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### Look Up

Brother, if you have a burden  
That is hard for you to bear,  
If you just look up to Jesus,  
He will all your sorrow share.

He has trod the way before you,  
And He drank the bitter cup;  
He will roll away your burden,  
If to Him you will look up.

If your body is afflicted,  
And you feel the touch of pain,  
Just look up by faith to Jesus,  
Do not think your prayer is vain.

Though you may be called to suffer,  
And to taste affliction's cup,  
He will take away your sickness  
If to Him you will look up.

Just look up and do not doubt Him  
When your faith is tried by fire;  
When you meet with persecutions,  
Just look up with good desire.

Never try to mete out vengeance,  
God will measure every cup;  
By faith stand upon the promise—  
God is for you, so look up.

When the world seems dark and dreary,  
And the clouds are hanging low,  
When the darkness gathers round you  
And you know not where to go:

Just look up, the sun is shining,  
God will soon say, "'Tis enough."  
He'll disperse the clouds and darkness,  
If to Him you will look up.

—Ulysses Phillips

### Salvation

"Salvation's free, glad joy to all of Adam's fallen race,  
We'll tell to all both far and near of saving keeping  
grace."

Yes, bless the Lord, salvation is free to all, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." Heb. 1:1, 2.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God who stood as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, but hath been manifest in these last days (the gospel dispensation day) for us.

"Now the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." Titus 2:11, 12.

"And thou shalt call his name Jesus [which means Saviour] for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21.

"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

Then it is through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ that we may be saved, and there is no other way. Believing on him is believing his word. If we believe from the heart (Rom. 10:9) we will obey the Word. "For not the hearers of the Word shall be just before God, but the doers shall be justified." Rom. 2:13; James 1:22, 23.

Jesus says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34.

We read in Heb. 11:6, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." So the first step toward God is to believe that there is a God and then we must believe on His Son as our Saviour. "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift [grace] of God." Eph. 2:8.

If we believe God and his Word and that he has told us the truth concerning salvation, we must then repent of our sins—be sorry, so sorry that we will quit our sins, deny ourselves of all worldliness and ungodliness, everything that is unlike God, and take up our cross to follow Jesus. Then he chooses us to be his disciples and we are no longer of the world,

no longer in the kingdom of Satan or sin, but have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. The love of the world is taken out of our hearts and God pours his love into our hearts. Praise His name! Then we can rejoice to suffer with him.

There is a vast difference between salvation and just a religion. There is a pure and undefiled religion, which is salvation. Many profess and think they have religion when they haven't denied themselves of anything, but are going on hand in hand with the world, loving the world and the things of the world, which we cannot do and love God. 1 John 2:15, 16.

We cannot be a follower of Christ and yet continue in sin, for he that is dead (dead with Christ to sin) is free from sin. Please read the entire chapter of Romans 6. We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him. Heb. 2:3. "Salvation makes us happy here; Surpassing all that earth holds dear, It fills the drooping heart with cheer; It satisfies my soul" Fifth verse of No. 77 in "Evening Light Songs."

This is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God for he will abundantly pardon." Isa 55:67.

With love to all, Cora Brant

### A Soldier of the Cross

As I walked the street in town one day I saw a man. I said, "That man is in the navy." Yes, he was wearing a navy blue uniform with long sleeves and sailor collar.

Then I saw a company of men marching. They were dressed in khaki uniform. I knew they were in the army. They marched shoulder to shoulder, keeping step with the captain and obeying every command. When these boys were called to fight for their country, they began to make the necessary preparations.

They sold their business, gave up their jobs, and left their clothes and belongings. They said "Good-bye" to fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives, children, sweethearts, and friends. They had joined the army.

A good soldier obeys every command, regardless of how foolish the order seems to be. Their clothes, beds, and everything is kept clean and in order. They have good food three times a day, must go to bed at a certain time and get up at the call whether they want to or not. They must obey every command because they are not their own. They belong to the U. S. Army and Navy.

This is a very good comparison of a good soldier of the cross of Christ. According to the Word of God,

no man can come to Christ "except the Father which hath sent me, draw him." John 6:44a. Then he must make the necessary preparations. Jesus said, "Repent ye and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15b. When he has accepted Christ or has been born again, he must also keep God's commandments. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30, 31. These two are the greatest commandments. There are many more. No matter how foolish they seem to be or how hard the saying, His commandments are not grievous (John 5:3b). We are not our own, for we are bought with a price: "Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:20.

Jesus gave his blood that you might have eternal life. Oh! such love, to suffer and endure the shame for poor, weak creatures as we are! "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:13, 14.

As an army marches as one man, so Jesus prayed that "they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." John 17:21. And there is an armor to wear: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph. 6:11, 18.

So if the Lord has forgiven your sins and you have given Him your heart and all you have, keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. Then you will be a good soldier of the cross and will spend eternity in the beautiful home which Jesus has for you.

May the Lord add his blessings. —Dott Henry

### Good Works

Christians possess a light; they are "children of light"; and are commanded to let their light shine. How can Christians shine God's gospel light? By their good works. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. God has ordained that in Christ we should do good works: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10. By the apostle Christians are exhorted to be careful to maintain good works. "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works." Titus 3:8. Then he adds that these things are good and profitable unto men." We have proven by the Word elsewhere that Salvation from sin is not attained by good works; but after we are saved by grace we retain the grace by a strict and faithful performance of all Christian duties. The first neglect to perform a known duty is the first step a Christian takes on his return to the "beg-

garly elements of the world." We are commanded to "search the Scriptures." By looking into this perfect law of liberty and conforming our lives to the glorious truth taught there, we shall be led into the beautiful walk of Christian virtue and duty.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." When a house is "thoroughly furnished," we understand it is furnished in every room upstairs and down. The Scriptures are given us that by searching them and receiving of their corrections, reprovings, and instructions, we may be furnished in every department of our capabilities with good works. If man obeys the voice of the inspired Word of God, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work. Christians should be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate (1 Tim. 6:18).

Saints should be fruitful in good works. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Saved people in some texts of Scripture, are likened unto good trees. They are a tree that is abounding with the fruit of every good work. Christians are admonished to be ready unto every good work. "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work." Titus 3:1. They should be established in them. "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father, which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work" 2 Thess. 2:16, 17. They should abound to all good works. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; That ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work" 2 Cor. 9:8. The apostle prayed that they should be made perfect in every good work. "Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen." Heb. 13:20, 21. This is a most precious text. "Working in you" in the margin is rendered "doing." All the good things a Christian does is not him doing it, but it is God doing it in him. So he is not found going about telling what he has done.

Saints should provoke each other to good works: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Heb. 10:24. We know of no better way to provoke others to good works than by setting a good example before them. All their good works should be done in wisdom and meekness, or humility. "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation [or conduct] his works with meekness of wisdom." James 3:13.

The people of God do not adorn themselves with gold and pearls and costly array to appear beautiful,

but with good works. (1 Timothy 2:9,10).

What can be more lovely than a character beautified by the ornaments of every good work in the meekness of wisdom? Glory to the name of Jesus! My soul feels like crying, "Lord, work more of thy good works in the hearts of thy people!"

Man's works shall be brought into judgment: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" 2 Cor. 5:10. "For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:14.

That will be an awful hour when we are called before the tribunal of God and there have to unfold to the incomprehensible One our true character. Oh, what will it be worth in that day to hear Him say: "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me." Matt. 25:34-36.

In Eccl. the Word of God says, "Hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Some will preach, "Just believe and then you will be saved from your past and future sins." But God's Word does not say that. It says: "If ye keep my commandments"; and IF you endure unto the end, etc.

—J. T. Roberts.

### Encouraged In The Way

As I sit here musing on things above,  
I feel the great comfort of Jesus' sweet love.  
And, oh! how I love Him from the depths of my heart,  
For He surely has blessed me since for Him I did start.

The night may seem weary and the day, oh, so long,  
But my Saviour doth ever fill my heart with a song.  
I'll praise Him forever, where'er I shall be,  
'Till toiling is over and His face I see.

The tests may be many, and rough seem the way,  
But after the darkness—will then come the day.  
So onward and upward with heart brave and strong  
I'll cling to my Saviour and praise Him in song.

Oh, bless the dear Saviour who had mercy on me,  
Who now from all sins hath set my soul free.  
Yes, bless the dear Savior who reigns from above  
And continually fills my heart with his love.

—Lois Whipple.

### AWAY WITH NEGLECT

Whether pastor, teacher, worker, or saint,  
Neglect will savor your life with a taint.  
Oh! Love Divine—just make me thy slave,

So I can be faithful 'til I come to the grave.

—Ethel K. Miles.

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**Editorials**

The old year of 1954 is fast coming to a close, and with rejoicing in our soul we can say that it has been a very busy year here in the "Lord's Print Shop." The true holiness doctrines of the Bible have been printed and sent forth in a larger and more efficient volume than ever before. The approval of God on the work has been very evident all along through the year. Many letters have been received from precious souls whom God has touched with the truth contained in the printed page, and they have written to us out of the abundance of the heart made glad by embracing the truth of God's holy Word. Truly, the Word of God received makes the dumb heart sing and causes artesian wells of refreshing water to spring out of the soul of man.

The readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper have sent in over three thousand names to be placed on the list of the three months subscribers, so we shall reach a large number of souls through the winter months with the gospel by the printed page. This also rejoices our hearts. Oh, we have so much for which to be thankful to God.

Those who are receiving the "Faith and Victory" paper and have not subscribed for it, have this favor bestowed upon them by a friend who wishes them well.

If you should receive two papers, just please hand the extra one to a friend or a neighbor who should be interested in the things of God.

We certainly do pray that all of our readers will have a happy and prosperous time all through the coming New Year of 1955. Opportunities to work for Jesus confront us on every hand, and those who use all that He puts into their hands to the glory of God, together with talents and time, will have a sweet happy life and great rewards in eternity.

Now, the New Year of 1955 is upon us, and we feel like a strong man in Christ, rejoicing to run a race. The Lord has the print shop supplied with machinery and with workers who are ready to obey him and willing to print and send forth the gospel all through the coming year as the Lord supplies means and material. This is the Lord's work and devils and men cannot stop it, although the enemy works hard to discredit it and to hinder and stop it if possible. But our God still rules and men's puny efforts are only used of Him to further his cause and truth.

Just recently a young brother who lived in Calif. overheard some ill-informed preachers speaking slightly of the Faith Publishing House work, and the Lord touched his heart and led him by His Spirit to come here. Now he is getting settled down in the work and is learning to operate the Linotype machines. The more folks find fault and criticize the work, the more God upholds it and works in precious heavenly ways to sustain it. Glory be to God in the highest!

The devil and his subjects who are criticizing finding and picking fault, trying to hinder and smother the work of God make me think of what is written in history concerning Jesus. It is said that Pilate called Jesus to him and cautioned him about teach-

ing as he did because it was causing disturbance, and he ordered him to stop such teaching. Jesus replied, "Dam up the mountain gorge and it will burst over and uproot the trees in the valley." A thing that God backs up with his power and grace cannot be stopped. Those who try it are found guilty of fighting against God, the creator and ruler of the universe.

I observe that many of those who have imbibed some strange and wrong doctrines and find fault with the true way get into many hurtful things and take up with other strange and foreign doctrines that lead them farther and farther away from the truth, and great confusion is the result. It is needful for every one to be established in the truth and not be moved by winds of doctrines that seem to be so numerous in these perilous times.

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Anna Marie Miles, my daughter from California, and family have moved into the house here, and she is settling down into the office work, which is a great comfort to me; and also, I trust to all the workers. It is precious to see the hand of God caring for his work; out of our heart issues praise unto Him who has redeemed us by his precious blood.

We wish to say to those who have sent us sympathy and Christmas cards that we do appreciate this kindness and thoughtfulness of one so unworthy as I. It will not be possible for us to answer all of them, but we want you to know that they have not been unnoticed; but duties press us very much all the time in a faith work like this, and we pray God to bless each and every one. His eyes are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers.

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After our dear wife's passing I was looking through some of her things and found a tablet partly filled with some thoughts which she had set down. I feel it would be good to pass some of them on to our readers. The title she had for them was: "Thoughts That The Lord Has Given Me." The following are just a few of them:

"Discouragement is a tool that Satan uses to destroy souls, but Jesus is just the same yesterday, today, and forever. People change, time changes, but Jesus is always the same. He is the same God that delivered the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage, Daniel out of the lions' den, and the three Hebrew Children out of the fiery furnace. He can do for us what he did for them. We have no reason to doubt the power of God. We have experienced what he can do. The Israelites got into trouble because they limited the Holy One of Israel. God cannot use cowards to any advantage.

"We must stand firm for the truth in the face of Satan at all times. God will show himself strong in behalf of those who fully trust in Him. I steadfastly refuse to gratify the devil by being discouraged. No matter how hard the storms of life may rage, we can still stand on the promises of God and be safe. God is behind all of his promises.

"Death is essential for service. The Christian that will not die daily is usually of little service to the Lord. It is those who are dead to the world that

are alive in God. They will carry out his purpose and plan.

"The Apostle James says, 'What is your life? It is a vapour that appeareth a little time and then vanisheth away.' We are here for a short time in order to prepare our souls for that home over yonder, and we do not want to fail to make all preparations that are needed to make it in. If we fail on any line, it will hinder us from going in. How sad that would be. I am glad that this old world is not our home. We thank the Lord for the privilege of giving our lives, time, and talents in his service. No other service is sweeter than the service of God. Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of a great multitude; for the battle is not yours but God's. 2 Chron. 19:20.

"Each day brings us closer to eternity, and how we do need the Lord to help us to keep a resistance in our souls against Satan on every line.

"The last month of the old year is gone to never return again and January of the new year is come; it will be here for awhile and then be gone to never return; other months will come and take their places. Just so it is also with us: we are here for a short space of time, then we will go on to our reward to never return any more, and someone will have to fill in our place and carry on our work, and soon they will go on. We find it this way all through life.

"'In this world I found no rest, Sorrow filled my aching breast, Till I trusted to one who loved me best of all.' Yes, Jesus loved us best of all, and in Him we find all that we need for both soul and body.

"Jesus prepared a place for us when he died on the cross. He prepared our home over yonder, and it is up to us to prepare our souls for that home so we can go there when this fleeting life is over. The Lord can and will satisfy every longing of our hearts as we yield unto Him."

### —:::— Obituaries

Bro. John Gilbirds, son of Sam and Katherine Gilbirds, was born October 8, 1877 at Eberingville, Canada, and departed this life December 8, 1954. His boyhood days were spent in Michigan. Later he came to Greely, Colo. where he was united in marriage to Hazel N. Smith, June 21, 1920. To this union two children were born: Ralph E. Gilbirds of Lebanon, Ore. and Gladys A. Stewart of Englewood, Calif.

When a young man, he met the saints and embraced the truth and has lived a devoted life most of his life. He was ready to go home to his Lord whom he had loved so much. He will be greatly missed by the church here at Jefferson, Ore. where he was certainly an example of patience through all his long illness.

Bereaved are: his wife, Hazel Gilbirds; one son, Ralph E.; one daughter, Gladys A. Stewart; three grandchildren, Susie, Dixie, and Janice; three brothers, Charles, Henry, and William; three sisters, Sarah Kilbourne, Susan Hawksworth, and Agnes Simpson, all of Michigan.

Funeral services by Bro. Verl Kliever; text, Job 21:23.

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Susie P. McMillan was born Dec. 22, 1875 in Paris, Texas. Her parents, Butler and Adeline Brown and six brothers and two sisters all preceded her in death.

In early life she married Mr. Parker, who also preceded her in death. Later in life she met and married

Bro. G. W. McMillan with whom she lived unto death. She was much afflicted for several years. She embraced the truth in 1937 at Okmulgee, Okla. She was only bed-fast a few days till she passed away on Nov. 10, 1954, at the age of 78 years, ten months, and eighteen days.

She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, several neices, nephews, and other relatives and many friends.

Funeral service Nov. 14th, 1954 by Bro. Sam Barton. Scriptures: Psalm 90; Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:1. Services in Okmulgee, Okla.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

I am a young saint and have suffered with asthma nearly four years, and I am desirous that the Lord will heal me. I also at this time have a bad cold. My mother isn't saved and things are becoming very pressing because I do not take medicine. Pray for me.

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Dear saints,—Please pray for my husband; we are separated and he threatens and wants to make trouble for me. I know I have done a lot of wrong, but I have made that right with God and asked him to forgive me, but he can't see himself, so pray that God will break up his heart that he will see his soul's condition and see himself. Write to him: Ralph Windle, R. 3, Colby, Kansas.

Yours in Christ, Sister Clara Windle

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Pray for one Sister Roberts who is suffering from ulcers.

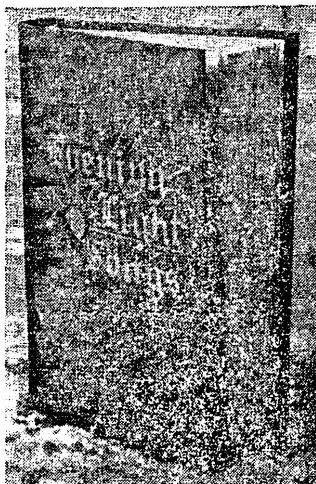
—Ulysses Phillips

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Mo.—We desire earnest prayer for the healing of my body. For over a year I have had a sore in my mouth. It hinders me in the service of the Lord. I also have weak spells, so that I can hardly be up at times. I desire the earnest prayers of all the dear saints. I desire healing only to the glory of God and that I might work for the Lord.

—Murphy. Allen.

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### MEETING REPORTS

As I had a burden for Orland, California, I had a request to come for some meeting at this place. After much prayer, we went and the meeting started Nov. 9th. God did bless our souls in a marvelous way. One came to the altar for help; others were much interested. On Thursday we were invited to attend service at an old peoples' home, which was very profitable, and when the noon hour came on we sat down to a real good dinner. Mrs. Lancaster is manager of this home, and I observed that she was very tender and kind to these aged folks, seeing to their every need. As these aged folks could not attend religious services, it was brought to them. Mrs. Lancaster is doing a very commendable work there, and came to our meeting and was very co-operative with us, and in spirit was with us, praying and caring for, getting folks to meeting and back home. In our souls we felt much at home there and perfect freedom was granted us to obey God in testimony or preaching. Mrs. Lancaster seemingly took her stand for all the truth and helped us to advertise the meeting there at the saints' chapel.

At the conclusion of the meetings at Orland, we then went to the Assembly meeting at Jefferson, Ore. which began on Nov 19th. It was reported that seventeen were at the altar for different needs. This was said to be the best ever held there, such love and unity and love was felt all the way through. Some came out of denominationalism and got cleared up in their souls and because of the death to sin were buried in baptism. It was said that the preaching was very rich and clear. All seemed to be just one family. The interest was good from the first service to the last one. Six or eight ministers were present to break the bread of life to hungry souls. All expenses were met on all lines.

—E. M. Zinn.

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The meeting of the church of God southeast of Okeene, Okla. was a rain of spiritual things from heaven. Souls were blessed spiritually and bodies were touched by divine power. Eight or nine came forward to the altar of prayer, for either salvation or sanctification. In the healing services the power and anointing of God was great and faith prevailed so that several received the instant healing touch. Others were able to grasp faith and courage to wait on God for deliverance. All glory and praise be to the Lord.

M. Agnes Williams.

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Kansas—Greetings in Jesus' name,—The Wichita Assembly meeting has come and gone, but never will the results be forgotten. Three souls were saved and many were encouraged and strengthened in our great God.

The Lord sent in ministers led by and filled with the Holy Ghost. Each message was timely and the judgments of God were rich. Truly our souls are reaching out for others, that they may see into the mysteries of the kingdom of our God.

The ministers present were Bro. Charles Smith of Shawnee, Okla., Sister Hunter of Okla. City, Bro. Foster of Bristow, Okla., Bro. Young of Sapulpa, Okla., and Sis. Davis of Hennessey, Okla., Bro. David Madden and Bro. Richard Madden, pastor of Sapulpa were with us one night.

The Lord added to our number here, and we need your prayers that the Lord will help us to keep the truth moving on.

If any minister feels led of the Lord to come and hold a meeting at any future time, please let us know; for the harvest is great, ready to harvest, and many souls are going into eternity unprepared to meet God. We need your prayers that we be able to gather all we can for the Lord. Bro. Lewis Williams, 1538 N. Piatt St., Wichita, 14, Kansas.

## The Second Coming of Christ

Acts 1:9-11 says, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

This took place after His resurrection from the dead. Christ remained with his disciples many days, speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God; then he led them out to Mount Olivet, near Bethany, and here gave them the final commission to preach in his name among all the nations.

In the New Testament much importance is attached to the second coming of Christ. The Scriptures uniformly point forward to that event as the time when the dead will be raised, when the general judgment will take place, and when final rewards will be meted out to the righteous and to the wicked. "The Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matt. 16:27).

### THE END

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world?'" (Matt. 24:3).

In 1 Cor. 15, where Christ's coming and the resurrection are described, we read in this connection, "Then cometh the end" (vs. 24). This great event marks the end of time, the end of man's probation, the end of Christ's special redemptive reign—yea, as Peter says, "The end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7).

### THE RESURRECTION

"There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust" (Acts 24:15). How many resurrections? One—"a resurrection." And this one resurrection of the dead is to include both the just and the unjust.

This text does not state when it will take place, but in Revelation 1:7 we have the time stated: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." This proves the fact of a general resurrection; and that this resurrection includes the wicked also is shown by the statement that even those who "pierced him" will see him when he comes. The idea of two literal resurrections—one of the righteous and the other of the wicked—is utterly impossible according to this text. That the resurrection is one, but includes both classes, the just and the unjust, this text makes clear.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done

evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29.) Both classes—good and bad—come forth from their graves in the same "hour."

Some think that 1 Thess. 4:16—"the dead in Christ shall rise first"—teaches two resurrections, but even a hasty examination should show that it teaches no such thing. The word "first" does not refer to other dead people at all. The text with the context, simply show that those who are living on the earth in Christ, but that the dead in Christ will rise "first," and then they will both ascend together.

Also Philippians 3:11—"If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead"—is sometimes perverted in order to sustain the false doctrine of two future literal resurrections of the dead; for, it is argued, if there were only one unconditional resurrection, Paul would not have sought to attain it. But the Bible represents the single resurrection of the dead as composed of two classes, the one receiving the resurrection unto eternal life, and the other a resurrection unto eternal damnation. The object and effort of Paul was to attain to this resurrection of life, which can be obtained only by proper effort, for it applies only to those who are saved. The context shows this application. In verse 19 he mentions one class "whose end is destruction"; in the following verses he speaks of other classes, to which he belonged, and says, "We look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body."

There will be but one literal resurrection of the dead, and it will include "all that are in their graves" "both of the just and the unjust"—and together they will come forth in the same "hour," when Christ comes; for then "every eye shall see him, and they also that pierced him and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (Rev. 1:7).

This does away with the idea of there being two resurrections, for the Bible says "every eye shall see him" and it is plain to see that if there were to be two resurrections the Bible would not have said "every eye shall see him."

### THE GENERAL JUDGMENT

To the Athenians Paul declared that God "hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained" (Acts 17:31). This judgment day is "the last day," the day of resurrection; for Paul says that "the Lord Jesus Christ . . . shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:1). The revelator connects the general judgment with the resurrection at the second coming: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works" (Rev. 20:11-13).

## FINAL REWARDS

"Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12). "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he reward every man according to his works" (Matt. 16:27). God has reserved the "Unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (2 Peter 2:9). This will be an awful day, and one that we cannot escape. "Every eye shall see him" when he comes; for "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints" (2 Thess. 1:7-10).

The same great truth is also taught in Matthew 25 and centers in the second coming. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (vss. 31-33). Here we have all men before the judgment throne at the same time; they are divided into two classes, represented by sheep and goats.

This division is made for the purpose of setting their final destiny: "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (vs. 34). "Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (vs. 41). "And these shall go into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (vs. 46).

## THE DESTRUCTION OF THE EARTH

"Heaven and earth shall pass away," says Jesus (Matt. 24:35). Peter describes the manner in which the heavens and earth shall pass away. "The heavens" doubtless refers to the aerial heavens surrounding the earth. "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Pet. 3:7).

Notice that this destruction of the earth by fire is reserved till "the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." Millennialists have argued that the fire would come first and simply purify the earth, after which the righteous would reign here a thousand years before the resurrection of the wicked. But according to Peter, the fire will not come until the time when the ungodly men shall receive their doom. Peter did not believe the Millennial theory. He knew that when Christ came the end of all things pertaining to earth would take place and that the righteous and the wicked would be rewarded at the same time,

Therefore he goes on to say: "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 ye to be in all holy 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?" (vss. 10-12).

Peter does not say that the earth shall be burned over, but that it shall be "burned up"; that "all these things "shall melt," be "dissolved," and "pass away." And in direct contrast he mentions a "new heavens and a new earth" (vs. 13), brought to view after the first one has gone. The Revelator also describes the passing of this old earth: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them" (Rev. 20:11).

## THE PREMILLENNIAL THEORY

With these clear and plain scriptural statements before us, we can readily see that there is no possibility of a millennium, or earthly reign of the righteous after Christ comes.

1. There will be no time for a Millennium.—The second coming of Christ, when he raises the dead and rewards the righteous, is "the last day." At that time "the mystery of God" will be finished, and there will be "time no longer" (Rev. 10:6-7). There is not a thousand years after the last day.

2. There will be no place for a Millennium.—As we have just seen, the destruction of the earth is to take place at the same time that the wicked are to be punished; and this destruction will be complete, the earth being "dissolved," "burned up," and passing away. Hence, there will be no earthly place for a Millennium after Christ comes.

3. There will be no need of an earthly Millennium.—The offers of perfect salvation are all extended in the gospel dispensation. "Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Every means consistent with moral government and the moral freedom of the individual are now being employed to effect the salvation of men. Furthermore, since at the coming of Christ the wicked are judged and sent to their everlasting doom, there is positively no need of an earthly Millennium.

—Albert L. Bullock

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. How wonderful it is to serve the Lord!

I'm very thankful this morning to say I'm saved and striving to do all I can for the Lord. I am thankful to have the opportunity to attend Sunday School and church services.

Last Sunday I was sick. I prayed and asked the Lord to heal me, and in less than an hour I was feeling fine.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will ever be faithful and more bold for the Lord.

Christian love,

Coquette Sorrell,

## CORRESPONDENCE

Calif.—To the dear saints scattered abroad:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Truly I love the name of Jesus, bless his holy name. I find he is all I need. Everything is in Him. I love the Lord because He heard my cry and pitied me enough to save me from my sin. Truly the way is getting sweeter as I go up this shining way. I am trusting God for everything I need and anything that happens is all right with me. Everything works out for the good of them that love God and it is from him. Every trial is a stepping stone to glory and it only makes us stronger in the dear Lord. His precious word says, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." When we are troubled about anything we need to pray. Prayer changes things. Have faith in God to believe He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

I have heavy trials and tests but God's grace makes them light appear and I rejoice in the God of my salvation. I am an old lady and when I have work to do and don't have strength, I ask God and he gives me the strength. Praise his holy name!

I heard some rich truths while I was visiting in the East this summer and my soul really did feast and I am hearing some rich words at home in Fresno. We have a spiritual pastor and esteem him highly for his works sake. Our pastor is Brother Trotter and he has such a sweet wife, so kind. We all love them.

The Lord gave me a little verse of song.

I am taking the path that Jesus trod,  
Leaving all the world behind me.

Making my way to God.

Chorus

Oh! the path that Jesus trod,

Oh! the path that Jesus trod,

Is a stepping stone before

Making my way to God.

May the dear Lord bless you all in my prayer.

Sister Laura Nichols.

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Okla.—Dear saints:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel like adding my testimony to tell what the Lord has done for me.

First of all I am glad that I am saved and kept by the mighty power of God. He has healed my body many times and has blessed me in so many ways. Praise his dear name forever! He gives me grace for every trial that he permits to come my way and I am not tired of serving the Lord. Pray for me.

A sister in Christ,

Jennie Brooks.

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Okla.—Dear saints:—Greetings of love in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am still saved and have a willing mind to live to please God in every way. I am so thankful for this salvation and that is our privilege to live to please God. It means so much to me to serve a living God, one who can do any thing. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in so many ways until I can't tell them all.

In the month of October we went out in western Oklahoma to pull cotton. Just before we left my baby girl fell and split her tongue open and burst her lips. She would hardly eat anything except nurse her bottle a little and drink or eat a little of something cold like pop or a popsicle. But thanks be unto the good Lord. I prayed for that child and in one week's time she was eating well. Praise the good Lord, for he is so wonderful and good to his children. So many people are trusting in man until it doesn't seem they realize the goodness of our God.

I thank the dear Lord that he saved my soul.

Saints, pray for me that I live humble at the feet of Jesus and live to please him in every way because truly that is my heart's desire.

Sometime ago I brought some unspoken requests before the saints and I want to say that the dear Lord surely answered our prayers. We didn't have a place to move to and was wanting to move. The dear Lord wonderfully worked it out. We now have a place to move to—thanks be to God for that.

My baby girl burned her arm the latter part of November. I prayed and the dear Lord wonderfully blessed her. It isn't healed completely but it doesn't give her any trouble unless it's touched or something like that.

Saints, let us see to it that we live a clean life and do all we know to live to please the Lord.

I am the only one saved in my home and there are two families of us here, my husband's mother and brother and some of her grandchildren, so pray that I will live a clean life before them, what time I have to be with them. Pray for my unsaved husband that the dear Lord will save him so that we may rear our children in the fear of the dear Lord.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,

Clara Barnett.

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La.—Dear Saints:—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. The Lord has been impressing us to send in this testimony. We are thankful that God put a desire in our hearts to serve him while we were in our youth. The Lord has been very precious to us all through our lives. I am happy for the time that came in my life when He washed my sins all away, and then I went on and consecrated my life to His service and He sanctified my nature. Praise God for full and free salvation.

The Lord has been very dear to both husband and me. We have trusted him for all our needs. God has blessed our home with three healthy children. Our baby girl was born November 8th the next day after Mother was buried. God blessed us in these times, in such a wonderful way we will never be able to praise him enough. We miss our dear mother much, but through all losses we are finding comfort in the Lord. She was a faithful sufferer during her illness, and in her passing went quietly to sleep in the arms of Jesus.

We wish to extend many thanks to all the dear saints for their kindness and love shown during these trials, also for your sweet consoling sympathy cards and letters received. The saints are precious, and have been a great comfort to us. Pray that we be faithful to the end.

Wanita DiDio.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am so glad for victory this morning. Jesus is so good to us. I could never thank and praise Him enough for all he has and is doing for us. He has blessed us here with many blessings and it's the desire of our heart to live to please him and prove our thankfulness unto him. He has been so good to send his ministers by to declare the truth unto us and help us to know and understand the Bible more fully.

The Lord has wonderfully healed our boy again who had another infection in his jaw. It was swollen and he had not been able to go anywhere until Brother Murphy Allen came by and was going to preach last night. I requested him to pray that our boy would be able to go. He said he prayed for him and it was about the same time he prayed that the swelling began to leave and our son was able to go to meeting and he is feeling all right today. Surely it is a Mighty God we trust. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us, but would be a very present help in time of need.

Our son has two bad teeth that need to be pulled,

please pray that the Lord will help him not to take infection in his jaw when these teeth are pulled. I know the Lord can keep us from being afflicted the same as He can heal us. Praise His sweet name. I am so thankful for his healing power. Pray for us that our faith will fail not, but that we will endure unto the end. I also have an unspoken request that I would like for the Lord to work out.

May God bless all you dear saints at the Print Shop and comfort each one, and help in the work there in the coming year as he has in the past.

Your sister in the Lord, Effie Miller.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt:—I am well and encouraged to live for the Lord. The Lord is truly blessing us here at Jefferson. About everything that has come forth was on the line of power. Today we heard about the gift of God working in its place. The spiritual gift will build up the saints when it works in its place. The Lord has shown me how to work in my place.

I am thankful for how the Lord has healed my body so many times.

I was at Orland, California last week working, visiting, and attending the revival meeting. I got help to my soul while I was there. There is an Old Folks Home there and they welcome the saints and Holy Spirit filled ministers. There is freedom to worship God as the Lord leads.

I would like to hear from the young people. I am the only young brother at Stockton, California. There is only one colored young sister.

Pray for me that I ever stay true to the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ, Alfred Craig,  
R. 1 Box 1141, Lathrop, Calif.

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere:—Greetings of Christian love to one and all in Jesus' dear name. This leaves me much encouraged and determined by the grace of God to press on. Truly God has been good to me since my last writing. He is ever near and is a very present help in time of need. My heart is full today from thinking of his blessings of the past few months especially. I feel it is to his glory and honor to tell of a few of them.

First, he has kept me saved and sanctified and truly I do praise him for that. The 26th of October he delivered us a baby girl in such a marvelous way, with hardly any suffering, proving his power to ease pain. I was sorely tempted before hand to except a form of pain relief, but I prayed earnestly for Grace to trust my Lord and surely he did bless. Praise his name! I also prayed God to let me nurse my baby as it was the way he designed; and, praise God, I am. I can't praise him enough for such blessings.

He has supplied us abundantly this year even though the drouth has been bad, proving to all his children that he will never leave nor forsake us. If we will seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, these things shall be added unto us. Praise him forever. Remember me in your prayers that I may ever be found faithful.

A sister in Christ, Lavern Moles.

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Calif.—Dear saints:—Greetings in Jesus' precious and holy name. I am saved and sanctified and satisfied with all the ways of the Lord. I am more encouraged than ever before in life to press my way on to heaven, by living like the Bible says, to all I know and understand. I just thank the Lord through all of my tests and trials, though they may be many, the Lord keeps me saved and encouraged to live for him.

I thank him too for how he heals my body. I give

him all the glory and praise. I thank the Lord too, for such a wonderful group of young saints here in our congregation. They are really encouraging to me. I really believe they are living for the Lord.

We really have good meetings here every time we meet. The Holy Spirit is always with us, so pray for us that the Lord will always be with us.

Yours for the Lord,

Sarah Stockstill.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings of Christian love to all, and may the Lord richly bless Bro. Fred Pruitt, who has lost his dear wife and co-worker. Surely she has gone on to her reward.

I thank the Lord for his redeeming love today. God's love for mankind brought about our redemption, but how is mankind to learn of this wonderful story of love except through us who love God? Yes, we love God, but do we have God's love in us so that we can show others that they might be saved? God's love is so great that "He gave His only Son." How much do we love those for whom Christ died? Do we love the heathen and those that have never had a chance to hear of this love, enough to lay down our life and means for the cause of God?

I read in John 3:7, "Ye must be born again." O Lord, help us to obey you and be burdened for lost souls. My prayer is that all those who know God will ask Him to fill them with His love and then say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

I thank the Lord for victory today and I wait upon Him to rule my life so I can help some needy soul.

A brother in Christ,

James Huskey

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Oklahoma—Dear saints everywhere,—I send greetings to you in the name of our precious Saviour. I am glad that I can report victory in my soul. I am living for the good Lord. He is so good to me; he keeps me each day in the strait and narrow way. I am truly trusting in the Lord for everything. Praise His holy name! I mean to live for Him unto the end. Pray for us that we will grow deeper in His love. Your sister, Mrs. Nelson Thompson

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Ill.—Dear Saints:—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. How I thank God for his many blessings. Now I know what that song means, "What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!"

I was saved 41 years ago and started trusting God for healing. Some of the healings were seven children down at one time with scarlet fever; one little girl in a runaway had her lung crushed and was bleeding; one little boy with a bruise on his shin. The doctor said unless his fever went down to bring him in the next morning and he would take him to the hospital and bore a hole in the bone. When the doctor was gone, I lay on the bed with him and prayed the prayer of faith until I got the victory. The boy had said to me when the doctor left, "Mama, you are not going to let that doctor bore a hole in my leg, are you?" How I praise God that I knew He healed and I could say no. But the next day the fever came back. I rebuked it and asked God to give him permanent healing. Praise God, he was healed through Jesus' name!

The devil tries to scare us, but put your trust in God. Do not waver.

I had one baby that had convulsions. I put my trust in God and he was healed. This is only a beginning. I am trusting now for the healing of my body. I was healed of a goiter when I was 36 years old. Now I am 66 and it has come back on me. The devil is working day and night.

God is, too. Do not be afraid to trust God for anything, whatever it is, for there is nothing impossible with God to them that believe. Do as God's Word tells you to do in James 5:13-16: "Is any among you afflicted; let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick, call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Have faith in God, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey. I would love to have any of the dear saints write me, as Sister Gill and I are alone working for the Lord, and she told me today when we were out that she thought it would be nice if the saints would put their addresses in the paper so we could write to some of them. My address is Irene Selle, Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

—Irene Selle.

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Okla.—Dear Saints of God:—Greetings to each of you in Jesus' dear name. I feel led to send in my testimony. I thank the dear Lord for being saved and much encouraged to press on for the Lord, he has done so much for me. He heals my body and gives me grace to stand.

I want to get closer to the Lord each day, so pray for me. I also have a problem I would like for the saints everywhere to remember in prayer that the Lord will work out in my behalf.

One who is striving to make heaven my home,  
Oddie V. Nash.

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Okla.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory"—I am glad that I can report victory in my soul through the blood of the Lamb and by the grace of God. I have learned by experience that it pays big to serve Jesus by living above sin. Sin is the only thing that will keep us out of heaven; and the blood of Christ is the only remedy for sin. I praise the Lord for a clean life through the precious blood. George W. Stephenson, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla.

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La.—Dear Readers of "Faith and Victory,"—I wish again to send my testimony of how the dear Lord has blessed wonderfully since I last wrote through the little paper.

You remember in the May issue I told of a big sore on my arm which had been growing for months. This one and several small ones broke out from a sore which started from a tiny burn last December. The smaller ones healed, but this one kept growing. I requested prayer for it. I want to say that it was completely healed by June. I thank the saints for their prayers and the Lord for the healing. He healed me recently of a hurting in my back and hips and of a bad cold that settled in my head and caused sinus trouble.

We are encouraged to live for the Lord even though we are sad and our hearts are grieved when we see those we love so dearly going on in sin; and we know they'll be lost eternally if they do not change. Also some are seemingly so easily swerved from the doctrine which they themselves have taught, putting darkness for light and light for darkness. The Bible tells us to give no place to the devil. If we begin to look at or consider something different from what we have had in this "Evening Light Reformation," we give place to the devil, and he surely will do his work of deceiving. So we need to watch and give no place for the devil to work.

Mrs. A. E. Flynn

## PRAYER REQUEST

Will the saints everywhere please help us pray for Bro. Pat Cole's two oldest girls? They have a thyroid deficiency that they desire the Lord to heal. These folks have only been saved a short time and are just babes in Christ, but they desire to trust the Lord with their bodies as well as their souls; so let's everyone pray earnestly for them.

—Sister Goldsberry

## Sunset

I viewed a distant sunset

At the close of a departed day—  
Splashed with gold and silver,

It was a gorgeous display.

The beauty of the evening

With the fluffy clouds piled high

Was only for a moment,

Then it vanished from the sky.

My days are like a shadow,

And fleeth fast away, (Psa. 102:11)

Swifter than the swift ships,

And the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

We all do fade as a leaf (Isaiah 64:6)

And like the wind, are taken away.

May we live in newness of life

In the dawn of that new day.

Roberta Reese.

## A Forgotten Appointment

Just for records, I was born right into the heart of gangland, on Chicago's near West side. At 17, I got my nickname, Fargo Louie, because I drove a new horse-drawn Wess Fargo wagon.

After hours I drove another kind of wagon to back door in quiet alleys. As a result of this, \$200 was easy to make even for a young boy during prohibition days. So I felt pretty important—big stuff—I smoked and drank and gambled and talked out of the side of my mouth and swaggered and was happy, I thought. It was life—the only kind I knew.

Mom worried about me in a sort of far-off resigned way. She went to church by the clock and the calendar and belonged to every available lodge. Her church was a set of rules and she followed them religiously.

Dad left the worrying and church-going to Mom. He was a happy-go-lucky guy who had a good job as a receiving clerk in a warehouse, but dabbled in city politics and tended bar during off hours for political big shots.

So, since Dad liked this life for me, some of my happiest moments were spent in cheap Loop cabarets—with members of the famous Valley Gang that made the headlines in those days. I was one of their upcoming, bright boys.

One day in July, sporting a \$15 silk shirt, I started out to meet a couple of the fellows in a south State Street cabaret. I had about twenty minutes to make my date, and since I always preferred to arrive just on time—not early, not late—I slowed down at the corner of Van Buren and State to listen to a religious street meeting. I'd do a little high and

mighty sneering down my nose. A few people were singing a happy kind of song and I was soon rooted to the sidewalk. Later, even though I couldn't tell you a thing the gentleman said, I followed the speaker down the street, into a place called the Pacific Garden Mission!

Me in a mission? Yes, Fargo Louis, big shot—silk and all—in old Pacific Garden Mission! I listened for all I was worth to a young speaker who said something like this:

"You think you're having fun when you get dolled up in a silk shirt, a roll in your pocket and a flask on your hip . . . you may think it's big stuff to make a quick hundred delivering a few cases of bootleg liquor . . . I know I did. But that was before I knew there was another life I could have. Not only in some faraway hereafter—but right here and now—today in the city of Chicago.

Then he went on to tell how he had met the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour and how the very life of God replaced the sin that had blinded him for so long.

Even while that fellow was talking, I made up my mind. Someone read and explained some verses from the Bible, and I repented of my sins before God and was born again. And this was happening while two pals of mine sat somewhere in a noisy smoke-filled cabaret. I had forgotten my appointment!

That night I was so happy that I walked three miles home and Mom nearly fainted when she saw me home so early. I announced that Jesus had wiped away all my sins, that I was going straight. Mom didn't understand, but was happy that I was quitting the gang. Dad merely laughed hilariously! It was a big joke to him.

But Dad soon started to make life rough for me. Once he got my brother Charlie to kick me while I prayed. Six months later, Charlie stepped out for Christ.

But the Lord didn't stop with His miracle of redemption with Charlie and me. Brother George came to Christ, then my dear mother. I remember that Dad was a bit puzzled: "But, Anna," he asked, "how you gonna get along without your precious lodges?"

"Easy—I have my precious Jesus." Mom was extremely happy.

Charlie helped Dad to understand the miracle of salvation shortly before Dad met a very mysterious death.

The Lord doesn't keep us from trouble, but He does keep in the time of trouble. Take the time I was preaching in Bughouse square on Chicago's near North side. A tall, skinny, fanatical-looking old man challenged me when I told him that a Christian could sing in the face of even physical torture. Trying to prove my point from a Bible story, I myself had to prove it literally; for as I read, the old man, a professed Communist, held a lighted match in the end of his cane under my chin! Yet God gave me grace to sing. Today the same Lord who helped me to sing continues to strengthen me day by day. For nearly thirty years He has been the head of my home.

What Christ has done for me, He can do for you.

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized . . . And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:41, 47.

—Louis Skoda

Selected from a tract.

## Reformation

John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Very few know God as He would have us to know him. It is possible to know God even as Jesus knew him. When one does not know God, and yet has a zeal to work for him, he will find that often he gets in God's way and hinders God from working as he would like to. Men who know God are very much needed today—men of faith that do not depend on the arm of flesh for anything.

God's great truths are still being unfolded to those whose minds and hearts are open to receive them. But someone will say, "I thought we had all the truth. Isn't this the last reformation?" Yes, it is true, this is the last reformation; but what is meant by a reformation? Reformation is to restore something that once was enjoyed by God's people but has been lost. And the work of bringing the light again upon this hidden truth and revealing it to the people is known as a reformation work. God's great plan of redemption, to redeem and bring man back to that high place of holiness and purity that Adam and Eve enjoyed before the fall, is the plan of salvation that has been unfolding through the ages. He has brought many out of their sins by redeeming them and bringing them back to God. This plan of salvation consists of three great phases of work; namely, justification, sanctification, and the unity of all God's people into the one true body, the church.

These great truths were lost in the dark day of Roman rule; but, praise our God! He has restored them again unto us, his people. God's work of restoring these truths again is called a work of reformation. Thus we had the first reformation (of these last days) led by Martin Luther. God through Luther, restored the truth of justification. This was Luther's main theme to preach to the people—that they could find God and get their sins forgiven by seeking Him themselves without seeking Him through the priest. This was glad news to many lost souls, and thousands found Christ through this teaching. While all the truth on justification was revealed to Martin Luther, there were other truths to follow, but the time was not yet. And while Luther taught the truth of justification in all its fulness, his teachings on many other lines were cloudy because of his former teaching. He was not able to clear himself of all the false doctrines that had been taught for ages.

Later we hear of John Wesley, who taught justification, and also brought in the second reformation of the last days, the sanctification of God's people. We find him straight on the doctrines of justification and sanctification and teaching it in all its fulness because he was a chosen vessel in God's hands to bring the clear light out on this subject. When God does anything, he always does it right; and it was His time to reveal the truth on sanctification; so He revealed it to Wesley and others in all its fulness. So they went forth placing much stress on the doctrine of sanctification. But on many other lines of truth they were still in the darkness; and through lack of knowledge or light on other truths, they taught many things that were not scripturally sound.

Time rolled on to when it was God's time to bring in the last reformation; but because it is the last truth to be brought in that is necessary to restore God's people to full salvation and bring them to the unity of the faith into the one body, His church, so God's plan again was to use a man of God. He chose Bro. D. S. Warner as the leader and used others also to bring in the light on the oneness of His people. So we see them stressing this glorious truth above all others, teaching it and calling God's little ones out of Babylon. They carried on the former truths as taught by Wesley and Luther, recognizing that they were God's eternal truths revealed by God himself and that they needed no changing, as on each step of the way God had revealed each truth in all its fulness.

While God used a reformation in each phase of His great plan, if man had stayed pliable, he could have brought out the three phases all in one movement. But the followers of Luther, also of Wesley, formed a creed and said by their actions: "This far and no farther." So we see God using others that would follow Him.

But God will go on to the end teaching us deeper things and revealing things to his saints that must come to pass on the earth. Yes, there is no end to God's knowledge, and he will still be teaching obedient hearts when the end comes. We are in danger when we say as others have said, "We know it all. There is no more to be revealed." God can not use such ones. They will stand still while others of us will go on unto a closer walk with God until the end comes.

I for one am seeking God daily for deeper things in Him.

Your brother, —H. P. Huskey.

## The Love of God

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Oh, sinner, have you ever sat down and just thought of the wonderful love of God? how he gave his Son for our redemption that we might have a right to the tree of life? When I was deep down in sin, using my time and talents for the devil, ruining my health with the breath that the Almighty gave me, when friends forsook me, helped to bring shame and disgrace on me and my family, the merciful Jesus

reached down and lifted me out by his mighty love and power. Oh, praise His holy name forever!

Oh, the mercy and the severity of God! He is having mercy today, but if you fail to repent, you will land in a burning hell. God is giving you health and strength, money, houses to live in, automobiles, and yet you are going on in sin with no time for Jesus. Won't you just stop and see the great love of God? There is a fountain of Blood that you may plunge beneath and lose all your guilty stains, if you will just come. Usually, blood stains; but this Blood of Jesus will move every stain and make you whiter than the snow.

Do not keep putting off salvation, the devil may have you set your stake on the other side of the grave. It will be too late then to pray. Some false doctrines teach that you can be saved after death. Dear souls, do not be deceived by this lie the devil has told. Jesus said if you die in your sins, "where I am you cannot come." You will be lost forever if you fail to get saved right here on this earth. This is the dressing room. Some say, "I'll wait until I get old." Life is uncertain, but death is sure. "Today is the day of salvation." You may not live to get old.

Salvation isn't just for the old. God keeps the young as well as the old. Surrender your whole heart to God. Give God both of your hands and all your heart. Give up the whole world. He'll keep you each day. Strip for the race. Give the devil all his tools back, every sinful pleasure, and find true joy in the service of God.

### "He Is Just The Same Today"

He is just the same today,  
Never is He far away;  
If we to him in meekness bow,  
He'll bless us even now.

He is just the same today  
Forever more and alway;  
He can bless your every weakness,  
Make you whole and heal your sickness.

Cast on him your every care,  
Grief and sorrow he will share.  
Come to him with all your heart,  
He will from you never part.

Christian love,

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A soldier of the Cross, heaven-bound, lives in perfect peace in the severest conflict, enjoys perfect victory in the midst of apparent defeat, and triumphs over every opposing power, even if death should claim his body.

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"Greatness does not depend on bulk. To human vision nothing has ever been smaller than that grain of seed which fell into Calvary's soil and died. To angelic vision nothing will ever be vaster than that tree of Life which, having sprung up from Calvary's dying seed, is overshadowing human space and time, and sending its boughs through all the immensities."

## To Stand Still Is To Retrograde

The most dangerous conditions for believers to be in is when they become indolent and drowsy; for then the way is open for the devil to sow tares while men sleep. Then the tares grow before men are aware of it, and instead of useful plants, appear thorns and thistles. Men know not how this has happened, for they have kept still and believe themselves to be living in the nature of Christ. Thus from a drowsy state, all these evils grow forth: deceitfulness of sin, seduction and false teaching, and all these under the appearance of Christianity. When we sleep, there is one who stands at the door waiting and watching for our destruction, against whom we can never be sufficiently watchful. 1 Peter 5:6, 7, 8, 9. —Sel.

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Ala.—I have been having much trouble with my leg, and desire to request prayer for it. I have it settled in my heart to trust God completely for my healing. I can truly say like Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." Your brother in Christ, Alex Mullins

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## BIBLE STUDY

### THE BIBLE, THE SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN TEACHING

January 2, 1955

Printed Portion: ..... Jn. 20:31; Rom. 15:4; II Tim. 3:14—17; Heb. 4:12; II Pet. 1:16—21.

Jn. 20:31. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Rom. 15:4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

II Tim. 3:14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them:

15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Heb. 4:12. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing assunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

II Pet. 1:16. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17. For he received from God the Father honour and

glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts;

20. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Memory Verse: These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name. Jn. 20:31.

Practical Truth: In our faith and practice we should take the scriptures as our guide.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Many things are said these days which cannot be believed; for when they are tested out, they will not stand. Not so with the Bible. It does stand the test in every case. The reason why is because its author is "God that cannot lie" (Tit. 1:2) "Was impossible for God to lie." (Heb. 6:18). One lawyer wrote a book showing that the Bible could be put to the test before a court room in our United States of judge and jury and examined before them as in any case that comes before them and the internal evidence (the Christian also has internal evidence) would be all that would be needed to be acquitted as the word of God. The first test would be to seek God as in Jer. 29:13, 14 and be born again as in Jn. 3:1—7 and the resulting experience would be "Joy and peace in believing" (Rom. 15:13). Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Jn. 6:63. The one who is born again has soul hunger for the word of God. Our memory verse holds the key why God gave us the Bible; "That believing ye might have eternal life" (spiritual life). Yielding to the word of God is our key to unlock the door for it is a "Discerner of the thought and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12. Then the word of God given in the power of the Holy Spirit will produce results as in Acts 2:37 and will satisfy the soul.

### THE LIVING GOD

January 9, 1955

Printed Portion: ..... Ps. 103:8—13; Isa. 40:25—29; Matt. 6:9b; Jn. 4:23—24; Jn. 10:30

Ps. 103:8, The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Isa. 40:25. To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

26. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath

created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

27. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28. Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Matt. 6:9b. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Jn. 4:23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Jn. 10:30. I and my Father are one.

Memory Verse: God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Jn. 4:24.

Practical Truth: The one living and true God should have first place in our lives.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"From everlasting to everlasting thou art God." (Ps. 90:2). The living God that created us for his pleasure (Rev. 4:11) and that we worship him in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). The fact that the gods of this world are such a contrast in sin and evil and degradation to the true God gives us to know that our true God will give us the answer to the longing of our soul. Our true God is a God of pity, compassion, gracious, slow to anger, plenteous in mercy (v. 8). He sees our shortcomings and when we turn to him "great is his mercy toward them that fear him" (v. 11). The Israelites were delivered from bondage. God used Moses (Ex. 3:13-16) to take them out of Egypt so is the child of God also delivered from the bondage of sin and enemies of our souls that we might live holy and righteous before him all the days of our life. Lu. 1:74, 75. For in him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:22-31) so then the Godhead is not graven by art and man's device. Our God expects all men everywhere to repent (v. 30). The gods of this world can give no comfort but our God can. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Isa. 40:31. So then the children of God can truly say, "Our sufficiency is of God." 2 Cor. 3:5.

#### CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

January 16, 1955

Printed Portion: ..... Matt. 16:13-17; Jn. 14:8-14.

Matt. 16:13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15. He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Jn. 14:8. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, shew us the Father?

10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.

Memory Verse: I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jn. 14:6.

Practical Truth: It is because Christ is truly divine that redemption was possible and that we can come to the Father through him.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The revelation given to Peter's soul by the Father that Christ was the Son of the living God, has come down to us as a reality and as we meditate over these words, we are convinced of the statement of truth. We have unanswerable arguments in the word of God of the deity of Jesus Christ.

The statement has been made that 300 different names can be found in the Bible of our Lord and each has a different phase of meaning to apply to the needs of the souls of men.

It is necessary that Jesus become our Savior to be our king and our Lord and Master. When we are saved from sin then all of the different names become our heritage as we get salvation. In Isa. 9:6 he is called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. This one verse alone is worthy of much meditation.

The government shall be upon his shoulder. Could we as Christians ask for any better government than he doth give? Christ is magnified as the Creator of all things and by him all things consist. The peace that we have in our souls is made through the blood of his cross that in all things he might have the preeminence. Col. 1:15-20. In Heb. 1:3 we have him upholding all things by the word of his power. In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Col. 2:9.

#### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

January 23, 1955

Printed Portion: ..... Jn. 16:7-11; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 4:8-12.

Jn. 16:7. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9. Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10. Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11. Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

Acts 2:1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 4:8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means is he made whole;

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Memory Verse: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8.

Practical Truth: It is because Christ is truly divine that redemption was possible and that we can come to the Father through him.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Holy Spirit is the one who takes the things of Christ and shows them unto us. Jn. 16:14, 15. He is the permeating presence who keeps us broken and useful; by him also we have the purifying of our hearts by faith. Acts 15:9; I Cor. 6:11. Only those who are led of the Spirit of God are the sons of God. Rom. 8:14. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Rom. 8:16. When Jesus left, he was the one who sent the Holy Spirit (v. 7). Notice in verse 8 some of the work of the Holy Spirit; "Reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment so then according to that and Rom. 1:18—20 all men are left without excuse.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity; and is referred to as God in Acts 5:3, 4: "Lie to the Holy Ghost"—"Hast not lied unto men but unto God." In Acts 16:6, 7 Paul was led of the Spirit not to go to work in Asia and Bithynia. Peter was sent there to that work. I Pet. 1:1. Peter was also led of the Spirit to go to Cornelius. Acts 10:19, 20. He helps us to pray as we should. Rom. 8:26, 27. The Holy Spirit reveals things to us. I Cor. 2:9—16 The natural man does not know the things of the Spirit (v 14). We can test how we stand before God as we listen to what he says in Gal. 5:22, 23.

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#### MAN'S NATURE AND NEED

January 30, 1955

Printed Portion: ..... Gen. 1:26—31; Rom. 3:23; Heb. 2:6—9.

Gen. 1:26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over

the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29. And God said, behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31. And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Rom. 3:23. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Heb. 2:6. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7. Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8. Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Memory Verse: What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Ps. 8:4, 5.

Practical Truth: As a result of disobedience the nature of man became so tainted with evil that all have sinned and need salvation.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is a fact that some of the worst characters in the past have a decision for God and have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ (I Pet. 1:19) and have been made a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17. God allows temptations and trials in this life on purpose that they may be "purified, and made white, and tried." Dan. 12:10. Those who follow the narrow way "Which leadeth unto life" (Matt. 7:14) all the way will have "Great tribulation." Rev. 7:14. God knew before he made the world that man would sin and made provision (I Pet. 1:18—20) how to bring mankind back to a holy and righteous God. According to the first and second commandment in the N. T. God expects our first love. He made us and has a right to that first love.

According to the first part of our lesson man was given dominion here in the earth, but after his fall Satan took over with most of them (Gen. 6:5); therefore there was a great need that man be brought back to his rightful place. Only through Jesus, who was made man, has that place been given back to man; "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5; Rev. 5:10. So those who follow the Savior who is "Meek and lowly in heart" Matt. 11:29, can have "Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 6:11—14; I Cor. 15:57) for he tasted "Death for every man." Heb. 2:9.