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### He Is Able To Deliver Thee

We've enlisted for life in the service of the Lord,  
There are battles to be fought, according to God's word;

The powers of sin and Satan are abroad on every hand,  
We must be overcomers if we'd reach the promised land.

When on the field of battle, at home or far away,  
Be sure and wear the armor that God provides each day;

Abundant grace and meekness, show alike to friend and foe,

Be ready to turn the other cheek, and the second mile to go.

Do you remember Daniel, when they placed him in the den?

The lions growled and licked their jaws, while Daniel said Amen;

The angel of the Lord appeared, and stilled those jungle beasts,

And Daniel sang and praised the Lord, while the sun rose in the east.

There were three Hebrew children who loved the Lord their King,

They would not worship the heathen gods, nor to their music sing;

Into the fiery furnace thrown, yet they were not alone,  
For the Son of God was with them, while the Lord watched from His throne.

When your soul is faint and weary, and you think you're losing ground,

When the powers of sin beset you, about to get you down;

Then pray to the God of Daniel, and the Hebrew children three,

And the Lord will send His angels, and surely deliver thee.

God omnipotent has promised, to all who will obey,  
To all who yield submissive, and take the humble way;  
On eagles' wings He'll bear them, right thru the hottest fray,

And all He asks, be faithful, and watch, and pray each day.  
—One who loves and serves the Lord

### Deceiving and Being Deceived

It is a blessing to live each day serving the Lord with all of your heart and to know that some day you will win a crown that is waiting for you. But, oh, how my heart goes out for those who work daily in some organized church and know nothing about God's grace that keeps us from sin every day. I am acquainted with people that are good people and hold three or four different offices in these different churches, but who really know nothing about God's power to keep them saved every day. Those souls are being deceived. It will be sad for poor souls to leave this world in a deceived condition.

It makes me shiver to think about my own experience along this line. I was reared to believe one could not keep from sinning every day. I really prayed through when I was a girl of thirteen; but not knowing the true way, I was soon doing all of the things I ever did. When we would move, I would always join some church, as I was taught that one would have to join church to get to heaven. I have always wanted to go to heaven. I stayed in man-rule churches for sixteen years and tried to live right. I failed on many things, not knowing that I was being deceived or headed for everlasting punishment. But, thank God, He knew that I wanted to be saved, and put conviction on my heart.

I got saved at home and had never heard of a church of God. But I put my trust in the dear Lord and He led me to His people. Praise our God! I pray that every deceived heart will seek God until he finds this wonderful salvation.

In Prov. 14:12 we are told: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." A deceived soul is pitiful. He is going to hell and does not know it. That is a sad condition.

I went to a funeral service held for a man who was a sinner. The preacher (sect preacher) preached and told all of this man's friends that they were headed for punishment and for all of them to go and get in somebody's church. Oh, how my heart cried out for the poor souls who heard that, and for the one that preached that; for he is deceiving many poor souls. The preacher and his listeners were deceived.

Jeremiah 23:1 says, "Woe unto the pastors that

scatter the sheep." Acts 20:29, "Grievous wolves enter in not sparing the flock." We see much of that today. Ministers are leading people astray, deceiving people and being deceived themselves.

Our pastor brings us the rich Word of God, often telling us of many ways a soul can be deceived. We thank God for Holy Ghost ministers who preach, teach, and live the truth to the whole world.

St. Matthew 7:21 says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Oh, I pray that honest hearts who are being deceived will read these few thoughts and read the Bible and seek God for the saving of their souls. I truly thank God for leading me out of deception. A sister in Christ, Naomi Jennings

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### Do You Have to Sin?

Since sin is a wilful transgression of the divine law, do you have to sin more or less every day—and knowingly do it—then at night ask God to forgive the many sins you did during the day that you did not know about? It seems very inconsistent to hear such pleas in order to go ahead and commit sin. Since God has made provision to take away ALL sin (1 John 1:7), why need we sin? The word Christian means to be like Christ. The Christian to be like Christ is "Dead to sin" (1 Peter 2:24) and "should live unto righteousness." "Dead indeed unto sin" (Rom. 6:11). "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:18). You cannot go ahead and sin and then call yourself a Christian, which means to be like Christ; for even the world on the outside who make no claim or profession can see whether you live like Christ or not; and it is certain that you cannot fool God. Of course, you cannot go ahead as a Christian and live a pure life (1 John 3:3) without Christ in you (Col. 1:27); for it takes HIS power to keep you from sin (1 Pet. 1:5; Matt. 1:21).

Those of you that take the seventh chapter of Romans as a crutch to uphold your doctrine of sin-you-must religion, should also look at the sixth and eighth chapters. Paul did not teach that you must sin when you are a Christian; but if you will look at Rom. 7:1, you will find that he was talking to those that were under the law and not to the Christian. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). That does not sound as if Paul was defeated more or less every day and could not help it.

Another thing that many of our nation overlook is that God expects his people to live holy lives "before him all the days of our life" (Luke 1:75), and right here "In this present world" (Titus 2:12). Now do you think God unreasonable to tell man, "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Pet. 1:15), and not make it possible to live a consistent Christian life before him and before all the world? If you are a Christian (truly) and having a hard time of it, get down in earnest prayer before God and ask him to give you something to do for him and ask him to help

you do it, and as he gives the inspiration you will have something to do instead of sinning (1 Cor. 15:58).

To be a Christian is to be like Christ, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet. 2:22). And you will want to do righteousness instead of sin (Rom. 6:18). Therefore it is impossible to be a saint and a sinner at the same time. —A Saint

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### In The Kingdom of God, The Church

When Jesus began to preach, he said, "The time is fulfilled [not future, but now] and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15. He was teaching the doctrines of the new covenant, and souls began to get saved (born again); for he had power to give eternal life to as many as received him. In Luke 16:16 we read, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." The Kingdom of God is the same as the church. When souls believed the teaching of the new covenant, they would be convicted and repent and be saved, would be born into the Kingdom or church. Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The disciples were born again, for we read in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew where Jesus was teaching them of the kingdom. He told them (11th verse), "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." In the 16th verse he said, "Blessed are your eyes, for ye see: and your ears for they hear." In the next verse he said, "That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them, and to hear the things which ye hear and have not heard them." The disciples were learning the doctrines of the new covenant from Jesus and were living under his teaching and were seeing and hearing the mysteries of the kingdom or church of God. Jesus said that one could not see the Kingdom of God except he be born again.

After the Lord got through teaching the disciples concerning the Kingdom of God, he asked the question: "... have ye understood all these things?" They say unto him, "Yea, Lord," or yes, Lord. (Matt. 13:51. How could the English language make it any plainer to us that the "born-again" disciples were seeing the Kingdom of God? There is no doubt but what they had a deeper and better understanding of the Kingdom after Pentecost when the cleansing and in-filling of the Holy Spirit took place; but to deny that they were seeing and understanding about the Kingdom of God when Jesus was instructing them, would be to ignore the holy Word of God.

When Jesus began to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, he cleverly taught the new covenant doctrines, which were far superior to the old covenant, the law, and he had power to forgive sins.

We have a splendid example in the seventh chapter of Luke of a sinner woman who believed his new covenant teaching and got saved, born again. This sinner woman fell at Jesus' feet weeping. She had

a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Her tears fell on his feet and she wiped them with the hairs of her head and kissed them. Certainly she was humbled down in godly sorrow and repentance because of her sins. Listen to what Jesus said to her: "Thy sins are forgiven." In the 50th verse he said unto the woman, "Thy faith has saved thee; go in peace." She got saved and was justified just like we do today, for she showed faith in Jesus in her weeping and repenting, and she had peace. She was saved just like Paul tells us in the first verse of the fifth chapter of Romans. If she had no more than a law experience, he would have told her to go to the priest and offer up a blood sacrifice; but no, she had an experience under His new covenant teaching, and He said, "Thy faith has saved thee; go in peace." She was there born into the Kingdom, had become a stone in the temple of God, was justified before God. She repented, had faith, and she went in peace, just like we get saved or are born again today.

There are some who teach that a justified soul is not in the kingdom or church because they are not cleansed from the defiled nature brought upon man by the fall of Adam. This may be because they do not understand the condition of a justified soul. The justified soul, if in a normal condition, is living free from any known sin, and is accepted of God as being holy. The presence and power of God that is with a justified soul causes that defilement to be subdued and kept down, so it would not be counted that the defilement is in the Kingdom or church. A soul who claims to be justified is not ready nor fit to present himself to God to be sanctified and have the defilement cleansed away and be filled with the Holy Spirit unless he is living holy before God. We read in John 14:17 that the world cannot receive the Spirit of truth. Those who are not holy in a justified state are still of the world; for when you present your body to God as a living sacrifice to be cleansed and infilled by the Spirit of truth, it must be a holy sacrifice. You will read that in Romans 12:1. God will accept nothing but a holy sacrifice.

In the seventh chapter of Romans Paul was telling us about his sinful condition while under the law in sin. In that state he could not have presented himself to God to be sanctified. But in Acts we read that he got saved or justified when Jesus spoke to him and the light of heaven shined around about him while on the way to Damascus. He was justified from the moment he heard the voice of God (John 5:15) and said, "Yes, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And he was living holy before God the three days he was in a justified state. When Ananias laid his hands upon him, calling him Brother Saul, and prayed, he received the Holy Ghost. The blood cleansed and the Holy Spirit came in, and immediately he preached in their synagogues that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. When one walks after the Spirit, he is not walking after the fleshly carnal mind. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ makes one free from the law of sin and death. Read the first few verses of the eighth chapter of Romans.

The disciples had received Christ, left all and followed him and were learning of him as he taught them the doctrine of the new covenant. They were born again, were justified by believing Christ and his new covenant teachings. Jesus testified of them in the 17th chapter of John that they were not of the world, even as he was not of the world. They had followed him in the regeneration (Matt. 19:28). Jesus told the seventy that their names were written in heaven. In the 15th chapter of John we read that Jesus said to the disciples: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." As far as he had taught them, they had received it and lived up to all the knowledge they had, and God or Jesus looked upon them as being clean. He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." They were already branches. In the second verse he says, "Every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth [cleanseth] that it may bring forth more fruit." In a justified state the disciples were bearing fruit; but in sanctification they were purged or cleansed and brought forth more fruit.

To teach that a soul is not in the Kingdom of God or the church in a justified state, is out of harmony with the plain word of the Lord, for the normal state of a justified man is to be holy before the Lord.

Hear the conclusion of the whole matter. After all the reasonings of men and their hair splitting opinions on this subject, the fact still remains that the life of Christ with you or in you is the cause of you being in the Kingdom of God or the Church of God, and without that Spirit of Christ being with you or in you, you would not be saved at all. In Romans 8:9 we read, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." In other words: If any man has the spirit of Christ, he is the Lord's and is in the Kingdom of God, the church. The life of Christ with you or in you makes you in the Kingdom, and you have peace with God.

Paul teaches us in Romans 5:1 that a justified man has peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. In Romans 14:17 we read, "For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink [not a literal thing or element] but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The life of Christ with us or in us is the Kingdom, and therefore makes us a member of the Kingdom of God or the Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth. In the fourteenth chapter of John the Lord teaches us that in a justified state the Spirit of truth is with us; but in speaking of our future state in sanctification, he says, "And shall be in you." So whether in a justified state or in a sanctified state, we are in the Kingdom of God or the Church of God.

—Fred Pruitt

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Dear saints,—After Jesus saved me, I felt led to write and tell what God did. I talked to a little girl, and I asked her if she would read the "Faith and Victory" paper if I would have it sent to her. She said she would, so I had the paper sent to her. Since that time her mother has gotten saved, thank God.

Pray for me and my unsaved companion.

Fletcher Johnson.

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## Editorials

Campmeeting season will soon be here. All the saints everywhere ought to be praying that God will make these meetings rich with heaven's blessings and that every meeting will be a soul saving meeting. Each one should look to God to show him (or her) what he can do that would help along the cause of God. You will find the dates of the campmeetings in the "Faith and Victory" paper. Every reader ought to attend one or more of these meetings for his own soul's benefit.

The Hennessey, Okla. campmeeting will come first, starting May 27th, and the others will follow. Sometimes it is necessary for more than one campmeeting to be on the same date because of the many campmeetings to be held. The Hammond, Louisiana campmeeting will begin on June 24th. We have attended this meeting for many years. It was in the year of 1927 when we first began to go there. Brother C. E. Orr was pastor at Hammond then. He was an old established Church of God minister even before Bro. D. S. Warner passed to his reward. We found him teaching the same doctrines that dear old Bro. George Harmon had taught us years before this. He, too, had been a settled minister and a pillar in the Church of God.

In the earlier years when we would go to the Hammond Campmeeting, we often would stay in that country for weeks or months and have meeting out near Loranger and at Kentwood and sometimes near by in Mississippi. A number of precious souls got saved in those meetings and others were reclaimed. Some of them are pillars in the Church of God today in their respective places. We have much friendship and heavenly fellowship with the saints at Hammond and the localities surrounding that place, as they are very dear to us. When the Hammond campmeeting draws near, there is a stir in our hearts to be there and meet the dear saints again. We are looking to the Lord to preserve us and keep us in health and allow us to be in the Hammond campmeeting this summer. We also expect to attend the National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. and other places as the Lord may lead.

We have been quite active and busy in the service of the Lord since the last campmeetings, for the Spirit within quickens us and we have an urge in our soul to do all we possibly can while he keeps life in this body.

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Of late the Lord has been giving us some precious light and truth on the difference between the doctrines of the law and the new covenant teachings and doctrines. We find that in nearly all the parables, illustrations, and teachings of Christ that He was trying to get the Jews to see the new covenant truth and get them loose from the law doctrines that brought hardness of heart and self righteousness. He wanted them to see their condition and repent and be saved under the new covenant teachings. Read the tenth chapter of Luke, beginning at the 25th verse,

and see what the lawyer said, who represented the old covenant and law doctrines. Read it through and see how cleverly the Lord taught him the new covenant doctrine and showed the contrast and results of both and brought it home to him with a "sledge-hammer" lick.

He told him about the man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and how he fell among thieves. They stripped him of his raiment, wounded him, and left him lying beside the road half dead. A priest, who represented the law and old covenant, came along. He looked at the man and passed by on the other side. A Levite came along, and he, too, passed him by and left him there in this pitiful condition. The Levite also represented the law and the old covenant. But then came a Samaritan, who is a representative of the new covenant doctrines. He is a man at whom the Jews had scorned, they despised him and would have no dealings with him. But he looked at the poor man lying in his blood, and he had compassion on him. He went to him, bound up his wounds, put him on his beast and carried him to an inn and took care of him. When he left, he told the Inn keeper, after paying for the man's keep, to care for him and if he spent more on him he would pay him when he returned that way. Then the Lord put the question point-blank to the lawyer, "Which now of these three thinkest thou, was neighbor to him that fell among thieves?" The lawyer saw the truth and said, "He that showed mercy on him." Jesus answered him, "Go, and do thou likewise."

The Priest and the Levite who had been keeping the old covenant doctrines and the law had become hard in heart and self righteous and they had shut up their bowels of mercy and compassion from this man and went on in their selfish pursuits.

Brethren and sisters, let us be careful that we do not try to make law doctrines out of the teachings of the new covenant which Christ and the New Testament writers have given us, but always give room for God's mercy and compassion to exist lest we, too, bring bondage on others or become hard of heart and self righteous and thereby be tempted to stone some poor soul to death whom God would forgive and have mercy upon.

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In the 119th Psalm, verse 165, we find these words written, "Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them." To really love the law of God would mean that when a soul received light and knowledge of God's will and law for them they would gladly begin to do just what they knew was the will of God no matter if it was greatly contrary to their natural desires or other people's wishes. Abraham set us a good example of this truth when God informed him that it was his will for him to offer his only son Isaac as a sacrifice upon the altar. Even though such a command would naturally be offensive to a human, yet we have no record of Abraham manifesting an offensive attitude toward God in the matter, but he immediately went to work preparing for the trip to the mountain where the sacrifice was to be

made. Had God not interfered, his son would have been killed and sacrificed as a burnt offering by his own hand.

When the Lord first saved us, we immediately gave up all and began to obey Him in all things that he directed us in. Many of our words and deeds were offensive to our friends and neighbors, but we looked to God for grace, and what he wanted us to do or speak was not offensive to us, for we loved His law.

Bro. Geo. Harmon (who has passed on to his reward) was the minister who baptized my wife and me after we were saved. We understood by his teaching what water baptism represented to a saved soul and to the world. Bro. Harmon had been a pillar in the church of God for many years before we met him, and he was qualified to give us good advice and instruction.

We were under his instruction for several years after we were saved and he taught us the truth from the Bible on the two works of grace, on adulterous marriage and adultery which kindled the wrath of God on the guilty one, on the Kingdom and the Church of God, the folly of the Millennial Reign doctrine, together with many other wholesome truths.

In the twenty-five years that God burdened us as an overseer of the congregation at Guthrie, Okla., the two works of grace (justification and sanctification) was taught and held up before the congregation, and when this late anti-cleansing doctrine was disturbing and leading souls into false teaching, not one in this congregation became tainted with it nor would receive their teaching. Adulterous marriage and adultery was held against by the preaching of the Word so clearly that in the twenty-five years not a single case developed in the congregation. The doctrines of the Kingdom of God and the Church of God as being the same and separate from sectism have been faithfully taught until the congregation has made a steady increase, and they know the sound of His voice from the false shepherds that make up sectism in the world.

God will honor as his children those who are not offended at his word and that seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and he will add to them all that they need in life to carry on for Him. I have found by experience that if a soul will be faithful in using the talent that God gives them that he will add more talents and give one a clearer understanding of the Scriptures for the work he calls them to do.

The church today is in great need of pastors and pillars who will hold the truth in righteousness and not become offended because of more light and knowledge on subjects, which, if they would practice, might be offensive to some with less light and to those who are drifting some toward the world and sectism. It seems that there are so many who fail to show the "ox strength" when it comes to holding the load and waiting on God, and then move up in light and knowledge that brings more crucifixion for self and persecution from professors.

We have many examples of men who once had light and knowledge and were walking in the crucified way, but when the Lord would lead into deeper self-denial or make them know to hold the load and wait

on him, they would become offended, let up, and drift into a worldly religion, ceasing to love the self-denial crucified way. Such have received a delusion according to the Word recorded in 2 Thess. 2:10, 11, 12.

Oh, brethren and sisters, let us be steadfast, unmoveable and always willing to walk in the true light and keep loving the truth, being not offended at His Work and His meek and humble ways, which will be offensive to those who will not walk in the true light. These will persecute, slander, and speak evil of God's true ones. Did you not know that the Word says? "Woe unto you, when all men speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26. "If we suffer we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us." 2 Tim. 2:12. Therefore we should give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we let them slip. (Heb. 2:1).

### Obituaries

Bro. Dennis Oliver Lawson was born Dec. 31, 1878 in Lawrence County, Missouri. Early in life he accepted Christ and assumed his father's responsibility, as far as possible, after his father's death in 1899, caring for his mother and three sisters.

Nov. 23, 1902 he was united in marriage to Minnie Bailey, coming to Webb City soon after. To this union ten children were born; four daughters: Miss Cornelia of the home, Mrs. Russel Black of Granby, Mrs. Vessie Eliason of Carthage, and Mrs. Frank Clark of Mira Loma, Calif.— five sons: Alvah of the home, Paul of Covina, Calif., Willis and Dennis of San Bernardino, Calif. His wife preceded him in death in 1944, also a sixth son, Lawrence, was drowned several years ago.

Bro. Lawson was a staunch defender of the truth with a great love for the saints and the cause of God. We will miss his encouraging testimonies in our services but realize our loss is heaven's gain.

Services were held at the saints chapel, conducted by Sister Ersa Carrick and Merrill Williamson.

The angels came with silent tread,  
And gathered around our brother's bed;  
Unto their shining home above  
They bore him in their arms of love.

He meekly bore his cross with a smile,  
Counting each test well worth while;  
Looking forward to the crown  
When Jesus says, "Lay the armor down."

Life will never be the same since he is gone;  
Our hearts cry, "Press the battle on."  
We know the way will not be long;  
So let us keep the victory song.

Our loved ones going on before,  
To enter those mansions fair.  
The precious thought forevermore,  
What will it be to be there?

—Sister Noakes.

The God of heaven that brought us unto our dear parents have permitted them to be taken from us. They are expecting us to meet them with the approval of God in our hearts. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of them serving the true God and teaching us the right and true way.

—Alvah

Andrew Anderson Williams passed away April 28, 1955 at 2 in the afternoon. He was born September 27, 1877.

He was married to Sylvia Florence Ead, December 25, 1904. To this union was born eight children. Four preceded him in death, and leaves his wife and four children: Richard Williams of Bethel, Kansas, Garden Williams of Flint, Michigan, Neva Williams of Cherry Valley, Arkansas, Winnie Futrell of Benton, Ark., Raymond Woodard of Huston, Texas; one sister, Pearl Martin of Deridder, Louisiana, and fifteen grand children.

He has gone to his home above. He came into the full gospel light February 10, 1955. He truly seemed to have a real experience of salvation.

The funeral service was held on May 1, 1955, conducted by Bro. E. B. Pinkerton. Scripture—Psa. 23; St. John 14:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:1.

"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. . . . A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." —John 13:33-35.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray earnestly for a person who is bound by alcohol and wants to be delivered.

Pray for a young man that wants to be saved and doesn't understand how.

Pray for three men that are alcoholics who need to be saved.

Pray for a sister that has a domestic problem to be worked out.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus dear name. I would like all the saints to earnestly pray for my wife and me. We are in very poor health, and wife is getting weaker all the time. Bro. W. H. Coffey.

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Ariz.—To the saints scattered abroad,—I send greetings:—Truly I am glad to say I am yet saved and trusting the Lord for all of my needs, both spiritual and temporal, for I find in Him one who will never leave nor forsake us. I can't thank and praise Him enough for His wonderful blessings unto us. I was very ill, so I told the Lord if He would heal me I would testify to it through the "Faith and Victory," so He has made me every whit whole, for which I give Him all the glory and praise.

I desire the prayers of the saints to pray much for me that I may grow stronger in the Lord and also for my unsaved loved ones. Yours in Him, Bertha Slaughter.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper,—Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name.

Thank God, we are yet saved and greatly encouraged to follow the Lord—yea, all the way. We wish to thank the dear saints and friends for your donations of love which you have sent us to help care for Nell, the young woman we are taking care of.

One of the saints in our congregation felt impressed to put an article in "Faith and Victory" requesting help. Since then the Lord has wonderfully blessed in supplying our need. Oh, how we do thank God for it! Over and over again we thank God for you dear precious saints and friends.

We met Nell Austin in the hospital January 2, 1954. Even though Nell was afflicted, we were more burdened for her soul than the affliction. We felt impressed to talk to her about her soul. She told me she was not saved. The following week the Lord talked to my heart and told me to go back to the hospital to visit Nell and He would save her. We obeyed the Lord and returned to the hospital Jan. 9th. The dear Lord did just what he said he would do. He saved Nell. Praise the dear Lord!

In February, 1954 we felt led of the Lord to take Nell out of the hospital. We did, and since then Nell has been staying with me.

The Lord has wonderfully healed Nell of severe pains which she used to have, and given strength to her limbs to walk some alone, yet she has to be helped as she walks and assisted in getting up and down. She does not have the use of her hands.

We are truly looking to God to give strength to her hands.

We sincerely desire your prayers. Nell is twenty-five years old. She and I live alone together as I am a widow. "We live by faith." Nell's parents are dead.

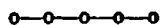
Anything the Lord may lay on your hearts to do for us in the future will be very much appreciated.

You will kindly note the change in our address. Nell enjoys reading good books and encouraging letters. We surely have enjoyed your encouraging letters along with your donations. Thanks again.

Keep us before the Lord as we need your prayers at all times.

May the dear Lord bless each of you is our earnest prayer.

Yours in His dear name, Katherine Williams, 2910 Badeline St., Berkeley 3, Calif.



To the dear saints: I have some old copies of the "Path of Life" published years ago by Bro. C. E. Orr here at Hammond, La. and don't want to destroy them as many enjoy reading his writings. So if any of you want some of this literature, let me know and I shall gladly send it to you. The paper is old and yellow but the contents are good anyway. His writings are very instructive and helpful to a close walk with God. Sis. Katherine Key, 705 White St., Hammond, La.



La.—To the saints everywhere,—Again we greet you in the precious name of Jesus:

It has been some while since we have reported through this paper, but we keep so busy in the Lord's service until we have neglected doing so.

This morning we so appreciate salvation, entire deliverance from sin, and the sanctifying power of the Spirit of God. We just want to love Him more and serve Him better. He has also been our healer for a number of years.

On April first of this year we started a meeting at Guthrie, Okla., that continued over the three following Sundays which we enjoyed very much. It seemed we were drawn nearer the dear saints there than ever and they were so nice to us. I believe the Lord has a people there who mean to go through for Him. There was very little altar work done but believe this meeting was profitable anyway.

After this meeting closed Sunday night, April 17, we left for Huntsville, Ark., and ten miles out in the country we started meeting on Monday night and continued over Wednesday night of the 27th, which seemed to be a seed sowing time. We met some very fine people there and

some dear saints. Bro. and Sister Wall, Sister Dotson and Sister Pearl Steele, also Bro. Henry Steele. We believe they are holding to the truth to all they understand. The people in this community are very hospitable and friendly. The attendance was good and attention excellent. Bro. Murphy Allen has a regular appointment there on the fourth Saturday night and Sunday morning of each month.

Let us pray God to bless that work. After this meeting we came home, then Bro. Key soon left for Akron, Ohio where he is engaged in a meeting at this time.

We want to be faithful ministers of God and need your prayers, that we may not shun to declare the whole council of God in the spirit of love and meekness.

Yours in His service,

Sister Katherine Key.



## Deported

I once heard of a man that was deported from our nation because he had turned against our nation, and had to be sent back to his own country which was not of his choice, for he had chosen before to leave that country for a better one. O, how sad but it is true, and how much worse in a spiritual life. We left the old country or life of sin to enjoy the pleasures of a heavenly country by salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The only thing that will keep us from enjoying this privilege and pleasure is to turn against the faith that was once delivered to the saints, which is sin and that will separate us from God and deport us from that heavenly country and the pleasures of salvation.

O, let us see to it that we keep ourselves in the love of God so we will not have to be deported. Our deportment here will determine whether we will get to stay in this country which is the church of the living God. Praise the Lord!

Pray for me that my deportment be so that I will not have to be deported. We have the privilege of choosing the way we take so the responsibility rests on us. He has shed his precious blood on Calvary that we might have the victory, but if we turn away from the truth He is not responsible. Therefore by our own choice we will have to be deported. O, may the dear Lord help us all to be true to the old time truth is my earnest prayer, and those that have been blinded by the enemy may have their eyes opened and make their way back by the way of the cross and through the door, is the heavy burden of my heart.

Flossie Atha.



## Kissing

The kiss is such a simple thing, contends the world. Just a simple thing; surely there is no harm in it. How many times we have heard this. How many times we have heard it among teenagers that claim to know Jesus as their own personal Saviour. To some it may seem harmless, but that is not the case. The kiss, simple though it might seem, often leads to things much worse.

In school we see minor petting on every turn. When a girl gives in to being kissed by a boy, she is



lowering her standard. A boy often thinks, why not just a little farther? Soon it is no longer a simple kiss. Shame and disgrace which some fall into can often be traced back to that first step—a simple kiss.

It doesn't always take wearing shorts or being half dressed to make men lust after the girl (which by the Bible is a great sin). One kiss can make the boy lust after the girl. Even if it should not go so far as fornication in the flesh, it may often be committed in the heart. Many times young people take things like this as silly ideas on the part of the older saints, to keep us from having a good time. But, young people, it is God we are going against, not the saints, if we will not be admonished. We know God wants us to do His will, and we know that He knows when we do not.

Many times we backslide because we find the way too rigid. We aren't allowed to do just as we please and the way the devil would have us do. Let us remember that the devil only wants us to come to destruction. If we follow Christ, we shall never be guilty of losing our soul nor causing someone else to fall by the wayside.

If we save our love-making until after marriage, we shall not suffer the dissatisfaction (and it certainly will be dissatisfaction) and heart-break that others suffer. We will be in tune with God, and maybe by our life keep someone else from going to destruction. Be sure and count the cost. I am sure you will think it will pay to be careful.

—A young saint.

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## The Treatment of Children

This is not an article on correcting children; but I feel God would have me to speak about how the parents should or should not treat children.

My heart goes out to many children who are not treated right by their own parents or foster parents or those who may have the care of children. Dear ones, God's Word tells us to be kind and it tells us to be merciful. We must be kind and merciful to the children, too. Do you speak kindly to them? are you merciful? or do you become angry or impatient, slap them in the face, hit them over the head, or kick them, grab them by the hair and pull it? Some will shake them hard. I have heard of some being grabbed by the neck and choked, some pushed up against the wall and hit over the head. Some tie their children up in an unmerciful way and some shut them up in dark closets. I read of one little girl who had lost her voice because of being shut up in this way. The shock was too much for her. Some whip unmercifully with large straps or big sticks. Such unmerciful treatment is certainly not right, and often children treated in such a manner will grow up with hatred to their parents or the ones who have so treated them, and no one but the Lord can remove it from their hearts. If you are claiming to be a Christian and use any of these methods of punishment, you need to seek the Lord for wisdom and better methods lest your children lose confidence in you—also others. Many un-

saved people would not treat their children in this manner. If in times past you have been guilty, ask your children's forgiveness, also God's forgiveness that you may be in favor with Him. May God help you.

Ephesians 6:4 tells the fathers not to provoke their children to wrath; also Col. 3:21, adds, "lest they be discouraged." Many have become discouraged and have left their homes early in life and are out in the cold world of sin all because of not receiving the love and care they should have received at home, or because of receiving unjust punishment. Be careful, dear ones. One man would tease his small boy until the child would become angry, then he would pull off his belt and whip the child. He was an unsaved man, but we are speaking of the wrong treatment of children. And if you are an unsaved parent or anyone who has the care of children, first of all you need to repent and be saved so you can be a real example and teach the children right.

Sometimes when children have trouble among themselves, the one who has charge of them will whip them all, not knowing just which one is in fault; thus little Joe or Mary may get punished for what Willie or Betty did. Some bad feelings will creep into the heart of Mary or Joe toward Willie or Betty, and you are to blame. Teach your children to ask each other's forgiveness. If you make a mistake in dealing with your child, be humble enough to ask its forgiveness.

When your children are old enough to help you, do not discourage them by being unmerciful when they break a dish. They may need correction if it has been done through carelessness, but remember little hands cannot hold a dish as firmly as larger ones. Be careful lest you punish them for something they could not help. The next time they may try to hide the broken dish. And the father should not be unreasonable when son begins to help and uses his tools.

As ye would that others do to you, do even so to them. Try to put yourself in the place of the child. Do you think you could do better? If so, then teach it the better way in kindness. Talk to them, pray for them and with them. Show them by your deeds and actions that you love them. There is sin and temptations all around. The enemy of souls is after all, young and old. When your children do get saved, be all the encouragement to them that you can. Do not discourage them and cause them to give up trying if they make mistakes and blunders for which they need to be corrected. Do not keep them so busy at work that they have no time to play. Children need some innocent recreation and if you will help them in this it will mean much in keeping them from the enticements and sinful pleasures that the world has. Teach them to be trust-worthy at all times and that they are responsible to God for their actions whether in your presence or out. Love, patience, and kindness will do much toward helping your child to do right.

May God bless each reader and help them. He who promised to help in every time of need will help you in rearing, teaching, and correcting your children



just like He will help in any other need if you will live for Him and seek His help. The reform schools and penitentiaries would not be so full if all parents and those who care for children would seek God in their problems. May the children get the love, care, kindness, and patience shown to them at home that they need, is my prayer.

—B. B.

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## Righteousness, Free From Sin

We are commanded to live a righteous life if we ever enter into His eternal kingdom. Let us see in Rom. 5:19, "For as by one man's disobedience, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

Verse 21: "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rom. 6:1-5, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Knowing this that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Now let us take more proof of righteousness:

Rom. 6:12-16, 20, 23, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

"For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness."

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rom. 8:6, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

Why could we ask for plainer proof as to what God requires of everyone in order to enter into his Kingdom? God does not have any sinning Christians. All of His children live a righteous life, free from sin. If you sin you belong to the devil.

Rom. 8:7-14, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the

flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Some will say that everyone sins and that they just cannot live and not sin. Then some will say that if we were living without sin, we would be as good as Jesus and would be taken away to heaven.

Rom. 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." So if we have been regenerated and born again, born of the Spirit, then we know that we are God's children because the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, and we can surely know. I hear some say, "Oh, I only have a hope, I don't know if I am saved or not." If you do not know, you had better be on your knees and find out for sure. God is merciful, and if you humble yourself in His sight with an honest heart, he will lift you up and bless your soul, praise His holy name. If you are poor, he can make you rich. What he will give you is worth more than ten worlds, and he will do it if you will obey his voice. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, . . . for my yoke is easy and my burden is light, and ye shall find rest to your souls." What a wonderful promise! And we can trust Him to do it. I speak that I know. He did it for me, and he will for you if you will seek. God's Word says, "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. Said he also, 'Today is the day of salvation.'"

Now let us see just what Webster's dictionary says concerning the meaning or definition of the word "Righteous." It says one that is just, blameless, godly, pious, guiltless, pure, free from sin. It seems to me the folks of today that claim to be Christians have forgotten the meaning of the word "righteous" if they ever knew. The trend of the people generally speaking, seems to be the idea that the church is an organized society where they can have their circles and clubs, and some of them have their Bingo games. Some even dance, go to ball games, card parties, picture shows, cut their hair (that is the women folk) powder and paint their faces, wear ear hobs or rings and high heel shoes. In warm weather they wear as few clothes as they can to get by the police and not be arrested. The laws of our land seem to uphold them, or the officers do. I am of the belief that these fashionable modernistic churches are leading more people on that broad road than any other thing now in existence, because a lot of folks think that is the way. That is what they have been taught from child-

hood up. "But there is a way that secreteth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

So the saints of God that know the truth must keep themselves clear of the unfruitful works of darkness and stay clear of all the isms and schisms that are leading men and women on that broad road. There is only one way and it is the holy way. I am glad that I am in that way and where we fellowship righteous folks. There is not a sinner in that way.

I heard a preacher say this morning that the goal set by the Missionary Baptist for last year was to baptize one person for every eight church members. Then he said in his church he had beat that. He had baptized one person for every six church members they had. I was just thinking about him telling them that they could not live without sin, that everyone sins more or less all the time. I know that God is not pleased with such, and will bring everything into judgment whether it be good or whether it be evil.

—J. T. Roberts.

## Have Faith in God

Here are a few thoughts of encouragement to those of you who are trusting the Lord for healing.

I am sure we all have heard of Paul's thorn in the flesh, and some say it is the affliction that Paul had to suffer in preaching the gospel, or God laid it upon him and he had to suffer because Christ suffered on the cross. But I want to exhort from a different angle, and hope this will help you to see the truth. In 2 Cor. 12:7 we find, "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me." But this does not say anything about Paul having to suffer for Christ's sake. Paul's thorn in the flesh was not affliction; it was as the passage says: "...the messenger of Satan to buffet me." This buffeting was the persecutions that Paul had to face in preaching the gospel. And Paul had plenty of persecutions to face because "... whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap." Paul was reaping because he had "persecuted the Christians even unto death."

But Paul continues in the 9th and 10th verses of this chapter by saying that the Lord (through the Holy Spirit) spoke to him and said, "...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distress for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." But this still doesn't say that we have to suffer afflictions for Christ's sake.

It was even prophesied in Isaiah that He would take away our sins and heal all our diseases. Isaiah 53:5-8, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord

hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off from the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken." Now notice in the 5th verse, "...and with his stripes we are healed." Now you say that was in the Old Testament and that doesn't apply to the New Testament. How about the many times Christ healed on the shores of Galilee? Matt. 4:23, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Read Matt. 8:1-3 where Jesus healed the leper, vs. 3, "And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will, be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." This chapter tells of many more healings. The Centurion's servant was healed (vs. 5-9); then Peter's wife's mother was healed (vss. 14, 15). In verse 16 it is written: "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick." He healed how many? "ALL that were sick."

We could go on and on in the recordings of Jesus' healings, but you take your Bible now, and run all the references on healing and pray that God will help you to get the light and the faith on healing.

We do have plenty of proof that God does heal.

When you have faith for physical healing and want to trust God for it, you trust upon God's promises and know that God does not go back on His promises. When He promises, He will fulfill that promise. You can stand on God's promises and all of heaven's force will be back of you. Furthermore, we know that Jesus spilled His blood for our sins and our healing, "and with his stripes we are healed." You must put the blood of Jesus between your healing and the enemy, Satan. And I'll go a little farther and say when we do that, Satan cannot touch our healing. If we should have tests, do not become discouraged, because that is just the trying of your faith. Keep it committed to God and the blood of Christ is upon it. For another expression, when we commit anything to God through faith, we have to bind it to the altar. Abraham had to "guard his sacrifice lest the birds come and pick it off." So we have to leave it with the Lord and in His hands lest Satan come and take it off the altar through causing us to doubt.

I do hope and pray that this will be of help to you. Do not doubt if you want complete healing. James 1:6, "But let him ask in faith nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." This passage tells us that we can not doubt or let our faith waver or we have asked in vain. It takes that steadfast faith firm upon the promises of God.

Now for those of you that desire to see unsaved ones brought into the kingdom of God, this same faith is required. Many souls have been won to the Lord

through endless and ceaseless praying and also fasting.

I desire every Christian in the world who really knows God to pray for our world and the crisis that faces us. If we were praying like we should with weeping and agony, we could move mountains for the Lord in this world. God is not pleased with this sin and fightings, and unless America gets on her knees and starts praying more than she ever has, God will no longer shield us from these disastrous things that will come. I urge every one of you to take this upon your hearts and pray with faith. Ask God to move upon this world, especially our rulers and all that are in authority. God is waiting for His people to pray and to intercede. It is the "prayer of a righteous man that availeth much." We limit God by not praying; we hold His hands by not praying. He is a God that wants his people to pray and to be moved with compassion upon the sinner, and cry unto God day and night, interceding for those that are lost.

Many Koreans arise as early in the mornings as 4:00 o'clock to gather to pray. They do not have warm buildings in which to pray, many of their buildings leak, and the weather is below zero most of the time. They still gather (without stoves) and spend most of the day in prayer every day. And God has really showed His love and compassion upon them. He is sparing their nation—that is, south Korea—from communism. Dear friends in Christ, let us take this burden and seek the face of God in humbling ourselves before God in prayer. —A. L. Bullock

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## Correspondence

Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints at the Lord's Print Shop,—With much courage I send greetings to all this nice clear morning.

I am praying for strength to do my work, as I have plenty of it and not much strength. But by the prayers of others to help me, I know He will come to my rescue, so agree with me please. I just wonder sometimes, am I worthy of all the good blessings he gives me?

I am sending you an offering, a small one, but it's the best I can do at the present. I have been going to Webb City to meeting. How I thank God for the pleasure of attending there. They are such good saints.

Please remember me in prayer as I am having trouble with my eyes. Your Sister, Ellen Sanders.

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Ala.—Dear saints, greetings in the precious name of Jesus:—I am glad I can say this morning that I am still saved, and with a mind made up to go all the way with the Lord. Praise his dear name!

The Lord has been good to me, and has helped me so many different times. I just thank him for it. I know He is able and will take care of us if we will just trust him.

Saints, pray for me that I'll let nothing separate me from his love. Also I have two unspoken requests for prayer. The Lord knows all about it. Pray that He will help as he sees fit. A sister in Christ, Alma Latham.

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Okla.—Greeting in the name of the dear Lord,—Today finds me saved, sanctified and on the altar for the Lord. It has been some time since I have written my testimony, but the dear Lord has been so good to me and my family

through trials, temptations, and trouble, until I can't thank and praise Him enough for His tender mercies.

I don't get to attend church services as often as I desire because there is no church here or any saints, and I am the only one in my family that is saved. The Lord is my all and all. I can call upon Him in the darkest hour in the night and He will hear and answer prayers, praise His dear name.

About six months ago my oldest boy got in serious trouble in Wichita, Kansas. I went to the Lord in prayer as never before. The devil would try to discourage me in every way, but I held on to the Lord in prayer. I also went to Sis. Evelyn Taylor of the Guthrie congregation to carry my request to the church for prayer. She did and they prayed earnestly in my behalf. I could feel the Spirit of God moving. I ceased worrying and things looked brighter, and as time passed on he was cleared of his troubles, thank the Lord.

I wish to thank the saints for their prayers, and I request all the saints to pray for me and my unsaved family. Pray that the Lord will bring my children and husband to Him before it is too late.

I earnestly desire the prayers of all the saints that I may grow stronger in the Lord and do all He will have me do in these last days.

Yours in Christ,

Ophelia Campbell.

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Okla.—To the saints everywhere,—I feel like writing my testimony to the saints. This morning finds me still saved, and I mean to keep saved till the Lord calls me home. I'm glad he saved me when he did. He saved and sanctified me, and today I am so glad, and I love the people of God. The Lord has been talking to me about humbling to the dear Lord and his saints. We say we love but we don't show it in any way. We often talk about our brother and sister instead of trying to help them in love. We will talk about what they do; and what are we doing? We are talking about what they are doing, but we won't look into our own heart and see just what we have in there. If we were humble as we should be, we would not talk, we would pray for them. I am glad the Lord showed it to me.

Someone may have done something and have asked forgiveness. You say you forgive but keep talking about it. What is the trouble? You just need to look at yourself and see just what you are doing. You do not see, anywhere where the dear Lord talked about anyone and found fault. He had mercy on them and prayed for them. The Word says, "Let brotherly love continue."

I am glad I learned to trust in God. He will teach us how to dress and to adorn the doctrine. Some will say, "She is a saint, for her dress is long." Some people look like a saint, but are they saints? It is not the dress only, but also it is God that lives in the heart. One will dress right if he gets on the right track for the Lord.

I am so glad they told me just what God wanted me to take off to be saved. Now many go to the altar and claim to get saved but they are not instructed properly. They wear what they want to and the Lord is not pleased with such lack of teaching. That is not the way. I was taught that we are to get the saved to be in one accord and speak the same and teach it, then souls will be healed and saved. There are too many who want their way. I do not want to be too fast but I am sure God wants me to write these few words in the paper. There are so many of our young people who try to tell the old ministers and saints what to do. They do not know just how to handle their own home. I can see it creeping in, and it

is so sad. It just hurts my heart. I am so glad the Lord teaches his people just what to do.

The Lord has been talking to my heart about speaking the same thing, getting of one accord. Let us older ones pray, and do not let the gospel down. The Lord is requiring us to stay together.

I need your prayers that I will not say the wrong thing and let God lead me. The Lord gave us a real good meeting in February, some souls were saved. The Lord did bless in the meeting. All of you pray for us here.

Your saved sister in Christ, Mrs. Manley Spears.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I felt led to send my testimony. The dear Lord is near and very dear to me.

Monday afternoon my back began hurting so I could hardly move. I called some of the saints for prayer. My daughter came and prayed for me. After she left I got so I could not walk. But when I tried to sit down it felt like my back would break. I could not reach down to get the telephone. A sister called to see how I felt, and I told her I couldn't sit down. She said, "We will pray again." I stood twenty minutes or more, and I said, "In the name of the Lord, I will sit down." It eased so I could, and I was so thankful as the pain was very severe. I felt the power of the Almighty God had delivered me. It is wonderful to serve such a mighty God.

Remember me as I mean to go all the way with him.

Yours in Christian love, Sister Sadie Evans.

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Texas—Greetings to the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper,—I have been blind and paralyzed twenty-eight years. I want to say I am saved and sanctified and enjoy the good things of the Lord.

I was in a car accident when I was nineteen years old, which caused me to gradually become blind and paralyzed in my entire body, insomuch that I am not able to care for myself in any way. I sit strapped in a wheel chair all day with no use of my body except to hold up my head and raise my hands a little. I believe this has been brought on me, because I seldom gave the Lord a thought in those nineteen years when I had good use of my body, smoking and using vile language.

When I was twenty-one the Lord saved me and delivered me from all those bad habits. Different people have come to read to me from the Bible, which has enabled me to memorize many Scriptures. I realized I needed something else, as I would become impatient and be angry. I would repent, but could not seem to keep permanent victory. It is quite a trial to wait for things you need. This caused much suffering, my nerves being shattered. I often prayed for God to give me a pure heart.

Last September the Lord sent Sister Edith Wall to read from the Bible, also tracts, the "Faith and Victory," and religious books. She began to explain sanctification to me. I saw my need. Bro. and Sister Carver came and explained more, laying on hands, the Holy Spirit came into my heart to dwell. Since that time I have been delivered from anger. Praise be to our God! Now I can keep sweet in my soul and be patient in suffering. They also prayed for my body. I have more use of my left hand and arm now. So pray for me, that I may be healed, so I can wait on myself. I would appreciate any encouragement from God's people. Your sister in Christ, Ann Daily, c. o. Edith Wall, 6123 Kenwood, Dallas, Texas.

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Mo.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus,—

Tonight I was thinking of the goodness of the precious Son of God. He came down to this sinful world, suffered upon the cruel cross, and died to save people from their sins and to give us happiness in our hearts. When we come to Jesus confessing our sins, he is willing to forgive us of all our sins and make us fit for heaven.

I am so glad I ever met the saints of God and the only church that Jesus purchased with his blood when he hung on the cruel cross. I was so happy he made the way so we can have healing for our bodies.

I feel it is pleasing to the Lord for me to testify about how the Lord touched my body. A few nights ago I woke up with a heart attack. It seemed for a few moments that I could hardly live. I began to call on the Lord, asking him to touch my body if it was his will to spare me. He came to my rescue, and I now am getting better. I told the Lord if he would touch my body and heal me, I would testify to the healing through the little paper. The Lord is always near, day and night when we need his healing touch. I did not call anyone, for I knew there was no one in the house that could pray for me. I knew the Lord had promised to hear us, if we would call on Him in time of trouble or sickness. He never fails to fulfill his promise when we obey.

The Lord has healed me many times. He healed me of stomach trouble, rheumatism, and many other sicknesses. I want to ever be found trusting in Him for all things. He helps in our trials and tests.

I have an unspoken request for which I am asking the earnest prayers of the saints.

May the Lord's blessings always rest upon the good work in the print shop is my prayer. Sister Fannie Williams

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Calif.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus' dear name,—I do feel that the Lord wants me to send my testimony. The Lord has been blessing me so much in my soul, and I do give him all the praise. I was going through some trials, and the Lord brought this to me: Psa. 3:6. "I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about." That brought so much consolation to my heart. Truly, dear ones, it is my heart's desire to please the Lord. The Lord healed my body, and I do give him the praise.

The Lord has blessed me with four dear little children. My husband is not saved. I do believe the Lord is going to save his soul. I request earnest prayers that the Lord will save him. I do thank the Lord that we are serving a just God. I asked the Lord for some grace, and the Lord asked me if I was willing to measure up. Just as soon as I was willing to measure up, the Lord's grace was there. I do thank Him for all of his wonderful blessings. I do have a burden for lost souls. I need prayer that the Lord will direct my life, because it really means much to stay in the center of God's will at all times. Pray for me that I can keep every thought under subjection to the Holy Spirit.

Dear ones, please pray that I'll be just what the Lord would have me to be in every walk of life. I desire your earnest prayers for my unsaved family.

Your sister in the Lord,

M. Phillips.

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Ohio—Dear saints,—I am a new "peculiar person," as you said in the paper "Faith and Victory" which I have been getting for a few months now. I am striving to be like the "old time saints." And with the grace of God and prayers of the saints I'm going to make it in.

I am a young woman, married, and have a child.

Last year my world seemed to crumble as trouble came into our lives. But thank God, even before I found Him, He kept me on the right road.

My husband is now in a hospital, and we earnestly ask for the prayers of the saints to have the Father deliver him out of the hospital.

We are both now saved and trying our best to live the perfect way. We have promised the Maker to testify whenever and wherever possible of His mercifulness in our case. We know that He is able, and truly we are trusting in Him for our deliverance.

"Faith and Victory" does so much for me. There have been several articles written which seemed to be for my understanding. Thank God for your paper.

Saints, please pray for us. We are anxious to get out and do the work of our Lord and praise his holy name.

I am closing and thanking you in the name of our Saviour.

D. M. C.

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Ky.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper,—I feel that the Lord wants me to send in my testimony and tell how much he means to me. I feel that I'd love to tell how merciful he was to me to spare my life so long in sin. I was saved when I was twelve years old and drifted back in sin later, and I never was satisfied in sin. I felt a longing to be a Christian again.

I was married when seventeen and raised seven boys and two girls, and about seven years ago they were having a revival at the Pilgrim Holiness Church, and husband and I attended the meeting most every night. We were under conviction, and I prayed that the Lord would convict him so we could go together to the altar and get saved. The Christians were praying for us for we could feel their prayers, so we went to the meeting one night, and on our way home we had to stop for a red light. Husband said to me, "Mother, there's no need to put it off any longer." That was what I longed to hear him say. That night we came home and went to bed. I couldn't sleep. I lay there and prayed. It must have been close to one or two o'clock and I was praying, for I wanted to be saved. When we got saved I was telling my husband I couldn't sleep that night, and he said he didn't either, so we were both praying and didn't know that the other wasn't asleep. Thank the Lord for all he has done.

All of a sudden it just seemed like the Lord was standing by the side of my bed, that I could have reached out and touched him, it was so real. The next night we went to meeting and they gave the altar call. I told husband, "Come on, let's go." The Lord saved us both. When we got up from the altar one of our sons and two daughters-in-law were there too. What a rejoicing that was. My heart was so heavy, but when I got saved it was all lifted away and I was so happy.

When we came home there were several of our children all gathered in the living room talking. They said as we came in the door they knew it—but the best of all, we knew it too and were so happy that the Lord saved us. I just didn't want to go to bed. I wanted to sit up and write all of my children, sisters, brothers and my dad what the Lord had done for us. I just wanted to tell the world about it, and how good the Lord was to us.

He is still blessing us and each day grows sweeter with the Lord. Later the Lord gave us light on the One Body, the one true Church of God. He is all and in all to us in our lives. We love Him above all this world's goods. I feel so little and that I do so little for all he has done for us. I want to do more each day and lift his precious name up to all I meet and be a soul winner for him. I don't want the things of the world and the world doesn't hold

any attractions for me. I only want more of the Lord and to be drawn closer and closer each day and do his sweet will at all times and to be fully consecrated to him and that he may get glory out of my life. He is such a blessed Saviour to me. We have children out in sin, but we pray earnestly that the Lord will save them before it is too late. He said in his holy Word that whatsoever we ask it shall be given us and we know his word is true, so we don't doubt His Word, still trusting and believing that he will answer prayers.

We request the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will save our children and strengthen us and draw us closer each day.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. T. Roberts

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Mo.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name, who is such a precious friend in time of trouble. I am so thankful He has helped me to trust in His mighty power.

I felt led of the Lord to write and tell all the dear saints how my son Howard kept faithful unto the end. As almost every one knows, he had diabetes and had been taking shots about nine years, but he was sanctified during our meeting while Sister Lottie Joiner was here, and the Lord talked to him about trusting Him fully for healing. One Saturday morning he made his decision to trust the Lord live or die. Bro. Gibson came and preached for us that night. Howard was anointed and prayed for. He came to see us on Monday, then again on Tuesday he told me he had told Eula (his wife) that for her not to let any one give him a shot or take him to the hospital if he got bad, and told her if he died it would be for the best. He held faithful to his decision and never called for any medical aid of any kind. He never seemed to suffer very much and passed quietly away on Tuesday Morning after he had made his decision on Saturday morning.

We are so thankful he was saved as there was not a doubt in my heart but what he was ready to meet the dear Lord. Also he had quit wearing his gold watch a few weeks before his death. It surely pays to obey the voice of God. I want to take this way to thank all the dear saints for their prayers, their encouraging words of kindness, and letters of sympathy, and the great lot of sympathy cards. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to us and we pray God will bless each one for all their kindness. We appreciate it very much. We can't express in words how much we do thank each one for all they have done to lighten the burden.

Continue to pray for us that we be faithful unto the end. The saints here are in a heavy trial and desire your earnest prayer. It seems the devil is really turned loose, but greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Praise the sweet name of Jesus.

With Christian love,

Effie Miller

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Ga.—Dear sir,—I thank you for the Faith and Victory papers. My pleasure is to work for Jesus. I know I'm weak and little, and I feel among the very humblest of all, but I know Jesus can't use us if we feel we are something, praise his good Name. I'm still thanking Him because he has been so good to us. He blesses us with the great Spirit from on high. That is worth everything.

Pray for us that we will do what He would have us to do.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Clem Brogdon

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Tex.—Dear ones in Christ,—I'm thankful I know I am still numbered with God's faithful few.

The Lord has been so very precious to me, especially

these past few months. He healed my body of a long standing illness last summer at the Monark Camp Meeting. I have gained nearly twenty pounds since that time. He also took a growth from under my arm just recently. I have found plenty to do among the sick and shut-ins. The Lord blesses my soul as I have opportunity to read and pray with different ones. Ann has been a blessing to me. She seems to want to know more about God's word and asks that I point out faults or sin if I see any in her life. I feel she is worthy of any letters or words of encouragement.

There are many here who profess to know God, but their hearts are far from him. Pray for us here in this sinful place that we might use our strength to glorify the name of Jesus. Yours in Christ, Edith Wall.

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Kansas—Greeting in the precious Name to the dear saints of God,—This leaves me still saved with all my trust in the Lord. He has been so good to me during this affliction. I have had it for a long time, but the Lord has given me so much of his wonderful grace that I use no doctor's medicines nor remedies of any kind for which I give Him glory, and praise his holy name for his love and mercy to me. He has healed me of many complaints of my body. One time I started to turn around on this crippled leg and I wrenched my knee. I had nervous chills for three days and nights, and the Lord healed me of that. One time Bro. and Sister Gibson were here and I was so afflicted in my back I had to sit in a straight chair. The Lord healed me of that.

I have it still in my heart to trust the Lord till I die. I have had it pretty hard this winter, but the Lord has taken me through. I want to thank all the saints for their good letters, and cards which have surely been an encouragement to me. I hope to be with you at the camp meeting this summer, Lord willing. Please keep praying for me and my family. I am waiting on the Lord. We can not fail waiting on the Lord, because He tells us: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31. Your Sister, Jettie Davidson.

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Mo.—dear saints everywhere,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. This leaves me bubbling over with joy in my soul, because of the abundant blessing of God to me.

As we take our children aside and admonish them, so our heavenly Father does us—so gently and with such love, it rejoices my heart; yet it makes me to be ashamed of my concern over such a small thing. The enemy knows how to work, but thank God for warning me. I wrote when my little girl was born of how God had blessed me in allowing me to nurse her. How thankful I was, but I begin to gain so much weight and couldn't diet because it would affect the baby. I began to be so self conscious of my weight, I think as soon as I weaned her, I would use a two-week diet chart and lose. The diet is so low in calories that it recommends you not to follow it more than two weeks at a time. So on Friday or Saturday the flow of milk began to decrease. Of course, I was concerned and as I was praying, God revealed to me why. So I immediately asked for forgiveness and help to not be so foolish and let such a small thing bother me. Praise the Lord, it doesn't now. Surely God did bless and help me, and how I do thank and praise Him for warning me against such for it is harmful to our body. Oh! what a wonderful heavenly Father who loves and cares for his own.

Then on Sunday we went to Wharton Creek, Ark. for all day services. What wonderful soul food we did receive! God surely spread a rich spiritual table for us. Both the morning and afternoon services were anointed of God. My heart is still rejoicing and feasting on the good things of God. I can truly say as the hymn in Select Hymns 320 says, "Filled with the fullness of perfect salvation, washed in the blood that was shed on the tree; this my rejoicing thru ages eternal: Jesus my Saviour came looking for me!" How thankful I am to be set free from the bondage of sin. Oh! do keep encouraged, dear saints, and "look up," for our redemption draweth nigh. I can see nothing behind me but all is ahead, so by the grace of God I am more determined than ever to go on to my home not made with hands.

Your sister in the one way,

Laverne Moles.

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### JESUS WAS WITH ME

Greetings in Jesus' name. He is so good to us. (Heb. 13:5) He said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Psa. 46:1), "A very present help in trouble."

Thank God, I have found this so. Three weeks ago (Feb. 23rd) our little girl Verna, two years old Jan. 25th, took sick. I thought she was poisoned on some kerosene she drank. She was either poisoned or had a bad mouth disease. She was worse Thursday. I sent Mrs. Hattie Bilbery word and she came, saw that Verna was so bad, and was worried about her. Hattie has helped care for Verna since she was a baby and loves her very much. She stayed all night with us. The only rest Verna had was when we prayed. She would rest for awhile and wake up. Friday evening my sister-in-law came over and brot my father. I told him I was thinking of calling my husband who was working in St. Louis and ask him to come and take Verna and have her prayed for. I told them that I had my trust in the Lord. My father insisted that I call, so I did Friday night. The children and I had been praying for Verna. She broke out all over with big red spots. The Lord had helped her. The spots were going away when my husband arrived at one o'clock Saturday morning. Her mouth wasn't any better. (James 5:14, 15). I thought we would take her down to Aunt Katie Marler and have her to anoint and pray for her. I asked Arla (my husband) if he would be willing for me to trust the Lord for her healing, and he said he would.

We hurried off and arrived at Aunt Katie's about 5:00. They anointed and prayed for Verna. I had Aunt Katie to read St. Mark 16:18. Verna rested awhile at a time. She was so bad she could not take her bottle nor eat. I would pour a little peach juice down her with a spoon. She took some grape soda after they prayed for her. Bro. and Sister Joiner came by Saturday evening and prayed for her. We went to church services Saturday night and when we got back we fixed Verna a place to sleep on the couch as she wanted to lie down. We laid her down and she went off to sleep, was resting good for the first time. Arla and I talked for awhile about how thankful we were that the Lord helped her to rest. We were very tired and sleepy.

We had just gone to sleep when Bro. Louie Marler came down to Aunt Katie's and told us we had a call to return home. It seemed more than I could bear to pick Verna up as she was resting so good. Louella, who is seven had been up so much praying for Verna, she did not feel well when we left. She would get up. I asked her why she didn't go to bed and she answered that she could not sleep. She wanted to be ready to pray for Verna when she woke up. (I thought the call was for Louella.) Arla and I were so worried that we had Bro.



and Sister Joiner to come down from Bro. Louie's and have prayer. Sister Joiner said, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him." This was encouragement to me. Prayer surely did help. We seemed to feel the comfort of God all the way home. Verna rested on a pillow. It was a bad rainy night. The highway was slick. We thanked God for a safe trip home. Louella was asleep when we arrived. They told us she had been awfully bad. Ruthie, who is ten, had prayed for Louella. She did not want them to call us. She said Ruthie prayed and God would help her. Louella had pulled one tooth and had two more loose. Her mouth got so sore she could only drink juice and eat ice cream. After noon several people came to see the children. They were all worried as Verna's mouth was so bad. Louella had lost weight and looked bad. I told my Aunt Mae Richmond that Verna was better. The Lord had never failed me yet. She thought Verna's teeth would come out. It did look like they could. I told Arla that we were serving a merciful God; if He healed Verna I felt sure He would leave her teeth. Thank God, He did. I could never tell you how awful her little mouth looked. My brother Fred asked me if we had taken her to a doctor. I told him no that we were trusting God to heal her. Monday Louella was so weak and Verna's mouth was still bad. Arla was getting ready to go call Bro. and Sister Murphey Allen, also mail a letter to Aunt Katie. Just as he was ready to leave Bro. Joiner, Aunt Katie, and some saints came. Oh! how glad we were to see them. They prayed for the girls and they got some better. Louella tired to eat Ice Cream so Arla could go back to work, as he did not want to leave until she ate. Tuesday night Arla was gone. He was a help to me even though he was not saved. He was willing for me to trust the Lord. The saints were gone. The baby Portia's mouth was getting sore! The devil tried to get me to think that Louella, Verna, and Portia were all going to have the same thing, as some thought Verna had a mouth disease. Arla had said they might. He didn't think he could stand to see another one suffer like Verna had. I felt so alone all night. I was up praying for first one then the other, sometimes both at once. They would rest awhile then we would have prayer again. I finally told the devil that if Louella and Portia had the same thing God could heal them the same way he was Verna. Wednesday morning Verna went to sleep. It was such a job to feed her and I was so worried because she wouldn't eat. I went off in the woods. There I felt so alone with God. I asked Him the humblest way I knew how if he would please help Verna to eat when she awoke. She slept a good while, and when she awoke she said, "I want some pie." I took her to the kitchen and she took a spoon and ate some lemon pie. Thank God he had to help her or she could not have eaten it. The children and I went down on our knees and thanked God for this blessing. On Thursday evening Verna tried to nurse the baby's bottle. We put a big hole in the nipple so the milk would almost run out and she nursed one-half bottle. I fixed her another bottle and she took half of it. It had been over a week since she had taken her bottle. We went in prayer again and thanked God. We were still burdened about her because she needed help in other ways. I had been fasting and praying for her and Luella since Tuesday. It looked as though Verna was going to go another day in this condition. Oh! how I did ask God to help her. To think of ALL the blood and corruption she had swallowed being in her little stomach, was such a terrible burden. It was getting dark. The Lord did help her that very hour. Praise God forever. The children and I went again and thanked God for how he helped her. She was now a lot

better. Many times through little Verna's suffering she knelt down in my lap, lay her head on a little pillow while we prayed she would go to sleep. The saints at Aunt Katie's saw her do this. We all did thank God for the way he let her rest when they prayed. Many times she would say, "Pray, Mother." She would get down on her knees, bow her head on her little pillow. She knew God helped her. With my heart praising God for healing her, I can almost see her putting her little hands over her mouth, saying, "Oh! oh!" She never cried much only when I would try to clean her mouth. It was a solid eating sore as far down as we could see. I would wipe blood and corruption out with a white cloth. She swallowed a lot of blood and stuff. We surely did thank God, as she never got sick at her stomach—NOT one time. We just cannot praise God enough. No one could believe her mouth was so bad only the ones who saw it. I had pulled one more tooth for Luella and she was better. We all went to the table praising God and ate supper. Friday night baby Portia's mouth was better. She had a fever blister from cutting four teeth (stomach and eye teeth). Louella's mouth was still sore. She could eat some better. I pulled the other loose tooth. Her mouth was so bad, but now began to get better. It didn't hurt so badly. We were so happy, and we give the Lord all the praise. Friday night as I heard Arla knock on the door, I was awake. (He comes home on Friday nights.) I opened the door. There he was with his head all bandaged up. I thought he had been in a car wreck, but he burned his neck at work. It is well now. Louella was so weak I thought we had better take her down to Senath where Sister Joiner was still holding a meeting and have her anointed and prayed for. She had missed much school. She still could only eat peach juice and ice cream and not much of that. Her mouth was not hurting so badly only when she would try to eat. We went down to Senath Saturday night. On Sunday she was prayed for. We started on our way home after services and Arla was eating bananas. Louella said, "Daddy, give me one; Jesus has healed me." Praise God! He had. She ate all the banana she wanted and anything else from that time and was able to go to school on Monday. She said, "Mother, I think God saw I'd suffered long enough, and he just healed me." I think so too, for different ones has said how patient she was with her suffering. Only one time she said anything about it. She asked me on Wednesday after the Tuesday night we prayed so much if she had done anything wrong. I said, "Not a thing that I know of." I asked her that day if she wanted me to read some out of the Bible to her. She did want me to read where Jesus was crucified. I did, and it seemed to encourage her. It helped me. If when we are suffering we will think about what Jesus went through it helps us to be more patient.

Last week Louella and Verna were doing fine. On Wednesday Durain, our four-year-old boy got something in his eye. I tried to get it out but could not. By night it was very red and began to swell. We had prayer for him and the next morning his eye was well. It looked as clear as the other one. I was so thankful for it.

How the Lord had blessed me through all this! I had just had the flu when Verna took sick. For a number of years I had not been able to lift much because of an affliction. I was so glad the Lord had taken care of me so I could care for the children. But the devil was not through yet! As I was ironing that very day I felt this trouble coming on me. How I did ask God not to let this affliction continue for it had caused much suffering until I could hardly do anything. Arla came home Friday night and I told him about it. He said, "I guess you'll be the next one to take to Aunt Katie's to be prayed for." It was encouraging to hear him say: "You know God healed



Louella and Verna, he can you." (Matt. 9:35). I had read where Jesus went about teaching and preaching and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. Monday Bro. Murphy Allen, Aunt Katie, and some other saints came and prayed for me. I got some better, but still suffered at times until this evening (Wed. 16th) the suffering is gone. How I do praise God! I do thank God for these blessings. He has blessed us many times before. There are many other things which could be said about what happened these last three weeks. I trust what I have written will be some encouragement to someone to trust the Lord. I want to thank the different ones for your kindness and prayers and a merciful God for answering prayer and healing us all. Louella and Verna are gaining weight fast. We give God the praise for it all. Pray for me.

Thank God, he saw me through;  
I want to praise Jesus in all I do.  
The devil did accuse so unfair—  
Jesus was with me everywhere!

—Edith Robinson

### “THEY WERE EATING AND DRINKING”

(Matthew 24:37, 38)

Jesus said, “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark” (Matt. 24:37, 38).

I believe that is one of the reasons that we do not see the gifts in the church today as we should. Somewhere along the line ‘we are not paying the price’ that God wants us to.

Martin Luther was a weekly faster and God used him to lift the curtain of night that had hung over the world during the “dark ages.” And is it not true that the world is very dark in sin? And I believe that God is waiting for the saints of God to take Him at his word and pay the price with prayer and fasting. And then we can say, “Lord, my life is yours.”

John Knox fasted regularly, and history tells us that ‘Bloody Mary,’ queen of Scotland feared his prayers more than the armies of England.

I believe that the time is short for the saints of God to work, and there will be many a tear shed and fasting and praying before we go home. —W. D. S.

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### SOLUTION IN THE HOME

Juvenile crime is shockingly on the rise. Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of health, education, and welfare, revealed recently that there has been a 17 per cent increase in teen-age offenses in the last three years. From the FBI comes the stern warning that if juvenile crime rate continues to increase, the greatest crime wave in history will engulf America in the next generation.

Many influences will be cited for this ominous trend. Yet the primary responsibility goes back to one place—the home.

A famous sociologist, once observed: “There are no delinquent children, only delinquent parents.” And the hard fact must be faced that parental neglect is at the bottom of juvenile delinquency.

Home life has altered greatly over the years. To-

day's way of living furnishes the time and opportunity for diversions outside the home. Parents spend fewer hours at home than ever before. Children too much of the time are left to drift for themselves.

Neither do we today have the firm adherence to moral principles that governed us in the past. Thus the laxity of parents is transmitted to children.

Every approach to this problem must therefore begin by holding parents accountable for the behavior of their children. And corrective measures must also begin in the home. The responsibility of parenthood cannot be delegated to the church, school, or social agency. Good children are the product of proper home environment—of love, care, and discipline. To the extent that parents face these facts will the problem of juvenile delinquency be curbed. —Sel.

### A PECULIAR PEOPLE

There are no other folk like the children of God, for they are new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17).

The children of God are not of this world, for they are born from above (John 3:3).

They do not expect to stay here always, for their affections are set on things above (Col. 3:2).

Their lives cannot be destroyed, for they are hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).

All their treasures are deposited in the bank of heaven, which can never fail (Matt. 6:19, 20).

They do not covet earthly riches, for they are joint heirs with the One who possesses all things (Rom. 8:17).

They are never alone, for the Comforter abides with them forever (John 14:16).

Growing old does not worry them, for they have eternal life ready in their hearts (John 11:26).

They look at things which are not seen with the natural eye (2 Cor. 4:18).

They are so familiar with hearing God's voice that they distinguish it from the voice of strangers. (John 10:4, 5).

They can sense the presence of the power of God, for they have tasted of the powers of the world to come (Heb. 6:5).

They stand upon a Rock which the gates of hell cannot destroy (Matt. 16:18).

They never mind the battles, for they are always sure of victory (2 Cor. 2:14).

They fly over walls of opposition, rise above clouds and storms, run and do not grow weary, and march for miles over desert sands and do not faint. After doing all that God requires of them, they are able to stand against hell's forces. By patiently waiting for the Lord to come, they renew their strength, and are ready to start afresh. (Isa. 40:31).

They know that only perfect obedience pleases God, and they partake of the joy of the Lord (John 15:10, 11).

They have wisdom which is unknown to all whose hearts are not perfect (1 Cor. 2:6).

They have heavenly fire burning in their hearts, and they are the light of the world. (Matt. 5:14).

They have greater zeal for good works than the world has for evil (Titus 2:14).

## Camp-meeting Notices

### THE NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The national camp meeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' camp grounds at Monark Springs (Neosho, Mo.) July 22 to July 31, inclusive. Monark Springs is located five miles east of Neosho on highway 86, so those coming to the meeting by bus or train will come to Neosho, then call the Monark Springs store for some one to come to get them. Watch for highway markers leading to the camp grounds.

All saints and lovers of the truth are invited to attend this meeting and will receive a hearty welcome. Meals will be served in the dining hall, and the meeting will be run on the free will offering plan, except as in years past the tents will rent for \$5.00 each. The cots, including mattress, will be \$1.00. Space in the dormitory including bed will be \$2.50. Please send tent orders in now if possible, mail them directly to the undersigned. Those of us living near should bring our own bedding. Come prepared for cool nights. Also come prepared to receive a blessing to your soul.

We have the promise of what shall happen when Zion travails, so those of us that are born of God are a part of Zion, henceforth, we know our duty and our responsibility.

Let us pray that God will send His ministers filled with the Spirit of God to bring to our hearts the truths of His precious Word. Pray much for the meeting. We need your prayers also..

For further information concerning the meeting write the Bros. as follows: Albert Eck, Rte. 1, Bartlett, Kans., Sam Barton, 2240 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla., L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Washington St., Guthrie, Okla., Ralph M. Beisley, R. R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans. Hoping to see you all at the camp meeting, we remain your brothers in Him, Ralph M. Beisley.

#### Hennessey, Oklahoma

We, the saints of the Church of God in Hennessey, plan in the name of the Lord to have a campmeeting here, starting May 27th and lasting through June 5th. Pray much for the success of the meeting, that God will bless on every line. All are welcome.

For more information write: Bro. Thomas Davis, Box 441, Hennessey, Okla.; or Sister Willa J. Williams, R. 1, Box 113.

—Ada B. Davis, pastor.

#### Akron, Ohio

The Church of God of Akron, Ohio, 1327 9th Ave. have planned a campmeeting June 17-26, or as long as the Lord leads. We are praying and looking for the Lord to send ministers of the Church of God to help us in the meeting as the Lord leads. For information write Sister Elizabeth Hudson, 724 Euclid St., Akron, Ohio, or Sister Cordelia R. Jones, 74040 Roscoe Ave., Akron 6, Ohio.

#### Jefferson, Oregon

The Oregon State Campmeeting will be held at Jefferson, Oregon, the Lord willing, July 1-10 on the saints' camp ground as usual, which is one block east of old Highway 99 through Jefferson on Hazel St. All saints and lovers of the truth are invited to attend. All are welcome. The saints here are encouraged and looking forward to having a good meeting. We are looking to the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing who are filled with the Holy Ghost anointing to preach the word straight and clean with power from heaven, and not shun to declare all the council of God.

Sleeping quarters will be provided for all who come and the meeting will be run on free will offerings as usual. The dear Lord has never failed to supply all the needs for the meetings in the past and we do not believe He will fail us now. Plan now to attend. For further information write to Bro. Noah White, R. 1, Jefferson, Ore. or Bro. Harry Davis, P. O. Box 547, Stayton, Ore., or Sister Emma Busch, R. 2, Box 206, Scio, Ore.

#### Hammond, Louisiana

The general southern campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the old camp ground at Hammond, La. June 24 to July 3, inclusive. Every saint and lover of the truth are invited to attend and hear the whole gospel preached by spirit-filled ministers of His choosing. No charges made for meals as the meeting is run on the free-will offering plan. Sleeping quarters provided. Those living near by, bring your own bed linens and pillows. Anyone feeling led to help care for expense of the meeting may do so by giving money, vegetables, and fruits (canned or fresh), meats, etc. Anything you eat at home can be used here too.

Send offerings to or for further information write to Ray Key, 705 White St., or Max Williamson, c. o. Post Office, Hammond, La.

#### Green Pastures, Oklahoma

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Green Pastures, Okla. begins July 8 and ends July 17th. All saints and lovers of the truth are invited to come and will receive a hearty welcome. For further information write Bro. E. W. Sanders, R. 2, Box 39, Spencer, Okla.

#### Boley, Oklahoma

The Boley Camp Meeting will be held this year, Lord willing, August 19-28. Pray much for the meeting that souls will be saved. All are welcome.

For more information write: Bro. C. A. Wallace, Boley, Okla., or Sister Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Box 109, Boley, Oklahoma.

#### Myrtle, Missouri

The fifth Annual Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, on the camp ground at Myrtle, Mo. from August 19th to the 28th. We are expecting God to send ministers here to preach the truth. Anything else would not be pleasing to God and His people.

This meeting as usual will be run on the free-will offering plan. So you that know the value of prayer, pray much for this meeting. Souls need to be saved. Come prepared to care for yourselves as much as you can in the way of pillows, sheets and covers, bed-ticks and straw. Steads will be furnished as long as they last.

Send all your offerings to Bro. A. J. and Earl Sorrell. For any other information write to the above name or Bro. Murphy Allen, pastor, Box 255, Mansfield, Mo.

#### Dover, Oklahoma

The Lord willing, the Dover Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held Sept. 2nd to the 11th inclusive. The location is one mile north and two and one half miles east of Dover, Okla. Dover is on highway 81. Those coming by bus will be met if we are notified in time. If possible let us know what hour your bus will arrive at Dover. We may have cool nights, so bring your blankets or sheets.

Send or bring offerings and contributions to Ulysses Phillips or Henry Caldwell, Dover, Okla. Pray for the meeting.

## Jena, Louisiana

The Jena, La. Camp Meeting will be held, Lord willing, on the camp ground one mile west of Jena on highway 84 and three blocks south of the highway in the Midway Community. The meeting will run from July 8 to July 17.

For further information contact Willard Esters, Box 757, Phone No. 2-1165, or Ruth Murphy, Route 1, Jena, La., Phone No. 2-2198.

## Hoffman, Oklahoma

Lord willing the saints of the Church of God at Hoffman plan to hold a 10 night meeting here running from June 24th through July 3rd, Lord willing. We will not be able to have a camp meeting this year.

For further information write Bro. Andrew Ligons, Hoffman, Okla., or Bro. Felix Taylor, R. 4, Morris, Okla. —W. W. Crawley, Pastor.

## South Charleston, W. Va.

The Church of God Camp Meeting will be held at the chapel in South Charleston, located at 1006 F St., west of 10th Ave., from July 8-16.

There will be plenty of parking space near the chapel for cars and trailers. We invite all to come who are interested in their own souls welfare and the welfare of others. We desire all the saints to be agreed with us that God will burden the hearts of His ministers to come to preach the Word of Truth as the Holy Spirit leads.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual, and our God has never failed us yet, and we are looking to Him for victory. We send a special invitation to the saints that failed to come last year. We missed you! Saints, please pray much that sinners will be saved in this meeting.

For further information write Brother and Sister T. L. Spaur, 151½ 10th Ave., So. Charleston. Phone RI 4-5339.



## DATES OF OTHER CAMPMEETINGS

Guthrie, Okla.—Aug. 5th-14th, corner of 6th and W. Warner — O. C. Porter, R. 5, Guthrie, Okla.

Myrtle, Mo.—August 19th-28, one mile east of Myrtle —S E. Abbott, Thayer, R. 2, Missouri.

Bakersfield, Calif.— Aug. 12th-21st, South Brown St. —I. C. Chandler, R. 6, Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif.

California State Campmeeting, Aug. 26 to Sept 4, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. (suburb of Los Angeles). O. B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima.

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## First Campmeeting in Oklahoma

It will be sixty-two years ago this August since the first campmeeting of the Church of God was held in Oklahoma. Recollections of this first campmeeting and pioneer gospel work in the state are told by Bro. and Sister Simon Post of the Guthrie congregation. They celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on April 25th. Bro. Post was 94 years of age on May 1st and she is past 87. Considering their age, they are quite active and are up and around the house most of the time. He attends the Sunday morning services quite often, and rejoices to hear the old songs of Zion, some times raising both hands in praise to the Lord.

They were married April 25, 1886 near Arkansas City, Kansas, and came to Oklahoma territory in July, 1889, and homesteaded on a claim nine miles north of the town of Crescent in Logan County, of which Guthrie is the county seat.

In April, 1892, George and Mary Cole, Lodema Kaser, and Sterling Price McCully held a meeting at a school house near their homestead. Bro. and Sister Post attended this meeting, got saved and accepted the truth. In August of the next year, 1893, a campmeeting was held a half mile south of their farm on the banks of Skeleton Creek. (The notice of this campmeeting, signed by Simon Post, appeared in the "Trumpet" in 1893 while Bro. Warner was the editor.) Among the ministers present at this first campmeeting in Oklahoma were Jeremiah, George and Mary Cole, Lodema Kaser, and Sterling P. McCully.

In October, 1904, Bro. Post and Bro. and Sister Robert Glasgow went to Blackwell, Okla., and through many hardships held the first meeting of the Church of God in that city.

Some of the early-day ministers who held or attended meetings in the Post community are as follows: W. J. Henry, George and Emma Dansberger, William Wilson, Ostis B. and Mattie Wilson, S. G. Bryant, G. P. Keeling, Samuel Helms, Charles Forbes, W. N. and Jennie Smith, Robert and James Glasgow, Edward and Lena Mattheson, Mable Hale, W. H. Shoot, Charles Bright, Cornelia A. Sunderland, Ellen Trent (Porter), and Moses H. Williams.—L. D. Pruitt.

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## MANASSEH'S SIN AND REPENTANCE

June 5, 1955

Printed Portion ..... 2 Chronicles 33:9-20.

2 Chron. 33:9. So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err and to do worse than the heathen, whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10. And the Lord spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11. Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12. And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

13. And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.

14. Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to

the entering in at fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15. And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

16. And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel.

17. Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the Lord their God only.

18. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

19. His prayer also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

20. So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

**Memory Selection:** Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Psalm 143:10.

**Practical Truth:** The mercy of God is so great that He will forgive a penitent soul, whatever the past has been.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There were kings of Judah that were good, others were not so good, but we find Manasseh to be the worst. His father was a good king and gave him an example of righteousness so there was no excuse for him to be the worst. Further, the Lord himself spoke to Manasseh and his people, "but they would not hearken" (v. 10).

Manasseh was greatly humbled down (2 Chron. 33: 10-13)

When God afflicted and gave him his frown;

Then he knew that the Lord he was God,

For God heard him and took away his rod.

Things are changed as to immediate action, for the thing that Manasseh had done he tried to undo, for he took away the strange gods, repaired the altar of the Lord, and restored the right form of worship. But in his life he had done so wickedly that God remembered later his awful deeds when he said, "Because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withall" (2 Kings 23:26, 27). As we take a view of the situation and ponder this lesson, we are made to realize what Jesus meant when he spoke of being beaten with few or many stripes (Luke 12:41-48). It pays for the Christian to pray, then do as God says.

#### YOUNG KING JOSIAH

June 12, 1955

Printed Portion ..... 2 Chronicles 34:1-12a

2 Chron. 34:1. Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

2. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

3. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves; and

the carved images, and the molten images.

4. And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

5. And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6. And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.

7. And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

8. Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God.

9. And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

10. And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the Lord, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the Lord, to repair and amend the house:

11. Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12. And the men did the work faithfully. - - - - -

**Memory Selection:** Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Psalm 119:9.

**Practical Truth:** The influence of devoted young people is needed in every congregation, and they should exercise their God given gifts and grow in the things of God.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We find here that Josiah began to walk in the ways of David his father (vs. 2, 3). David walked so close to God that he was called a man of God (Neh. 12:24). His life followed posterity down through the years of righteousness. Even where he went wrong, his repentance was to be imitated. (Psalm 51).

No doubt that Hilkiah the high priest or some of those older had a good influence on the young king to help him walk in the ways of the Lord, so that he began to "purge Judah and Jerusalem" (v. 3), and cleanse them (v. 5).

After he was through and "had purged the land" (v. 8), then he began to "repair the house of the Lord his God" (v. 8). And it says that the "men did the work faithfully" (v. 12).

The lesson today is used for the encouragement and upbuilding of the Christian. He began to seek after God while yet young. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1). Then notice how he kept working at the job. The true Christian knows that he must keep working at it if he is going to remain a true Christian.

## JOSIAH KEEPS THE PASSOVER

June 19, 1955

Printed Portion ..... 2 Chronicles 35:1-6, 16-19.

2 Chron. 35:1. Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the Lord in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2. And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the Lord,

3. And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the Lord, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the Lord your God, and his people Israel,

4. And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

5. And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and after the division of the families of the Levites.

6. So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

16. So all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the Lord, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17. And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

18. And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19. In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was the passover kept.

Memory Selection: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1.

Practical Truth: The public worship of God should be with reverence and an holy atmosphere before God.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There is little use to read the Bible if it does not move to action those who read it. The test is to obey God's commandments, and show how much real sincerity there is in the study of God's word. When the will is to the purpose of God, that is an active response to divine law.

After Josiah had made repairs on the sanctuary and had completed his work of getting things ready to worship God in the right way, then he was ready to keep the passover "unto the Lord" (v. 1). And he says, "Prepare yourselves" (v. 4). "Stand in the holy place" (v. 5). "Sanctify yourselves" (v. 6). "So all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the Lord" (v. 16). So Josiah observed the law of God according to all of God's commandments. When he heard the law read to him, he did something about it. That is the great need here in the U. S. today. There are many that read the Bible but do not let it move them to do right, just as God says for them to do. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). So that man lives "by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). Jesus himself said that.

## GOD AND THE NATIONS

June 26, 1955

Printed Portion ..... Zephaniah 3:1-5, 14-20.

Zeph. 3:1. Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2. She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God.

3. Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5. The just Lord is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

14. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

17. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

18. I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19. Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20. At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord.

Memory Selection: O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Psalm 67:4.

Practical Truth: God rules and overrules in the affairs of nations, and will punish the guilty and forgive those that repent.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The first five verses of our lesson give a picture of shame and degradation. "She obeyed not the voice; she received no correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to God" (v. 2). "Her prophets are light and treacherous persons" (v. 4). What a sad picture of those who are without God and are filthy and are polluted (v. 1). The law of life is just that way. When men ignore God and choose other ways, there can be no other result. Without the life of God in the soul men are under the power of the devil, who will turn every thing into the worst condition possible for man.

What a happy contrast is the rest of the verses that are given for our study. The first part of the lesson was given under the figure of a filthy woman, but the last is given under the figure of a virtuous woman, "Sing, O daughter of Zion" (v. 14). "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). What a wonderful heritage is for the Christian that he may be sure that he is a Christian. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16). That makes the heart rejoice and praise the Lord.