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I Am Thankful

I am thankful for the Light
That shines from heaven above,
Revealing unto my soul
The wonders of eternal love.

I am thankful for the gift
Of God's own begotten Son,
Who so freely gave his blood
For my sins to atone.

I am thankful for the touch
That soothed my soul one day,
And made me rejoice to know
My sins were washed away.

I am thankful for the grace
Of my dear Lord to share,
That He in mercy gives me
My daily cross to bear.

I am thankful for the hope
That is more precious than gold,
Which is given to me
As an anchor to my soul.

I am thrilled with the promise
So wonderful and fair,
That with the saints I shall rise
To meet my Lord in the air.

In those mansions eternal—
O, how thankful I'll be!
There with Jesus and loved ones
To dwell eternally.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Perhaps You Are Selling Your Savior And Don't Know It

Oh! how terrible, but 'tis true with many, yet they are unaware of it. But God doth know, and He will require it of them, and will give them a ransom for the just (Pro. 21:18). The wicked are in the hand

of the Lord, and He will do with them as pleaseth him. They who have no part in the first resurrection, will have a part in the second resurrection to their shame.

It is necessary that we obtain a full and complete part in the first resurrection, which justifies, sanctifies, and seals us in righteousness and true holiness; and this act makes us truly his own. This means the whole man and all he possesses from NOW HENCE-FORTH are the Lord's possessions, which according to the Dictionary means: To have ownership, to occupy, and to have complete control. Have you given yourself to God and his Christ completely and wholly? Are you letting him have complete control of you and yours?

If you are not doing this, then you are selling Satan an interest in your Christ. Shame on you, whoever you are that are doing this thing! My advice is: BEWARE! for Satan is putting over a hard bargain, and you are agreeing thereto. And WHY? and WHAT FOR? Is it not for just a little more pleasure in this life in worldly things, and a little more honour of men?

It is because of this that the Lord will deliver you entirely over to Satan; for if Christ bought you at all, He paid the full price, and He wants the whole of you and yours. Is this too much for you to give? Remember, I said before, He gave his ALL for you. Is your ALL too much to give in exchange? If so, then keep your lips sealed, and confess not that Christ died for you. For as far as such is concerned, Christ did not die on the cross; for if He died for them, then for them He died in vain, for they are not saved.

But Satan is whispering in the ears of these, saying, "God does not require it of thee that thou shouldst be perfect like unto Christ Jesus, all God requires of thee is that you have some of his good qualities. But as for me (the writer of this script), I desire ALL of his good qualities; and if this message fall into the hands of the saints of the Most High, I request that they pray for me, that my desire may be fulfilled.

And others who do not yet qualify, also have need that the saints pray for them, that they may give themselves wholly to God and his Christ.

Do not sell your Saviour: If you have here-to-fore agreed to pay only a part, you have need to be reconciled to God. Consider this, and make a full settlement, and consecrate yourself wholly to God. For

God has called you to be his sons; and surely He will not require more of you than He did of his only begotten Son Jesus Christ; and that is to walk in ALL of his ways.

Will God reject his own people? Yes, He will if they first reject Him. We read in Osee (Hosea: see Romans 9:25) 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because they have rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Verse 7, "As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore I will change their glory to shame."

Micah 6:8, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Now this statement: "To walk humbly with thy God" has a greater meaning than many can acquire knowledge of, but rather than to tell its meaning myself, I will refer you to 1 John 3:16, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

SELL HIM? NO, NO, NO NEVER! WHAT? exchange Him for worldly glory? No, no, NO NEVER! A-men and a-men. —Bro. H. C. Erdman

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"And These Shall Go Away"

Yes, "these shall go away"; but from whom shall they go? and to where shall they go? They shall go away from the presence of the Lord and shall go away into everlasting punishment (Matt. 24:36). Yes, the poor souls who meet God unprepared will have to go out from His presence into darkness (Matt. 24:30). Jesus himself is the one who will tell them to depart (verse 41). They not only have to go from His presence—that alone is sad indeed—but they also have to go into everlasting punishment. Oh! what an awful thing!

Dear unsaved friend, if some of your dearest friends on earth would become angry at you and tell you to go away from their home and never return, how sad you would feel. It would be sad; but sadder than that it will be if you go on in sin till you will have to hear the words: "Depart from ME."—From One who is your dearest friend, but at the Judgment He will be your Judge.

Dear souls, today Jesus is calling you. He doesn't want you to be lost. He is not willing for you to perish (2 Peter 3:9); He wants all to repent. He does not want you to have to go away into everlasting punishment. He loves you and suffered that you may have eternal life. There is no better friend. He will be your friend in this life and help you in every time of need and when life is over will take you Home to heaven if you will just turn from sin. And you will not have to go away from his presence, down to everlasting torment. Stop, dear sinner friend, and think. Ask yourself this question: Where shall I be in eternity? Do not let the devil make you think

you cannot serve God. God's Word tells us the devil was a liar from the beginning. He is still a liar and he is trying to get your soul. No matter how far you have gone in sin or what your sins may be, Jesus is willing to forgive you when you turn to Him with your broken heart, seeking His love above all else. You may think you will be opposed and persecuted by those of your loved ones and that on account of your circumstances and surroundings you cannot live right. Yes, dear ones, you can live right, no matter how great your troubles are or what others may say or do to you. God is able to keep you and will give help. He will bear your burdens and cares and help you to live so that those who persecute you can see that you are living for God. Many times such persecutors are won to the Lord in this way.

Jesus came to heal the broken-hearted (Luke 4:18), to deliver the captives—those whom Satan has bound. The devil will make things look dark and tell you there is no way out. But there is. Dear souls, come to Jesus who can save and give you peace and joy here and a home in heaven when life here is over. Then you will not have to go away from God's presence and into everlasting torment. May God help you to make the decision to turn from sin, is my prayer.

A Christian friend,

Becky Barnes

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SELECTIONS FROM "YOUTH INSTRUCTION"

By C. E. Orr

Let me quote you a few sayings of a very wise man: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Prov. 1:7. Read also Prov. 15:5. "My son, hear the instruction of thy father" Prov. 1:8. "Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life" Prov. 4:13. You should read these texts over several times. Commit them to memory. Try to feel the weight of them. "Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" Prov. 9:9. The way we regard instruction is a proof of what we are. "He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction." Prov. 10:17. The word "keepeth" in this text has a twofold meaning. It means to hold in memory, and also to put in practice. Be diligent in doing this. It is dangerous to trifle with instruction. If we do not practice what we learn, it were better that we never learn it. "Who-so loveth instruction loveth knowledge." Instruction is the way to knowledge. If you would know the true way of life you must give heed to the instructions pertaining to the way. "He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul." Prov. 15:32. Those who treat instruction in the Christian life with neglect have not a proper regard for their soul. Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end." Prov. 19:20. Now is the time, young man and young woman, to lay the foundation of your later life. It is in vain that you hope to be wise in your old days if you neglect the instruction of youth.

Have You A House for Your Soul?

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens" 2 Cor. 5:1. It is most wonderful to be hid with Christ in God so that one can say with full assurance as Paul said, "I know" I have a house, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

There is no sum of money nor material substance, nor any law or creed of men that can get possession or give possession of this house. Almost every conceivable material substance, on code of rules or bribery are purchased and diverted by the perishable piece of money. There was one Simon who desired to buy the Holy Ghost that he might lay his hands on others as the apostles did, and cause the people to receive the Holy Ghost. Peter said, "Thy money perish with thee. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter; for thy heart is not right in the sight of God" etc. (Acts 8: 18-24. Read it).

In Matthew 19:16 a rich young man said, "Good master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"—or eternal house. This young man had kept all the commandments from his youth up. "What lack I yet?" he asked. Jesus said unto him, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell all that thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven [a house], and come follow me." When the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

No doubt there are many today who go part of the way and console themselves with the thought: "I am pretty good." Jesus said, "If thou would be PERFECT, sell all." To obtain this house, instead of getting all and keeping all; it is, SELL ALL.

These are perilous times. Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold; and truly, the pleasures and lust of the eyes and flesh will take the place of that love which prompts that burning zeal to obey the precious Word of God. But there is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there have I, tho vile as he, Washed all my sins away. Jesus said to that thief, "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43.

Not so long ago an opportunity was presented to ask a young man what was his anticipation in life. He said, "I'd like to get married and have a nice home." That was good according to the natural trend of the time. When he was asked about getting saved, he replied, "I'm not ready to get saved." He seemed frail in body at this time and information has been received that he is a paralytic. Sad picture! He did not get his desire! Hope blighted! Millions of dollars are being spent to secure homes, mansions of this material world for security for these earthly tabernacles and neglecting the house for the soul. "While in life is time accepted, To prepare to meet thy God, Be assured that He is faithful, To fulfill His holy Word."

In the day of Noah, God said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." God saw man in that age so wicked and evil in his imagination continually, He was grieved that he made man. Thank the Lord, Noah found grace in His eyes. Noah walked with God and was perfect in his generation. God counted him as a just man, etc. Noah was obedient in building the ark according to God's plan, having completed it in 120 years and warning the people in the mean time to flee the wrath to come. No doubt they took his warning as an idle tale. They were marrying, building, making preparation to live away 'till that wooing Spirit had ceased to be. God said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." And the Lord said unto Noah, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark,"—the house for the soul.

So it is in these last modern evil days. Jesus said, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares" (Luke 21:34).

This age is filled with such a worldly covetous spirit that the people do not know the Lord, and do not care to know him and do not know that Jesus left his mansion in glory that whosoever will may have a mansion in glory with all the redeemed. Those who do not know this loving Savior are building their mansions for the pleasure of this world and for their bodily security. Sometimes one wonders, does the Lord live in such wonderful earthly structures? The Lord is saying to his followers: "Take heed to yourselves." Oh! it is so easy to let the lust of the eye admire those things that eat away the spiritual sweetness of the soul.—the fads, fashions, and continual changing with every new style of clothing, furniture, and whatever is "the latest"—sad to say, neglecting to watch and pray and keep a spiritual testimony. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all manner of conversation and godliness; looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such, be diligent, that ye may be found of him in peace without spot and blameless" 2 Pet. 3:10-12, 14. "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am ye may be also. And whither I go ye know and the way ye know" John 14:1-5.

—E. V. Phillips.

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Editorials

There has been a quietness, a stillness, a wondering mingled with sadness hovering over the Faith Publishing House and home, and even so at this present writing. What a marvelous change a few moments can make; not only in material things, but also more so in one's change from mortal life to a heavenly life with Jesus our Lord.

On the 11th of October the Lord saw fit to take my dear companion from me and place her among the redeemed in Paradise.

She took down sick and went to bed on the 22nd of September and was as helpless as a baby eighteen days before passing. The neighbors and the saints in Guthrie and around Guthrie were very kind and good to us in the time of her sickness. Sister Meek was at our house when she took her bed, and she asked Sister Meek not to leave her as she felt her time had come to go. Sister Meek was with her all through her sickness, sitting up with her night after night. It was needful for two or three to sit up with her as she was helpless and wanted to be turned over in bed every little while. Others of the saints came in and sat up, and soon after she took down, Anna Marie Miles, our daughter from California left her family and came to help. She was so kind and good and waited on her in such a precious way. Sister Meek waited on her as though she were her own mother, and neither one could hardly be persuaded to take needed rest. Oh, that the world had more people in it like the different ones who denied self and its comforts to help others in this time of need, then Jesus would be seen and heard more. All who could, helped or offered help in this sorrow. The neighbors and saints brought in pies, cakes, butter, eggs, chicken, and many other things while my wife was sick in bed. They showed their love and concern continually. We feel so unworthy of such a manifestation of divine love and interest. We truly feel greatly indebted to all these precious souls. God alone can reward them.

The Lord was very good to Wife when she was sick and showed his love and care to her many, many times. When she would suffer pain and prayer was offered, He would ease the pain and often give her some sleep. He truly made her bed in her sickness (Psa. 41:3).

She gave us a clear witness that her soul was accepted of God, for when in prayer one day when she was so weak, the Lord poured a blessing upon her and she clapped her hands for the joy that was within and praised the Lord for some time. It is a great comfort to my soul to know that she was ready to go and meet the Lord in peace. She passed away quietly and was conscious up to the last. Anna Marie asked her a few minutes before she went if she had any pain or suffering and she said no. She slipped away without any struggle, just seemingly went to sleep in the arms of Jesus.

Now I go into the house and she is not there; all the things I look at remind me of her. I go into the print shop and I think of the many times I needed her help and how she would drop her work and come

to help me. I think of how she has stood by me in dark hours and severe trials. For over forty-eight years she has had to put up with me, and we shared our joys and sorrows together; and now she is gone away. The Lord has allowed it, and He alone can heal the wound and make the heart whole. Dear saints, pray for us and the work He has laid upon our hearts in getting the gospel to men by the printed page. We mean by His grace and strength to press the battle to the gate and never falter nor give down until He says, "It is enough; come up higher."

The Lord is encouraging us in the printing work, and our heart is delighted to do his will. The prospects are good for a moving forward and getting out a greater volume of pure clean literature to those in the byways and hedges and those tied up in the dark creeds of men and others that are under the influence of compromising spirits. Our heart goes out to every hungry soul and for all others that know not the love of God in the heart. The world is cursed with head religion. Barabas' followers are numerous in the world, for they in deeds and words crucify Jesus in the heart and let Barabas live with head religion. What a sad state men are in, as a whole. Oh, that we were able to be in more than one place at a time! The world is lost in sin and professors are sleeping on. The Bridegroom will come some day, and they will awake to the fact that they have no oil in their vessels.

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I wish to thank all of those precious ones who have sent us Sympathy Cards and letters of comfort and offerings during the sickness and passing of our dear wife. There are so many telegrams and sympathy cards that it would take much time and pains to answer them all, so we ask you to bear with us as we take this way of letting you know our appreciation. God will bless and reward you for the comfort they afforded us in this time of sorrow.

We also wish to express our appreciation to our neighbors and friends who helped and offered assistance and expressed their concern and care by sending two sprays of flowers to the funeral service.

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Those who teach a sin-you-must religion are, by such teaching, acknowledging that Satan is stronger and has more power than God and that God is so weak that He cannot keep one living free from sin in this life. There is positively no one in Christ that is not living free from sin in this world. To teach otherwise is belittling God, the Creator of the universe, and this teaching originates from an anti-Christ spirit. There are only two families in this world. One is the family of God, born-again souls; and the other is the family of Satan. There is no neutral ground on which to stand. A person is either a saint and lives free from sin, or he is a subject of Satan and sins more or less all the time. This truth is brought out very clearly in the first part of the third chapter of 1 John. Why do men want to listen to Satan's preachers and be lost when God has the genuine free-from-sin experience for every soul? Let us not drag the Almighty God down to the extent of portraying him to have or

possess less power than Satan, the enemy of mankind. To do that would prove that we fear the devil more than we fear the Lord, and in that way make us his subjects. A profession of religion will only be a disappointment to you in the judgment day. You must have the Lord with his power and grace in your soul and be living free from sin in order to be accepted of Him in that crowning day.

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Any minister or editor who teaches a sin-you-must religion is an anti-Christ teacher and will die and be lost with all them that he has deceived. We should do all we can to rescue these lost deceived souls before the Trumpet sounds and time shall be no more. Awake! Awake! thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light. Eph. 5:14.

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Stand Ye Still

When we in tempests dark that tell
Of things, it seemed, sent straight from hell,
We cried! and God's calm answer fell:
Just stand ye still.

Oft we, in battles dark as night,
Have prayed for God to give us light;
But He, who does our battles fight,
Said, "Stand ye still."

And then our souls were, oh! so calm;
His touch, a tender healing balm
That soothed and made us shout a psalm
When we stood still.

Oh! what a lesson we have learned!
Old Satan's darts now oft are turned;
For God has our weak efforts spurned—
So we stand still.

GOD fights our battles for us now;
For our weak flesh just knows not how.
He only waits for our re-vow
To just stand still.

—Alta Mae Harmon

Obituaries

Mary Ann Balla was born near Walnut, Kansas, July 9, 1890 to Edward and Polly Balla. She was united in marriage to Fred Pruitt on April 9, 1906, and they lived together over 48½ years. To this union ten children were born—four dying in infancy.

She departed this life October 11, 1954, at the age of 64 years, three months and two days, leaving to mourn her passing, her husband, Fred Pruitt and six children: Andrew J. Pruitt of Fresno, Calif.; Lawrence D. Pruitt of Guthrie; Mrs. Anna Marie Miles and Mrs. Mary Lola Embly of Chino, Calif.; Mrs. Frances E. Murphey of Guthrie; and Frank E. Pruitt of Albuquerque, N. M.; also thirteen grandchildren; and two brothers, Jim Balla of Dodge City, Kansas and George Balla of Los Angeles.

She was converted to the Lord in the fall of 1915, embracing the truth of the Church of God, and passed away triumphantly in the faith. Just a few days before she passed the Lord so blessed her soul that she clasped her hands with joy and praised the Lord for the great joy she felt within. She not only was ready to lend a helping hand to others in temporal needs, but in spiritual needs also, carrying a heavy correspondence with others in all parts of the country. She passed away quietly, just seemingly went to sleep.

She will be greatly missed by family, friends, and church associates..

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. O. C. Porter, assisted by Bro. Sam Barton of Tulsa, Okla. Text used was in 1 Peter 1:3. The remains was laid to rest in the Summit View Cemetery at Guthrie, Okla.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MARY PRUITT

God has called our loved one from us,
But our loss is heaven's gain;
We know she's gone to be with Jesus,
Where none ever suffer pain.
She loved Him so and loved to tell
How He blessed her here on earth,
Was with her always in pain or sorrow,
Since He had given her spiritual birth.
Her life was like her welcome letters,
Telling continually of His love,
How He will bear our burdens for us,
And lead us to our home above.
Her thoughts were mostly of heaven,
Little she thought of earthly things;
But page after page she wrote of victory
Which the life of prayer brings.
She knew Him as a constant companion
And exhorted us to know Him so,
Telling all how He'd be our helper,
If we'd trust Him here below.
Yes, her influence lives on,
Telling us always of His love,
And we know if we heed her warning,
Soon we will meet her in Heaven above.
There we'll know our Saviour better;
Yes, we'll see Him face to face.
Let us then be true and faithful,
Always humbly fill our place.

E. Coral Johnson.

A TRIBUTE

We have lost a good neighbor,
A true Christian friend,
And one who was faithful
Even down to the end.

She lived the example
Of a true saint of God,
For he was with her
Each step that she trod.

She was always pleasant,
Cheerful and kind;
And, oh, what an heritage
To those left behind!

Now, her labor and toils
In this life are o'er,
And she's gone to be with Jesus
On the bright golden shore.

But her life will live on
In this world to tell
Of a Saviour's love
In her heart that did dwell.

Now you have a treasure
In Heaven so bright,
Since Mother is there,
Because she lived right.

So children, be true—
Yes, let us all—
And be ready to meet her
When Jesus shall call.
By a neighbor, Mrs. Jess Jones.

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Sister Annie Hicks Wallace was born in Wayne Co., N. Carolina, November 19, 1878 and departed this life September 12, 1954. At a very early age she with her parents moved to Little Rock, Ark. where she was united in marriage in 1900 with Arthur Wallace.

In early life she joined a denomination but in 1916 she heard the truth preached (after moving to Boley, Ok.) in all its fulness, which she accepted, and lived a true saint unto the end. Her last words were, "Praise the Lord!"

In the year of 1923 she, with her husband, had a longing for a more complete home life, and as a result adopted a baby boy, whom they reared as their own flesh and blood to manhood.

She is survived by a loving husband, a son of N. Fork, Virginia, a brother of St. Louis, Mo., a niece of Little Rock, Ark., five grandchildren, the saints, and a host of friends.

She has entered a new existence
Far beyond the shining stars,
Where she will know no pain or sorrow,
Nor feel the sting of earthly scars.

Her life she spent in service to others, so good, so pure, so true.

Funeral conducted by Bro. Manly Spears of Okla. City. Text: Matthew 25:13.

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Bro. W. A. Wilson, born January 1, 1885, died October 2, 1954. He preached twenty-nine years; he had fought a good fight, finished his course, kept the faith. He was a man of great faith and many sick ones were healed through his prayers. He never would let a doctor touch him, is the reason he lived so long. He seemed in good health when the end came, just passed away suddenly when getting ready to retire. He is survived by his wife, one son Emerson and five daughters. His home was in Newark, Ohio.

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Arthur Gose of Derry N. Mex. was born in Brookfield, Mo. Aug. 25, 1885 and passed away Sept. 20, 1954. His parents were Insko Monroe and Seraldie Eveline Gose. When a young man he came to New Mexico and was married to Mary Belle Walkup. To this union eight children were born, two of whom preceded him in death, Thurley Lee and Lavona Imogene. Surviving, besides his wife, are: Thelma Brand, Albuquerque, N. M.; J. W. Gose of Kennewick, Wash.; Arthur, Jr. Gose of Santa Rita, N. M.; Dennie E. Gose of Santa Rita, N. M.; M. J. Gose of Albuquerque, N. M.; and Clyde O. Gose of Roseburg, Ore.; three brothers, Andy, Claude and Walter Gose all of Oklahoma; two sisters, Alice Nichols of Iowa and Mabel Thompson of Honolulu, Hawaii; ten grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was born again during a revival meeting held by Bro. O. B. Wilson and was baptized by Bro. Wilson about the year 1912. It is so good to know he was saved, but we miss our dear papa so much. Funeral services were held in the Funeral Chapel in Truth or Consequences, N. Mex., and conducted by Bro. Boyett of Hatch, N. M.



Song Books Out of Stock

Our supply of the "Evening Light" song books has been exhausted, and we have none in stock now for sale. We are planning to print another issue of them, but it will be near Christmas time before they will be completed and ready for orders to be filled. We are going to see to it that the binding of these books be made stronger and more durable than any previous issue, consequently the cost will be greater and that will necessitate a little higher price on the books. This "Evening Light" song book has gained and merited a place among the best religious song books in print, and the demand is still growing. We thank the Lord for this good collection of songs. The new book will contain quite a number of new songs, which will mean an addition of pages.

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Helps For Ministers

It has been repeatedly brought to our attention that our young men of the church of God need to hear more teaching as to what the Bible teaches in regard to participation in military training and service. Our isolated young men who only occasionally attend our campmeetings seldom hear this subject discussed from a Biblical standpoint and often do not know what classification to ask for when filling out their questionnaire from the draft board. When they find themselves in an improper class, they naturally turn to the ministers for advice. Often the minister does not know what the classification means, or what procedure to follow in order to secure the proper classification. In order for our young men to know the classification and procedures, and our ministers be qualified to advise in these matters, they should order the following literature, study carefully, and keep for reference:

"Questions and Answers on the Classification and Assignment of Conscientious Objectors."

"Special Form for Conscientious Objectors No. 150."

"How To Fill In Form 150 for Conscientious Ob-

jectors."

"Statements of Religious Bodies on the Conscientious Objector." (A statement by the Church of God is listed in this book).

Order this literature direct from the National Service Board, 1105 K Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C., and enclose one dollar to cover the cost. The National Service Board is composed of and supported by all the peace churches, and is ready to advise and answer individual questions on conscientious objector draft problems. They also publish a monthly paper, "The Reporter, For Conscience Sake," which carries news of conscientious objectors in relation to current developments. Subscription price, \$1.00 per year.

—L. D. Pruitt.

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Beware of Idolatry

As God had a remnant in Bible times which would not adhere to human idols and creeds, so He has a remnant on earth today which will not fellowship with modern pagan ways. Think of the people who are sent to foreign fields to tell them of God and his plan of salvation and try to bring them from darkness into light, and then think of America which is looked upon as a leader in Christian faith, but is really in more darkness than the heathen people who have never heard the gospel preached. Idol worship in America is numbered among the top sins which has separated God and man. Anything which you will put before God in your life is idol worship any way you look at it.

Those who come to God must put him first in their lives if they are to remain his people.

We have sun worshippers in the semi-nude and practically nude women who parade around on display for the devil. And man once again, as back in the Garden of Eden, is falling to a woman's temptation. This is one type of idol worship. I would venture to say this so-called religious nation leads in divorce cases, vice rackets, and juvenile delinquency cases today. Look at some other idols; such as, beer parlors, theatres, dance halls, pool rooms, gambling halls, sport arenas and others in Satan's territory. This ought to give everyone a clear picture of what the broad way to a "lake of fire" looks like. These are just some of the places which are full, when this nation should be pleading for mercy to a merciful and just God.

Much of this can be blamed on so-called preachers preaching a streamlined gospel, so as not to hurt the attendance or membership on their church book. But Almighty God is also keeping a record. We need ministers filled with the Holy Spirit who will get in the pulpits and cry out and spare not regardless of whom their sermons will hit in this sinful world. They need to tell the people to forsake all of their sinful ways and seek God while He may yet be found. It has been man who has forsaken God and left him out of their lives.

Home life is the starting point of a fast race down the broad way, and it seems like people cannot move fast enough these days. So many devil-inspired gatherings are planned in advance so as not to interfere

with present-day devil activities. The Bible instructs parents to rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4) which is not being done by vast millions of homes. There is a remnant living today by every word of God as Matt. 4:4 and Luke 4:4 tells us, and these are the true saints of God. People might ask why I say the home is the starting point down the broad way. A young boy will follow in father's steps and a young girl in mother's steps. If father and mother drink, smoke, use curse words, smutty talk, go around in scanty clothes, indorse the lust-filled pictures on television, is it any wonder the small child is started on the broad way at home and by his own parents? God has been left out of the picture so much that Satan has a well oiled advertising agency in this world today.

Sin is what separates man from God, and until man will forsake all his wicked ways, he is lost. I once read of a blacksmith who was in prison in chains. He examined the chains to find a weak spot which might help him break the chains and escape. He found out it was one he had made, and he always took great care in his work, so he was securely bound. Most people today are bound by their own made chains of sin and are unable to break them. There is only one way to have these chains removed and that is by coming to Jesus in repentance, seeking his forgiveness, and be willing to separate yourself from all sin.

I, the writer, was once in chains of sin, and I thought I dearly loved all my idols; but the precious seed of the gospel fell from the lips and hearts of Holy Spirit filled men and women, and I found my deliverance at an altar of prayer. Bless the name of Jesus!

Compared to Sodom and Gomorrah, this sinful world is going to be a horrible sight for all those left here when our Lord returns, as recorded in 2 Peter 3:10. My earnest desire and prayer is to be a better soldier and a walking and talking witness for Jesus.

Your brother in Jesus,

E. Sharp.

Vision of a Lost Soul

A minister told this story at a camp meeting in Georgia. "There were three boys in the old home," he said. "One became a lawyer, and I became a minister, and the other a prodigal. During his life of sin he often admitted the need of a change of heart, but he put it off from time to time. At last he contracted a loathsome disease and returned to the old home to be taken care of by Father and Mother.

"Our home was on the border of the Okefenokee Swamp in Southern Georgia. The swamp was a realism of all that was horrid to our boyish minds; the fogs rose latest in the morning and settled earliest in the evening around that dreadful place. We never thought of going to the old spring after dark, so fearful were we of the denizens of that swamp.

"Brother grew worse, and after several weeks of careful nursing he was weaker, and the old folks were worn out with their long vigil, so they asked me to come and help in this hour of need. I arranged

my work and was soon on the ground. I asked my brother to make his peace with God; but he replied, "Brother, if I should settle it now, the boys would say I was scared into it. I'll settle it when I get well." I warned him, saying, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

"He admitted the danger, but would not yield. He grew weaker every day. After weeks of watching, I was so weary that I felt I must take a much needed rest, and I threw myself down upon a cot and soon fell asleep. I do not know how long I slept; but I do know that I was seized by some strange nightmare, and I endured the agonies of soul and spirit that no mind can conceive or describe.

"I seemed to see my brother's face evidence some fearful struggles that were going on within, and in the midst of his paroxysms his mouth opened and a miniture object emerged. It occurred to me that it was his soul. Strange thought, fearful picture! But it seemed to realize an immediate danger, for it sprang to the floor and rushed across the room where the lightwood was piled in the corner, and hid beneath it.

"My attention was then directed to the swamp, and I saw an object a little the undersize of a man, with the marks of damnation upon his face. His paraphernalia bespoke his hellish mission, and his face his fiendish intent. He came stealthily to the house, without any signs of fear, and at last reached out his hand for the outside doorknob to enter the house.

"The power of a vice seemed to hold me, for I tried to scream, to rise, to move, but I was powerless within the awful grasp of that dream. I looked, and that hellish monster stood in the room and looked at me. Seeming to realize my helplessness, he walked straight to the bed and looked into the face of my brother. Evidently he realized that the spirit had tried to evade him, but he seemed to track it to the corner and under the lightwood, and began slowly to remove the pine knots in order that he might secure his prize.

"At last the tiny object sprang quickly from the lightwood and made a dash for liberty; but quick as a flash, the devil was upon it. I heard my brother's voice as clearly as I ever heard it, and I saw his arms wave frantically above his head as he shrieked: 'Lost! Lost!' But I saw the fiendish smile upon the demonical face as he cried out in horrid, rasping tones, 'Ha, ha, I have come for my own.'

"The cry of my brother seemed to freeze the blood in my veins. I tried to speak, to defend my brother, but I was doomed to see that fearful vision to its end. The voice of my brother grew fainter as they neared the swamp, until it died like a whisper, 'Lost.'

"I instantly awoke and sprang to my feet, but I was so weak that I had to support myself for a time. The room was dark, and I was covered with great cold beads of perspiration. Regaining my composure, I hastily threw some pine knots into the fireplace, and lighted a candle, and went to the bed to see what I could do for my brother. I looked into his face; the pallor of death was upon it; his mouth was open, and he was dead. Brethren, I believe that I saw the

literal transaction of my brother's doom enacted!"

God has used the strongest language possible to describe the horrors of hell; and I am sure of this—that the price paid for our redemption means that hell is a fearful place. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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Draw Me Closer

When the storms of life are near me,
Draw me closer, Lord, to thee;
When all earthly friends forsake me,
Draw me closer, Lord, to thee.

When my soul is sorely tempted,
Draw me closer still to thee;
When Satan's evil hosts are near me,
Draw me closer yet to thee.

When I'm passing through the shadows,
Let thy light so shine on me,
Let thy love and mercy shield me,
That the world thy grace may see.

All my soul I give unto thee,
Keep it from all sin set free;
Keep me in thy love forever,
Ever draw me close to thee.

Let thy angels hover o'er me
As I walk this pilgrim way;
When I pass through death's dark valley,
Take me Home with thee to stay.

—A. R. Hightower.

PRAYER REQUESTS

An Earnest Appeal for Prayer for Things That Mean Business, Not Foolishness.

Dear Saints of God—I am earnestly asking for prayer. I will not publish my name nor where I live because I don't want to "sling mud at people." We can't win a soul by nagging at them. But will tell you, I'm here alone so far as true spirituality is concerned. So far as I know the nearest true church of God saints is about ninety miles from here. But the Lord is with me because I truly serve and obey Him as He leads and directs. Sometimes I have series of fasting for days and days at a time with prayer, and sometimes He requires me to give of my meager living to His work down to the last mite, but I obey with pleasure to do so, and I never fail to receive a blessing. And others will not if they do so in the right spirit.

Now I have two problems which I am deeply concerned about in a spiritual sense and a temporal part is connected, too, which is truly essential. It is one in which Satan and his agents have worked at so earnestly to thwart and destroy because he hates everything that is pure and right. Now will everyone earnestly pray for the Lord to overrule and give me entire victory and success completely to a finish in the business matters, and then add the true spiritual work of the Lord without fail or delay.

Also please pray earnestly to the Lord that if it be His will that He will consider and make a desired change in a matter which means so much to the country (not me alone) in a spiritual way. In purity; and at the same time be exposing false spirits and religions which are deceiving people by the millions. I am so glad and thankful for the Lord to give me jobs of praying and fasting to His glory; and will you help me pray that He make this change if it be His will? —A True Saint of God.

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A sister in Ohio desires the earnest prayers of the saints for her unsaved family and for all the family spiritually, physically, and financially. Two deaths of late have left her with many burdens and her health is bad because of the strain. Her son needs work. Pray that she may be able to cast her burdens on the Lord that she may be able to do more for the Lord.

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Lebanon, Mo.—I am making a request for a very dear brother's little boy who has epileptic spells and is in bad shape. They were giving him medicine that gave results inasmuch as it kept him from having those hard spells. About eighteen months ago the parents gave their hearts to God and are now trusting God for both soul and body. They have thrown away the medicine, and the spells have come back with full force, still their trust is in the Lord. Pray for God to heal him.

Also pray for my wife who is in the hospital with T. B. and the children need her so much.

—Bro. Cecil Jennings.

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Okla.—Dear saints: I greet you all in the name of Jesus.—I love the Lord and trust Him for my soul and body. I am not so well in my body. Pray for my healing.
Your sister in Christ, Lizzie Randles.

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MEETING REPORTS

Greetings to the saints:—Today I am saved to all I know, and on my road to heaven.

I feel like letting the saints know about our camp meeting that was held in Green Pastures. The Lord gave us a precious meeting with a number of saints in attendance from different places. The presence of the Lord

could be felt. Souls were added to the church and the Lord supplied our need in every way. 87 saints took part in ordinance services.

We are planning, by the help of the Lord, to have it more convenient by next camp meeting time. Sister Annie Wiley of Hennessey, Okla. started the sisters off with a plan to raise money for a tabernacle. Some pledges were given and some of them have been paid. There are only a few saints here and it is a young congregation, so we are inviting the help of the saints on this project. Send offerings to Sister Clara White, R. 1, Spencer, Okla, or to Sister Irma Allen, 1018 S. W. 5th, Oklahoma City, Ok.

Saints, pray much for the work here in Green Pastures. Yours in the one body, Bro. Sanders, Pastor.

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Dear saints everywhere:—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me still saved and sanctified and healed by the mighty power of God, and encouraged to go all the way with my dear Lord, for He has been so good to me. Truly He is all I need. I found a great friend and mighty healer. Isa. 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee." Yes, I love the good old way, the Bible way. When trials and tests are around you and the old devil tries to deceive you, look up with faith in God, the true and living God. He will bring you out.

My husband had a stroke just before campmeeting in Hennessey, which began the 28th of May and continued through June 6th; but God healed him.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in the meeting and it was good. The saints were encouraged and the expense was met nicely with no debt on the church. We are thankful to everyone who helped with the dining room. The Lord is good to those who fear him. We are just a few, but happy in the Lord. Your sister, Ada B. Davis.

ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICES

The annual Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held on the campground in the southern part of Hammond, Louisiana, beginning November 19th to continue over two Sundays. Saints and lovers of the truth are welcome. For information write to Max Williamson, c. o. Post Office, or Ray Key, 705 White St., Hammond, La.

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The Jefferson, Oregon Assembly meeting will be held, Lord willing, on the saints' grounds on Hazel st., one block south and half a block east of the bus station, Nov. 19-29. For further information see October Faith and Victory or write to Bro. Harry Davis, Box 547, Stayton, Ore.; Sister Emma Busch, Scio, Ore.; or Bro. Noah White, Jefferson, Ore.

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The annual assembly of the Church of God 9½ south east of Okeene, Okla. will start November 12 and continue ten days (Lord willing). Services every night, 7:30. All day service both Sundays with dinner at 1:00 p. m. in the chapel.

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Wichita Kansas—Greetings in the name of the Lord. This leaves us saved and encouraged to press the battle on. The Lord is blessing us here, and the saints feel like moving on. We were earnestly looking for the Lord to save souls and Bro. Charles Smith of Shawnee, Okla. came and held a week's meeting. There was conviction every night but it seemed as if no one was going to be saved. We would leave the meeting house so burdened each night, wondering if the convicted souls would let the harvest pass and not get saved. But finally three souls sought the Lord and gave themselves up to God. That made our

hearts rejoice. We feel there are several more that are stirred to come to the Lord, but are not willing to pay the price. We are asking the saints to pray God to undertake for us in this place and save more souls.

Our assembly meeting will begin Nov. 26 and continue through December 5th. Those who feel led and have a burden for souls here will be welcome. You ministers who are all out for God and have the anointing of the Holy Ghost to preach good tidings of peace, ask God: Will it be to Wichita at this time?

Bro. U. Phillips has been here several times and has encouraged us much.

For further information you may write to Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 N. Piatt, Wichita, Kans.

CORRESPONDENCE

So. Charleston, W. Va.—We are so thankful for God's people who will publish a paper filled with the truths of God's Word. We are praying that the Lord will give wisdom and grace to continue this work, as the day of the Lord is approaching. We see more and more the need of such a paper that will teach the doctrine of the Bible. Yes, we do thank God for "Faith and Victory" and we pray that the Lord will bless the ones that work so faithfully to bring it to us each month.

God has been bringing to my heart some of the things He wants us as the saints of God to be stirred up about, as the Word tells us about stirring up our pure minds. We teach that God's people are a separate people. They do not mix with the world, do not have fellowship with false doctrines, do not yoke up with unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14-17). We believe this. We, the saints, practice this. We have no desire to go back to Babylon for we know she is fallen (Rev. 14:8; 18:1, 2). Yes, God is calling His people to the one fold (John 10:16; Rev. 18:4, 5) praise God! We are out to stay out. Yes, His Word tells us in Jer. 51:25, 26 NOT TO TAKE A STONE FOR A CORNER—not any of her false teachings to stand upon. I feel sure as the dear saints read this, they say: This we do; we stand firmly on God's Word.

Now we come to the real burden of my heart, what I believe God has shown me and may have been talking to others about it; for I believe as we see the need of teaching on certain subjects God will burden someone to cry out. My heart has been grieved lately about this matter as we sat in a Babylonish place and listened to a funeral being preached. Yes, that is the burden. God is not pleased to have His people carried to Babylon when they are to be put away after the spirit has departed. We read in Gen. 47:29, 30, "And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, . . . bury me not I pray thee, in Egypt. . . But I will lie with my fathers. . . bury me in their burying place" Some of the saints are isolated and their loved ones not saved, and they carry them to Babylon, which we know would not be their will. We have seen this done; and we say it grieves our heart. Should it not be cried out against? Can we not find some way where the dear ones would have a saint's funeral? I tell my husband if I go before he does and he cannot get in touch with a saint minister, surely some sister or brother can read a Scripture and pray, and that is all we need to do. The saints' funerals should be as simple as the lives they live.

I have heard saints testify they did not want to be taken to a hospital. I have seen the same ones carried there when they were not conscious, their minds gone.

Let each one of us do as Jacob did, make arrangements with our loved ones to take care of us in death like the way we taught while living. God will bless them

for doing this. Most people want to carry out the last wishes of their loved ones. It could be we have not thought so much about this matter, and if we as the saints of God will speak to our loved ones, they will respect our wishes. So we trust God will bless us one and all, and be faithful to the end.

Sister Spaur.

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Calif.—Dear saints of God, greetings of holy love to you one and all:—Tonight my soul is rejoicing in the God of my salvation. "Oh! the love of God so precious, 'Tis a deep and shoreless stream." I do thank God for his faithfulness to my poor soul. For years I have been enslaved to the faults of others. I could see everyone's faults but my own. But thank God for Jesus who died to save me; not in them, but out of them. Praise God!

About seventeen or eighteen months ago the good Lord showed me my spiritual condition. I had wondered why I was so up and down and mostly down, though I had a love for the truth and always wanted to attend services unless my dear wife was sick. Yet I was only honoring the Lord with my lips while my heart was not there. The good Lord showed me I was spiritually run down. No doubt you have seen folks that were physically weak and a mere change in weather they would get the flu, a bad cold, or aching in their joints. Well, I was just as bad or worse spiritually. The wind of doubts would blow and I would catch a bad cold of bitterness. I would rather mistrust a brother than trust him. But, glory be to God, I finally was made to see my own condition, went to the good Lord, and he healed my soul. That old sore that I used to pick until it wouldn't heal, has had the healing balm applied and the old sore (spiritual cancer, if you please) is fast healing. Now those I used to could hardly bear the sight of look good and dear to me. God brought me to the place where I faced the question of if I knew the next hour I would die, would it be hard to forgive if the judgment was in sight.

Then the Lord touched my heart and soul and it was easy to forgive every one, and I found my worst and only enemy was my SELF. Tonight I have fought against no one. I hate the sin in people, but, oh, there is a pity for the sinner. I used to be one of the biggest size, and I know the struggle was hard until God's love lifted me.

Dear saints, I am rejoicing tonight to think that God called me to be a saint. In this so-called modern day and age, we that earn wages have three and four deductions from our wages; but there are no deductions in the wages of sin. Those who die in sin will receive full pay—DEATH. And, praise God, those that receive the free gift of God—LIFE EVERLASTING—will have no deductions in that either.

Your in Him, just a happy pilgrim bound for glory,
Cecil W. Watkins.

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Mo.—Greetings of love to all in the sweet name of Jesus:—Oh! I am so encouraged to keep pressing my way on for my blessed Lord who has done so much for me. Thankful I'm redeemed by the blood. I realize more than ever before that we who stand faithful and true are bright and shining lights in this dark and sinful world. Some one is watching our lives, and how careful we need to be. Oh! that message we heard at our campmeeting on "Carefulness," surely it will long be remembered. We are still feasting on the good food we got for our souls during this meeting. The Lord sent a number of older saints, and surely we did thank the Lord for everyone. Then we were blessed with a large group of young folk. Oh! they are so precious, too. Some of them were saved, some sanctified. Surely we are praying for each of them that they will stay saved. Resist the devil and he will flee.

"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11. Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. What great promises we have in the Word for us to live by.

The great burden of my heart is, those that one time knew the truth and today are going off into some other way. I awoke at two o'clock this morning thinking of the many souls that are lost. There in the still hours of the night I began to weep and pray, asking God to talk to their hearts and bring them back to the Lord before it is too late. Oh! dear one, the Word says, "He that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." St. John 10:1. "But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out." Praise the Lord for leading me into the true church of God. And he will lead you out if you will listen to his voice. Can't you hear his voice calling you to come back and live the life you one time did? Maybe you have at one time preached the truth and now adding something or leaving off part of the Word. Rev. 22:18, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Dear ones, do be watchful and prayerful and call upon the Lord. He will help you to get back where you one time were. Jesus said, "He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that cometh to me shall never thirst." Oh, souls, be up and doing; we have no time to lose. There's life and death before us; oh, which one will you choose? Then let us all take warning, and heed the Savior's call, Be robed in white adorning, Then we'll be ready all.

Saints, pray for me that I will always be robed in white adorning when my Master calls.

A sister in the one true way, Mrs. Earl Sorrell.

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Ariz.—To the saints scattered abroad, I send greetings:—I am yet saved and trusting the Lord for everything. Truly I find Jesus a present help in every time of need and one who will never leave nor forsake us. He heals me when I am afflicted and also heals my children. I promised the Lord if He would let me hear from my daughter I would testify through the Faith and Victory paper. That prayer has been wonderfully answered, for which I give Him all the praise.

I want the saints to pray for my unsaved family, and also for me. Yours in Him, Bertha Slaughter.

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Okla.—Dear saints:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

I am still saved and mean to go all the way with the dear Lord. He has done great things for me. Around the latter part of august my baby girl's arm was hurt. It wasn't out of place, but she would cry if it was touched or if we tried to lift her up in any way. On the same day I stuck a piece of glass almost through my finger. I went to God in prayer and the Lord wonderfully blessed us. The baby went to sleep, and when she awakened her arm was just like it had not been hurt. Now my finger is well. I do thank the dear Lord for that. And some time this week I cut my thumb when we were eating our dinner (we were in the field pulling cotton), and it hurt so badly it felt like some of those pains were going to my

elbow. I prayed and the dear Lord allowed me to pull cotton all afternoon. And I haven't had to miss a day on account of that thumb. I do thank the dear Lord for that. He is so wonderful I don't know what I would do without him. Saints, pray for me that I will live true to God, and pray that the dear Lord will save my husband.

Your sister in Christ,

Clara Barnett.

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

I have felt led to write my testimony for some time now, but the devil told me I'd just write something silly if I tried, but by the help of the Lord I'll try anyway. I have only been saved one and one-half years although I belonged to a church (so-called) for years. Thank the Lord, He led me out of it into the light!

I have been in bad health for years now, and hadn't missed a day taking medicine in over 14 years until 1½ years ago when I was saved. The Lord showed me I would have to trust Him for my healing, and I have gotten along much better trusting Him than I did taking medicine. He has healed me of three serious afflictions. The last one was gall bladder trouble, and I was healed during the Midway campmeeting. The devil is trying to bring that affliction back on me now, so I desire the prayers of the saints that I will keep victory and be completely healed. I also have awful headaches every few days and want your prayers that I'll be healed of them. My nerves are in bad shape because of operations I had before I was saved.

Here is a poem the Lord gave me a few nights ago, and it is my testimony.

I once lived a life of sin,
The devil ruled and reigned within;
He brought me only shame and misery,
Till Jesus came and set me free.
Now my life of sin is o'er
Since Jesus came knocking at my heart's door.
I opened it and let Him in;
Praise His name! He saved me from sin!
Now the devil in my life has no place,
Since Jesus came bringing His love and grace.
For Him I'll live till this life is o'er,
And reign with Him forever more. Amen.
A sister in Christ, Viva LaCraix

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Ark.—Dear saints:—I am happy to say that I am still saved and serving the Lord the best I know how. Please pray that my family will accept the Lord before it is too late.

I fell a few days ago and hurt my side. Will you please pray that God will heal my side, also that He will heal my leg of varicose veins which give me much trouble? He has healed me many times of different troubles.

I am sending you the true story of conversion. Maybe it will encourage others to find the Lord.

May God bless you and all the other saints.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. G. C. Holliday.

MY CONVERSION

My parents reared a family of eleven children. I am the eighth child. At the age of thirteen months I lost my hearing. My mother, father, and all my sisters and brothers were Christians. They tried to explain to me the way of salvation, but I couldn't quite understand this new birth. I read the Bible and many religious books with very little understanding. It was not until I was married and my little son was eight years old that Jesus came and made it plain to me. My son and I were visiting in the home of my parents and sisters. I had been

reading "The Life of Jesus," which was very touching to me, especially His crucifixion. I shed tears in sympathy with His mother. That night after reading this chapter on the crucifixion of Christ, I said my prayer as usual before going to sleep. At midnight I suddenly awoke after having a strange dream. While I was thinking about this dream, suddenly a light appeared in the corner of the room. It seemed that a door opened in the midst of the light, then a figure appeared dressed in white. This was all done in a moment of time, but I knew it was Jesus. At first I was afraid; but I asked God to remove this fear, then a wonderful peace that passeth all understanding filled my soul. Then I knew I was saved. Ever since I have lived a happy Christian life and feel God's divine presence with me each day. Since my conversion when I am sad and lonely, Jesus gives me peace and comfort by showing me bright lights. He also gives me understanding of His Word in dreams and visions. Blessed be His name forever, my conversion happened on a dark night with no moon, Aug. 24, 1930.—Mrs. G. C. H.

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Mo.—Greetings to the saints in Jesus' dear name. The Lord is being so good to us we cannot thank and praise Him enough for his many blessings. Just since I got up this morning the Lord has healed me of a severe hurting in my back. The children had all gone to pick cotton when I started to feel bad and I seemed to be getting worse. I wanted to do the work here at the house, also write some letters, so I just went to God in prayer alone, and he answered. I am so thankful to be serving such a mighty God. He has saved and sanctified me and healed my body so many times. I am thanking the Lord for permitting me to go to two campmeetings this year at Monark Springs and Myrtle, Mo. The Lord blessed in both meetings.

The dear Lord is blessing us here in our little congregation. We do not have a pastor yet, but Bro. Murphy Allen tries to come once a month and other ministers come once in a while. We are expecting Bro. and Sister Key to be with us over this week-end.

It seems so little I can do for the Lord, but I know the life we live counts a lot with the Lord. So you pray for us. I want to ever live the life that is pleasing to God. Sister Katie Marler.

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Kansas—Dear saints abroad:—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I can report victory over the power of the enemy, praise God! I am still encouraged to press the battle on. I was reading in the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is truly wonderful to read someone's testimony, how the Lord has blessed, and to know that what the Lord does for another He can do for all that trust and believe in Him. I thank God that He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. The Lord has done so much for me I could not afford to go back on him. I have a deep desire in my heart to follow the Lord all the way and be found doing his will always. I have a hindrance in going to meeting as I desire. Man looks at the outward appearance, but God knows a person's heart. I want to be led of the Lord in where he would have us to be and also what he would have me do. I know we can put self in the way and can not very well do the Lord's will.

We have two or three offers to move. We will have to move from where we are as the people are going to sell out. Wherever I go, I want it to be where the Lord wants me.

Pray for us here. I thank the Lord for the showers of blessings. We are looking for more blessings, and I

can give God all the glory. I thank the saints for their prayers. Continue to pray on for us. Pray for my husband and family. —One who is striving to be like Jesus, Sister Juanita Watson.

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Calif.—I will try to tell of the wonderful things God is doing. Tonight finds me saved, sanctified, and happy in the Lord. The dear Lord is truly good to all who will let him. It has been some time since I wrote my testimony, but I feel like God would have me tell of the wonderful healing of my ears. I was so deaf I could hardly hear anything. I would go to meeting and Sister Alpha Daniels would show me where to read. But praise God, I kept going on anyway and the saints would pray for me, and I was healed, praise the dear Lord!

We are having good meetings. I didn't get to attend a campmeeting this summer, but Jesus was with us in Orland. We have had some good prayer meetings in our homes lately. My mother is not able to come to meeting so we have it once a week wherever she is. Her eyes are very bad. We prayed for her one night and she has been better. Will all the saints please remember her? Also she smothers so bad. My little granddaughter has a growth on her hand. Please pray for it also.

We saints of God need to sink down deep in the things of God. It seems like people won't go to hear the Word, so it is up to us to live it. I love the Lord and all his people. This is a sweet way to me.

Remember me in your prayers, and my unsaved family. My little granddaughter fell out the door and it hurt her very much. The saints were coming out here to have meeting so they prayed for her and the knot went down that night. I do praise the Lord. Ada Leach.

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Oklahoma.—Since knowing that everything should be done to the glory of God, I feel it would be to the glory of God to write my testimony.

I am so thankful for the wonderful plan of salvation God has for all who will accept it. By my obedience to His plan, I am saved today. By His blessed Word obeying, we prove our love for Him. The Lord is not short of His promises. He has promised the sick he will raise them up. In July I was one in the number of the sick. I was seriously ill, which I believe everyone that came to see me will admit is true. Some of the saints here at Boley came and prayed for me. Bro. Bud Gaines and other saints from Bakersfield, Calif. came by and prayed, also Bro. and Sister Manly Spears. The Lord raised me up. I give him all the praise and glory.

Since life is just a span and eternity so long, it is needful for everyone to look into the matter, "Where shall I spend eternity?" I desire the sincere prayers of all saints that I keep humble and submissive to God's will.

A sister in Christ, Anna Mae Thompson

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Ill.—Greetings to every child of God:—Truly we are serving a mighty God, one who is able to help us in everything and keep us both soul and body. I want to tell of a few of the things He has done for me and mine, for His glory. Our children had ringworm of the scalp. Doctors said no cure but X-ray, which would take every hair off their head for awhile. I was newly saved and did not know how much I could trust Him, but I decided He meant it when He said He would heal all our diseases. I prayed and He healed them, praise His name! Once I had a terrible backache, unable to do my work. I did all I knew to do, had a sect preacher to anoint me and pray. (I did not know the saints). God honored my faith and healed completely, thank the Lord. One time our car ran out of gas about three miles from a filling station. Our chil-

dren and their grandpa were along. Grandpa, an unbeliever, said jokingly, "Rosemary, you'll have to pray." She was seven. So pray we did. God took us on into a filling station, but we had to push the last few feet. Once I ran over our old cat who had five week-old kittens. It hurt her bad and she ran off, I supposed to die. She was the children's pet and they started praying for her, as I had taught them that God would supply every need. They knew the kittens needed their mother. But I wasn't certain I should ask God for anything like that—how ignorant I was. Since they were praying, I saw I must, too. Two days later, here came the cat, almost too thin to walk. Some good food gave her strength to take care of the kittens. God is so good. Children's faith is often greater than grown-ups. Once my husband saw two tornadoes coming toward where we lived. We prayed for protection for us and ours and then stood at the window and watched them sort of dissolve and leave.

I often lose things about the house. How often I've looked till I didn't know of any place else to look, then prayed and God would lead to where the article was. I used to have awful deep-down chest colds, lungs were sore most of the time. I was anointed, and from that day to this, I haven't had a really bad cold. How I do thank my God. I have been healed of goiter. These things are just a few of what God has done for us.

Yesterday I was reading in the 1945 "F. and V." I saw a lot of names I never see in the paper any more. Of course, death has claimed some, but some I knew who worked earnestly then for God, have gone astray and are no longer with the saints. Oh, may God have mercy—and, oh, help me, Lord, to stay so close to you I won't be deceived.

I now have a growth about the size of a pea on one finger that's gradually enlarging; also two moles causing me trouble. My entire faith is in God, so will the dear saints of God pray with me for God to remove them if He sees best, or to cause them to stop bothering me? He was such a wonderful help to me when our last baby came, doing more than I ever thought to ask for. All praise to His name. Also I have an unspoken request, needing help in a certain way. May God bless and keep everyone of you. Love and prayers, Vivian McClain.

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Alabama—Dear saints:—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am still thanking the dear Lord this morning for what he means to me. Some time ago I sent in a prayer request and I am glad I can truly say that the Lord really answered those prayers. I do thank Him and His true saints.

—A sister in Christ.

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Mo.—I want to tell how the dear Lord touched my body about a week ago. I had suffered with sharp pains in my heart all day. Late in the evening I prayed and asked the Lord to stop the pain and told him if he would I would tell it to others. He stopped the pain in a short time. I still have a hurting under my left shoulder blade, for which I desire all the saints to pray. I am expecting the Lord to completely heal my body. And please pray for my little boy's eyes. I also have a very special unspoken request for prayer. Sister Alta Freeman

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An Epistle

(Exhortation To Love)

Blest be God, our hope of glory, who has made us to know both we in Him and He in us, through the mystery in which he has begotten us, we have the promise of eternal life in the gospel of His dear Son.

By which gospel also we have redemption and obtained inheritance among them that are sanctified. Through Him we glory in trials, rejoice in His knowledge, and grow in strength when weakness appears.

Beloved, we desire you by the coming of the Lord and the saints of His purchase, that your love increase and be perfected. We want you to be in readiness, filled with His love, as the last account seals us for that flight into eternity. Would in hope that this be so at your departure, when you can say: I am free from the guilt of all sin, and am no servant to hatred and malice; I have not coveted after worldly benefits, nor feigned falsely this common salvation. Whether rivalry or jealousy came to disturb my peace with God, I have not lifted up my expressions of good deeds to try to belittle my brother, neither to be crediting self to any spiritual endowments. To be able to say in that day: I have not been motivated by quick impulses to inflict injury upon anyone, nor entrusted ourselves with a slavish spirit to abuse our brother's freedom. We have not so much as permitted bitterness to gnaw our hearts when we see their souls prospering with spiritual health, and wealth, and grace. We do not have to be misled by any frivolous spirit, or physical pleasure to cause our fellowmen to lose confidence in us.

For it would suffice then, to arouse our minds, should we neglect opportunity to recall any error or action, which were against our intended desires. If anyone has been uninspired by our short comings, we will offer ourselves in the attitude of sorrow.

Therefore, beloved, since we are not forced into this grace by enticing words of men, consider the cross of His sufferings, and the love that moved our Savior to die, that he might deal mercifully with the creature's soul.

And so we must keep sweetly saved, and Hope, ever abounding in Love. Whether little be our knowledge of the mysteries of life, yet it is our sinless, and saintly way that portrays so vividly before others the Life of Christ.

Having these things in heart, most beloved, keep a quiet spirit, and weigh carefully every word you speak.

Remember MEEKNESS our sister, FAITH our brother, and GENTLENESS our mother. HOPE is our father, and all we are anchored on HOPE.. S. D.

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SELLING OUT

A friend offered me a cigarette.
I thanked him and then replied:
Stack \$10,000, I will still refuse,
My Lord I can't crucify.

Judas sold his Lord for money
And lost his soul by the deed.
Would I be less guilty to commit the same sin
And God's Word fail to give heed?
—Erle E. F.

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THE SPLENDOR OF SELF CONTROL

November 7, 1954

Printed Portion:Proverbs 14:29; 15:1-3; 16:32; 20:1; 23:29-35.

Prov. 14:29. He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

Prov. 15:1. A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

16:32. He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

20:1. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

23:29. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30. They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Memory Verse: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. Prov. 16:32.

Practical Truth: Self-control is essential to worthwhile living, and without it there will be injury to one's self and to others.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The solution to the problem of self control is only truly gained by being born again of the Spirit of God (John 3rd chapter). There are those who hold the lips tightly and really try to hold themselves from saying things that are hidden inside of them, but the grace of God in the soul will take away the "want to" out of the heart so that there is nothing but good words in there to come out.

In 1 Sam. 25:22-34 David was angry because of wicked Nabal and started to give vent to his feelings, but his wrath was appeased by the discreet words and conduct of Abigail. Her self control not only saved her life, but other's also.

The gentle answer turns away wrath, and it is really only those who have the Spirit abiding in them who are able at all times to be longsuffering and show compassion on others.

Jesus spoke of the meek inheriting the earth. Their thinking is for others with a concern for their welfare, and not giving attention to themselves. The Spirit-controlled life is made meek by His presence in the soul, and as one is made over by the Spirit of God day by day, he will have a control that the world knows nothing about.

A STUDY IN VALUES

November 14, 1954

Printed Portion:Proverbs 11:27, 28; 13:7; 15:13-17; 20:11-12; 22:1-4.

Prov. 11:27. He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

13:7. There is that maketh himself rich, yet have nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

15:13. A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14. The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15. All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

20:11. Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

12. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.

22:1. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

2. The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

3. A prudent man forseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4. By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.

Memory Verse: A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. Proverbs 22:1.

Practical Truth: The values which are most important are those that accompany the fear of the Lord.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Verse 27: "He that diligently seeketh good" would show that the Christian is to give careful attention to that end and be industrious about it. To seek good is to seek after the true value, while riches and the things of this world are not to be compared with it. What is God's will? should be paramount.

The merry heart is the one that has been given over entirely to God, for Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Such a heart is bubbling over with joy and peace that passeth understanding.

Verse 16 speaks about "the fear of the Lord" (fear to displease God), which is of great worth in the Christian race. When one has the fear of the Lord, all other fear is banished.

There are few that have had the riches of this world and the riches of the spiritual life at the same time, but Abraham was one that had both. Evidently, from the many times God shows his approval of Abraham, he must have used his wealth to good ends, for in one place he is called the friend of God.

The last of the lesson brings out about the value of humility and the fear of the Lord. Jesus was our example in that he was meek and lowly in heart. Matt. 11:29.

GOD'S ABUNDANCE FOR MAN'S NEED

November 21, 1954

Printed Portion:Psalm 104:1-5, 10-14, 24, 33.

Psalm 104:1. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3. Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4. Who maketh his angels spirits: his ministers a flaming fire:

5. Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

10. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

11. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

12. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

13. He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

24. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

33. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Memory Verse: The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Psalm 25:1.

Practical Truth: In this world God has made abundant provision for the needs of his creatures.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The provision that God has made for all of his creation is beyond all human conception, for there are new discoveries made of his creation every day that surpass previous knowledge. What hath God wrought? Num. 23:23. Phil. 4:19 says, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The way Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes while he was here gives us faith to believe that every thing that is needed can be supplied.

Here are a number of things mentioned of rain, springs in the valleys, and causeth grass to grow for the cattle, that he may bring food out of the earth. And then the Psalmist reaches high appreciation as he gives verse 24, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom thou hast made them all: the earth is full of thy riches." Truly our soul goes out in gratitude as we contemplate these wonderful truths that God looks after every one of his creation as to their temporal needs; but how much more for those who will accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. His greatest blessing is the provision He has made for our spiritual being. He says, "I will sing unto the Lord

as long as I live" Psal. 40:3. "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praises unto our God." God's people can sing.

IN TIME OF TROUBLE

November 28, 1954

Printed Portion:Psalm 142; 46:1-3, 10-11.

Psalm 142:1. I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

2. I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5. I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

6. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 46:1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Psalm 46:10. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Memory Verse: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1.

Practical Truth: When all other help fails, God can bring deliverance to his people.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Psalms convey all moods of the soul. Let a man be joyful and he will find words to express his joy. The soul that is in trouble will find his words in which to talk to the Lord, and by reading on, can find a way out of trouble. No matter what may be our need spiritually, there is some token for good in all of the Scripture from which we can claim a cheering word to help us. Jesus said, "Be of good cheer." Paul told the ones who were on the ship with him to be of good cheer (Acts 27:22-25), "for I believe God, that it shall be even as he told me." So God's children all have a mighty God, an ever present God, and a God who knows all things and is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20.

God is our abiding help. Faith rests in the eternal presence of God. The soul that leans wholly upon God in meditation and prayer is rewarded, for he says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).

The last two verses are a great help to us when everything is in turmoil around about us, for he tells us to "Be still, and know that I am God." And Jesus commanded the waves to be still, and they obeyed him. He calms the troubled soul.

—C. W.