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### The Anvil — God's Word

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he, and then, with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word,  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone.  
—Author Unknown

### Believing and Behaving

"What's good tonight?" I addressed the question to a busy waitress as she prepared to take my order.

Without the slightest embarrassment she answered, "How should I know? I eat at home!"

Later, thinking over the vagaries of human behavior, I strolled down the street to be accosted by a newsboy: "Paper, Mister?"

"Well, maybe," I rejoined. "What's the news?"  
"I dunno, Mister—I never read the paper!"

Still later, while an energetic young colored boy wearing dirty saddle shoes beat out a rapid tattoo upon my dusty footwear, I listened with great interest while a bald-headed barber described a tonic guaranteed to raise hair.

Inconsistency? Yes, but no more so than the sad spectacle of professing Christians who give little evidence of being possessing Christians. As a wise old preacher once remarked: "There are two things we must do: believe the Gospel, and behave the Gospel."

Nothing could be more explicit than the Scriptural admonition for the children of God to "be doers of the Word, and not hearers only." A Bible teacher once reminded us, "We've had a feast of Bible interpretation, and a famine of Bible application!"

The United Press some time ago reported how maintenance men at the University of California dis-

covered that termites had eaten through a large stack of pamphlets in the mailing room. The title of the pamphlets: "Control of Termites." It was one thing to explain the theory of termite control in a pamphlet—and quite another to put the theory into practice!

The thinking Christian is not only aware of the truths contained in God's Word, but is faithful in applying them in his own experience. His entire personality is permeated by his conception of God. He is careful to heed the instruction of God's Word to be the "servant of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart," and to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God . . . holding forth the Word of Life."

Too many are like the lad who knelt beside his bed one night and prayed: "Lord, make me a good boy. Not real good, but good enough to keep from getting spanked!" We need the reminder of Horace Mann, who is reported to have said: "I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about the acts of the apostles!"

God wonderfully designed the blueprint for Christian living. He has promised to make His will clear to the earnest seeker, and places at our disposal all that we need to execute His purpose in our lives. In the words of Jesus, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17). Again, "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities . . . Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:15, 16).

Missionaries, entering a district where they believed the Gospel had never gone, sought to impress the natives with the infinite holiness of Christ. To their amazement, the natives cried: "We know Him! We know Him! He used to live here!"

Patiently the missionaries explained that the One of whom they spoke had lived centuries before, in a different part of the world. Still the villagers insisted that they knew Him because He used to live there.

It was learned that years before a single soldier of the Cross had entered the village. His ministry seemed to bear little fruit, but the ineffable sweetness of his personality had been so Christ-like that it had made an indelible impression upon the minds of his hearers.

Could that be said of you? Would that be the testimony of your friends—of the members of your family? "The fragrance of Christ is the perfume of His people." Is your life sweetened by His indwelling presence so that others really see Him in you?

May God give us the burning urgency in our hearts to love Christ and to live Christ. May we remember that when we are saved by grace we cannot disgrace. May we praise Him with our lives as well as with our lips as we believe the Gospel and behave the Gospel.

—Selected.

### — oOo — Redemption

The authors of the dictionaries define the word **redemption** as "the act of deliverance, release, repurchase," etc. The redemption through Christ is the deliverance or repurchase of man. Man in his original primeval state enjoyed unity and an affinity with God. Because of transgression on the part of man this natural agreement between God and man was destroyed. All creation—herb, and tree, beast and fowl, and man—was pronounced very good by the Creator as he beheld it in review after creation. Gen. 1:29-31.

But because of Eden's sin the very nature of all things became changed. The ground became cursed, and thorns and thistles sprang up. Gen. 3:17, 18. The nature of the beast creation no doubt became affected by man's transgression. Gen. 6:7, 11-13. The transgression in Eden was the entrance of sin into this world. Rom. 5:12. Previous to this all in the world was sinless harmony, and the earth itself uncursed by thorns and thistles. By the entrance of sin man's nature became changed, and since the nature of man became depraved there has not been a single individual born of the flesh but has possessed a depraved nature, except the child conceived by the Holy Spirit. The Psalmist says: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." Ps. 51:5.

This same is true of every child. The nature of the child in its formation in the womb is depraved. The moral condition of the parents may modify to an extent, but never wholly change that nature. The child does not inherit a depraved nature from its parents; it is not because the parents are depraved that the child is conceived in sin, but because nature is depraved. It required a supernatural conception to beget a pure child, everything in nature being depraved. The child does not inherit either physical or moral image directly from its parents. It is true the child generally bears a marked resemblance to the parent both physically and morally, but on the whole it is born in the image of Adam, morally and physically. It is generally the case that if a parent have three arms or possess but one, his offspring will have two, receiving its physical image from the first created man. Should the parents be holy, the child will possess a carnal nature, because it is the nature of all the race.

How holy parents beget children depraved in nature is a puzzling problem to some minds, especially to those who are busying themselves about the intricate matters of God. This need be no more puzzling

than a deformed parent begetting perfectly formed children. Nature, in embryo, begins its work of forming both the physical and moral image of the child, which is after the similitude of the original parents and not the immediate ones. While justification, which is the forgiveness of actual transgression, the inevitable result of a depraved nature, is a wonderful and glorious achievement of grace, it is but a very small part of the redemption of Christ. The supernatural overthrow of the depraved nature by the power of the Holy Spirit is the principal and real redemptive work. The pardon of committed sins is the clearing away of the rubbish or preparation work, for the Third Person in the Holy Trinity to effect a revolution in the nature of man. Hallelujah to God! This change in nature is more wonderful than the revolting of nature at the command of Joshua. Man now, instead of being depraved in nature, is restored to his original holy nature.

This destruction of the carnal nature and the restoration of the original nature is accomplished by the Holy Spirit at the moment of his reception as an indwelling comforter. Peter teaches this truth when he says: "God, which knoweth the hearts [or nature], bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us [at Pentecost]; and put no difference between us and them [Gentiles], purifying their hearts by faith."—Acts 15:8, 9. Purifying the heart is the purification of man's affections, or nature. This is accomplished at the time of the giving of the Holy Ghost as declared in the last text; and this purifying of the hearts of the Gentiles at the giving of the Holy Ghost, is just what was done for the apostles at Pentecost. This is a plain undeniable fact taught in the text. To turn to philosophizing upon how we can be conceived with a carnal nature, or how we can be converted and yet be depraved in nature is to soon become spoiled through vain deceit after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ. Col. 2:8. In the very nature of things and according to the word of God, pardon of sins necessarily precedes the destruction of the carnal depraved nature by the Holy Spirit. In the fall of man there was the act of transgression and also a change in man's moral image. In his restoration there must be a pardon of transgression and subsequently a change in nature.

It is a law of God that the redemption of man be accomplished through faith, by his grace. Our faith can not reach beyond our knowledge. By knowledge we mean a real soul-consciousness or conviction and not an intellectual knowledge. At this point many a dear soul has erred from the truth. They have endeavored to bring their faith up to their intellectual knowledge, which ends in presumption. True Bible faith is grounded in the soul. It results from a soul-knowledge, or conviction. To accept pardon of sins or healing of body with only an intellectual knowledge of these blessings and not a real heart-conviction is mere presumption, and ends in failure and disgrace. To follow the comprehensions of the intellect, and not the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit upon the soul, concerning the mysteries of God's salvation is to be led into error, because the intellect can not fathom

the things of God. We do now emphatically say, according to God's established law, that no unregenerated heart can have a comprehension or conviction of a corrupt moral nature and its purification. Why? Because transgression stands between it and purity. The awakened guilty soul knows nothing but its guilt, and for forgiveness only does it plead. After being pardoned the soul gains a knowledge of carnality, and it is then convicted for the second cleansing.

Those who believe that purity of heart is attained in pardon take as a basis of such belief the language of Paul in 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 8:1-7; and similar texts. Now the apostle often speaks of full salvation, or complete redemption of the soul, in a general way. He says that "salvation is by the grace of God through faith." By this he does not mean justification only, but sanctification as well. He has not specified the two works, but has spoken of full salvation in a general way of being by grace through faith. Thus Eph. 2:8-10 includes full salvation. In 2 Cor. 5:17 he again speaks of full salvation in a general way. It is true we are in Christ when converted, but we are none the less in him when sanctified. To say that Paul is referring to the justified only in this text is an error. By the two preceding verses we have reason to believe he is referring to those who are wholly sanctified. This then is no proof text that carnality is destroyed in justification, because you can not prove that he is referring to those who are only justified. In conclusion we would say that Christ came to redeem man only. Beast and bird have no part in the redemption. They shall perish. The earth is not redeemable, but being under the curse—spotted by sin—it shall be destroyed. By C. E. Orr printed in the Gospel Trumpet June 8, 1899.

### The Door

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20.

Each of us has the privilege of shutting or opening the door of our hearts to Jesus, as He stands there and knocks. We may shut our hearts, ears, eyes, against Jesus; but on the other hand, we may also shut our heart's door against the evils of the world and open it for Jesus. But how terrible to shut our hearts' door against Jesus and God's mercy! We are told that in the days of Noah when all the righteous were safe in the ark that "God shut the door." No doubt people knocked at the door of the ark, but Noah could not open it because God had shut the door, and it was too late. There may be a time when we will want to open our hearts' door for Jesus to come in; but it will be too late. He will not be knocking. We read of the ten virgins; five were foolish and five were wise. The five foolish did not have enough oil in their lamps, and while they went to get more oil the bridegroom came and the door was shut. Afterwards the five foolish came and said, "Lord, Lord, open to us." But it was too late. The door was shut, never to open again to them. Now when the door of God's mercy

is closed, it will be too late. Oh, please open your heart's door today and let Jesus come into your heart. Just now, while he is knocking and while you are in your right mind and all is well, let Him in. He will bless you and forgive your sins and roll the burden away and put a new song in your heart and mouth.

The door of heaven was shut against the proud Pharisee's heart and was opened to hear the prayer of the humble penitent sinner.

As I was meditating on the subject of God shutting the door to Noah's ark, the thought came to me why God shut the door instead of Noah. God knew the heart of Noah, and possibly if some of Noah's friends or loved ones had come and knocked on the door pleading for entrance, he might have submitted to letting them in. But this was not God's plan, for they had to be ready before destruction came upon them. In the so-called churches of today, man can open the door of man's church and let in whom he pleases whether they are fit subjects or not; but God's church is quite different. No one can get in unless he is saved. Jesus is the door, and each one must come through Jesus to get in. What a welcome the sinner receives when he hears Jesus knocking at his heart's door! As he opens his heart's door, at the same time the door of God's church is opened, and he is welcomed in. The angels in heaven rejoice. So the ark is a type of God's church. We come in when we are saved from our sins, and only sin will put us out.

—Flossie Atha.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND WHO PASSED ON JANUARY 3, 1953,—Sister Wiggins.

I miss you, Daddy darling,  
My heart is filled with pain,  
Your tender voice I hear no more,  
But memories still remain.

I know that you are resting  
In Jesus' loving care,  
And I will soon be with you  
In that home so bright and fair.

Where there's no pain nor heartaches,  
No tears, our Saviour says,  
A land of bliss and sunshine  
And life throughout the years.

So wait for me, my darling;  
It won't be but a span,  
We'll see each other face to face  
And clasp each other's hand.

We'll walk and talk with Jesus,  
We'll see His nail scarred hands,  
We'll praise Him through eternity  
In that fair and happy land.

Anger and worry are the most unprofitable conditions known to man. While they are in possession, mental, physical, and spiritual growth are suspended. Anger is a highway robber, and worry is a sneak thief.

H. Flethcher.

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Ames, Okla.—I am asking all the saints scattered abroad who read this to please earnestly pray for me. Sores come inside my mouth and on my tongue which makes me very sick. I have been trying to get victory over this for several months.

I know God is still on the throne and prayer changes things. There are so few saints nowadays who believe in healing and will pray with me, so I am writing to you to ask you saints to pray and believe with me. I know God can supply every need and I am still leaning on His outstretched arms. He has touched my body many times before and I know he can again. Praise the Lord.

About three weeks ago I prayed very earnestly for the Lord to help in a trial I was having, and He so sweetly stayed beside me through it all and answered prayer. How wonderful to have such a friend. I am more encouraged than ever to press on and stay true. I get so much help and encouragement from the testimonies in the "Faith and Victory" paper. I know very few of them, but I hope to meet you all in heaven, where there is no more sickness, sorrow, and parting.

There are so few that will take time to pray with me, they are all in such a hurry. The world is all in such a rush and no time for the worth while things. May God bless you one and all.

—A sister in Jesus.

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**Editorials**

This is the second issue of the paper in the new year of 1954, and our hearts are rejoicing in Him to know that he makes it possible for us to send forth this little messenger of truth and righteousness again to our many readers. We want our readers to rejoice in spirit with us in God because of the good that is being done by sending forth the Gospel of Christ by the printed page. The little paper with its load of heavenly bread reaches many souls in the hedges and byways, jails and penal institutions that evangelists never come in contact with. Many become happy in Christ and ready for heaven that otherwise would grope on in darkness, sorrow, and grief, and have a disappointed ending. The little gospel tracts, the silent preachers, are going out continually and reaching into the nooks and corners of the earth; and they tell their truthful story over and over again and again, as one will receive them and pass them on to others who in turn get blessed and burdened for their loved ones or friends to read them, too. Thus the work of God moves on by the generally unseen hand of God, gathering souls unto Christ, who in time to come will present them to the Father as His spiritual bride or wife. They have suffered for Him in this sinful world, having washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and overcome evil by their faith in God and their testimony of his saving and keeping grace. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all of His benefits.

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Quite often folks ask us to tell them how this work at Faith Publishing House is carried on or kept up. As the name implies, it is purely a faith work, and is not kept up and going by commercial profits; but is a servant of the church of God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. The mail and principal supplies come from the members of His body, which is the church or family of God functioning in the world but are not of the world. They are kept from the evils of this world by the power of God living and working in their souls. These supplies are given freely as a gift to the work as God moves on his children by His Spirit.

Those who help do the work in the print shop and office are directed by the Lord to come and help get the gospel out to men by the printed page. We make them no promise of any stipulated salary or wages; but they, being consecrated to the service of God, come of their own free-will, looking to God by faith to supply their temporal needs. We live as one family here, making God first in everything. When there is a need, we tell the Lord about it and ask Him to have mercy on us and to supply and He does that for His children. We generally have from two to four workers in the office. We meet in the front room of the dwelling house every morning at seven o'clock for worship. We do not have any cut and dried rule in worship; but generally we have two songs and then one in turn reads some out of the word of God and we all kneel and pray unto God, thanking Him for His many blessings and asking Him for grace and strength for the day and the supplying of all needs.

Many times prayer requests come in which we remember in prayer before the throne of grace, besides telling God about them in our private prayers and devotion through the day. No one is retained in the work unless we are convinced that they are saved and consecrated unto God, and in this way it is like heaven in the home and heaven in the print shop. Truly the saints of God have a heaven to go to heaven in. Every evening after supper we gather in the front room and have our family devotions and pray for one another.

Just yesterday morning one of the workers was sick and unable to work. She called for prayer and was anointed according to the word, and prayed for. She went on to her work, and she testified when eating her noon day meal that if the Lord had not touched her she would have been unable to work. It is precious to keep our faith fully in God. The Lord loves his faithful and obedient children and will help them just as he has promised in his word. James 5:13, 14, and 15. I like the chorus of the song which is as follows: "Stand by the cross, soldier, stand;

Victory will come by and by;  
Stand by the cross, soldier, stand;  
And we'll conquer though we die."

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In this issue of the Faith and Victory paper we have two articles taken from the Gospel Trumpet paper which was printed in 1899. The year before this, an anti-cleansing doctrine had begun to work among the saints of God, and some of the ministers had been deceived into it. Their teaching was that all carnality, depravity, or impurity transmitted to the human race by the fall of Adam was cleansed out or destroyed when one was justified and that there was no cleansing in the second work, sanctification, the in-filling of the Holy Spirit. Some of them even claimed that there was no evil principal or impurity transmitted to man by the fall. It is strange that men who once had light on the cleansing in the second work, which is sanctification, could become so blinded as to deny what God had done for them and take up with a false doctrine. In the Gospel Trumpet paper of June 22, 1899 is a full report of these ministers being renounced, giving their names and the reason for renouncing them.

I believe it would please the Lord for us to quote some of what was written in regard to this matter.

Quote: "For some time past our readers are aware of the element and false doctrines and false spirits opposing the teachings that have in the past been going forth on the subject of sanctification and other lines, and certain ones had been exposed some time ago. Nearly all of those parties, with others, were present at the meeting claiming their object was to investigate the matter concerning their teaching. They desired a chance to set forth their doctrines of heresy publicly, or before all the ministry—which meant a public discussion—but as their doctrines had been exposed publicly before some of them over one year ago and at different times since, and as they had been privately labored with and shown the error of their doctrine and warned against the false spirit that

caused them to propagate the same, and also some of the ministers had spent over two days with them recently, trying to show them their error, we considered it wisdom to give no place to a public discussion of a thing that was known to be a heresy. However, as they have also claimed that they have been misunderstood, they were asked to put their teachings in writing, which would then be considered before the ministry. This was done by those who were present who had taken up and taught that doctrine: Namely, W. A. Haynes, W. J. Henry, J. A. Smith, J. E. Chase, E. G. Masters, E. S. Soan, E. W. Durkee, S.C. Dickason, and Frank McCann. And after they having spent two days in arranging the same it was afterwards read publicly before the congregation and ministers and refuted by the word of God, showing not only the falsity of the doctrine but the spirit that propagated the same. It was so full of error and false teaching, misapplication and perverting of the word of God, that almost all present were made to realize the awful deceptions which the Devil is trying to impose upon the Church of God. The meetings had been very much hindered on account of permitting this element to have influence without a public exposure, but when it was given God witnessed the same at the close of the service by an outpouring of his Spirit and about forty persons flocking to the altar seeking salvation and deliverance through Jesus Christ. Most of those under that teaching soon left the ground, and the work of God went on with power, and those who remained and were affected by that doctrine began to feel the effects of the melting power of God and were constrained to acknowledge the same and yield to the wooings of the Holy Spirit.

"J. W. Henry, of whom mention has been made heretofore, desired to make a public statement, which he did, and after the doctrine was exposed by the word of God, and the spirit of the same rebuked, he arose and confessed that he saw the doctrine was false, and said, it truly is a slimy doctrine of the Devil, and underneath it all is a spirit of deception and that the whole foundation was based upon the idea that the soul was given directly from God at birth, without a scripture to prove the same, it being founded upon scientific and philosophical principals and reasoning, and not upon the word of God. In fact the whole thing is founded upon an "if" that "if" such and such a thing is true, something else is true. But we have no time to parley with such unsound doctrines and risk our souls upon a belief that is founded upon an "if." Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'We speak that we do know.' John 3:11".—End of quote.

This article goes on to say that there were others in the west who had taken up with this heresy and they were also renounced. Their names were: F. Husted, J. M. Harrington, A. A. Kinzie, Price McCully, W. Christ. Besides W. J. Henry who renounced the heresy and came back with the saints of God was E. G. Masters who had been carried away with the wind of doctrine. He renounced it and came back later.

The two articles spoken of heretofore, which we are inserting in this issue of the paper, will show the

error of this heresy and also give some good Bible teaching that shows the truth on the subject. I deem these articles to be timely and of great help to the true saints everywhere. One of the articles is by the late C. E. Orr, and the other is written by George L. Cole.

Those ministers who were renounced have not been heard of very much, it seems, and we understand that some of them got off into some kind of tongues deception, and others no doubt died without being ready to meet God. After the space of fifty-five years, the Devil is trying to press this same false doctrine on the Remnant of God's people who have stood against the flood of worldliness that has swallowed up so many of the dear saints. It seems that the Devil failed in getting this anti-cleansing doctrine in the hearts of God's people, but he slyly worked in a compromising spirit upon them and strangled the most of them with worldliness and worldly wisdom together with copying after sectarianism, and in so doing lost real faith in God.

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The State Assembly meeting held at Guthrie, Okla. during the holidays was well attended and the interest was good throughout the meeting. A number of ministers were present from different states; namely from La., Mo., Kansas., and different parts of Okla. The Word went forth with power of the Spirit and unction from above. A few souls got saved along through the meeting, but on New Years Day in the afternoon service there was a real breaking up and breaking through and the altar filled up time and again with seekers. Many of them came weeping; some for salvation and others consecrating and receiving the second work of cleansing and infilling of the Holy Ghost. The altar service lasted until near dark. Then on the second day of the new year at the night service there was another breaking thru as the Spirit of God was poured out from above and many came sobbing and weeping and fell down before God with broken and contrite spirits, pouring out their souls in repentance toward God. The altar work went on until nearly one o'clock in the morning. It was truly a glorious time in Zion. A good unifying spirit prevailed all through the meeting. There were souls saved in this meeting who no doubt will be pillars in the Church of God in years to come. Let us all pray one for the other.

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A brother living in Anderson, Ind. supplied the two books for which I advertised in the January issue of this paper. It seems that the Lord just had them waiting there for us. These books contain the 1899 and 1900 issues of the Gospel Trumpet papers.

### Obituary

John Hubert Wilson was born in Forest City, Mo. Nov. 1, 1886 and passed away Dec. 10, 1953. His parents were Jeremiah Heriod and Ada Ann Wilson.

When a young man, he came to Oregon, Mo. and with his brother Earl established the Wilson Blacksmith Shop which he maintained until his last illness. In 1914 he was married to Winnie Bell Brodbeck.

Their children are: George of Tacoma, Wash.; Mrs. Edith Frey of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mrs. Erma Campbell,

Skidmore, Mo.; and Mrs. Betty Ann McComb of Chicago and Oregon, Mo. There are five grandchildren. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Lula Black of Montana and Mrs. Jessie Cain and one brother Earl both of Oregon, Mo.

His life was an example of what he believed. He was a true believer in the "one church of God" doctrine and he attended the services as long as his health permitted.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Pettijohn funeral Chapel conducted by Brother Ed Whipple, text: 2 Cor. 5:1; Rev. 14:13. He was buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

If death my friend and me divide  
Thou dost not, Lord, my sorrow chide,  
Or frown my tears to see.  
Restrained from passionate excess,  
Thou biddest me mourn in calm distress  
For them that rest in Thee.

I feel a strong immortal hope,  
Which bears my mournful spirit up  
Beneath its mountain load;  
Redeemed from death, grief, and pain,  
I soon shall find my friend again  
Within the arms of God.

Pass a few fleeting moments more  
And Death the blessing shall restore  
Which Death has snatched away.  
For me thou wilt the summons send,  
And give me back my parting friend  
In that eternal day.

—Selected by Bro. Ed Whipple

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### NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Nine and three-fourth miles south-east of Okeene, Okla. is a congregation known as "The Church of God,"—a rugged pioneer people, who with their children and grandchildren love the good old country ways both spiritually and temporally. A good community, but God in His infinite wisdom is the only one who is able to make people TRULY GOOD. It takes His righteousness planted deeply in the heart to give anyone that fruit of the Spirit called "Goodness."

Over thirty-five years ago the TRUTH began to be lived and planted here. From time to time faithful gleaners have come, and do come, this way from Dover, Hennessey, and Guthrie, and a holy remnant is being gathered out.

The annual November assembly meeting has come and gone. The Word was rich, glorious, and heart-searching as it fell from the lips of the Lord's anointed from California. The power of God was present to save, sanctify, and heal. Several came forward to the altar of prayer and received help for their needs.

The Holy Spirit was also present to counsel, correct, and admonish where it was needed. True Christians learn to love the Rod and the Staff. They become a comfort to the humble. The meeting was truly a great victory.

Sisters Miles and Lee moved out from Hennessey to attend the meeting, and through Divine Providence will remain out here with their native friends and people. Please pray for the work here that it may move on in the order and fear of the Lord. —Ethel K. Miles.

Wichita, Kansas. Meeting convened from November 27th through Dec. 6th. The Word of the Lord went forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Some were saved, believers sanctified, and the church edified. We were truly made glad by the presence and power of the Lord.

Five followed the Lord in baptism. Ministers present from Oklahoma were, Sister Ada Davis, Sister Bessie Gordon and Bro. Ulysses Phillips; from California, were Brothers Isaac Chandler and O. B. Wilson.

We are thankful for God's mercy unto us. Pray for us.  
—Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor.

#### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY REPORT

Our California Assembly meeting was held from Dec. 25th to Jan. 3rd. It was a time of refreshing in our souls from the presence of the Lord. His Spirit was felt in every service. God gave liberty to his ministers, and the love of God was felt flowing from breast to breast. The truth was presented in a plain, simple manner and the listeners were stirred in their souls. There seems to be an increasing burden upon the saints here to do more missionary work. And the saints are praying as Jesus instructed his disciples to pray in Matt. 9:38: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Will you not also pray in this manner from your heart?

There were some souls saved, some sanctified, some healed, some baptized, and a large number took part in the ordinance of feet washing and the Lord's Supper.

God blessed in the Young People's meeting. It rejoices the hearts of older saints to see how the young people are growing in the Lord. It takes God to help young people to turn their backs upon the world and go "all out" for God. The pull of the world is very strong, and they naturally are full of vigor and vim. But to turn that all over to God will bring great joy and blessings to their souls.

Sister Vera Forbes had the children's meeting. She is gifted of the Lord to work with children, and the Lord blesses her for it.

There were those faithful few that worked in the kitchen and ministered to temporal needs of the saints. We all surely prayed God's blessings upon each one that showed their love to the saints.

We here in California should start thinking now about the camp meeting. Start canning fruit, sauces, vegetables, jellies as they come in their seasons for the campmeeting. Also, if you have some sacks for dish towels and some scraps of material to make large pot holders, they can be used. They can be sent to O. B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, Calif. Some nights are cool and some light quilts are needed, also sheets and pillow cases. We do this as unto the Lord, and look to the Lord for the blessings. Let us not forget that there is a monthly expense on the camp grounds. Ask the Lord about what He wants you to do about this. Send the same to Bro. Wilson. We thank the Lord for our camp grounds, and the Lord wants us to see about its upkeep. Have you done your duty? Your sister in Christ. —Marie Miles.

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### The Bible Standard

People are not usually apt to exchange their religious views unless they fancy in some way that their present views are wrong, not giving satisfaction; hence a craving for something they do not possess. All who have the true doctrine have met the conditions, and received grace from God to live accordingly, and the life proves the doctrine to be true. The doctrine teaches the life, but it would be dogmatic unless the life attested the same; but when it does, there is perfect satisfaction. If we cannot obtain grace to live

up to the doctrine we will very likely doubt the same and have reasons for it; but if we get the needed grace, a doubt would be impossible; therefore Jesus says, "If a man will do his will he shall know the doctrine." —John 7:17. Faith lands in knowledge when God's will is done. There may be doubts as to the genuineness of the will or doctrine before it is tested, but when tested by obedience revelation brings a knowledge that satisfies the heart which cannot be persuaded to relinquish its grasp upon the truth of the same, while eternal life reigns within and reason sits upon her throne. Persons that have never experienced the life contained in the doctrine of sanctification might change their views respecting the doctrine, over and over again being tossed to and fro like children, but when this life is revealed by the Spirit through obedience, "He shall know the doctrine," after which it is impossible to change views respecting the same until the grace of life is lost, and he becomes "blind and cannot see afar off and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

#### A DECEPTION OF THE DEVIL

Is the doctrine that there is no cleansing in the work of sanctification, everything being cleansed in the work of justification; the work of sanctification only a positive work, and that is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This doctrine has been refuted many times in The Gospel Trumpet, but those going into error still insist on teaching their false doctrine, even those who have professed sanctification in the light of the doctrine, that there is a cleansing as well as a baptism. As a basis for their new doctrine they claim that they are raising the standard of justification, but when the secret is known they simply deny the existence of the carnal nature, thus leaving the standard of justification identically as before and simply lower the standard of sanctification, denying the cleansing thereof, so if it is true that there is a sin principle in man, it is not cleansed out, and if not the Holy Spirit cannot possess the temple while this carnal element exists within, therefore all who seek sanctification as an infilling will receive nothing unless they receive a delusion from the Devil and believe a lie. No one can intelligently seek the experience of sanctification as a cleansing and infilling unless they consciously feel the need of a cleansing and infilling. If they deny the existence of carnality, they will not receive the Holy Spirit.

In speaking of this sin principle the Apostle John said, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8. Hence there is no satisfaction for such unless they repent and obtain deliverance from that error. The saints back in sectism have plead by the hour that God would baptize them with the Holy Ghost; they sought it as an infilling only and not as a cleansing, and not one of them obtained sanctification as we now enjoy it; but when they began to recognize that there was a cleansing needed, the real experience of sanctification, thus carnality was taken out of their hearts, the cause of division was taken out of them, and soon they received light on the one body—the church of God; hence the reformation that we now enjoy. We do not



hesitate to say that those who have sought, obtained, lived, and taught sanctification as a cleansing and in-filling, a negative and positive work, and now teach that there is no cleansing in the work of sanctification, have lost their experience and now possess a delusion instead.

But let us more carefully examine into their true condition. Suppose their present doctrine is correct, the former one must be false. The question then arises, Could they have obtained a real experience of sanctification through a false doctrine? No; "we are sanctified through the truth."—John 17:17. They must admit one of two things, either they did not obtain sanctification under the former doctrine, or if they did the doctrine is correct, and if correct their present one is false and they are now false teachers. If they have not renounced their former profession nor sought an experience under present doctrines they have no experience nor internal evidence as to genuineness of the same. The change in doctrine, virtually, forfeits all claim to their former experience, so they are unsanctified now because they have not sought it according to what they hold as true; thus being unsanctified they have lost their commission to preach and teach because no unsanctified person is commissioned to preach; therefore, they are scripturally disarmed and unable to set forth their new doctrine. No wonder the apostle says an heretic is "subverted and sinneth, being condemned of himself." "The blood cleanseth from all sin."—1 John 1:7. "The blood . . . wherewith he was sanctified."—Heb. 10:29. To deny the cleansing in sanctification is to deny the blood. Punishment only awaits such. See Heb. 10:26-29.

#### TO BE CLEANSED OUT

Sin as a principle, called "The sin that dwelleth in us," Rom. 7:17-20. This sin is said to revive when the commandment came, or at the age of accountability. See Rom. 7:9. It is called the "Body of this death," or margin, "This body of death." Rom. 7:24. "Sin in the flesh." Rom. 8:3. "Body of sin," Rom. 6:6; "Body of flesh," Col. 2:11. (See Emphatic Diaglott). The same is called "sin." 1 John 1:8. That this element is not our actual sins or transgressions, it is declared to be the cause of them. See Romans 6:6; 7:9, 17, 19, 20. And now in face of these scriptures we cannot deny the existence of carnality, which is sin that the blood cleanseth according to 1 John 1:7 and Heb. 10:29, in the work of sanctification.

—Geo. L. Cole from "Gospel Trumpet" May, 1899.

#### The Fear of Man Bringeth A Snare

"Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue, for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." John 12:42, 43. Jesus went about all Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. He healed the sick, he cast out demons with the word of his mouth, and performed many miracles and wonders among the people. His words were with such power and authority that the people

were convinced that he was more than an ordinary man. His works were so different, and so much more outstanding than anything they had ever witnessed until they were made to realize within their very innermost being that he was a "man sent from God." Some confessed that he was the Christ, the Son of God. Others, yes many others, believed. The Word of God says they "believed on him [Jesus] but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him." And the reason they would not confess him was they were afraid they would be put out of the synagogue. And worse yet, their hearts were so blinded to the value of eternal wealth and heaven-born fellowship, that they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

And I am persuaded that many in this present time—in these last days when men are lovers of themselves, proud, highminded, worldly position lovers, loving a high place among their fellowmen—who have heard the Word of God preached in its purity, clearly explained, proved and backed up by the Bible, have believed that the message was true, and yet they would not confess and accept it because they feared public censure—afraid they would be put out of the synagogue so to speak, or excommunicated. They would rather cater to public opinion than to submit to the Word of God.

Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" Mark 8:38. He said also, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." Lk. 12:8, 9.

The fear of man and the love of popularity is dragging many precious souls down in darkness, down to the regions of eternal night. Many are saying, "Yes, that is the truth," "that's Bible, all right," "Yes, that's so," "You're right,"— BUT "my folks." My folks this and my folks that. Dear ones, who are your folks? and what help will your folks be to you when you stand at the great tribunal bar of God and Jesus refuses to confess you because you would not confess him in this world? when he shall deny you before the angels of God because you denied him before men in this life? You had better stop and think a little. Jesus gave his life's blood on Calvary's cross to redeem your poor soul from the wrath to come. It is by the Word of God that you shall be judged in the last day and not by popular opinion and the ideas and flattery of your folks, or your group, or your associates. What this world needs is the fear of God. "The fear of the Lord, that will stand." "Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long" Prov. 23:17b. "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Prov. 29:25.

I realize there are many people who do not believe the Bible is of divine origin, do not believe in a coming judgment. There were many in Jesus' day who did not believe in a resurrection or a hereafter. Their hearts are so hardened by Satan and deceptive philosophy and so-called science until they never will



believe nor be persuaded until they come down to grapple arms with death (May God have mercy on this fast decaying world) and face the reality of a never ending eternity. This article is not addressed to such ones, but rather to those who believe, many of whom are making a profession of Christianity, and know that there is a better way of life according to the Word, and will not accept God's way but still hold on to man's way and their own will and way. Your ways are not my ways saith the Lord. The Lord's way is holy, upright, pure, and undefiled. It is a way that is free from sin and all the works of darkness, free from worldliness and pride, foolishness, and all such elements. Some say they do not want to be associated with such a common crowd. But the Word says, "The common people heard him gladly." They were not afraid of losing their reputation, or of becoming unpopular, and not afraid of what the populace might say about them. It is just as true today as it ever was, "The fear of man bringeth a snare." Some people are so afraid of the criticism of their friends that they refuse to go where the clear cut Word of God is preached. Dear ones, you are not ashamed of the little common crowd, you are ashamed of Jesus. And you do not feel clear to meet him right now unless you have been deceived and hardened by false doctrine.

May God help you to know God's way is right, to meet him in peace you must be right, and the fear of man bringeth a snare. —Ulysses Phillips.

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## Keep Your Vows

Dear saints everywhere, Greetings of love in Jesus' name: Today finds me still saved and looking to the Lord for all things I need for soul and body. The Lord is very precious to me. He is such a comfort. I don't know what I would do without Him. I dreaded Christmas this year, because for thirty-seven years I had a dinner at home with my husband and invited guests, except three years. But I looked to God for help and comfort and He blessed and comforted me. Praise His holy name! Saints, let us be more encouraged in the things of the Lord this coming year than ever before. God has wonderful blessings for His children if we strive to get closer to Him. Sometimes I am afraid we are too far away to see His smiles and hear His voice.

So many take the vows they make at the altar too lightly. Our vow to God at the altar is the same as our marriage vows which we take for husband or wife.

The marriage vows are for better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness or health, 'till death do us part. But today vows don't seem to mean anything. Even among some so-called saints they leave husband or wife for just any cause, which ought not to be. There is only one cause given in God's Word to put one away. Matt. 19:9. But nowadays some leave if the husband or wife says hard words. Hard words ought not to be, and if each will stay saved, or get saved, they won't be. But, remember, the vow for better or worse. It is better never to make a vow than to make it and

then break it. Some men fail to support a wife as they should: then, well, the wife leaves, which brings another broken vow. The husband promised to bestow all his worldly goods on his wife, to nourish and cherish her, and he fails. Must the wife fail? Better or worse was the vow. Sometimes husband or wife gets sick and not able to do what they should. What then? Oh, wife—in sickness or in health is what you said that day when your eyes were sparkles and you held his hand. What is more pitiful than an old sick man or woman with no one to care for them? The wife (or husband as the case may be) has gone to be with children and left their responsibility to someone else. God is not pleased with broken vows. You may say, "You don't know what I put up with"—he drank, or he was so close with his means that I could not put up with it. I know it is hard; all these things some saints have gone through with and God delivered in His own time and way. And then the one who had done their duty could rejoice that they had kept the vows, and it is honorable.

Girls, take warning and do not marry out of the faith. And if one should backslide after marriage, look to God for grace to keep your vows. God is looking on and the world is looking on. Oh! one says, my husband would get into a rage and I was afraid of him. "Better or worse." Stay with the Lord; trust Him; and stay with husband or wife. Do not leave them. I wish I could talk to everyone personally who is having trouble. God can and will give grace for every need. Husband, wife, be careful of words you say to each other. You will remember when one is laid away. If you are having any trouble at all, you pray, kiss, and make up.

This warning is to people who are married to one woman or man, for God does not expect people who are in adultery to stay together.

Love to all, Sister Catherine Simpson, 705 White St., Hammond, La.

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## Are You Saved or A Church Member Only?

I have felt like I should write on this subject for some time, so with the help of the Lord I am doing it.

When asking some if they are saved and believe in Christ, the answer we get many times is: I belong to this or that church.

Dear friends, belonging to or putting one's name upon a church book will never save us from hell. Only repentance of our sins and then serving God, leaving the things of this world behind is going to keep us from hell. The doorway to heaven and to life is Jesus. Read John 14:6. The Lord came into this world to save sinners. He did not teach us to join ourselves to some man-made church book. Read 1 Tim. 1:15.

Some think and teach that if you will join up with them you are saved and on the road to heaven. How sad that great day will be for them! Most of the so-called churches of today will allow one to continue on in the same old way he has always gone. I was awakened to this when I was much younger and my name

was on the Baptist church book. There were some new boys who moved into our neighborhood. We were trying to get them to attend church services. A girl friend and I asked them to join us at church. To our surprise, they said, "What is the difference in our lives and yours? You go to shows on Saturday night and then go to church on Sunday to try to cover up your sins."

Dear ones, that saying stayed with me on down through my life, and I was never satisfied until I was born again and saw the true light and came out of that darkness.

That is the trouble with so many people, they are trying to cover up their sins. We can not cover them up from God. Praise the Lord! And if we will be honest with God, He is going to lead us out of those things and take away all desires of the things of the world.

When we are saved, we are born into His church, and there is no other way in. I am thankful for that true way today.

Seek the Lord today, while He may yet be found, then you will be happy in the Lord as you have never been before. So dear friends, please ask yourselves the question: Am I saved, or do I still do the things of the world and have my name on a man-made church book? There is a difference, dear ones.

I was asked just this week by a woman who has known me all my life: "What is the matter with you? You used to be such a good Baptist and helped us so much. Now you won't come at all." I told her I was saved to serve the Lord and had no desire to do the things of the world now and had come away from those things.

May the Lord help you and lead you out, is my prayer.  
—Mrs. Nels Allen.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray earnestly for Sister M. G. Olson of Portland, Ore. She seems to have a very very bad heart ailment and is getting weaker very fast of late.

Brother Charles Bailey of Hammond, La. is seriously afflicted with heart trouble. Will the saints please pray for him?

## CORRESPONDENCE

W. Va.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May God's richest blessings be to each one in love from one of God's family. I've stepped out by faith on God' promise, knowing He never will fail or leave me alone. Dear children of God, be encouraged and look up and know that He is soon coming after His faithful saints. Read Psalms 37 and 107. I've left all, and did all I knew to do to measure up. Satan will never leave us alone until our Lord says, "It is enough."

How I praise Him for healing my body and thank all my good brothers and sisters in the Lord that prayed for me. I still want all that read this to pray I will stay humble and labor for our Lord.

May God richly bless each one. The golden morn is fast approaching. We can see it through this night of gloom.

A sister through Jesus in Christian love,  
Mrs. Betty Robbins.

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W. Va.—Dear ones in Jesus,—I feel impressed to write a word of thanks to all the dear saints who prayed with us for our son, who was critically injured in an automobile accident while serving in the army at Fort Devens, Mass. on June third.

After receiving a telegram telling us of our son's accident, and asking us to come at once. We immediately called on God to spare our son a conscious mind until we could get there, and until he could be saved. God answered our prayer, praise His dear name.

We went by plane to Boston. There we were met by The American Red Cross, who drove us to the Army hospital at Fort Devens. God was so very near us all the way, comforting and consoling our hearts. This was our first time to fly, but we were not afraid, nor did we get sick. God seemed so near. Away above the clouds looking out of plane we were made to realize that the earth and the heavens, above, belong to the God we have been serving for many years.

The Doctor met us at the ward door and told us just what to expect. He said, our son was so badly injured that he could give us no hope, that the only thing in his favor was that he was young. We were then allowed to go in to see our boy. There were two doctors and three nurses by his bed. They made room for Mr. Brown and me to step to the bedside. We saw at once that our prayer had been answered, for although it looked like he could not last very long, he was conscious and spoke in a faint voice. God saved our boy in answer to 'his prayer. For many days he lay just clinging to life in the face of death. God was so precious to us during those days.

We sent requests to God's people every where we knew, and Sister Georgianna Sayre sent a request to the "Faith and Victory." For many days it was hard to believe God would raise him up. But thanks be to God. He strengthened our faith; and thanks to all of God's people, who agreed with us in behalf of our son's healing. In one month's time the Army flew him to Washington, D. C. to the Walter Reed Army Hospital, because he had lost his right leg, and this is where they send the amputees. He was worse after the trip. Again we asked God to come on the scene in his behalf, which He did, praise our God. Every time he would get worse, we would go to God, standing on His precious promises and believing.

It has now been six months since he was injured. He is much better, and in his wheel chair. He may get to come home soon for a few days. The best of all is that he is saved. Thank God. His surviving is a surprise to the doctors and nurses. To those who trust God, we know that nothing is impossible with God; also that His promises are sure and steadfast.

Thank every one of you who prayed with us. Continue to pray that we will be overcomers to the end in Jesus' name.  
Mrs. Eula Brown.

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La.—Dear saints,—We would like to send in our testimony to report victory in our souls. It has been quite a while since we wrote in to the "Faith and Victory" paper, so we felt led to write a little to testify that the Lord is still the same as He has always been and will still do as much for us, now, as He did for the old-time saints if we will only put our trust and confidence in Him like they did.

We have had a burden before the Lord for the last few days and we surely had a trial of our faith for a while, but the Lord has come to our rescue. We surely thank Him for his watchfulness over us.

We desire that the Lord would use us to His glory and that we ever be found in His will. So, when you think of us, pray that the Lord will make His will known and that we will be willing to follow Him.

Dale and Dora Doolittle.

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Calif.—To Bro. Pruitt,—I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" and tonight I love this straight and holy way. I promised the Lord if He healed me, I would send in my testimony.

When I found the Lord I was sick and had been for three years. I got saved at home and really didn't know where to go. I went to different churches, but got no satisfaction. I asked the Lord to lead and guide me where He would have me. So, a neighbor lady asked me to go to church with her. When I heard the first Holy Ghost message I was satisfied. The message was on healing. I said then, I would trust God for everything.

About two months later I got worse and my parents put me in a hospital where I stayed five weeks, but God took hold and healed me. The doctor didn't give me any medicine. So, tonight I am healed and am giving God all the praise. I do hope and pray every honest soul can learn that our Saviour is a healer.

Sister N. Jennings.

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9911. Ariz.—To the saints scattered abroad,—I send greetings. This leaves me yet saved and fully trusting the dear Lord for everything, both spiritually and temporally. I find the Lord a present help in every time of need, and I mean by His help and grace to go all the way with Jesus, for I realize heaven is cheap at any cost.

I had been ill for several days, so I told the Lord if He healed me I would send my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. He has touched my body and made it every whit whole, for which I give Him all the praise and glory.

I desire the prayers of the saints for my unsaved family and for me.

Yours in the one Way, Bertha Slaughter.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I promised the Lord the other night if He would touch the baby and help him sleep I would write my testimony and tell what the Lord did for him.

Jesus is so precious to me and it is my whole heart's desire to please Him and do all He would have me to do. Please pray for my husband and me that we will ever do His precious will. Your sister in Christ, Dorothy Mason.

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Ohio—Dear saints of God everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am glad today for salvation in my soul. I am so thankful that I love to trust Him, and I thank Him for the many times that He has answered prayer for me. I have a friend in Jesus, He is everything to me. Won't you put your soul in the hands of the Master, who can save you from your sins?

The same God that can save souls can also heal our bodies.

If any feel led to write to me, I would be glad to hear from any of the saints.

Ethel Mohr.

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Mich.—Dear ones in Christ,—I am writing to give you my testimony of what our Lord has done for us. Four and a half years ago I sent to you for an anointed hand-

kerchief to put on my husband when he lost his mind temporarily, and God answered prayer and restored his mind. He has the diabetes, as you know, but he is off the insulin and on a strict diet. He is home with me again, after four years in the hospital and is getting along good. I felt led to give God all the praise, So I sent the testimony.

We do praise God for all He has done. He never fails. Praise His holy name. Pray for us both. We are both old and ailing. God bless each and every one of you, and may this new year bring many souls to Christ. Amen.

Your friend in Christ,

Mrs. Tom Colegrove.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—Greetings of holy love! Praise the Lord for his wonderful love! Today finds me encouraged and pressing on for Jesus. Seems like I have been so easily discouraged for some time now, but lately the dear Lord has been helping me so much. The enemy is so fast at work—trying to steal our souls away from us. But last night at prayer meeting the dear Lord gave me a special thought that was so encouraging. No matter what may come our way in life to upset us, there isn't anything worth more to us than our souls. There are so many small things the enemy can put before us and even make them look big and important to the extent that we get upset, out of the way, and discouraged. But when we look at it in the true light, they are but trifles and the enemy is only trying to rob us of our souls. So I see a great need of committing every thing to God to take care of in His own good way, and trusting Him fully about every matter, whether large or small.

Our little congregation here in Springfield is increasing in number and above all, it is becoming more spiritual. This is a great encouragement to me. Pray much for us, here, that we might be a bright and shining light in this dark city.

I promised the Lord I would write my testimony if He would heal me of a growth I had on my nose. Also a smaller one was on my forehead. They started about the time of the Monark campmeeting or shortly after. At first, they appeared only a scale. Not realizing what it was, I scratched the scale off. This left a raw place and it burned a lot until it would scab over. After a time or two of doing this, I began to realize something bad was wrong. Seemed like something told me it was skin cancer. At first, the scab would never hurt only to touch it, and then it felt sore. Once I bumped it and it hurt so bad, I felt like it must have torn it off. But it grew very fast, especially the one on my nose. It itched quite a bit and was very sore. It looked somewhat like a dark seed wart. Everyone that commented on it said they believed it was skin cancer. Although, I never had it examined. I knew the Lord knew what it was and that was sufficient. The saints got under the burden for me and God graciously heard and answered prayer. They both came off and there isn't any signs of them coming back. Praise our God forever! Surely we can't praise His name enough.

Also, our little girl got a part of two fingers mashed off. The flesh was off the tips of her fingers, practically to the bone. Husband took her to a doctor, but the Lord blessed her, even so. The doctor thought she would suffer so much and he recommended that I give her an aspirin every three hours. But the dear Lord took her suffering away and she played as soon as we got home with her. Then she slept good all night and never did suffer but very little. The fingers got very sore, but with scarcely any pain. They are all healed now, and we are so grateful to the Lord for sparing her life.

I need the prayers of the saints that I will be all the Lord expects of me. Truly I want to be ready to go, no matter the hour.

Love in Jesus, Mildred McIntosh.

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Mo.—Dear young saints,—This finds me encouraged in the Lord. I thank the Lord for being saved and sanctified. I thank Him for health and strength. I am realizing more what a great blessing it is to be well all the time. Different times I think how good the Lord is to me to give me good health and I ask Him to help me be careful to use all my strength in a way that would glorify Him.

I am asking the Lord to help me to be watchful and prayerful and diligent. 1 Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." We must not get the least bit slothful, for the devil is always ready to try to overthrow us. Ecclesiastes 8:8, "There is no discharge in that war." We must have the victory over sin, but our battle is not fully won until death. We only receive a crown if we endure to the end. Matthew 24:13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. If we don't endure to the end we have lost in the battle. If we continue to the end, our battle is won and we can rest over there.

11 John 1:8, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought (or the margin says that we have gained) but that we receive a full reward. May the Lord help us to hold fast to our experience with the Lord.

The Lord made it possible for me to attend the Guthrie Assembly Meeting. I was thankful that several young people got saved. I trust the Lord will keep each one encouraged and those that aren't sanctified will seek the Lord for that grace. It seems that the devil tries just as hard to keep us from being sanctified as he does to keep us from getting saved, for if we're not sanctified it is not so hard to get us to go back into sin.

Whenever you think of me, I desire the prayers of the young saints that I will be careful to so live that Christ may be seen in every act of my life. Eva Lou Sorrell.

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W. Va.—Dear saints,—I am writing my testimony to let all share with me the victory of my healing of cancer on my neck and also a nervous break-down I had in February. I felt I was close to the time to go, but I asked God to send me someone to pray with me, that believed and trusted Him. There were people who would come and pray, but they believed also in doctors. Doctors are alright for unbelievers, I guess, but they had not helped me and could not.

After I asked God to send someone to pray with me, there was a friend who was visiting a sick lady where Sister Spaur and other saints were. The saints had prayed for this lady and she got well, so my friend thought it was wonderful and called me as soon as she came home. She said, "I have found some people who can get their prayers through to God." She said, "Would you want them to come and pray for you?" I said that I sure would. That was God's answer to my prayers. This friend brought the saints and they anointed me and prayed, praise God, and I got up that very night. I have been up ever since and the cancer on my neck was healed. I do my work now and feel wonderful.

I'm so glad I got with the saints again. I once knew them, but got away from them and got in other churches—some that didn't believe in healing. But that didn't

change me, for thirty-five years ago I was healed of T. B. I had it of the bone and also the lung. I have one lung and a lot of my bones are gone. I was sick seven years and was given up to die, but thank God, He didn't let me die. I found in the fifth chapter of James where I could be healed. I called my mother and asked her if God could make me well. She said, "Honey, God can do anything." So I had seen it in the Bible and my mother said it was so—why doubt it.

God has been so good to me. I would have to write a large book to tell it all. I'm so glad I have found the real saints once again, for I was in one awful shape. I went from church to church trying to find rest, but there was no rest. I guess if I hadn't gotten sick I would still be in the dark. Praise His name. He will send help when we come to Him, mean what we say, and trust Him.

They wanted to operate on me at one of our best hospitals in Charleston, but I told them "no." I came back home and started praying and trusting. One of these days soon I'm going up and show them what power the Lord has, praise His name forever. Thank all you wonderful saints for your prayers. May God bless you all.

Pray for me that I will be able to do something for my Lord. Your sister, Edith Lennen.

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Calif.—Greetings of love to all the saints everywhere,—This finds me much encouraged to go all the way with our Lord. I truly love this way and am so thankful to our blessed Lord for leading me to meet the saints and giving me an honest and open heart to receive the Word of God as it was given. St. John 8:47, "He that is of God heareth God's words." St. John 8:31, 32, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Praise His blessed name.

Here in Fresno we are truly blessed with a servant of God who doesn't shun to declare the whole truth with love and fear, for the edifying of the church. We have a mixed congregation, here, and I feel as Peter, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Some, we hear, withdraw themselves from the mixed congregation and teach it is wisdom to have each race have their own meeting houses. We find in Galatians 2:11, 12 where Peter withdrew and separated himself from the Gentiles after that certain came from James and Paul withstood him to his face before them all because he was to be blamed. Paul said that Peter and the Jews at that place were not walking uprightly according to the truth of the gospel. So the same thing is for us today, and if we segregate ourselves from our colored brother or sister, we are not walking uprightly according to the truth of the gospel and will stand condemned before God. Also, if we cannot worship together here, we cannot reign together with Christ. It would be well for you to study Galatians 2 if you should be in doubt on this subject; also, Ephesians 2:19-22, and Ephesians 3.

What wonderful love is the love of God; how it brings all into unity and sweet fellowship with such a bond of perfectness and beauty. Truly I'm thankful for this wonderful way of holiness and for every true saint of God. Pray for me that everywhere I go I may let my light so shine that others may desire this glorious Way, too.

Your sister in Christ, Hazel (Anderson) Cones.

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Kans.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings to all in His holy name! Praise the Lord, dear ones, for this precious name of Jesus, the blessed Son of God, our Savior, our

Sanctifier, and Healer. Through His dear name and His precious blood, we have the inheritance to that eternal home. I truly thank God for His saving power and second grace.

I have been reading very encouraging testimonies written in this paper for some time, now. While praying one time, I asked the Lord to heal me of a small infection on my body—what I believe to be a boil, which I have been told, if not removed by a doctor, would turn to a cancer. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would write a testimony of his healing. Thank the Lord, it is almost gone and I am looking for Him to heal it completely.

I indeed want the saints everywhere to pray for the unsaved husband. We that have unsaved husbands know the tests we have. I am the only saint here, that I know of, but the Lord has blessed me to be with Brother Lewis Williams and saints of Wichita.

I want to say that the Revival was indeed wonderful. We had visiting ministers and saints from California, Kansas, and Oklahoma. The Lord was blessing us so wonderfully at the meeting, it was almost unspeakable. He blessed us in our bodies and our souls. We had one sister returning to the walk of christian life and five were baptised including myself. There were some that were not saved asking for prayer.

The Lord saved me in Omaha, one night in August in 1953. On my return home I had an indeed wonderful experience, proving to me that God is real. My dear mother in her lifetime was, I believe, a true saint of God because she taught us from the cradle to obey and love God. I know that through her teaching and the saints' prayers and God's mercy that I am a child of His.

The Lord has also blessed me to be in the Revival with the saints of Akron, Ohio. The Spirit of God was indeed present in the meeting of Akron. None were saved in the meeting, but the hearts of many were touched. The enemy is busy, but I thank God for victory. I am not writing my testimony only for the saved, but I am praying it will be encouragement for lost souls, also.

Pray much for the work of God in Newton. Brother Williams and saints of Wichita have started cottage meetings here. The Spirit was truly with us in our first meeting. We are looking for more and better meetings in the future. We wish for the saints everywhere to pray for our meetings. A scripture that stays on my heart: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven;" and the song: "I'm glad I counted the cost."

I would be glad to hear from any of the young saints that are impressed to write. Address: 323 East 12th St., Newton, Kansas.

Yours in Him,

Juanita Watson.

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III.—Dear Brother Pruitt and all saints everywhere,—It is truly with a grateful heart I come to you dear ones, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Christmas day, while visiting a dear saint, we were listening over the radio to a religious sermon and singing. I requested that we have prayer, having had such a burden. I prayed and the burden continued, which I could not understand, until finally God spoke to me through His Son asking me if I would be obedient unto the call of God. At first I felt incapable. I finally, after much weeping, told the Lord I would obey the call to His work. Since then I have been calling in homes having prayer, visiting the sick, and giving out literature, in which God has blessed me wonderfully. I give God the glory for it. I have been reading "Faith and Victory" more regularly

than I ever had, and feel a need of the prayers of all the saints to back me up, as I am alone and at times feel weak spiritually, but I shouldn't, I know. I mean to make heaven my home though I am forsaken and often cast down, yet the dear Lord has never forsaken me.

I have a definite call to go to a certain city some distance from here and start a mission and help lift up fallen humanity. Jesus commands us to "rescue the perishing, care for the dying; Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save."

The question was brought up Tuesday in our prayer meeting by the leader asking the question: does anyone think that there will be souls saved if one should go out and try to win souls for the kingdom? I answered it by saying I thought so because He has promised us whatsoever we ask in His name in faith, believing, it shall be given; also, why would He call us if He didn't intend it for a purpose. In answering the question it even encouraged me. Praise the Lord forever.

If any of the saints who read this is in need of a helper, who already has a mission in Illinois, I would be more than glad to assist in one near Champaign. I have prayed much over this, and I cannot get away from the call.

Do pray for me, for the complete healing of my body, as I have a thyroid gland slightly enlarged. I feel the need of physical help more than ever. Before, I didn't care. Now I realize more fully that our bodies are a dwelling place of the Holy Ghost. I want to be all for Him. I had rather be present with the Lord and absent in body. Oh, how I love Jesus. No sacrifice is too great for my Master.

I trust this will be of blessing to others.

Your sister in the Lord. Praise God. Lola V. Chase.

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## Laborers Are Needed

Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings:

Our hearts were made glad during the Los Angeles assembly meeting when we saw young people dedicating their lives for service.

Jesus said (John 4:34) "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." Verse 35, "I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

Jesus knew that the disciples needed to lift up their eyes. And I believe if he were here today in the flesh as he was then he would say to us, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields."

Jesus carried a burden for the whole world. He gave us the commission to go and teach all nations. Jesus' eyes were lifted up. He wants us to lift up ours. I believe that many of us have our sight lowered. We can see the need of souls getting saved; yes, but does our vision take in the whole world? When we begin to see the need of this gospel going to all the world, we then will be made to realize the need of laborers. Then we will be burdened to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.

Oh, dear ones! may God help us to lift up our eyes. Look unto darkened lands. It is the Father's supreme will that ALL be saved. Rom. 10:13-15, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach

except they be sent?" Here is where we ALL can have a part, in praying that God will burden and send laborers into his harvest.

Yours for the spread of the gospel, H. P. Huskey

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### Why Reverend?

"Good morning, Reverend Brown."

"Good morning, Mrs. Smith; but why do you speak to me as though I were God?"

"I don't understand just what you mean, Reverend Brown."

"Why, Mrs. Smith, the Bible tells us that 'God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints and to be had in reverence of ALL them that are about Him' (Psa. 89:7). And again it says, 'Holy and Reverend is HIS name' (Psa. 111:9). But you have applied that title to me, thus attributing deity to man."

"But I didn't mean it that way at all, I only used the term 'Reverend' as a title of respect, and not to attribute deity to you."

"Then so much the worse; if you didn't mean it you were simply flattering me with God's title, and the Bible says, 'Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give FLATTERING TITLES unto man. For I know not to give flattering titles: In so doing my Maker would soon take me away.' (Job 32:21-22). And again, 'The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips' (Psalm 12:3)."

"But should we not honor our ministers with a title of respect?"

"Yes, Mrs. Brown, it is all right to honor the true minister with the title which is due him; but NOT with that which belongs to God alone. You might call me 'pastor' or 'Brother,' or if I were an evangelist, it would be proper to call me 'Evangelist Brown.' In fact, the title 'Mister' alone is sufficient to show proper respect to any true minister of God."

"Thank you, Pastor Brown, for enlightening me on this subject. I shall use these titles as you have suggested, reserving the title 'Reverend' for the Heavenly Father alone, as the Bible teaches."

Matthew 20:25-28, "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you, but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." —Selected

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### When I Am Dead

Save all your flowers for my casket,  
Lavish them all o'er my bed  
And when I am cold and lifeless  
Place them all about my head.

This will show how much you love me,  
All this beautiful display  
On my casket all about me  
Beautiful flowers all the way.

But ere long I'll be forgotten—

Withered, faded, all the flowers,  
Dried and blasted by the east wind  
Underneath the shaded bowers.

Then give me flowers while I'm living,

Do not wait till I am dead;  
I'll not need them when I'm sleeping  
In my cold damp earthen bed.

—Geo. W. Stephenson.

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### Christ Hath Set Me Free

Some people say that we must sin a little every day. They say that we can't stay upon the strait and narrow way.

This teaching is not Bible; it's false teaching, can't you see?

I know, for I've been born again and Christ has set me free.

I will praise His name forever and I'll walk the narrow way

Until this mortal life shall end and to that shore I'll fly away.

The Church of God will dwell at last where time no more shall be,

And I will sing the victor's song, for Christ had set me free.

—Bro. Melvin Sharp.

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CHRIST, THE LIVING BREAD

February 7, 1954

Printed Portion: ..... John 6: 48-59, 66-69.

John 6:48. I am that bread of life.

49. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

John 6:66. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68. Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

**Memory Verse:** I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35.

**Practical Truth:** Christ is able both to impart and sustain our spiritual life.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To every hungry soul Jesus says; "I am the bread of life." Bethlehem means, "House of bread." Christ is the "corn of wheat" that dies (John 12:24) that the saved might have life eternal. Corn for manna must be bruised (Isa. 28:28, 29). "He was bruised for our iniquities--it pleased the Lord to bruise him" (Isa. 53:5, 10). In that suffering, crushing, and bruising of Christ, our manna, God has offered to feed the hungry world. By our Manna we are sustained.

Isa. "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7) so then the soul needs soul food (Christ our spiritual Manna), as well as the physical food daily to sustain life. Jesus plainly says, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63) So then we live "by every word of God." (Luke 4:4).

If some did not like the terms of the Master and "Walked no more with him," we who have found Him can say with Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." (vs. 68, 69). Our faith takes hold. (Eph. 3:17-19). To do the words of Christ becomes spiritual life to the soul.

#### "CAN THIS BE THE CHRIST?"

February 14, 1954

Printed Portion: ..... John 7:37-44; 8:12-19.

John 7:37. In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

40. Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

41. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

42. Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

43. So there was a division among the people because of him.

44. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

John 8:12. Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life,

13. The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself; yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18. I am one that bear witness of myself and the Father that sent me heareth witness of me.

19. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

**Memory Verse:** I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12.

**Practical Truth:** Because Jesus is God's Son he is a sufficient spiritual guide for all men.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the previous lesson our Lord claimed to be the Bread of life; now He claims to be the Water of life and the Light of the world. In these eternal titles our Lord speaks with authority, and men marvel.

His claim was "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink--but this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive," vs. 37, 39. "Behold God is my salvation--Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isa. 12:2, 3). So Christ reveals Himself as a fountain and river--knowing the need and He will supply that need when we come by faith. "There's a river of life with its pure crystal light, Flowing out from the great white throne; In that beautiful land where there is no night, And where sorrow never can be known. By the crystal waters flashing, I stand all redeemed by the blood; I'll forever praise my God and King, for my cleansing in the crimson flood." (Evening Light Songs, p. 205).

He claimed also to be "The Light of the world." God in Christ as light is always a conflict against the



darkness of this world. There have always been those who have argued against the claims of Christ, but since the Father has endorsed him, we too, can, and should honor Him.

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THE MAN BORN BLIND

February 21, 1954

Printed Portion:.....John 9:24-38.

John 9:24. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27. He answered them, I have told you already and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

28. Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

29. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

30. The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36. He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37. And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Memory Verse: One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see. John 9:25.

Practical Truth: There is no limit to the power of Christ to meet man's physical and spiritual needs.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the gathering tension between light and darkness as seen in this gospel, faith and unbelief are in conflict when our Lord acts to save men. They are skeptical about the miracle of the man receiving sight. But the man spoke of it as an experience and said "I know." Not only was his physical eyesight, but the eyes of his understanding was enlightened (Eph. 1:18) and he walked no more in the realm of darkness (Eph. 5:8). But walked as "Children of light."

Step by step this man was led into an open confession of faith in the Son of God. It is so with all of God's people for Christ is now reigning within and the Spirit of God changes the heart so that a drunkard becomes sober; the immoral become pure; the dishonest become honest; the so-called good man gets converted and all of them really become saints and give testimony to the miracle of God's grace in saving them from all sin.

Notice is taken of how this man that was born blind was excommunicated out of their company, but Jesus took care of him and he needed not the broken reed of the Pharisees any more—for Jesus said their house was left unto them "desolate" (Matt. 23:38).

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

February 28, 1954

Printed Portion: .....John 10:1-11.

1. Verily, verily I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Memory Verse: And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. John 10:16.

Practical Truth: Christ is a shepherd in whose care and leadership we may safely trust.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christ speaks of himself as the Door to the sheepfold. Many times in the Bible God's people are called sheep. In Ezekiel 34:31 we have "And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God." Christ himself was called the "Lamb of God" (John 1:29). So then we are the sheep of His pasture and His pasture is full of good things, as found in Galatians 5:22, 23 and Colossians 3:12-17. The sheep have salvation (Acts 4:12), saved and delivered from sin's bondage, freed from its guilt and have an assurance of the Spirit that we belong to him. The sheep have satisfaction, to go "in and out" is the freedom of one who has no fear. The old life has passed away, and in Christ are joy, peace, protection, and strength. So in Christ we have the more abundant life.

Christ received commandment from his Father to lay down his life (John 10:18; Ps. 71:3) and verses 11 and 15 says he does. He gives his life voluntarily. The sacrifice that He made on Calvary was no accident but it was purposed "Before the foundation of the world" I Peter 1:18-23. Another scripture is in Philippians 2:5-11, which gives a good comment on the work Christ did for us and how God highly exalted him.