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Forgiveness

If ye would be forgiven,
Ye must also forgive;
Given is forgiveness
That you your life may live.

Forgiveness from the Saviour
The woman he did give
That tho her sins were many
Might freedom from them live.

Your sins yet unforgiven
You did not forgive
Will follow you to judgment,
Your life God will not give.

Given is life eternal
To all those forgiven,
Forgive, it shall be given,
That you may enter heaven.

Unforgiveness, heart of hardness,
Unlike tenderness of God,
Shall sink within eternal darkness
And the chastening of the rod.

Pray ye the Lord forgive you
As ye forgive your debtors, too;
For if ye not forgive your neighbor,
Neither God forgiveth you.

Turn to Jesus, get forgiven,
Melt your heart beneath His love,
Let the Spirit Holy truly
Light upon you like a dove.
Yours in Him, A. E. Harmon.

The Meek and Humble

The dictionary says that the word "meek" has a meaning of mildness and one that is patient under injuries; long-suffering with gentleness and kindness.

"Humble has the meaning of a lack of pride in one's self or in his achievements; absence of boastfulness, or show of conceit.

It is stated in Numbers 12:3: "The man Moses

was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." Moses was a type of Christ and manifested meekness and humility of mind and heart in many different ways; but Christ surpassed him by far in the manifestation of a meek and humble life, even laying down his life for his enemies.

When Moses came down from the mount, from the presence of the Lord, he found that the Israelite people had made a calf for a god and were dancing around it with glee. God was angry with them for this and his wrath was so hot that he told Moses that he would destroy them and make a great nation out of him, but Moses was touched and asked God to spare them. He plead with God, saying, "If thou wilt not forgive their sin, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." By Moses' intercession, God spared the people; but said unto Moses, "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."

Paul, speaking of Moses in the 3rd chapter of Hebrews, said, "Moses verily was faithful in all of his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after."

The meek have precious promises in the Bible. In Psalm 33:26, we read, "The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek Him: your heart shall live forever." In Psalm 25:9 we read again, "The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." In Psalm 37:11, we read, "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Literally the Canaan land or earth was the goal of the Israelite people. Caleb and Joshua were the only ones out of the ten spies who spied out the land that were meek enough and humble enough to have faith in God that they could take the land even though there were high walls around the cities and the men were as giants. When the Scriptures speak of "earth" or "land" they, in some cases, refer to our spiritual possessions in Christ of which the literal Canaan land was a type. The hearts of those who are saved in Christ are often referred to by the Lord as a garden, field, or land. Prov. 24:30, "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding." The literal field in this case denoted the condition of a slothful man spiritually or in spir-

itual things. In Isaiah 58:11, we read, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." In Isaiah 32:15, 16, we read, "Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in a fruitful field." Read to the end of the chapter.

In Ezekiel 14:13 it is written: "When the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously." The literal land could not sin against God, but he refers to the people as land, their hearts.

Psalms 149:4: "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation." In Matt. 5:5 we read, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Which means the good spiritual things in Christ. The crossing of Jordan is typical of our sanctification in which we possess the spiritual land and enjoy the good things that God provides. In Isaiah 1:19, we read, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." In Eph. 4:2, we read, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." All meek and humble saints will surely keep this teaching. To do otherwise would only betray their heart condition.

1 Tim. 6:11, "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." It is the meek who have capacity to receive the Word. Notice what James says, "Therefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

A few Scriptures now concerning the humble:

Job 22:29, "When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person." In Psalm 34:2 we read, "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad." The humble are in a condition to hear things in the right way. The proud and haughty and self-conceited ones would think one was boasting and trying to lift up himself when a saint testifies of God healing him or of some miracle God had performed for him; but those who are meek and humble in heart know it is the Lord's doings and will be glad and rejoice. Many of the proud professors in the world today would not allow such testimonies in their meetings. Many of them claim that the days of miracles are past and would look upon one with scorn if he should tell of a miracle God has performed for him. In Isa. 57:15 we read, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

In James 4:6 we read, "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Meekness and humility of mind and heart becometh the saints of God. In

Psalms 138:6 we read, "Though the Lord be high, yet has he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination unto the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished." Prov. 16:5. Prov. 21:4, "An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked is sin." 1 Peter 5:5: "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

Jesus was the meekest and most humble man that ever walked the earth, and he has set forth an example for us to follow him who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously. 1 Peter 2:22, 23.

It seems to me that the power that all Christians need most is power to retain the meekness and humility of Christ in the soul and practice it in every day living and association. —Fred Pruitt

—:::— Divine Healing

Prayer: "O Lord; heal me." Psalms 6:2b.

Answer: "I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee." 2 Kings 20:5b.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the provision he has made in his plan for the healing of our bodies. Everyone who reads and believes the Bible knows that the Lord healed the people in olden times in answer to prayer. The Old Testament reveals to us that at different times and on different occasions men and women were healed by the direct power of God in answer to prayer. No doubt there were many that did not receive the divine touch because they did not seek the Lord for the same. We read in 2 Chron. 16:12-13, "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign." Let us consider the case of another man who was sick unto death, and cried unto the Lord with a burdened heart and broken spirit.

"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death: and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, I beseech thee O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which was good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the court, that the word of the Lord came unto him saying, Turn again and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: On the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord." 2 Kings 20:1-5. Not only

did God heal Hezekiah, but He also added fifteen years more unto his life. Praise the Lord. God looked down from heaven and saw the miserable state and condition of man, reeling and tottering under the awful weight of sin, sickness, grief, and sorrow. He saw that there was none to help, no one to banish the gloom or drive away the shades of night. By the prophet, He said, "Mine own arm brought salvation down." He sent his only Son Jesus into this world to be a Savior and Redeemer for lost and fallen humanity, and upon him was laid the iniquity of us all, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:4-5. Thank God, all this he did willingly because of the wonderful love he had for us. On one occasion when he was handed the book to read, he read the prophecy concerning himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those that were possessed with devils, and those that were lunatic, and those that had the palsy: and he healed them." Matt. 4:23, 24. After Jesus' death and resurrection, he commanded his apostles, saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." He also said there would be certain signs that would follow the believers, among them was that they should lay hands on the sick and they (the sick) "shall recover." And as they went preaching, the Lord was with them, confirming the Word with signs following. He gave them a promise, saying, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The world has not come to an end yet: the Lord has not withdrawn his presence from his ministers and workers, neither has he left off to do signs and wonders. The Lord still heals today.

The Lord wants to be glorified in the life of every one he heals. He told some, "sin no more." That is still in force today. If you want to receive the blessed healing touch, make a firm decision that God shall have first place in your life, that from now on out to the end of the way your life shall be spent to the glory of God. God is looking right down into your heart; he can tell when you have struck bottom. Yes, there is where we contact God, down at the bottom. If there is anything that the Lord wants you to do and he reveals it to you or makes it known in some way, do not shrink, but step out in obedience to his will. He will say, "Here I am," "here am I," when you

have done all, and it seems that the answer is not forthcoming, just wait on the Lord, his design is perfect: then let patience have her perfect work. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Remember the parable in the 18th chapter of Luke to the end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. O, that there were more looking unto God, and a greater longing to do his will, we would find that there is "balm in Gilead," and would hear that sweet tender voice saying, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

When our work on earth has been finished, and the time has come that we must go as others have gone, and we can say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course," the angels of the Lord will bear our ransomed spirit away to be with the God who gave it. But Jesus still heals till the world shall end.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Kansas—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We truly thank the Lord for saving grace and keeping power. I felt led to write my testimony to the glory of God of the healing of our baby last winter. I have testified to it several times, but it seems the Lord has put it on my heart to write it.

Our baby became very ill with the flu. It was the worst attack of flu that has been. Several died trusting the doctor. We fully trusted the Lord for her healing. She got so she would not eat anything. She would drink a little milk and it would pass through her like water and it would be green. She got so she would hardly notice anything, but we still trusted our God, who never fails. Bro. Lewis Williams anointed and prayed for her, but it seemed the devil didn't want us to have the victory in her healing. But we held on to God by faith and He wonderfully healed her. Some of our neighbors had the flu at the same time, and said if the baby had what they had, they didn't see how she made it. But we know that we are serving a God who has all power in heaven and earth. Pray for us here that we will ever let our light shine. There are so many ways the devil has to deceive the people. Some have a form of God but not according to knowledge. Some seem to want to be saved, but are too proud to give up churches, friends, etc. So pray much for the work here, and pray for us that we will ever keep the love of God in our hearts. Sister Odever Kelly

La.—To the dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings. I am thankful tonight that I can report victory in my soul, in spite of the evil forces which come against me. I made a start for heaven about twelve years ago, and although my trials have been great and I at times have failed my Lord, I've never had any greater desire than to please my Lord, and to prove to the world the reality there is in serving Him; learning through the years that yesterday's grace isn't sufficient for today's battles. I can go boldly to my Lord and find grace to help in every time of need.

I feel it's my duty and privilege to tell to the glory of God, how he so wonderfully healed my body this summer at Midway, La., campmeeting. I had suffered for more than a week with severe pain that at times seemed more than I could stand. (Something like gall bladder trouble, I think.) I was working at the time and hadn't once thought I could get time off to go to campmeeting, so didn't plan to go. But I had suffered so much. On Friday night I was so weary and tired of the pain and decided to try to sing a hymn, so maybe that would help in some way. When I began to sing, my soul was up-

lifted and I thought how good it would be to be in meeting. So remembering that it was the last week-end of the Midway meeting I got ready and took a bus that night. I told the folks here that I believed if I would go to Midway that the Lord would heal me and they (though not saved) said they believed he would too, so that inspired more faith in me. On Saturday afternoon I was anointed and prayed for and the Lord did a perfect work then and there. That has been several weeks ago and I haven't had a trace of the trouble since. Praise the Lord! It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done, glory to his name. He also healed my eyes several years ago. They were so weak but now they are strong. I love the Lord and I do want to be true until life leaves this body, so dear saints, pray for me. I surely feel my need and dependence on the Almighty. May He richly bless each of you and keep you safe for him.

Yours in the one body,

Gladys Cashio.

Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings. I am sending in my testimony. I would liked to have been in some of your good meetings. It seems like the churches are so dead that we don't get much soul food anymore. I was saved 68 years ago and was baptized with the Holy Ghost 37 years ago and it holds good yet. That is the reason I don't enjoy going to dead churches. There are more people joining the meeting house than the church. I am so hungry to go to a good Holiness meeting like we used to have, but the Bible says we will have a falling away in the last days. I live by what the Bible teaches me. That is the church I belong to. I didn't have to join it, but God took me in and I am in to stay. Praise God for salvation. May God keep you all in his service.

Your sister in Jesus,

Mrs. Lizzie Redfearn.

Ark.—Dear Editors:—Renew my subscription for another year for the "Faith and Victory" paper, as I don't want to be without it. I would like to have some of your tracts. I enjoy reading them, then when I finish I let my friends have them. I love the truth. I really believe that's what you people at Faith Publishing House stand for. Just keep up the good work. May God bless each and every one of you as you labor and work to get the truth out to people of the one and only true church. You will not lose your reward.

I need your prayers. Pray for me and my home.

A friend,

Mrs. Bernice Engles.

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In James 2:9 is a Scripture that reads thus: "But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors." Many of those that profess to follow Christ are guilty of this sin and the worldly minded people are full of being a respecter of persons and of prejudice, malice, and hatred. When I was living in sin I would sometimes see or meet up with a man or woman who was so onery and such a disgrace to the human race I would think that this person was so onery he ought to be killed; but since the Lord saved me, cleansed and sanctified my soul and filled me with his divine love I have compassion and pity for them and want to help them give themselves to Jesus who has done so much for me. I realize now that they have a soul that is precious in the sight of God, and is worth more than all the world. God is letting them live with a hope that they will some day give their heart to Him and be saved from all sin and then cease to be onery and wicked.

These wars that wicked men delight in are a great source for the enemy to show forth his wickedness in the hearts of men, for wars gender strife, respect of

persons, malice, hatred, and murder. James says in the fourth chapter and first verse, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" Saints of God should keep far from such things and not even allow in their hearts any respect of persons, for all such is sin in the sight of God. The leaders of the Trumpet movement years ago showed the wrong that was in their hearts when they began to advocate the separation of the colored and white saints in public worship. Such an action was showing clearly a respect of persons and was contrary to what the church of God is represented to be in the Bible, and now they misrepresent the church. The Scriptures teach us that we are fitted up together and framed together, compacted together, sit together, are raised up together, and will go up together. When a white man is really saved from sin and cleansed by the blood of Christ, he is just as clean and precious in the sight of God as an African (or colored man) who is likewise saved; and for either one to manifest a respect of persons and want (or have) it in their hearts to worship separate from one another would be decidedly wrong in the sight of God and all enlightened saints. God is equally interested in all souls, whether the skin be black, brown, or white. He was so interested in the Ethiopian (Acts 8th chapter) that He gave Philip special orders to go down into the desert. When Philip saw the chariot, the Spirit told him to join himself to the chariot, and Philip obeyed. The colored man got saved and was baptized and went on his way rejoicing. To allow prejudice to enter into your heart would be grievous to the Lord and should never be tolerated among the true saints of God. The true Bible church of God can never be shown where respect of persons is manifested, for such wisdom is earthly, sensual, and devilish, and belongs to sectism and is not in the true church of God.

We are interested in the saints of God in all parts of the country and we surely wish you well and that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers. We pray for the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper that God will bless you every one and cause his face to shine upon you and all your interests in this life. We are doing our very best to keep the contents of the paper clean and filled with wholesome food for your souls. We are aware that we have many enemies who are doing their evil work under a cloak of religion and speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them, but we mean to be as we have always been in the past, steady and firm in the truth of his word and not put on interpretations which strain the words of God past their true meaning, but teach the truth with firmness, love, and compassion, even as the Savior did. God says in his word that he shall have judgment without mercy who has showed no mercy; and he says that mercy rejoiceth against judgment. You can read this in James 2:11. This does not mean for us to give way to the strenuous ideas of unenlightened men or to compromise with evil in any form, but it does mean for us through mercy and longsuffering to endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. A picking and fault-

finding spirit has no place in the true body of Christ, and it seems easy for some to drift into such a state. If you are looking for a fault in a brother, the devil will be sure to show you something. Brethren, we ought to heed the red lights of God's word and not trample under our feet the warnings and admonitions given. In 1 Cor. the tenth chapter are many warnings given to us who are saved. He ends the warnings with these words: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world have come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

We realize that the true church of God is one big family and all are members one of another, and we share our joys and sorrows together. When one member suffers, all suffer. Every member fulfilling his place in the body makes up the spiritual body of Christ functioning in the world today, but not of the world. Their life, power, and strength comes down from God out of heaven through the true Vine, Christ.

May the Lord bless each reader and cause you to be an overcomer in this world and in the end have a home with God forever. Pray for us here at the "Lord's Print Shop," for we do mean, by his grace and help, to keep the truth going forth by the printed page and gather unto Him every honest soul.

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God says in His sacred Word that all souls are His and the soul that sinneth it shall die. You can read this in the 18th chapter of Ezekiel. By creation we are all the sons of God, because the soul that possesses the new born babe is the Lord's. God also teaches us in His Word that where there is no law there is no transgression. The child knows nothing about the laws of God so it is innocent and without sin in God's sight. Paul verifies this truth in Rom. 7:9, "For I was alive without the law once: [before he had knowledge of the commandments of God] but when the commandment came, sin revived [or, was made known to me] and I died." He does not mean here that his soul ceased to exist, but that having knowledge that he had broken the commandments of God, his soul was separated from God; for the soul that sinneth, it shall die. His soul still lived, but it was living in sin separated from God. That soul in man will live on and on either with God or with Satan in hell, as Jesus says, "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." All people who live in sin are dead because their sins have separated them from God. That is why the Scriptures say: "She that liveth in pleasure, is dead while she liveth." By ignoring God's Word and living in pleasure, she keeps her soul separated from God. This is termed by the Scriptures as being dead, yet her soul lives in sin, and unless she repents, confesses her sins, and turns from them unto God, her soul will continue to be separated from God after death and will be with Satan in the lake of fire and brimstone because her soul will never cease to exist.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" not only applies to the wicked, but it also applies to the righteous. According to the Word of God, you could be ever so

righteous before God, but if you committed sin, your soul would die—would be separated from God. A profession will only be a disappointment to you at the judgment if you are committing sin, for sin will separate the righteous from God just the same as it will the non-professor. Many today are teaching that if you are once saved you can never be lost; but such is deceitful instruction and is not in harmony with the Scriptures. We read in Ezekiel 18:24, "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abomination that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness which he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin in that he has sinned, in them shall he die." Some try to prove that theory by saying that your son will always be your son no matter what he does, but such a comparison is not sound argument. In a literal sense this is true, but in a spiritual sense sin would separate that soul from God the Father, and that is what is meant in the Bible by soul death in this life. And if they die in their sins, they will have a second death, which means an eternal separation from God into everlasting punishment. Ofttimes in this life the father will disinherit a wayward son that brings disgrace upon the family; so when one, although once saved brings disgrace upon our heavenly Father and his holy children by committing sin, God will disinherit him. He will still be his son, but a disobedient one, a disinherited one, and will be without God and without hope in this world, and if he should die in that condition he would be sure to go where the devil and his angels are, and be there in all eternity. Being born again means no more or less than passing from a dead state of sin into life in Christ. The same sins that kept you separated from the Lord, will, if committed again, separate you from the Lord and cause your soul to be in a spiritual dead state. Jesus, in referring to what his sacrificial blood would do for souls, said, "The hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." John 5:25. Those that are born again have passed from death unto life in a spiritual sense right here in this world. In other words, their soul is no longer separated from God.

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Obituaries

Sister Gertrude Hodge was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mays, born in Grenada County, Mississippi, July 15, 1887 and departed this life to be with the Lord September 7, 1952, age 65 years, 1 month, and 23 days.

She was united in marriage to brother Clarriel Hodge in 1915, who preceded her in death May 2, 1948. To this union three children were born.

Sister Hodge became a Christian and active in church work when very young. In 1925 she accepted the full truth of the Gospel and lived a good consistent Christian life. She trusted God fully for soul and body. She was a faithful wife and mother. In her short illness of one week, she testified that her trust was still in God. She made many friends. Her presence will be greatly missed among us, but her kindness and good influence will live on. She made her home in California for the past 35 years.

Bereaved: one son, James Hodge of San Diego; two daughters, Mrs. Clarinda Benson, and Mrs. Mattie Comfort, both of Los Angeles; one granddaughter Yolanda Benson; one grandson, James Hodge, Jr.; three sisters, nieces and nephews, other relatives, saints, friends, and neighbors.

Just asleep, her soul immortal, now dwelling beyond life's woes, free from care and pain and sorrow; sweet and undisturbed repose, only sleeping, sweetly sleeping, while the angels vigil keep; Jesus gives to his beloved rest at last in peaceful sleep.

Funeral services were conducted by brother I. C. Chandler, pastor, assisted by brother T. Holden of San Diego. Text: Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 14:13; 6:9; 2 Cor. 4:16; Gen. 35:18; 2:7. The remains were laid to rest in the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Sister Peggie Evans, born September 30, 1879 in Pontatoc, Miss. to Mr. and Mrs. James Wilburn, departed this life September 29, 1952. She was united in marriage to Sidney Evans March 26, 1903. To this union seventeen children were born, eight boys and nine girls. Her husband and five girls preceded her in death.

At an early age she was converted and joined the Baptist denomination. Later in the year of 1907 the family moved to Boley, Okla. where she heard and accepted the full gospel as it is preached by the saints of the evening light. She remained faithful unto death. She was known and loved because of her life of faith and charity. She was always ready to help the sick and needy.

She leaves to mourn her passing: eight sons: Willie of Toledo, Ohio, Eddie of Roosevelt, Okla., Charlie of Okemah, Okla., Gussie and Matt of Boley, Okla., David, Arthur, and C. D. of Wichita, Kansas; four daughters, Mattie Ligons of Hoffman, Okla., Nannie Bell Moore of Bakersfield, Calif., Ioler Johnson and Addie Bee Evans of Boley, Okla.; sixteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

"The covers of life's book are closed for one we loved so well,

But kindly tales of years well spent are what the pages tell
Each chapter in it leaves a thought as lovely as can be
For us to keep within our heart enshrined in memory.

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Sarah Louella Jolly Williamson was born May 12, 1857, and passed to her reward September 20, 1952 at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 8 days. Early in life she was married to Frank M. Williamson to which union 16 children were born, 5 of whom preceded her in death. Also brother Williamson passed away in March, 1920. He was one of the first pioneer ministers to preach the truth in this section and faithfully held the standard to the end. Sister Williamson stood by him and served God faithfully. She accepted the truth as it was preached by brother Warner and his associates, in her early married life and was a real example in every way. She did not compromise nor lower the standard.

Her life was an inspiration to many. A time before her death she had a message for each one of her children as they came to her bedside, and our prayer is that it be the means of them getting to heaven. She leaves to mourn her passing 6 sons, Oscar, Grover, Fred, Austin, Max of Hammond, La., and Earl of N. M.; 5 daughters, Mrs. Leila Joiner, Mrs. Elma Forbes, Miss Queenie Williamson, Mrs. Ethel Langlois of La., and Mrs. Viva Carver of Tex.; 44 grandchildren, 5 others had preceded her in death; a number of great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by sister Katherine Key assisted by brother Ray Key. Texts, Gen. 49:1, 2; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 2 Sam. 12:23, Rev. 14:13.

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William M. Graves was born in Williamson, Michigan November 4, 1862. He was a retired railroad Engineer. In his early life he moved from Michigan to Texas, later moving to Grant County, Oklahoma. He has resided in Enid, Okla. the past 16 years. He was a member in the Church of God. He is survived by his wife Ollie of the home and one daughter, Mrs. Effie Barnes of Enid, also a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt. Text, 2 Tim. 2:10. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery in North Enid.

Assembly Meeting Notice

An assembly meeting of the church of God is to be held in the chapel of the Southern Camp ground of Hammond, La., beginning November 28 and will continue over the two following Sundays—Nov. 28 to Dec. 7th. We have good I. C. Railroad service and Greyhound bus service. If you come by automobile, when you reach the Red Top filling station on New Orleans Highway 51, go west a few blocks to the dead end and there you'll see the camp ground.

All lovers of the truth are invited to attend and hear the whole truth preached by God's Spirit-filled ministers, whom ever He may send, but divisional spirits are not welcome.

Max Williamson, in care of Post Office, and Ray Key, Box 370, Hammond, La.

The Jefferson, Oregon assembly meeting will be held, Lord willing, on the saints' grounds November 21 to 30. See October "Faith and Victory" for more information, or write to Sam Wilson, Box 41, Jefferson, Oregon.

MEETING REPORT

So. Charleston, W. Va.—Greetings to all the dear saints. I am praising the dear Lord today for the sweet peace and joy He gives unto me, and the many blessings He bestows upon us from day to day. How wonderful it is that the precious Lord heals our bodies and gives us grace for every need. Truly we do serve a mighty God.

Once again our camp meeting is in the past, but the seed that was sown is still bringing forth fruit. Although we know the enemy works hard to destroy this truth and to bring in division and make all kinds of trouble, yet we can thank the Lord that all who will keep their eyes looking unto Jesus and His Word will be kept by His sweet Spirit. Our meeting was precious from the start, and many said that it was one of the best meetings they had been in—such a sweet spirit of love and humility followed all through the meetings. God sent the ministers of His choosing, ministers filled with the Holy Spirit, not afraid to declare the whole counsel of God, preaching it in love and meekness of the Spirit of our God. Yes, the preaching was given under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and it came forth with liberty and power, and authority from heaven. We still hear from the saints that were here telling us how they are still feasting on the wonderful messages they heard from time to time.

We will have to say that the enemy tried to discourage us just before the meeting was to start. Some of you know that brother and sister Lawson had felt that the Lord would have them to leave the work here and go to California. All the saints had rejoiced so when the

Lord sent them here and the work had been on the increase. So when they left, some thought probably we should give up the idea of trying to have a camp meeting. But after taking it to the Lord in earnest prayer, we all decided it would be the will of the Lord to have it, but it did look a little discouraging to the natural eye. But, oh, when the Lord began to send in His true ministers, how we all did rejoice, and we were made to know more than ever that God does rule in the church of God and knows the need of every saint and the very ones to send to preach to them. God sent ministers from Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia, and Florida. The saints gathered in from different states to feast on the word. We consider this meeting one of the best we have had here. It was not a large gathering in numbers, but we can truly say that the Lord blessed from the kitchen to the pulpit. Thirty-two took part in the ordinance of feet washing and the Lord's Supper. Four were baptized.

Oh, how we do thank and praise our God for this precious Bible way. We are glad we can trust God for soul and body, that He keeps us with victory.

We desire the saints to pray for us here, and especially pray that God will give my husband and me a clear understanding of His will for us in our temporal life. We have our all committed to Him and we only desire to do His dear will. May the Lord bless one and all and keep you true to Him, is our prayer. Sister Spaur.

A NEED

Covington, La.—Dear saints,—I am asking for donations to help finish our church building. We do not have a large crowd, only a few. Any small amount will help. We would appreciate it. It was an old building built over and we do need more lumber to finish it. It is nine miles from Covington, La. north east from Covington out in the country. Long Branch chapel is the name. Send donations to W. H. Cleland, Box 304, Covington, La.

... We began repairs on the house more than a year ago and have not been able to finish it due to the fact of such a few to do, and not much to do with. It is a clean work however, and free from compromise in any form. You can rest assured that the means will be used in the right direction. I have been going there and preaching for them for a number of years.

Christian love,

L. L. Perry.

STATEMENT

This is to notify the saints that C. H. Williams who owns and operates the store at Monark Springs, Mo. where the National Campmeeting is held each year desires to sell his store and fixtures. The store has rooms for living quarters. There are nine lots of land. He will sell the store, fixtures, and stock of goods with the nine lots for \$7500. If interested, write to C. H. Williams, R. 3, Neosho, Mo.

If any one wants to know particulars about the school here at the campground, write to Selma Williams, Neosho, Missouri, Route 3 (Monark Springs).

Articles for Sale

Egemeier's Bible Story Book, 608 pages, many beautifully colored pictures. All parents should get this book for their children. Price each \$2.95.

An assortment of Bibles and New Testaments. Prices range from \$1.50 up to 13.50. Good Bibles for ministers

and teachers with reference and concordance for \$12.00.

Scripture Text Wall Calendars. 35 cents each or three for \$1.00.

Cross that glows in the dark, called a prayer reminder. Price 15 cents each or \$1.50 per dozen.

Christmas Greeting cards with envelopes to match. Assortment No. G8551—21 beautiful cards in a box. Price \$1.00 per box.

Greeting Cards for all occasions, Scripture Text. Assortment No. G3751. 21 cards with envelopes, \$1.00 per box.

All-occasion cards with Bible verse, 21 cards and envelopes. No. G 3752, Price per box \$1.00.

Birthday cards, No. G1752, 21 cards with envelopes. \$1.00 per box.

Convalescent Assortment, 21 cards with envelopes, No. G2952, Scripture Text, price \$1.00 per box.

Christmas Assortment No. G8342. 12 folders with envelopes to match in box, price 60 cents per box.

Sanctification, a book that is much needed to establish you in the truth. There is much error taught at present on this subject. Written by J. W. Byers, 96 pages. Price 25 cents or five books for \$1.00.

All articles above are post paid to you by
FAITH PUB. HOUSE, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.



The sudden passing of sister Ella Mae Huskey stirs our hearts to continue to send out the warning to all: "Be ye also ready." It is surely a blessed comfort to the loved ones and friends when the departed one has left a life testimony behind, and they have the assurance that their loved one has gone to be with Jesus, as in the case of sister Huskey. She has ceased from her labors, but her works do follow her. Bro. Egbert Allen, in the funeral message said she had preached her own funeral, and it is true with each one, whether saved or unsaved.

Above is a picture of sister Huskey taken with her three children just before they, with sister Faith Embly, started for their home in Orland, Calif. She was a friend to all and was not ashamed to confess Jesus to everyone. On Friday before leaving Webb City, she and sister Faith made several calls on the saints and neighbors. They sang and prayed with some old lady. She hugged and kissed

her and said, "I just feel like I will never see you again." She meant she herself would die. But in this case, as in many others, the younger went first.

They started on their journey on Saturday and a little past midnight (Sept. 7) met with an accident near Newton, Kansas when a car meeting them swung wide on a curve and collided head-on with the Huskey vehicle. Sister Huskey died of a skull fracture without regaining consciousness. Sister Faith was knocked unconscious and suffered injuries, from which she is recovering, and we trust the Lord will completely restore her health. The children suffered injuries, but nothing serious. David suffered a broken right ankle, James a back injury, and Esther received cuts and bruises.

Funeral services for sister Huskey were at the church of God chapel in Webb City, Thursday, with brother Egbert Allen and sister Essie Wilson in charge. Many were impressed with the funeral, and made remarks that it just seemed like a heavenly atmosphere was in the room, and the singers sounded like angels. Some of the business men attended and said it seemed sweet and happy to be there. They had never seen a funeral like that before.

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Ga.—Dear brother Pruitt and the saints scattered abroad,—I am saved from all sin, and I am sanctified and I mean to press on. I am much encouraged to keep praying and toiling on. I am asking one and all the saints to please pray for me and the success of the revival we are now in. I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. I keep sending subscriptions that others may read it too. We have a nice Sunday school every Sunday. If you know of a minister that would like to pastor here, let us know. I would prefer one, since I am the minister here. The Lord is blessing. We are just a very few and have a very special request for prayer. My heart has a deep desire and I ask an interest in prayer. I hope to get to the general assembly in L. A. Christmas.

I am your sister in the one body, E. B. McNair.

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Calif.—Dear saints of the church of God in Tulsa, Okla., and all others,—I feel I would like to write my appreciation for all of the many blessings bestowed upon me and my loved ones in our time of great need and at all other times, as when the Lord saw fit to take our husband and father, how he worked in our behalf and brought things out in such a wonderful way, that it seemed like all things were worked and timed by our dear heavenly Father's hand, and it seemed he was so near. I love our heavenly Father and his Word so much I would not knowingly want to disobey one of his commands in any way.

I want to especially thank all the dear ones who helped with their prayers and words of kindness and comfort, and help. When we needed them, they came, no matter how tired they were, at the last when husband was bad, and at the last their comforting words meant so much to us all.

I want to thank all the dear ones for the beautiful floral offering, and the service was so beautifully done that it makes me happy and glad that the Lord made it possible for us to be with the saints in those last hours.

I want to especially thank brothers Charles Smith and David Madden for their kindness and help, and the songs that helped us so much.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all of God's people for his guidance and help, as I desire to be led by his Spirit in caring for things left behind. And the Lord bless each one is my prayer.
—Sister Alice Brewer

Young People's Section

As The Twig Is Bent

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her eager face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it is almost time
For Sunday school. Let's go.
They teach us there of Jesus' love,
Of how He died for all
Upon the cruel cross to save
Those who on Him will call."

"Oh, no," said Daddy, "not today.
I've worked hard all the week,
And I must have one day of rest.
I'm going to the creek,
For there I can relax and rest,
And fishing's fine they say.
So run along. Don't bother me,
We'll go to church, some day."

Now months and years have passed away
The plea is heard no more;
"Let's go today to Sunday school."
Those childhood days are o'er.

And now that Daddy's growing old
When life is almost through,
He finds the time to go to church,
But what does daughter do?
She says, "Oh, Daddy, not today.
I stayed up all last night,
And I've just got to have some sleep.
Besides, I took a fight."

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears,
He hears again the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years.
He sees a small girl's shining face
Upturned with eyes aglow,
Who says, "It's time for Sunday school,
Please, Daddy, won't you go?"—Sel.

Calif.—Dear young saints,—Greetings to all. This morning finds me saved and sanctified. I am encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. He has been so good to me, that I want to spend my time for him. I thank the Lord for the tests and trials he has permitted to come my way this year. I realize they have only caused me to get closer to him. I can say that he has never left me nor forsaken me.

I thank the Lord for the campmeetings he has permitted me to be in this summer and for the good I got out of each one of them. I was in part of the Oregon meeting. It was wonderful how the Lord did work. After our state campmeeting brother Pruitt, brother Foster and brother Stover held a few nights meeting here. We surely did enjoy ourselves in the Lord. I am still rejoicing in my soul for what He did for me in the meeting. I realize we are

living in perilous times and I want to be at my best for the Lord at all times.

I thank the Lord for the number of young people we have here, also for the ones he saved in our meeting. Pray for us that we live true to the Lord and be a light in this place for him. Yours in Him, Henrietta Francisco.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings of much love to one and all, in our Saviour's name. This leaves me still saved, sanctified, and much encouraged to press on to our goal eternal.

Again I am writing to tell of the wonderful healing power of our Lord. About two weeks ago I had a nervous breakdown I think, and had to go to bed. As I have three boys, one 2½ yrs., one 1 yr. and a baby 1 month old, I felt the Lord just had to heal my body. I called brother and sister Abbott, and sister Bessie and Leta Sorrell came and prayed for me and helped me much concerning another trial I was going through at the time. Praise the Lord, I began to be better from that moment on, and can testify now that I do all my work and feel fine. Praise his name. Bless the Lord, who can surely bless abundantly above that which we can ask or think. I surely mean by the grace of God to ever trust him for both body and soul. I desire the prayers of all that I may ever stay true and faithful and that the Lord will give me knowledge and wisdom to raise my children in the paths of righteousness. Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lavern Moles.

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Only One Candle

"I have but one candle," said a young girl who was busy sewing in an attic room, to a friend who called. "I have but one candle, and this work must be done before it burns out. So you will please excuse me for working while you sit." And the frail fingers deftly plied the needle.

"You have but one candle, dear reader, and you have a work to do before it burns out. You need to be diligent and earnest, lest the candle burn out before the work is done. That candle is your life. That work is the work which God himself has given you."

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The Mistake He Made

A very interesting and true story is told of King Frederick of Prussia, and a young man who was in his service. The young man was a Christian and a regular attendant at the Moravian church. His life was so straight and clean that the king, though an unbeliever in Christianity, took notice of it, and after a time told an officer of higher rank that as soon as an old man who held a higher position, died, he intended to promote the young man. The officer told the young man; and the young man began at once to think that if the king was talking of promoting him and was taking notice of him, he must not be so religious, for he well knew the attitude the ruler held towards Christianity. Accordingly, he discontinued

his visits to the despised church, and started on a worldly course. Very soon this old man died, and of course the young man waited in expectancy for promotion. But it did not come. One day as the king was reviewing his men, he saw this young man and, laying his hand upon his shoulder, asked him how he was, and how the little church was prospering, and if he still enjoyed attending their meetings. 'To be sure the old king knew of the change the young man had made. He coolly informed the king that he never visited there any more and knew nothing of the success of their meetings. He was not promoted. King Frederick reasoned: "If the young man is so untrue to his Lord, he will not be true to the position to which I had intended promoting him." —Selected.

REPORT ON BUILDING PROJECTS

About six definite orders have been received for cabin units on the National campgrounds at Monark Springs, Neosho, Mo. Preliminary work, such as drawing the plans, clearing the site, and ordering the material, has been started, as reported by Bro. Ralph Beisly, R. 5, Coffeyville, Kansas, who is supervising this project. If any other saints want cabin units on the Monark campground, please place your order and payment with Bro. Beisly at once. Volunteer carpenters and laborers are needed. If your consecrated services to the Lord are available, contact Bro. Beisly for the working schedule.

The building project for a new chapel at Guthrie is moving along slowly. The old building has been torn down, the north addition of which was moved to the dining hall ground, and plans are made to add 16 feet to this part, thereby making a building 22 X 32 feet for men's dormitory.

Today the ditches for the footing of the new chapel were finished, with the concrete scheduled to be poured next week. Since the funds are coming in so slowly and the total cost is running much higher than we first figured, the project looks somewhat discouraging, but we will "do our best and let Jesus do the rest."—L. D. Pruitt

CORRESPONDENCE

Ore.—Dear saints,—I feel constrained by the Spirit to write a little of the wonderful works of God among his little congregation of saints here. Today my heart melts with love and praise to him for his great mercy and love to all who humbly obey him. Tears of joy flow as I write. Who is a God like unto our God, showing mercy, grace, and love, bearing our burdens, providing all things needful, and filling our souls with peace and life—eternal life.

Some years ago there crept among us unawares a spirit contrary to truth and some were affected by it and it has caused more or less discord and hindered the work of God. Yet God has called other dear saints among us and blessed us. Recently God revealed that the time had come that he was going to clear everything up. Oh, how we laid on our faces in prayer and fasting that no precious soul be lost. Last Sunday God sent brother M. G. Olson to be with us and Sunday night anointed him with a message right along the line needed. It came with such love and anointing that the whole camp was stirred and hearts melted. God dealt and for three days there was little eating of food among us. Then last night at prayer meeting the melting love of God came in power, hearts humbled to God, confessed to God and one another confessing where they had been in error, asking God and each other for forgiveness. Talk about a heavenly place,

after we came home late my eyes flowed tears of joy and thanks, most of the rest of the night. Oh! the goodness and mercy of God.

It was a question for awhile whether we would have an Assembly this fall, but God brought to me a vision in the night time, showing me plainly some of his true and tried ministers whom when I met and greeted said that God had told them to come, that Jefferson was going to have the best meeting it had ever had. The next day I mailed the notice to "Faith and Victory" without a fear. God had made it too plain. Now whether God will send the ones I saw in the vision or not I know not, but he assured me he would direct men of God who would preach the truth as it is in Christ and that he would care for any false thing that might appear. The battle is his, the truth is his, the power is his, and all high heaven is back of this glorious gospel light that he has bestowed on his holy remnant in this evening time. All who walk in this light will reign with him over all the powers of darkness and deceptions of this evening time in which we live.

The gospel of the Son of God covers heaven and earth, time and eternity, all things that exist, and is the power of God to every one that believes. It covers all things that exist and all who will love, believe, and obey it will be cared for in all ways and walk in love and peace, rejoicing in God with a sure knowledge that a crown of endless day is awaiting when our short stay here is finished. I want that crown.

All saints please pray for the coming Assembly. If God makes it much better than the campmeeting he gave us in June, our souls may not be able to contain it. Even so, let it come Lord Jesus.

Your brother and servant in Christ, ready to suffer with the Saviour so that I can reign with him, not only while on earth but in eternity.
Sam Wilson.

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N. C.—Dear Brother in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,—I send greetings to all in His wonderful name. I am sending one dollar for my subscription to the "Faith and Victory" paper. It seems like when I read it that I am talking to a lot of God's children. I have often sent requests for prayer and every prayer has been answered.

I am asking the children of God to help me pray that I may sell my gold vein at an early date. I am getting old and I want to sell this so I can give to the work of the Lord while I am living, for I have no one to make it to after my death. I have no people, and my desire is to sell this and give all I have to people who are doing real work for our Lord. There are so many in this world who say they are doing His work, but they do not study the Word so they can explain it.

Pray for me. Your sister in Jesus, Minnie McSwain.

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Ala.—I thank the good Lord for salvation that say from sin. Praise His holy name. I am writing to ask to please pray much for me. My side has been sore eighteen months. Pray for my healing and that the Lord will bless me in soul. I am alone and would be glad some of the saints would write me a good loving letter. I mean to live for Him at any cost. R. D. 1, Box 6, Reform, Alabama
—brother Alex Mullin.

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Are You Really A Christian or Deceived, Which?

Dear reader, this is the most vital question you will ever be asked in all of your life because it means

life or death, saved or lost, heaven or hell for you. In the face of the condition that prevails in the entire world at present, you should give special attention to answer this question with an honest and open heart. First, the reason that this is such a vital question is because it is possible for you to be deceived, because millions have been deceived and are deceived now.

You may say, "How do you know?" Good, that is what I want you to say. Now get your Bible, open to the following texts: Matt. 24:11, Jesus speaking, says, "And many false prophets [preachers] shall arise and deceive many." In Matt. 24:24, 25 again Jesus says, "Behold, I have told you before." So you cannot blame Jesus if you are one of the many. Now read Matt. 7:15, 21, 22. Jesus makes it plain that it is possible to be deceived. Now read 1 John 3:7; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Cor. 15:33; Gal. 6:7; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Thess. 2:3-12; and 2 Peter 1:3. Now friend, please read all these texts from your Testament.

Now let us look at a text in Prov. 14:12, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

We have before us in the world today three ways that people are traveling: one is the broad way, spoken of in Matt. 7:13; one is the narrow way, Matt. 7:14; and the "seem right" way, Prov. 14:12. Number one, the broad way is traveled by many—the ungodly; number two, the narrow way, the righteous or true Christians are traveling; and number three, the "seem right" way is being traveled by the deceived people. Dear reader, which one of these ways are you on, now?

Read Jer. 6:14-17 carefully. This describes the true condition of many poor souls today. The 14th verse says, "They [the preachers] have healed also the hurt [sin] of the daughter of my people slightly. Saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." This means that the preachers tell the people they are saved when they are not saved, just deceived. Surely, dear reader, this is true. Thousands of poor souls have this very experience. Now could it be you or I? Yes, it could, friend, no matter how highly you profess. After all, you know we are all just people like the ones we have been reading about. Friend, just what is your hope and profession of Christianity founded upon? How do you know you are not deceived? You may say, "I belong to the church"; "I am a member in good standing." We'll find that is no proof at all. Hundreds of good church members will be lost. If your name is not written on the Lamb's

book of life, you are lost. Read Luke 10:20; Phil. Rev. 20:12. You may say, "Oh, I know I am saved because I feel like it." This is one of the most dangerous deceptions, and is not a proof. Feelings are very deceptive, and unsafe to go by. A man may be traveling and get on the wrong road. He would still feel good, but would the road lead him to his desired place? No, friend, you had better not trust your feelings, they are dangerous. You may say, "My preacher says I am all right." But this is no good either. What about your preacher? Maybe he is deceived also. Jesus said, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matt. 15:14.

Dear reader, there is only one safe way for you

to know where you are and where you are going and if you are really a Christian. You ask, "How is that?" Beloved, that is by following the good old compass and guide, the precious old book, called the Bible, the Word of God. If you are a Christian, you have a Bible experience just like Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, nothing less and nothing added to it—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16. Friend, have you repented and been baptized and received the gift of the Holy Ghost? If not, you are not on the right road. Ezekiel 36:25 tells of a new heart that Jesus was going to give us and cleanse us from all our sins. And Jesus did that very thing. Do you have a new heart? Have you really been converted? Convert means change about. Have you been changed? Do you still love the old world? Have you been cleansed from all your sins? If not, you are deceived. Read 1 John 3:3-10. Have you been baptized according to God's word? or have you just been sprinkled. If you have not been baptized in the Bible way, you are deceived. Have you made straight paths for your feet; in other words, have you made right all your wrongs of the past as much as possible, such as your past debts from which you have been running, or things you stole, or times you lied to your husband or wife or neighbor? Friend, this is what Bible repenting means. Have you done this? If not, and you claim to be a Christian, you are deceived. Or if you are living in adultery with an unlawful (divorced) wife or husband and claim to be a Christian, you are deceived. Read Matt. 5:32; 19:9; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11.

Repent means to quit sinning. Have you quit? Read Matthew 24:29; James 1:21-25; Romans 6:13; 1 John 3:18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. Please be honest with your own soul and read all the texts. If you are a Christian it is because you have obeyed God's Word and accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, and are walking before Him every day in obedience to His Word with love for the truth, walking in all the light that He shines on your pathway. Friend, this is the only true and safe way you can know you are a Christian and on your way to heaven. Read Romans 3:4. DON'T BE DECEIVED.

If you still use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, and are bound by any habit you cannot overcome and still claim to be a Christian, you are deceived, because Jesus came to make you free from the lust of the flesh and all binding habits and impure appetites. Read John 8:32-36; Romans 6:14; Rom. 8:12, 13—now, 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; 1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 2 Cor. 7:1. If you still love to go to worldly places, such as box suppers, movies, ball games, carnivals, and such like, you are deceived because Gal 5:19-21 names the works of the flesh and says "revellings and such like," It says "They that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Jesus said in Matt. 6:24 that one cannot serve two masters, the world and Christ, at the same time. The Word of God instructs us not to love the things of the world (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4). Beloved, read these texts and see if you even know what a Christian is. Many poor people have never heard what the true meaning of the word "Christian" is because they are following some false preacher

or sect, man-made church that does not teach all the Bible. And the sad thing is, they will wake up at the great Judgment Day too late. And the preacher (false prophet) Rev. 20:10, and their church and them all together will be cast into the lake of fire. Oh, dear reader, please look up all the texts and read this carefully. We are living in the very times that Paul foretold in 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; and that Peter mentioned in 2 Pet. 2:1-3. Dear people, there are not many people in the narrow way of true Christianity at present. There never were many willing to follow Christ. It is a self-denial route and a cross-bearing way, but, friend, it leads to heaven; and the broad way and seem right way leads to hell (Rev. 19:20; 20:10).

Now dear reader, if you have once been saved and have backslidden some false preachers will tell you that you will be all right and that one can never fall from grace, but if you believe this, you are deceived. Read Luke 8:13; 1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 5:4; Rev. 2:5; Heb. 4:11; 2 Pet. 3:17. Friend, you can fall from grace, and if you do or have, you will have to repent and do your first works over (Rev. 2:5) or you will be lost at the Judgment Day.

If you have been taught that you can be a Christian and sin more or less every day (which teaching many poor souls believe) if you believe it, you are deceived. If you have sin in your life, you are not a Christian. Jesus came for the sole purpose of saving his people from their sins—not in their sins. Read Matt. 1:21. Sin separates people from God, and Christ came to bring us to God, not to keep us separated. Now read Luke 1:71-77. Holiness and righteousness means sinlessness and acceptable to God. In St. John 1:29 John introduced Jesus as the One who "taketh away the sin of the world" (or people). Jesus said that if you die in your sins or with sin in your heart, you cannot go where he is. St. John 8:24, 34-36. You may ask, "Didn't Solomon say, there is no man that liveth and sinneth not"? Yes, he did, but that was two thousand years before Christ came to take away sin. Read the whole of the 6th chapter of Romans and Romans 8:1-3; now, 1 John 3:3-10; 1 John 5:18, 19.

Sin is a wilful and known transgression of God's Word. Mistakes are not sin. We can have a perfect heart and must be a perfect Christian and must have perfect love in our hearts for God and His Word and walk in all the light and knowledge He gives us, and love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, live a holy life each day, follow our Lord's example and we will be a Christian. Praise His name for grace to be a real Christian.

Friend, do you dress like the world and wear jewelry and all kinds of fashions and fads, such as slacks, jeans, or shorts and halters, and short skirts, leaving your body exposed to the public, cut your hair, go to the beauty parlor and follow the fashions of the world, wear make-up, paint, powder and lipstick, etc., and still claim to be a Christian? If you do, you are badly deceived. Read Jer. 6:15-18. You are like the people recorded here. Read 1 Tim. 2:8-10; 1 Peter 3:3, 4; and about cutting off the hair, 1 Cor. 11:1-15.

May the God of all grace give you the understanding of what it is to be a Christian, or Christ-like. Many, many poor souls are deceived. Have you been one of them? If so, be honest now and repent and start on the narrow way to heaven. And may God bless you and teach you how to be a real Bible Christian. DON'T BE DECEIVED. James 1:21-25. —Archie Souder.

—:::— "It Is Enough"

The title of this article is found in Genesis 45:28. Almost all Bible readers are familiar with the Bible story of Jacob and his son Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph and made him a coat of many colors, and his brethren became jealous and envious of him, and had it in their hearts to destroy him or to rid themselves of his presence and association. His brethren were many miles from home with the sheep in the pasture. Joseph's father Jacob sent him with food to his brethren and to see how they were getting along. When the brothers saw him coming, they felt this was the time to destroy him, so they sold him to some travelers going down into Egypt. They dipped the coat of many colors in the blood of an animal and took it home to Jacob. He thought he was sure that Joseph had been torn to pieces by wild animals, and he mourned over his death. Years passed and there was a famine in Canaan where Jacob and his family dwelt, and the brothers were sent into Egypt to buy corn, for the famine was great. When the brothers brought word to Jacob that Joseph still lived and he was the one that sold them the corn, he could not believe it. Joseph sent provision and wagons and asked Jacob and all the others to come to Egypt with their substance and live, for he would give them choice land and they could make their home in Egypt. When Jacob saw the provision sent and the goodly supply of wagons which Joseph had sent, he was overcome with the truth that his son Joseph still lived, and he said, "... It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die."

Most of us mortals, when we once believe a thing, are hard to be convinced and changed; but when we are brought face to face with facts, we, in actions and sometimes in words, say, "This is enough proof that I have been wrong, and I now believe otherwise. Overwhelming proof is before me. What else can I do but believe it?"

There are many instances recorded in the Bible of men who, by circumstances and facts brought before them, changed their minds and believed the truth instead of the false impressions preconceived. The evidence was enough, and they said in actions, if not in word, "This is enough, my mind and heart is changed; I believe the truth now and will act accordingly."

We find also instances in the Bible where God said in actions, "It is enough," and changed His mind.

When God severely tried Abraham, Abraham proved true in the trial and raised his hand with his knife in it to slay his son, as God had told him to offer him as a sacrifice. God saw that Abraham meant

to slay Isaac, and "it was enough." God said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou has not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

The decree of God was that Hezekiah set his house in order, for he should die and not live. But when Hezekiah wept sore and prayed unto Him for his life, telling how he had lived before Him, God was touched, and in actions said, "It is enough"; and God sent the prophet back to tell him that He had added fifteen years to his life.

God was going to destroy all the Israelite people because of their rebellion and idol worship, but Moses begged God not to do it. God was touched by the pleading of Moses and He destroyed them not.

During the famine in Israel God commanded a widow woman in Zarepath, another country, to feed Elijah. Although she was practically out of food rations, Elijah demanded that she bake him a cake of bread and told her that the "barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruise of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth." The widow did as Elijah desired, and she always had meal and oil after that. But the time came when her son died and Elijah brought him back to life and gave him to his mother, and she was convinced that he was a man of God. In 1 Kings 17:24, she said by her actions, "It is enough." Notice what she said, "Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of God in thy mouth is truth."

God literally turned the devil loose on Job. He suffered greatly for a long time, and when God saw "it was enough" He turned the captivity of Job and gave Job twice as much as he previously had.

When King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold and commanded all men to worship it, there were three men in his kingdom who worshiped the true God of heaven and they would not bow down and worship the image of gold even though the king had threatened to cast them into a fiery furnace except they bow down to the image. They declared to the king that their God was able to deliver them out of the fiery furnace, and they said, "But if not, be it known unto thee O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou has set up." At these words the king became full of fury and commanded that they be thrown into the fiery furnace. They did according to his word. But when the king looked into the fiery furnace he was amazed and cried out, "Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." Daniel 3:25. The king then called them out of the fiery furnace over whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their heads singed, neither was their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed upon them. King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and changed his mind. This was enough for him. The evidence was exceedingly great that these boys served the true and living God and that his image of gold was no god; so he made a decree: "That every people, nation, and language,

which spake anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort." Daniel 3:29.

The devil wooed me around when I was in sin, bruised me, and lied to me until I got enough of it; and one day I cried unto the true God for deliverance, surrendered, and gave up to Him, and He saved me out of all my troubles, bringing joy and gladness to my heart. It makes me think of the way we boys used to play at school. The boys would get to wrestling and one would throw the other down and hold him there in spite of all his struggling. After awhile, when he saw he could not get up, he would say to the boy holding him down, "Let me up." But the boy would say to him, "Say, 'It is enough.'" The boy down would spunk up and try harder to get up. Dirt would get in his ears, hair, and eyes; and finally he would say, "It is enough"; then the boy would let him up. Sinner friend, if the devil is making it hard for you, you had better say, "It is enough," and surrender to God in heart confession and repentance, fall into the hands of the true God and he will comfort you in this life and give you a home in heaven.

When Paul and Silas were thrown into the Philippian jail with their backs bleeding and their feet in the stocks, they were heard praying and singing in the middle of the night. God sent an earthquake and shook the jail and the bands fell off, the jail doors were opened and Paul and Silas were free. The jail keeper knew that it meant death to him for the prisoners to escape. Seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas. This convinced the jailer that they were men of God, and by his actions he said, "It is enough." He said to Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?"

Doubting Thomas was not with the other disciples when the Lord first met with them after his resurrection. When they told him they had seen the Lord, he said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." Eight days after this he appeared again to the disciples and Thomas was with them. Jesus said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." When the evidence was before him Thomas said, "My Lord, and my God." In other words, "It is enough." Jesus then said unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

When Jesus was crucified and the centurion and others that were with him watching Jesus saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly, this was the Son of God." They had seen enough and were convinced.

The antediluvian people became so wicked and sinful that God's wrath was kindled against them. It is written, "And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth.'" In substance, he said to Noah, "It is enough." "The end of all flesh has come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." God was long suffering with those people and had Noah to build an ark before their eyes while he preached to them, it is said a hundred and twenty years, and they would not hearken, so God sent the rain after all had rebelled against him but eight souls, and he took them into the ark, and all those wicked people were destroyed.

Sodom and Gomorrah were wicked cities. God saw the wickedness of the people was great. "It was enough." God took the few righteous ones out of those cities and rained fire and brimstone down upon the wicked inhabitants and destroyed them all.

Dear readers, I wish to say that this world that we are living in is doomed to the flames, according to God's word. 2 Peter 3:7, "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." The people in this world have grown so wicked—and many of them with a profession of Christianity—that God's wrath is kindling against them. Soon He will say, "It is enough." He will set fire to this world of wicked people and they will be consumed by God's wrath, but the righteous will be taken up out of the world before he sets fire to it, even as he led the eight souls into the ark before he sent the flood and destroyed the people. Jesus is our ark of safety now, but when he sets fire to this old world there will be no more help for you if you are not abiding in him. There will be no more gospel preached and no righteous ones will be left to pray for you or to show you the way of salvation, for time will be no longer. The Judgment will be staring you in the face. Now is the time to get into the ark of safety (Jesus), and then you will be ready to live and ready for the Judgment or for the flames to consume the earth and all things therein. Now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation. If you hear his voice, harden not your heart as others have done, and miss heaven and all that is pure and holy.

—Fred Pruitt.

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JESUS' POWER AND HUMAN NEED

November 2, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 8:5-17.

Matt. 8:5. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6. And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven:

12. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

14. And when Jesus was come unto Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

15. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

16. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Memory Verse: Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8:17.

Practical Truth: He who exerted supernatural power in the days of his flesh is able to help us still.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." His power is just the same in our day as it was when he walked upon this old earth in the days of his flesh. The need is just as great in this our day and there are those who know his mighty power to heal today just as he could heal then. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14, 15. There are many who know this to be so in this, our day, for this works as there are many who avail themselves of this promise. The number is not as great as it should be but there are enough that any honest person can be convinced of the truth of it. The act of laying on holy hands is rewarded when earnest prayer is offered and the promise is claimed just according as it is related in the book of James.

The cases recorded in our printed portion are all examples of faith for without faith it is impossible to please God. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16. God said, try me and prove me.

THE COMPASSION OF JESUS

November 9, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 9:1-9, 35-38.

Matt. 9:1. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

4. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5. For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, Arise, and walk?

6. But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7. And he arose, and departed to his house.

8. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

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

35. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Memory Verse: When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Practical Truth: Christlike compassion will constrain us to meet the spiritual and physical needs of men.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Compassion means, sorrow or pity excited by the misfortunes or distress of another. Jesus was moved with compassion when in the presence of physical suffering but his pity also went deeper than that for his mission to the world was to save men's souls. He saw them as sheep scattered and having no shepherd. The scribes read the law to them but had no pity on their souls. Notice is taken that Jesus is no respecter of persons. The publicans and sinners were brought into the kingdom of God. If the scribes and pharisees had humbled down they would have been ushered into the kingdom also; for we find in Acts 6:7 that "A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

Jesus suffered and was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. We also are called to suffering for we are in his place in this world and as he lives in us and through us we can minister to the spiritual needs of humanity. "Now we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Oh, God, give us compassion, more compassion for the lost in sin, help us O our God, to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest.

JESUS COMMISSIONS THE TWELVE

November 16, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 10:1, 5-7, 24-27, 34-39.

Matt. 10:1. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not.

6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

24. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub how much more shall they call them of his household?

26. Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed: and hid, that shall not be known.

27. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

34. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me.

39. He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Memory Verse: He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Practical Truth: Effective service is possible to those whom Christ calls and empowers.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Last week Jesus told the disciples to "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." In this lesson today they themselves are to answer their own prayers. So if God puts a burden of prayer upon our hearts we may be the ones to be called to answer our own prayers. All who belong to Christ have some work to do. None are exempted. We are to tell the wanderer how to find God. Tell them that Jesus is the only door into the kingdom of God. He must hear the voice of the shepherd and follow him, or perish in the wilderness. Jesus is the only one who can cure the plague of sin. Jesus is the bread of life. We must feed on him to satisfy the longing of the soul. Jesus is the light, we must walk in him or we'll walk in darkness. Jesus is the fountain, we need to wash our sins in his blood; (Rev. 1:5) to appear before him in clean, white raiment.

To have Christ dwelling in the soul is to have power over all the power of the enemy. Luke 10:19. So when persecutions come, there is no need to fear, just trust it into the hands of a loving God whose Son trod all the way before us, and knows what is best. Remember our God

knows when he gives us work to do, what he can qualify us to do when we fully surrender to him.

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JESUS' THANKSGIVING—AND OURS

November 23, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 11:2-6, 25-30.

Matt. 11:2. Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3. And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4. Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5. The blind receive their sight, and the lame, walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

25. At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Memory Verse: The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. *Psa. 126:3.*

Practical Truth: We should be thankful to God for both the spiritual and temporal blessings that are ours.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We have the great invitation recorded here; there is no other like it in all the world. Before Jesus gave this invitation he showed to John's disciples the works he was doing of healing and preaching the gospel to the poor which would be convincing proof to John as he knew these predictions concerning the Messiah. Then he showed how thankful he was to his Father that he hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. (The wise and prudent are the proud and the babes are the unlearned and humble who were receptive.) Also he showed them that he was the one who had divine authority to give such a general invitation to all who were loaded down with legalistic religion which could not bring peace to the soul. His great invitation also included those who were crushed down by sin and guilt for those who were humble he could lift their burden. The yoke of the law was a galling one but Christ has a yoke that is saturated with love so that when we learn of him through submission and trust, the temper of our soul will be like his. A Christian should be thankful for all things at all times.

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JESUS' LAW OF DOING GOOD

November 30, 1952

Printed Portion.....Matthew 12:1-14.

Matt. 12:1. At that time Jesus went on the sabbath

day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

2. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

3. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

4. How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

5. Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

6. But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

7. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

9. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10. And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12. How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

Memory Verse: Follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. *3 John 11.*

Practical Truth: The traffic in alcoholic beverages is detrimental to human welfare.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are many who are after what they call the "big dollar" rather than looking after the interests of mankind. In the greed for the accumulation of dollars, bargain driving, thefts, drunkenness, revelry, wars, and such like exist with little or no thought for the welfare of those who are stripped of even the necessary things, just so they can gratify their carnal appetite.

Jesus made it very plain in his teaching that man was more important than money or any traditions of people who were like the Pharisees. He said in his teaching that the sabbath was made for man and therefore the Son of man was Lord even of the sabbath. His pity for the man with the withered hand showed a compassion that the proud Pharisees and those like them do not show. Their actions and words showed them to be very hard hearted and unsympathetic. No wonder that Ezekiel said the stony heart should be taken out and replaced with a heart of flesh. Too few consider the welfare of those with whom they come in contact. Those with whom we come in contact (our world) are the ones we must give account as to how we treated them. We need to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit day by day and follow his leading as to our conduct before our God and our fellowman. C. W.