance service that I was in recently really was good to my soul. I think it was the best I have ever been in.

We are living in perilous times. About every meeting that I attend, I try to get as much out of it as I can. I try to get something that will do me some good through life. I do want to be a shining light to the world, and not a stumbling block. Pray for me that I will let my light shine at all times. Christian love, Lilly Adams.

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La.—Dear saints,—I surely thank the dear loving Lord for all his mercy upon me. Every year the Lord blesses us so much that surely when he lets any one of us live several years, even; he has bestowed many many blessings upon us. I think sometimes of the blessings that are possibly never mentioned and maybe never as much as thought of. The Lord keeps us from danger and many other things which would be hurtful to us when we do not realize that danger is near. The Lord has visited us with his spirit at different times; to relieve sorrow and burdens. Praise his name!

Some time ago mother had a hard, red, itching spot on her face. This became a burden to us so we took it to the Lord in prayer and he wonderfully took all effects away.

I thank the Lord for keeping me saved and giving me great victories from time to time. One great victory that he gives me is in saying "no" to Satan when he tries to turn us from the truth. Though the temptations and trials are many, I intend to always keep true to God.

Surely many, many souls are starving for salvation, so it is necessary for the chosen people of God to be examples in the world. May God help us, that our lives will become the gospel of Christ. If we are not examples in the world, no one will be. Pray for me.

Your sister in the Lord,

Aquila Green.

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"Consent Thou Not"

"My son [or my daughter], if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Proverbs 1:10.

These are the words of the Word of God. These are words that each one of our precious young people should commit to memory, and not only memorize them, but also obey the advice given. As we go thru this life, we shall have contact with sinners continually. You remember the prayer of Jesus in the seventeenth chapter of John? He prayed to the Father that "Thou shouldest not take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." He not only prayed for his disciples, but he also prayed for us. When He saves us, we are still in this world and will still have to be with sinners; but we do not have to let them entice us to do wrong. They will try to entice you. Entice means to coax, to entice, to allure, to attract, to draw on by exciting a desire or hope. That is the devil's business to get his agents (sinners) to try to turn you away from the right way.

Our boys will hear sinners say, "Oh, come on, be a man, don't be a sissy, don't try to be a goody, goody." or, "You're missing all the fun." Many, many ways they have of enticing you or coaxing you to do wrong. But remember, the Word of God says, "CONSENT THOU NOT."

Our girls will hear sinners say, "Oh, come on and go with us; have some fun. We'll get you a boy friend and when you get started you can go with a different boy every week or so." Precious girls, the enemy is bidding for your soul under cover. Other girls talk of their boy friends and all the things they buy for them, and the enemy would like to use that to work on you and put a desire in your heart to have lots of boy friends. The enemy does not at first let you know what kind of a girl you would have to be to have a different boy friend every few weeks, or even every few days. I believe I can safely say that girl would be of a loose moral character. Remember, when "sinners entice thee, CONSENT THOU NOT."

The devil wants to make sin look attractive. The bright colored lights, the dazzling and glittering attractions are evil underneath—just a cover-up for all the evil that is committed. May God help you to keep your eyes on Jesus and on the goal that is before. Refuse to let the devil, working through sinners, en-

tice you to lose sight of that goal. Look to Jesus! He will help you. Pray much, and be watchful. Resist any thought that may come to you to even consider what sinners have to offer. They will try in every way to entice you, but "CONSENT THOU NOT."
—Marie Miles.

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QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN

Children, do you obey your parents? Read Col. 3:20.

Do you know what happened to a stubborn and rebellious son under the law? Read. Deut. 21:18-21.

The Bible says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:1-3.

—Bro. W. D. Summers.

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Uttermost Deliverance Through Christ

"Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him [Christ] seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25.

John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." In 2 Timothy 1:10 we are taught that Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Paul said (Rom. 1:16), "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Heb. 10:10, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Now notice the 14th verse: "For by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified."

In Eph. 1:13, 14 we read, "In whom ye also trusted after that you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: In whom also AFTER that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance [a small portion] until the redemption of the purchased possession [this body] unto the praise of his glory."

In 1 Thess. 5:23 we read again, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly [completely]: and I pray God your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it."

With these sound and unquestionable scriptures before you, I want to show you that this "uttermost salvation" has been the will of God and is the will of God for every creature that is born into the world, which includes you or anybody else who will believe and yield in consecration to the cleansing blood of Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Thess 4:3, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: [literally or spiritually] That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor." In Eph. 5:27 we read, "That he might present it [redeemed souls] to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such

thing; [clean, white and ironed out] but that it should be holy and without blemish."

In Col. 1:21, 22, we read, "And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled, in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight."

Jude wrote his epistle to those who were "sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ and called."

Going back to the 3rd chapter of Matthew, we read what John the Baptist had to say to those Pharisees and Sadducees who were trying to justify themselves because they were the literal seed of Abraham, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." In the 10th verse he says, referring to what the gospel of Christ would do for believers, "And now also the ax [the gospel] is laid unto the root of the trees [not the trunk or the body]: therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." The Pharisee and Sadducee trees of religion were corrupted and evil and were doomed to the flames. In the next verse he tells of Christ and his work, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." This Holy Spirit baptism will purify and destroy the roots of carnality right out of the heart, filling the soul with His Spirit and power.

In speaking of the ax (the gospel) being laid unto the root of the trees, he gives us to understand that the gospel, if believed, will cut the roots of evil right out of the heart of man. When one cuts down a tree, a black locust for instance, (and many other kinds), it will shoot out many sprouts. In order to keep them from making trees, the sprouts will have to be continually cut down. But when the roots are taken out, there is no more sprouting up. I would to God that the Lord had more root cutters in place of sprout cutters, so souls would really get cleaned up for the judgment and the human religions would crumble and fall.

In Jeremiah 2:21 we read of the Jews and what the prophet saw in regard to their religion and their degenerated condition, "Yet, I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?" Something had grown up of them that God would not own. The gospel, if believed, would destroy the thing in the heart that caused such a degenerated vine growth and the fruit would be good and not strange and evil.

In the 15th chapter of Matthew Jesus was reproving the scribes and Pharisees, and told them that their hearts were far from him and that they worshiped him in vain, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. He also told them that the things that cometh out of the mouth is what defile men. He was seeing the need of their getting something out of the heart so the source would be clean, and then the issue would be likewise clean. The disciples told him that he had offended the Pharisees, and he said unto them, "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Looking at the surface of the meaning of this statement, we would judge that he

had reference to the Jews' religion, which he termed a plant, and no doubt he did, but he also had a deeper meaning, for his gospel would not only destroy the plant growth itself, but would also destroy the seed of evil that Satan had planted in the heart—cut it out by the roots and root it right out, so there could be no more of that kind of plant growing. Every human religion in the world today, with which the world is filled, has its growth from carnal hearts where the planting of Satan is not rooted up. A humanly organized religion could not exist unless carnality was in the hearts of those that lead the people. In 1 John 3:8 we read that those that commit sin are of the devil, and "for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, [crucified and resurrected] that he might destroy the works of the devil." Clean the works of Satan out of the heart of a man and the issue will also be clean. When the roots of evil are destroyed out of the heart by the cleansing blood of Christ, the growing plant of evil will also be destroyed.

We find some in the world today that at one time had the evil destroyed out of their hearts by the cleansing flow, but later on began to love the world and its praise and honor with position and money and have defiled themselves, received a delusion, and have a large religious plant growing which decoys precious souls away from the crucified way. In 2 Thess. the 2nd chapter we find a record of some who did not receive a love of the truth that they might be saved. In verse 11 it is written, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

These compromising preachers have wrested the truth from its proper meaning and are believing lies, being full of delusion, and are in as bad a condition as Jesus found the Pharisees when he was here. They have a big plant of their own growing and the only hope for its destruction is for the leaders to believe the gospel in its fulness and allow the gospel AX to cut every root of worldliness and evil out of their hearts and then continue in the crucified way and love not the world nor the things that are in the world, but keep loving the self-denying and crucifying way. When God sends one a delusion, he (or she) is sure he is right and fixes the Scriptures up to justify himself in his wrong doings.

While in California lately I met a dear old brother who had been mixed up with compromisers, and was trying to follow their advise. He was having a hard time trying to keep the victory, and as he took the matter to the Lord in prayer, the Lord spoke these words to his heart, "They be in delusion that lead thee." Since he has found the saints of God and has cleared himself from that thing, he rejoices for the great things that God has done for Him. Many poor souls today are being led by those who are in delusion and they are struggling along without proper nourishment for their souls, and are like a sickly plant surrounded by poison weeds.

One brother came into the saints' meeting and got a taste of good things, and his soul ran over with joy. He said, "Brethren, you will have to bear with

me, for I have been living on short pasture." Oh, the religious plants and trees that are growing in the world because of the planting of Satan has never been entirely rooted up out of the hearts of human religious leaders.

Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest; take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest to your souls." Matt. 11.

It is not enough just to come unto Him and get rest, but every one should yoke up with Him in a sanctified state and live meek and humble in this life and keep loving the truth, the crucified way.

In 2 Corinthians we are told, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Those who yoke up with leaders who have a delusion are unequally yoked together with them and will receive poisonous food along with that which may be good, and their souls will be weakly and sickly, as they are not discerning the clean body of Christ.

These multiplied human religions in the world today compose Babylon confusion, as none of them see alike, but all are wrong in many ways. In Rev. 18:2, we read, "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, IS FALLEN, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." In the fourth verse it is written, "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." If you are mixed up, dear soul, in human religions and with those that have received a delusion, this call is for you. I beg you to take heed unto this call and flee the ruins of Mystery Babylon and reconcile your soul to the will of God in the lowly and humble way. Yoke up with Christ and Him alone and walk with the lowly and humble in this life that your shame and nakedness will not appear in that awful judgment day that is surely and swiftly coming to every one of us.

Your servant, Fred Pruitt

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The Last Parable

Matt. 25:14.

This is supposed to be Jesus' last parable, of which there were forty-eight. We are told he spoke it on Tuesday before the betrayal and the last week of his ministry. There is possibly more said of his labors on this day than any other.

Adam Clarke draws our attention to the ingratitude of this servant. His master gave him a talent but he slights the mercy of his Lord. See his idleness! Rather than exert himself to improve what he has received, he goes and hides it. See his injustice! Think of the preachers today who are hiding their talent. What a terrible account they will have to give to God. Behold the awful punishment of this faithless servant. He is stripped of what he possessed. "Take the talent from him." Oh, terrible word! "Remove the candlestick from that slothful, worldly church!" Take away the inspirations of the Holy Spirit from

that lukewarm, Christless one who only lives to resist them and render them of none effect. Disposses that base man-pleasing minister of his ministerial gifts. Let his silver become brass. He loved the present world more than the eternal world and the praise of man more than the approbation of God. Take away the talent from him.

I have quoted at some length from other men. I pray that men may see before too late the awful responsibility of neglecting duty. —C. E. Moyer.

CORRESPONDENCE

La.—Dear saints everywhere,—I desire your prayers that I may be true to God and do only what he intended for me to do even before I was born.

I have wanted to send in my testimony for a long time and tell how many great things the Lord has done for me, that I know I couldn't have done myself. He has been my relay in many instances. To me God's grace is as a fountain of water or just a perpetual springing up of something. I remember several months ago that one night I was feeling bad. Something kept bringing the thought to me that I was taking some severe illness. I thought about the little paper and the many testimonies that I had read that was similar to this. I told the Lord that if he would let me overcome and be healed that I would send in my testimony, and so he did. Dear ones, if we do not trust in Christ, who else is there to trust in? I need your prayers that I may please the Lord and live so that I will not feel unworthy when the Lord tells me to do something for him.

Your sister in Christ,

Eunice Benjamin.

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Okla.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am saved today and have a desire to go all the way with my dear Lord. I want to thank all of the dear saints for their prayers for me. I am one of the saints that was in the wreck Aug. 10, 1951, in the pickup that was driven by brother Lignons. I suffered a broken neck and other injuries. I can't begin to tell of them but I truly can say I thank God for touching my body. My neck is a little stiff. I also want to thank the many friends for the get well cards and flowers. In the song "Life's Railway To Heaven" you will find these words. "You will roll up grades of trials, You will cross the bridge of strife: See that Christ is your conductor, on this lightning train of life. Put your trust alone in Jesus, Never falter, never fail. Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eye upon the rail." Pray for me that I will be a light in this dark world. A sister in Christ, Earnestine Miles.

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Ala.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Truly the Lord is good to us. We have so much to be thankful for. My desire and prayer is to grow closer to my dear Lord each day. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I might hold out faithful until the end.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Melia Earnest.

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Ind.—Dear saints,—I thought I would write a few lines to let you know of the Lord's goodness to me. He is my all and all. He is my healer, Savior, and keeper. Praise the Lord. He is so good to me. He has healed me of many things and how I thank and praise him for it. May my testimony be a blessing and help to others.

I have been taking the "Faith and Victory" 25 years or more and it is surely much help to me. I do not know what I would do without it. It is so much help to me.

I am still saved, sanctified, and satisfied. I mean to go right on the Bible way to all the knowledge I have. Praise the dear Lord for his goodness to me and my unsaved children. May the Lord help and save them and others. Pray for them. Hildra Grady.

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La.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory"—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I want to tell how the dear Lord has answered prayer and also to thank every one for their prayers. In November I wrote a testimony, (it was printed in the December issue) and requested prayer for a place on my face which had been there more than three years. Most of the time it kept a scab. As soon as one came off it began burning and would soon put on another scab. Sometimes several days or weeks elapsed between the putting off and coming of a new scab, but for several months before writing the testimony, one was on continuously and was enlarging. In December this scab came off and hasn't come back. Thank the dear Lord. I have some itching around that place yet at times and a little burning sensation occasionally too, so continue to pray that it will be completely smitten and will not return.

I thank the Lord for his many other blessings and by His help and grace I intend to be faithful to the end.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. A. E. Flynn.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I surely enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. I get encouragement to my soul from reading the good articles and testimonies in it.

I wish to give my testimony of God's goodness and mercy in healing my little daughter's toes. Almost a year ago, both of her big toe nails were ingrown so badly that they were sore and infected. We took her to a doctor and he cut almost half of each toe nail out on the side that was ingrown. They didn't heal up right, as the doctor had said they would. The whole side of each toe (where the nail had been cut out) became infected and had large bloody lumps on them. She couldn't wear shoes with any toes in them at all. But I do thank God that she didn't have much pain with them unless they were hit or stepped on accidentally. Her toes were like this several months. We prayed much for God to heal them. We asked Phyllis if she wanted to go back to the doctor and see if he could help her. She said, "No, I know Jesus is going to heal them." She didn't doubt at all but what Jesus would heal them although by appearance they were often worse than they had been the day before.

I asked the saints at Pacoima to pray for her. Also the saints at Pomona were earnestly praying for her healing. Praise the Lord! he heard and answered prayer and her toes are well again now. What a wonderful Savior, friend, and healer we have in Christ Jesus. I told the Lord that if he would heal Phyllis' toes, I'd write in a testimony about it, hoping it would help some one else to trust God for healing although we may not get our answer immediately. God is so good to me and I'm very thankful. My prayer is that God will help me to become more like he wants me to be. A sister, Mildred Minkler.

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La.—Dear saints,—May God bless each of you is our prayer. We are endeavoring to live a life pleasing to God. We realize we need to lift Jesus up to a sinful and wicked world.

We wish to express our thanks to God above all, for our cow. Also we thank each one who helped make it possible. We pray that God will bless and reward each one of you. We need the prayers of God's people for we want to live faithful until the end. Mrs. Everett Hilbun.

Tex.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the most precious love of Jesus. Praise the dear Lord! This morning I just want to praise the dear Lord where all can know how wonderful he is to me. Truly he is to be praised. I want to thank him before every body for his keeping power. Truly he is a wonderful God. Even though we are scattered, one here and maybe two in another place, still God is able to keep that which we have committed unto him against that day, that evil day. Truly it makes our hearts rejoice to know we have a wonderful Father taking care of us, and watching over us. It truly is the most wonderful thing in this world to be a child of God and to know that he loves you. If God be for us, who can be against us? What difference does it make if they are against us? We have a home eternal in the heaven, not made with hands. Praise our God. Pray for me. Essie Moore.

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La.—Dear brother Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. When I sent in the prayer request I had a headache that wasn't so bad but it got worse until about the time you got the request and then it was healed. Praise God. It was hurting so much that I could hardly look up and in my line of work I have quite a lot of looking up to do. I am glad I can tell you that it went completely away about the time my letter got to the saints at Guthrie. I surely thank you dear ones for your prayers and praise God for healing me. I ask an interest in your prayers that I may know God's will and obey him in a manner that will be altogether pleasing and glorifying to Him. Praise Him forever. Yours in him, J. S. Green.

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Tex.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. After reading the "Faith and Victory" paper and enjoying to the fullest, the good sermons, letters, and words of exhortation and encouragement, I feel led to write a few lines. I am thankful that I can pick up the paper and read a message sent direct from God unto me, and feel it is mine. Praise God!

I know the good Lord has called me to suffer for Jesus' sake and neither do I mind it, for I know the greatest sermons are preached in suffering sometimes. I know we must have faith of God to be healed,—to be completely healed, which I do not have. I didn't have it when I wrote the request for prayer, but it's a great consolation to know that the saints of God are holding you up to the throne of grace in prayer. God can hear and will answer, for he says he won't put more on us than we are able to bear. Praise God! I would not feel that my life was a living sacrifice if I could not say amen to the will of God.

My desire is to please God with both soul and body, with victory in my soul and a smile on my face to prove that it's there. I have been sifted as wheat, like Peter was, but I know your prayers were that my faith fail not. I am thankful to the good Lord for his dealings with me. My desire is to rightly discern the spirits and rightly divide the word of God so that I may fill the place in the body that he has set me in, for he sets the members of the body in the body to please himself. My desire is to please him and keep my body under subjection. May God richly bless each one is my prayer. Nellie Lovell.

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Tex.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I feel led this evening to send in my testimony, for the Lord has been so good to me. He healed my hip, which I must have gotten out of place. It happened just before Christmas. Oh, how I did suffer, but I refused to see a doctor. I continued to pray and got around the best I could. At times I could hardly bear it, but I just kept

praying. The blessed Lord brought relief, then complete healing. Praise his dear name!

I would like to tell of an experience that I had right after Christmas, that it might help others to have stronger faith in God and help them to be careful. We read in James 3:5-8 where it tells us to guard the tongue, for it is a flame that no man can tame. But if guarded, it can be kept under control. Just a little spark from that flame can set off much heartache and trouble. I was hit by a spark from that kind of a flame which was set off by a close friend. I was stunned, I was shocked. I could hardly believe it. I would have said that sister was the soul of honor. Instead of rushing to tell others, like so many do, I rushed to God in silent prayer and laid it at Jesus' feet. Oh, how my soul was burdened for those parties. How I did pray and how I did go over every step with Jesus. I refused to tell anyone, even my own pastor. I put it all in God's hands. I knew he would make it right. I asked "Was it I?" The Lord said, "No, there were three parties involved." I told the dear Father to forgive them. I told God I would abide by his decision. I never ceased to ask forgiveness on all sides, for everyone. I was glad I took it to God instead of telling anyone else. A month after that, Jesus swept every stone from the path and made rightness to shine forth. With tears streaming down their faces they came to me and asked forgiveness. I told them I had forgiven them. Was it not better for me to suffer than to tell someone else, then hurt someone? I think it was. I thank my God for giving me faith to trust him. Blessed be his holy name forever.

Dear saints, let us be very careful of our words and actions. Let us watch and pray that we fall not into temptation. It is so easy for Satan to get a little hold if we do not watch and pray. Praise God for keeping me strong in faith and my heart full of pity and love for the weaker ones. May God bless each and every one and keep you in His love and guide you daily in the path of righteousness. Sister Flora Gibson.

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Wash.—Dear brother Pruitt,—May God bless you. I want to say that the Lord has removed all the swelling out of my legs and I feel sure that he is going to heal me. I am praying to that end. I have been healed of other afflictions. One time I wore a pair of shoes that were rather narrow and I have a wide foot. It wasn't long until a callous came between my toes. When I would put on those shoes it seemed the callous would nearly kill me. I really didn't think of bothering the Lord for a little ailment like that. One day as I left to go to town I said, "Lord you can heal this just as easy as turning your hand over. I am leaving it with you." I had almost a mile to walk to get to the bus. I never thought of my callous for several days. When I did, I was surprised. I looked and it was gone and no sign of it left. After I left it with Him I never remember it hurting me. Praise God!

Al Hinton.

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Canada.—Dear brother Pruitt,—My thoughts have been running in your direction for some time. I receive the "Faith and Victory" as usual every month and it is truly a welcome visitor. My heart responds to the various experiences and to the different articles written, so many times with an "Amen" or "Hallelujah." Truly how beautiful and uplifting to endeavor to walk in this light, therefore enjoying fellowship with the saints, also possessing the knowledge that "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." How wonderful to have the witness that our names are recorded on the Lamb's Book of Life.

Love binds the hearts of God's children together and when we read of their joys we rejoice and if sorrow we hold them up before the throne and our Father is there and answers prayer. We both taste of joys and sorrows, persecutions and many different things as we journey through life, but praise God "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

I would like to say, that I take delight in reading the "Young People's Section." Their testimonies are wonderful and as for myself, I can feel the Spirit and an encouragement in weighing the many thoughts expressed in them.

Sister Laura Bowman.

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CHRIST'S STANDARD OF MORAL PURITY

June 1, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32;
Mark 10:2-9.

Exo. 20:14. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Matt. 5:27. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32. But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Mark 10:2. And the Pharisees came to him, and asked

him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4. And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8. And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not commit adultery. Exo. 20:14.

Practical Truth: God requires pure living, and this is essential to the happiness of any home.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus is very explicit about heart purity for he speaks against evil thoughts being in the heart. There are those who have cut off the hand and plucked out the eye literally but that is not the meaning here. We are to stop any evil desire that comes into the mind before it gets into the heart and becomes a part of us; cut off by the precious blood of Christ. "Through faith in his blood." Rom. 3:25. Jesus came to take away sin out of the heart. No sin can dwell in the heart after Christ comes in and cleanses it unless we forsake him. "How wonderful that he would take this poor abode of sin, And wash me in his precious blood, And now abide within."

When this work starts in the heart by yielding to God in all things; it can save wrecked lives, wrecked homes, and wrecked nations. Now God made it possible for the heart to be purified by faith. Acts 15:8, 9. So he expects heart purity, for only the pure in heart shall see God. Matt. 5:8. (Send for tract "Are You an Adulteress and Don't Know It? Our modern dress is much to blame for the existing conditions of our present day.)

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PERSONS AND PROPERTY

June 8, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:15; Luke 16:1-12.

Exo. 20:15. Thou shalt not steal.

Luke 16:1. And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6. And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12. And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15.

Practical Truth: Honesty in all things should be a fundamental rule of every life.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the Old Testament we have the plain statement, "Thou shalt not steal." But in the New Testament we have more than that, for it brings out the fact that the one who has stolen is given better work to do; "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Eph. 4:28. That is a much higher principle and brings ever so much better reward in the end for it gives us the "True riches" that can not be taken away. Luke 11:33 says, "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags that wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. (verse 34) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Col. 3:2, "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." There are those who are trying to hold to the world with one hand and hold on to the Lord with the other at the same time. That cannot be done. Listen to God about that for he makes it very plain. 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

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THE OBLIGATION TO BE TRUTHFUL

June 15, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:16; John 18:15-27.

Exo. 20:16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

John 18:15. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

16. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

17. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

18. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.

21. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

22. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23. Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

24. Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

25. And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said I am not.

26. And one of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27. Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Exodus 20:16.

Practical Truth: God requires true and sincere speech and a disposition to tell the truth.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The meaning of "lie" is "wilful misstatement." (Note Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira for examples.) One may be mistaken about a thing but that is not considered a lie. Jesus told Peter in Luke 22:34 that he would deny him, but he failed to get the warning. Instead he told Jesus that he would not deny him.

Let us observe the steps of Peter for our own caution; 1. He was so sure he would not deny Jesus even after Jesus had told him that he would. Peter said more vehemently, "I will not deny thee in any wise." Mark 14:31. 2. He was sleeping when Jesus told him to pray. Mark 14:37-41. 3. Luke 22:54, He followed afar off. 4. He went needlessly into temptation. Verses 15, 16. 5. Luke 22:55 shows Peter sitting down with the enemies of Christ. Now he was on dangerous ground for he was acting as though he was one of them, which proved his downfall. 6. Then came the three denials just as Jesus had said. 7. The tender look that Jesus gave him caused bitter weeping. Poor Peter. How much better it would have been for Peter to have listened to Jesus in the first place and taken warning instead of being so sure of himself. We will do well to take the same warning and listen to Jesus when he says, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Mark 14:38.

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THE SIN OF GREED

June 22, 1952

Printed Portion.....Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:13-21, 29-34.

Exo. 20:17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Luke 12:13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of

covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully.

17. And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19. And I will say to my soul, Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22. And seek not ye what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

34. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not covet. Exodus 20:17.

Practical Truth: An inordinate desire for earthly things is displeasing to God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Greed is "Aquisitive desire beyond reason." And covet, "To long for inordinately or unlawfully." Greed causes people to fret over what they do not have, rather than to be thankful for what they do have. Paul, in speaking to Timothy said, "But they that will be rich fall into a temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." 1 Tim. 6:9. He says in the 6th verse "But Godliness with contentment is great gain." The 8th verse, "And having food and raiment let us therewith be content." Paul says again in Phil. 4:11, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Again in Heb. 13:5 he says, "Be content with such things as ye have." Another scripture says, "Covetousness is idolatry."

These scriptures show very plainly what was wrong with the man whom God called a fool. He wanted to tear down his barns and build greater to use all of it for his own pleasure. It is all right to covet "Earnestly the best gifts," as found in 1 Cor. 12:31. Jesus said for us to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. The longing in the heart for more of the fruit of the Spirit and the ways of God will bring eternal satisfaction to the soul. And Jesus can do that for us.

CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

June 29, 1952

Printed Portion... Mark 12:28-34; John 13:34-35; 15:10-14.

Mark 12:28. And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had

answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29. And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

John 13:34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Memory Verse: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Practical Truth: Love toward God and toward man are the two supreme texts of discipleship.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To love another is to have a desire for and a delight in his welfare. The love of God is shown in his delight in us that he sent his only Son into the world to redeem us back to God. No matter how far we have strayed from him, his love reaches to that place where we are in our deplorable condition before him to ransom us from sin and its consequences. How wonderful then is that love of God which takes us from the state of being sinners and makes us saints, purified and made white in his sight. Even "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son." Rom. 5:10. Our love to God and our fellowman is to be just like that for we are to love one another as Christ loved us. 1 John 3:14; 4:12, 20, 21; John 15:12.

Our love to God and our fellowman is shown by our witnessing for him in all places where his Holy Spirit leads us to go for him regardless of what it may cost us. Even if our own relatives will not go with us to travel the way God has for us, we are to forsake them and not go with them to their places. We cannot do this in our own strength but through the strength of Christ. Phil. 4:13. As he dwells in the heart by faith we have the love needed. Eph. 3:16-19.

C. W.