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"The Master's Garden"

The Master stood in His garden
Among the lilies fair
That His own right hand had planted
And trained with tenderest care.
He looked at their snowy blossom,
And marked with observant eye
That His flowers were sadly drooping.
Their leaves were parched and dry.

"My lilies need to be watered,"
The heavenly Master said.
"Wherein shall I draw it for them,
And raise each drooping head?"
Close to his feet, on the pathway,
Empty, and frail, and small,
An earthly vessel was lying,
That seemed of no use at all.
But the Master saw it, and raised it
From the dust in which it lay,
And smiled as He gently whispered,
"This shall do my work today,
It is but an earthen vessel,
But it lay so close to me;
It is small, but it is empty—
That is all that it needs to be."

So He took it to the fountain,
And He filled it to the brim;
How glad was the earthen vessel
Just to be of some use to Him!
He poured forth the living water
Over His lilies so fair,
Until the vessel was empty,
And again He filled it there.

He watered the drooping lilies,
Until they revived again;
And the Master saw with pleasure,
That His labor had not been vain.
His own hand had drawn the water,
That refreshed the thirsty flowers;
But He used the earthen vessel
To convey the living showers.

—Sel.

HOME

Home is a place that is very sacred to most people of this world, and it is a place where children feel safe. I am thinking of another home that we can enjoy here—right here in this world.

The poet who wrote the song, "The Home of the Soul," enjoyed this home. We still have the privilege of dwelling there: "The Church of the Living God." This truly is a precious home where all of God's children dwell. They are perfectly satisfied and feel safe from the many dangers along life's way.

This home is also perfectly complete with plenty of good soul food for God's children. When misunderstandings arise, we can go to our Father, who is always ready to help us out. He helps us in every sorrow. He clothes each one of his little ones with righteousness—not found any other place. His children are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15), and sheltered in a wonderful place of safety—under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91:1). His children always enjoy Father's love" Jer. 31:3. Everything one needs is provided in Father's house. It is written that He gives us "richly ALL things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17). There is plenty to eat and drink. The promise to all is: "He that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

Dear ones, you who really are saved—born again into the family of God—surely are happy and perfectly satisfied with this home. Please do not do as the prodigal son, wander away from Father's house and go into a foreign country—down into Babylon (into sectism) which is nothing but false doctrines and confusion. How unwise it is to leave Father's house where there is "plenty and to spare" and going where one must feed on husks! There is no real soul food in sectism. Dear one, if through neglect of prayer or by growing careless you have left Father's house, please come home where there will be rejoicing and a Father's welcome.

—Mrs. Edd Whipple

Does The Enemy Trouble You?

The Holy Bible is a wonderful book, and in it we find the way from earth to glory. God's Holy Spirit

works with the Word to convince and convict souls of their sin and the need of godly sorrow and repentance and a belief in the blood sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ which atones for our sins, which are between us and God. Through belief in the blood sacrifice, our souls are exposed to his tender love and care.

On the other hand, Satan also uses the Word of God with wrong interpretations to keep souls away from God; also to get them discouraged after they are saved and entangle them again in sin. When Jesus was in the wilderness being tempted of the devil, the devil used Scriptures against him. Jesus resisted him and gave him Scriptures to prove that he (the enemy) was using Scripture out of its place. He gained the victory over Satan. You can do likewise as you acquaint yourself with the right interpretation of Scripture and keep your mind on the Lord for help.

The Bible says (Ps. 10:2), "The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor." The Lord "knoweth the proud afar off." The Lord "hateth a proud look." In Proverbs 16:5 we read, "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord. In Jeremiah 17:9 we read, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" He is speaking here of an unregenerated soul, and classed them all alike. A proud self-righteous soul can be in this class just the same as a thief, a liar, or a murderer. Anyone that rejects Jesus Christ is in this class whether he thinks so or not.

One of the great sins among the religious Jews was that they rejected Christ as the Son of God. In Matt. 15:24 Jesus says, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Being thus sent, all of his teaching was to them. The parables and illustrations which he gave were to them, that they might be saved. He tried hard in different ways and manners with parables and otherwise to get them to see their great need of humbling themselves in godly sorrow and repentance. He did not try to force salvation upon them, for that is contrary to his New Covenant teachings. He worked hard to get them to willingly humble themselves in godly sorrow and repentance. The high and the low, the rich and poor were alike to him, and all had to come the same meek and lowly way to get salvation. He was no respecter of persons. He told the Pharisees, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. In Luke 13:3-5 he said unto them, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

In the 18th chapter of Luke he gave a parable about two men who went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a Publican. The Publican was despised by the proud Pharisees. The Pharisee prayed, but it was to himself. He boasted of his righteousness, but the Publican would not so much as lift up his head. He asked God to be merciful to him a sinner, and God pronounced him justified. He wanted the Pharisees to see that they needed to humble down in repentance as the Publican did. He was always trying to get the religious Jews to see their

sore need, and that they were an abomination to God in their unregenerated state.

In the 7th chapter of Luke, beginning with verse 36, is a record of a Pharisee who invited Jesus to dine with him. Jesus went in and sat down to meat. A sinner woman who lived in the city came in, and with a broken and repentant heart because of her sins she wept and washed his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hairs of her head. She adored and loved him and kissed his feet and anointed them with ointment. Notice what the proud Pharisee had to say. He murmured within himself, saying, "This man, [meaning Jesus] if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner." No doubt, in the sight of God, the Pharisee was the greater sinner of the two. With godly wisdom Jesus gave him this parable: "There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me which one would love him most?" This parable was spoken to bring the Pharisee to realize his condition, if possible. No doubt Jesus referred to the woman owing the five-hundred pence and the Pharisee owing the fifty pence. The Pharisee did show some love inasmuch he was trying to keep the law of Moses and he had respect enough to invite Jesus to dine with him; but Jesus pointed out his great lack of love in comparison to that which the woman had, for he knew that the Pharisee did not see himself in the light of the New Covenant teachings. Money will not buy salvation. It can only be purchased by acknowledging that you are a sinner through godly sorrow and repentance, and by surrendering yourself entirely to God for time and eternity. The high and the low, the rich and the poor all have to pay the same price and come the same way, for a broken heart and a contrite spirit the Lord will not despise. He also teaches: "When ye shall seek for me with all thy heart, thou shalt be found of me."

In answer to the question in the Lord's parable, Simon, the Pharisee answered, "I suppose that he to whom he forgave most." The Lord said, "Thou hast rightly judged." Let us take notice how quickly the Lord takes advantage of the opportunity to try to get Simon's eyes open so he could see himself, for in the eyes of God he was the greater sinner. If he could see and acknowledge his sins as this woman, he too would love the Lord greatly. The Lord began to tell him the things the woman did and the things he did not do, that it might dawn upon him that he was in great need of repentance with godly sorrow. Far be the thought from the Lord to teach by this Scripture that it would be better for one to go deeply in sin in order to love Him more than others; for all have to pay the same price for salvation. All sinners are in a horrible pit, greatly in debt to God. They have nothing with which to pay their debt and cannot get out of sin alone. All would be lost and in torment unless the Lord had paid the penalty of sin that hung over their heads by his blood sacrifice on Calvary.

The one who is reared in the truth and has not gone deeply in sin should love the Lord more, if there is any difference. Indulgence in sin and iniquity and dissipation will bring deep regret and shame, and is nothing to boast of. One that has not gone deeply in sin can rejoice greatly and love God much for having mercy and keeping him out of so much evil that he would have sunk into if he had continued in sin. Some who have the wrong understanding of this Scripture allow the enemy to deceive them into thinking that they should go into sin and evil in order to love the Lord more. The devil gets them to believe this, and they try it. In this way he gets them so webbed about and tied in sin that they never get out. They die in their sins, therefore cannot go where Jesus is (Read Eccl. 12:1). The devil troubles others by making them think they do not love the Lord much because they never went deeply in sin. The devil lies to people and interprets the Scripture wrong to them and troubles them.

One should resist the devil stedfastly in the faith and humble himself before the Lord. If one will practice the truths found in the 13th chapter of 1 Cor., also in 2 Peter 1:1-9, the love for God will abound and increase in the soul. Obey the teachings found in the 58th chapter of Isaiah and your soul will flourish in love for God as a watered garden, whose waters fail not. Your interested brother, Fred Pruitt

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Corrupt Tree

Last month our topic was about adultery, the first one listed in Gal. 5:19-21 about the works of the flesh or the catalog of sins. The next one listed is fornication, which is to be written on the second limb of the Corrupt Tree, which brings forth evil fruit and will be "hewn down and cast into the fire" Matt. 7:17-20.

Again we ask you to look in the dictionary for a plainer definition of fornication; but we shall explain it as an unmarried man or woman acting with another as husband or wife. This is a sin that is committed among young and old in the world today. It is so sad and grieves the heart of our great, loving heavenly Father when the devil works so slyly in getting young people trapped so young. Some become so bold about it that they will openly talk about it. The sin is committed at the side of the highways and on the trains, in cabins, and numerous other places—even in homes where children are left unsupervised. Surely the Lord wants us to expose this and cry aloud against such evils that are destroying the morals of our young people and dragging their souls down to a devil's hell.

Young people have come to me with their heartaches—the result of this great sin! My heart was touched and I desired to help them out of their trouble. It is the devil's business to get people into trouble, but he never helps them out of their troubles. I want to say here that I desire to warn you against these things; but if the devil has you trapped in them, I want you to know I love you and am willing to help you in any way I can. God has help for all and will

forgive. Jesus is able to deliver, make you pure and clean by His precious blood, and help you to get your life straightened up again.

Our boys and girls that are saved meet these things on every side. They need to fortify themselves against the tricks of the enemy. A mother told her son when he was going to take a trip, "Son, never do anything to place your body where your soul would not be the master." Flee from any situation of that kind. Some of our young people think I am old fashioned when I teach them against petting and kissing before they are married; but you are treading on dangerous ground when you do it. Let us allow Jesus to speak to us: "That whosoever [boy or girl, man or woman] looketh on a woman [or man] to lust after her [or him] hath committed adultery with her [or him] already in his [or her] heart" Matt. 5:28. God's grace is sufficient for you, but remember the advice of the mother to her son.

"But fornication . . . let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints." Eph. 5:3. "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:18-20. "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Heb. 13:4.

Dear ones, we shall have to meet God's Word in the Judgment, and we must measure our lives to it here or we shall be "cast into the fire."

—Mrs. Marie Miles

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OBITUARY

Erona Selma Williams, daughter of Susie and Abraham Hiebert, was born March 30, 1908, and departed this life February 20, 1957 at the age of 48 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

She was married to Clyde Williams in August, 1944; and to this union were born two daughters. Sister Selma gave her heart to the Lord at a very young age and lived a sweet Christian life to the end. She always showed a helping hand, was kind, thoughtful and a loving Mother. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. Her sudden passing certainly leaves a heaviness and an emptiness which can never be filled.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Clyde Williams; her mother, Mrs. Susie Hiebert; two daughters, Kathleen Susan, age 11, and Martha Ann, age 7; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Classen of Fairview, Mrs. Anna Severs of Neosho, Missouri; three brothers, Reuben of Great Bend, Kan., Daniel of Gashland, Mo., and Leo of Wichita, Kan.; two step-children, Mrs. Geneva Lockman of Winona, Mo., and Houston Williams of Oklahoma City, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service at Neosho, Mo. by Bro. Chas. Smith assisted by Bro. Barton.

In Appreciation

We wish to thank all those who helped and encouraged us in so many ways after the passing of our loved ones.

—Mrs. Susie Hiebert and all the family.

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Editorials

The workers in the Lord's Print Shop have been unusually busy for the past two weeks, as we have been printing and wrapping the Beautiful Way papers for the children, and have wrapped over 1500 "Faith and Victory" with suitable tracts enclosed to send out to new addresses located in all parts of the United States and Canada. We are praying now that God by His Holy Spirit will work with the ones who receive and read the papers and tracts, and will open their understanding to the truth so they will not be in darkness concerning His true holiness way and the church which nourishes all the branches in the True Vine. God wants folks to hear and know the truth whether they receive and abide in it or not. In John 15:22 we read, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin." The Word of God is a savour unto life if received and put into practice. It is also a savour unto death if rejected and cast aside. The true ministers of God in the world are doing a greater work than many people realize. Those that believe the preaching of the Word and receive it into honest hearts with godly sorrow and repentance will be born again and bear fruit to the glory of God, and will have a home in heaven; but those that reject the truth and ignore the pleading of His Spirit to turn from sin will be lost and go down to perdition. The inspired Word of God says, "He that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck [or heart] shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Prov. 29:1. He will be taken away suddenly without any chance to repent and get right to meet the Lord in peace. It is a fearful thing to trifle with God and His Word.

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Consider the goodness of God to mankind! He has placed the sun in the heaven to warm the earth, and he sends the rain to cause the earth to produce food for man and all living. He gives us air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, and clothing to wear. When we think of God's minute care over us, it would not seem unjust to call a man a fool that would deny God the right to live in him and have pleasure in his life while God allowed him to walk upon the earth.

There is a record in the Bible of one king saying, "I have played the fool." This king's name was Saul. He met a horrible death by being disobedient to God. King Solomon played the fool in marrying so many women. The Bible says, "Outlandish women" caused him to sin. He had married the daughters of some heathen kings, and they influenced him to worship their idol gods. There is no record that Solomon ever got cleared from that sin. In Luke 12:16-20 the Lord tells us about a man who was rich and his fields brought forth plentifully. Instead of counselling with God to understand what he should do with such a great food supply, he "thought within himself," saying, "What shall I do?" Then he made the decision that he would tear down his barns and build greater, and there he would bestow his goods and would say

to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." That very night God looked upon him with a grieved heart and said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (V. 21). From this teaching of the Lord's we learn that many people in the world now who make a high profession are fools. When God prospers a man, he should counsel with Him as to what to do with it, lest he also become a fool in the eyes of God. Every saved man or woman should look to the Lord and give of their substance as God directs them so their treasures will be in heaven. When men or women who claim to be saved and sanctified leave their possessions to unsaved relatives to be squandered and wasted in the selfish pursuits of the world, they leave on record that they are fools in the sight of God. God's counsel to saved men and women is not in harmony with the thoughts of worldly-minded people.

The rich man that lived selfishly (Luke 16th chapter) died and was buried, and it is said that he lifted up his eyes and was in torment. He begged Abraham to send Lazarus that he might dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue. He said, "I am tormented in this flame." Although he had an abundance while in this world and fared sumptuously every day and no doubt stood high in the estimation of the people, yet he was a fool in the eyes of God. He realized this after it was too late. Many, yes very many today will wait until it is too late to pray. This man in torment prayed, but could not get his prayers answered.

Listen to the Word of God, "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool" Proverbs 10:18. "Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool." Prov. 19:1. "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered" Prov. 28:26. "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity." Psalm 5:5. "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" Prov. 12:15. "He that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool." "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Ps. 14:1. "Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted" Psalm 107:17. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Prov. 1:7. "Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him." Prov. 10:27.

In Psalm 73:2, 3, we read, "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious of the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Again he says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." "The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of

fools" Prov. 3:35. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn man to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

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GUTHRIE ALL-DAY EASTER SERVICES

The all-day Easter services this year will come on April 21. We are expecting a goodly number of saints from other places to meet with us. Basket dinner will be served in the dining hall.

The Lord willing we shall observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We trust these services shall be greatly blessed of the Lord and invite all who can to be with us.

It was agreed upon at the last business meeting that the week following Easter Sunday should be work week. Indeed we are grateful for the buildings and conveniences that have been provided for our state meetings. They are very much in need of painting and repair. All who can come to help us in this work will be greatly appreciated.

O. C. Porter (Pastor)

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MYRTLE ALL-DAY MEETING

There will be, the Lord willing, all-day services April 7 (first Sunday) with ordinance service in the afternoon at the Myrtle, Mo. Campground.

All-day meeting to continue every 1st Sunday of each month throughout 1957, Lord willing, at the Myrtle, Mo. Campground. For more information write Bro. and Sis. A. J. Sorrell, Rt. 1, Box 15, Myrtle, Mo.

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Sapulpa Road Meeting Notice

There will be all-day meeting (the Lord willing) at the Church of God Chapel on the Sapulpa Road March 31st (fifth Sunday). All are welcome, especially isolated saints.

—Richard Madden (Pastor)

Los Angeles Annual Meeting

The Los Angeles Assembly meeting will begin, Lord willing, April 12th through the 21st in the saints' chapel 1381 E. Walnut St. (Ph., RI. 75793). There will be services every night with day services Friday through Sunday of both week ends. Everyone is cordially welcome.

For more information write or phone the pastor Bro. I. D. Chandler, R. 6, Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif. Ph. 49044 or to Bro. T. R. Summers, 207 E. 76 Pl., Los Angeles 3, Calif., Ph. Pl. 88319.

Campmeeting Dates

Hennessey, Okla. May 30 — June 9
 Jefferson, Ore., June 21 — 30
 Hammond, La., June 28 — July 7
 National C. M. (Monark Springs) Neosho, Mo.
 July 19 — 28
 Okla. State, Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 2 — 11
 Bakersfield, Calif., Aug. 2 — 11
 Calif. State (Pacoima) Aug. 23 — Sept. 1

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PRAYER REQUEST

I am sending an unspoken request that I'll receive victory over a trial. Please remember my husband and daughter who are going deeper in sin and that they will

awake before it is too late. I desire my faith to be increased and just to be all the Lord would want me to be.

A lover of truth, Mrs. Claude Gregg.

NOTICE

The Jena, La. Campmeeting will convene this year from June 14th to 23rd, Lord willing.

Old Gospel Trumpet Books Wanted

Albert Nielson, Jefferson, Ore. and also Pastor LeRoy Yates, Box 821 Homestead, Florida desires to have old Gospel Trumpet publications prior to the years 1930. Contact or write to the above named.

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Obituaries

Sister Nancy Kiger Sweeza was born July 5, 1885 at Silva, Mo. and departed this life Feb. 19, 1957 at the age of 71 years, 7 months, and 14 days. She was the daughter of Johnny and Elizabeth Kiger.

She was united in marriage to Turner Sweeza. To this union six children were born. One preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Turner Sweeza; three sons, Ira, Arvel, and Arthur Sweeza; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Hill and Mrs. Eathel Hill; 5 sisters and 1 brother; 15 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

God called her out into the evening light. She was so faithful and patient through her suffering we believe she has gone on to heaven to be with Jesus for ever.

Funeral service by Bro. Leonard Davis.

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Elizabeth Jane Klepzig Harper was born at Shumway, Illinois, July 27, 1867, and departed this life Feb. 10, 1957 at the age of 89 years, 6 months, and 14 days. She was the daughter of Charles and Rachael Klepzig.

She was united in marriage to David Harper. To this union 4 children were born. She is survived by her husband David Harper; one son, Oscar Harper of Birch Tree; 3 daughters, Laura Caldwell of Wichita, Kans., Cleta Bowers of Spokane, Wash., and Izetta Richardson of St. Louis, Mo.; 10 grand children and 19 great-grand children. Her father, mother, 8 brothers and 4 sisters preceded her in death.

She was born into the Church of God fifty-two years ago and was much used of the Lord. She was known as one of the pioneer ministers in the church.

Funeral services conducted by Bro. Darius Gibson assisted by Bro. Sam Barton. Text: Luke 2:25-32.

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Stephen Judson Smith was born Aug. 30, 1873, and and passed from this life Feb. 26, 1957 at the age of 83 years, 5 months, and 4 days. Bro. Smith was married to Mary Sue Newman in 1907 who preceded him in death.

He is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Inez Moore of Salem, Ore., Mrs. Clara Clark of LaPorte, Ind., and Mrs. Norma Ravenscraft of South Bend, Ind.; five sons, Jewel and Paul Smith of Coos Bay, Ore., Roy Smith of Okla. City, Okla., Herman Smith of Evansville, Ind., and N. B. Smith of Clay City, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many other loved ones.

He has been active in the work of the Lord for many years. Bro. Smith never failed to have an encouraging word, a cheerful, patient inspiring theme of life. May his life inspire others to walk with God. "Our loss is heaven's gain."

—Bro. Albert W. Nielson.

MONARK CAMPGROUND REPORT

(National Campmeeting July 19-28, 1957)

Through the blessings of the Lord we are pleased to bring a good report in regard to the re-drilling of the water well on the National Campground at Monark Springs, Mo. We were on the grounds recently just after the driller had completed the well to a depth of 555 feet where they found sufficient water which raised in the well to within 105 feet of the surface. Last week an electric submergible deep well pump was installed to a depth of 200 feet, and a test on the amount of water in the well was made by running the pump for several hours at the rate of nine hundred gallons per hour. Brother Barton reported that this test run did not lower the water level in the well. It appears that we have a plentiful supply of water for the coming campmeeting, for which we feel very thankful to the Lord. Laboratory analysis of the water will be made, and frequent tests thereafter will keep a check on the purity of the water.

The cost of drilling the well, the casing, etc. was \$1,043.00. The cost of the pump installed was \$400. Since the funds sent in for this purpose was not sufficient to cover the cost, it was necessary for the trustees to use other funds and borrow additional money to complete this project. The well house will have to be rebuilt, and alterations made on the laterals leading from the septic tank. All this, plus the preparations for the coming campmeeting will require more funds, and we are asking all the saints to continue to pray and co-operate that the Lord's work will not be hindered. Another matter that we should keep in mind is the fact that about a year ago a thousand dollars was borrowed from a good brother in the Lord in order to complete the new women's dormitory and modern rest rooms on the campground, and were so much appreciated during the last campmeeting. This debt must also be paid. Offerings for all these purposes may be sent to Bro. Ralph Beisly, Rt. 5, Coffeyville, Kansas, or to the undersigned, and the Lord will reward you abundantly.

Lord willing, the 20th annual campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the grounds at Monark Springs, Mo., July 19 to 28, 1957. (Neosho is the post office and mailing address for the campgrounds). A cordial welcome is extended to all lovers of the truth. Plan now to attend this national gathering of God's people where you can receive help in soul and body. More particulars later.

Since this is a national campmeeting in a central location and people from all sections of the country do come and would like to attend this meeting, we would kindly ask the co-operation of all the saints in not slating local campmeetings that would conflict or overlap on the dates of the national meeting. We know of no campmeeting among the saints that will be held on these dates, but this is just a friendly reminder. —L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Washington, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Testimonies

Mo.—Dear saints of God,—I love the Lord and want to thank the good saints of God for their prayers for the healing of the trouble in my hip. It is all right now. Praise God for His healing power! If we will only trust Him, our Father in heaven has so much good for his children. I will surely testify to his saving grace and healing every time I have a chance.

May God bless the "Faith and Victory". It is such a good paper and has so much good spiritual food in it. I love the good testimonies of the saints of God. I want to thank the saints again for their prayers. May God bless all of His dear children and Bro. Pruitt's good work.

Your Bro. in Christ, Ivan Christiansen.

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Oreg.—Dear saints everywhere, Greetings in Jesus' precious name.—This finds me saved and pressing on for Jesus. I promised if the Lord would heal my baby I would write in my testimony. I am happy to do this because He healed him. Praise the Lord. My baby had a fever of 105 but nothing is impossible with God. I also had seven teeth pulled and I can truly thank the Lord for helping me through that. He has wonderfully blessed me and mine. To him I owe and give all the praise. It's a mighty God we serve indeed. It makes me want to love him more and more.

Pray for us and my unsaved husband that he too, will find peace with God. I also have other loved ones unsaved I would like for the saints to remember in their prayers. May God bless you all is my prayer.

Your sister in the Lord, Loretta Miles.

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Calif.—Dear saints, one and all,—I have felt led to write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" for some time. I promised the Lord if he would heal me I would tell it. I must do his will. In the past I would have very bad dizzy spells with my head. I would pray and it would get better, then it would come again. I felt impressed to send a handkerchief and have it anointed and prayed over. When I got it back, I applied it to my head, and the Lord wonderfully healed me of those spells. Oh, I have thanked the Lord over and over, and I also thank the Lord for the saints who can pray for us when we get sick. I often say, "What would we do without the Lord and the saints?"

I am happy in the Lord today and surely glad for this wonderful salvation that keeps and satisfies. I surely have learned the past few weeks how it pays to trust the Lord for both soul and body.

The Lord surely has blessed us here in Orland this winter. He sent Bro. and Sis. Olson to be with us. We do thank Him for their lives. We'll miss them when the Lord sends them on some where else. We have it all committed to the Lord, when they go, I am sure the Lord will send some one else. We are few in number, but we all love the Lord, and will carry on as we did before. Pray for us. I always say God's way is best.

I have a request before the Lord and desire the prayers of all the saints.

One that loves the Lord, A. E. D.

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N. C.—Dear saints, Greetings in love.—I want to testify to the great and many blessings and God's wonderful power. I was in my bed for six months. I could not move, and was given up to die. Some people thought I could not live through the night. We had faith in

the Great Physician, and we wrote to the saints to be agreed in prayer for God to give me strength to walk on my crutches one more time. The very time we asked for agreement in prayer God came on the scene. It has been over three years since we requested prayer. At the time that we agreed the work was done. We have for many years fully trusted the Lord for every need. Oh, praise His dear name!

My husband and I are saved and sanctified. We are very poor in the goods of this world. We live in a little shack and pay rent. We don't have any thing only by faith in God. My husband has taken the "Faith and Victory" paper for many years. He has preached the true church for nearly 50 years. We still want to hold on, for the dear Lord is too precious to turn back. It is a great pleasure to let the saints know what God has done for me through the saints' prayers.

Your sister in Christ, Beatrice Smith.

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N. Ireland—Dear saints,—Thanks for the lovely hymn, "How Great Thou Art." I get a thrill every time I read it.

I had a very bad cold for nearly a month and could hardly speak. I thank and praise God I am so much better. I am 75. I was born on the 4th day of Feb., 1882. I was brought to know the Lord as my Saviour at the age of 16. I've often been like Peter—followed afar off, but He always went after me and brought me back. I can now sing, "I've found the pearl of great price." My heart doth sing for joy, and sing I must for Christ is mine.

It's now about 7:40 p. m. I was on the glen today gathering firewood. I can say at it says in the Russian hymn you sent. "When through the woods and forest glades I wonder, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;—Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!" You will notice I say about the hills and mountains for with me it's looking up. When I go to my front door and stand, in front of me is a very high hill. About four miles to my left is a sea and hills beyond; also to my right there are hills about three or four miles away; to my back is the open sea to England and Scotland. I can't climb hills now but I can LOOK UP and think of the hymn and sing. Just consider that He was before the world and the world was made by Him; and think of the love that caused Him to take that mighty stoop even from the glory to the manger; to the cross and the tomb. Thank God that tomb is empty now. Oh, He is alive at God's right hand. Oh, how great He is!

Pray much for me that God will use me much for His glory in these last and closing days. May God bless you.

—Sister Margaret L. Dundas.

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Calif.—Dear saints everywhere.—I am thankful tonight that I am still saved, sanctified and encouraged to follow the dear Lord all the way. I truly thank the Lord for his goodness and kindness to me. He has healed my body many times. Recently I took very ill on my job and was brought home, while sick. The enemy began to tell me I should have spent my time saving up for sickness. The dear Lord encouraged my heart with this song, "Tho I walk in ways unknown, I am never left alone, for the Lord will not forsake me while I do his will, but what-ever may betide, He is walking by my side, And by this I know he loves me still."

I was anointed and prayed for. I thank the Lord for touching my body and raising me up and enabling me to work again. Pray for me that I keep in the center of his will, also pray for my unsaved husband that the Lord will call after his heart.

Yours in Christ, Sister Elezer Fuller.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—I want, by the help of the Lord, to tell of some of the many blessings the Lord has done and is doing for His children. First of all, we are thankful for salvation, and that the Lord has saving and keeping grace. The Lord helps us to triumph over the flesh and the devil. It is so wonderful to be able to cast all of our cares on Him, and when things do not go to please the flesh, we can just commit them to the Lord and let Him work instead of trying to do things ourselves.

The Lord has certainly been a present help in time of need. When the ones at Monark became ill with the intestinal flu, we didn't even think about being fearful if the children took it. We decided to go home earlier than planned, because David and Melonie were beginning to be sick. We felt like it would be easier to care for them at home. How thankful we were that the Lord didn't even permit the authorities to make us take tests for typhoid; although we all had been sick and had been with Cynthia who was ill with it. How the Lord can work! I was very run down at the time of the meeting. I know the Lord protected me. We had quite a test of affliction with David after this, but the Lord healed.

We can thank the Lord for the way he has helped us to contact people who seem hungry for the truth. One woman who had once trusted the Lord for healing had lost faith and was spending about all she had on doctors. Through the prayers of all the saints that visited her she now trusts God completely and is better. Do remember her and her husband in your prayers.

I desire the saints' prayers, as I am trusting in the Lord to completely deliver me of this goiter. I am willing for Him to have his way in my life. Pray that my faith fail not. I realize the enemy is imposing every affliction on God's children that he can to discourage and get us to take our eyes off of Jesus. But these afflictions can be for our good if we will be humble and submissive.

Evodna Marler.

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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I received your letter some time ago. We certainly do appreciate your interest in my behalf. Since you all have prayed for me the pain in my chest has left. Praise be to God from whom all healings come. I have felt better than I have felt in months and I know that God has healed me. Praise his holy name.

Please continue to pray that I may always remain faithful to our Lord and Saviour. I appreciate your tracts. Thanks, thanks and may God continue to bless you one and all.

Yours in Christ,

Kenneth Fish.

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Okla.—Dear Brother in the Lord, Greetings in our dear Saviour's name.—I am happy in the Lord. Praise His holy name! The Lord is so good to all His dear children. I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, and body, and above everything else in this world.

I read the tracts you sent me. There is one that stands out more than the others: "A Doctor's Experience of Divine Healing." I had been going to the doctor off and on myself, taking nerve shots and medicine to ease pain; but I was not getting any better. Then I read your letter and the tracts and felt like I was lost. I

went to church services Sunday night, and was made to realize more and more that I was in a lost condition. The altar call was given, but I was undecided what to do. Just before the saints sang the last verse of the song, the Lord spoke to me, and made me to know what to do. I went to the altar and really died out to self. I told the saints who took me home that I was going to pour out all my medicine Monday morning; but I did not wait until Monday morning. I poured it out as soon as I got home. I quit taking shots and medicine.

I had suffered with severe pains in my neck and shoulder for two years. The doctor had told me that there was no cure for it. Sometimes I would cry with pain. Since I have quit taking medicine, it has not bothered me very much. Praise the dear Lord!

"There is peace and joy in the Lord today, More than all in this world of sin. There's a happy life in the holy way—Praise the Lord I have entered in!" (Hymn 58 in "Evening Light Songs".) I am not going to give the battle over to the devil. I mean to face the fight. If God be for us, then who can be against us? I love all the saints and need their prayers. I have started fasting and praying every Tuesday in agreement with the saints at Guthrie.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Carrie Mae Sims.

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Mo.—Dear saints of God everywhere, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!—I was lost, but now I'm found, praise God! I am so happy and thankful that the dear Lord had mercy on me and spared my life and then called after me again.

At one time I had such a sweet experience with the dear Lord. But then, little by little, I drifted away from God. I got very much discontented with the place that the Lord had allowed me to be in. I complained and murmured instead of working and doing as the Lord directed. You know the word says "Godliness with contentment is great gain." I can see, by my own personal experience, that without this, we immediately start slipping backward. And if we can not gain godliness with contentment, we will not only murmur and complain, but we will get farther from God, until we will be doing many things displeasing to him. This was my experience.

I finally found myself empty and void of the Spirit of God, still carrying an empty, dead profession. When I looked at myself squarely, I decided that I didn't want to be a hypocrite any longer. I gave up going to meeting. I was very weak in body. I realized I couldn't call on God for help, but I felt so terrible about going to a doctor. Anyway, I did go to a doctor for an examination. From that first visit to the doctor, my heart gave me much pain. There were times I had to stay in bed because the pain was so great. The doctor sent me to a heart specialist. All they could figure out was that I had a nervous heart. They told me that a nervous heart never killed anybody, but I wasn't sure about that. I felt like I knew what was making my heart nervous. (Going against God and His way.) I got so bad that I could never lie on my left side. I was so miserable in my soul and heart that many a night, I cried and begged God to spare my life because no one could preach my funeral. I knew I was so unprepared to go. But still God never called after me. I didn't know whether he ever would or not. May God help you each one not to get in this condition. Just stay contented to be as clay in the Potter's hand. Never try to make yourself righteous. Yield yourselves to God and let him put his righteousness in you and use you where and when he will. Oh, such misery and agony in going against God's will!

After I went to the doctor awhile, I went to the hospital and underwent surgery. (Not for my heart.) I took vitamin and iron tablets for months. My strength seemed better as long as I took the tablets. When I'd get out of them and do without about a week, my strength would leave fast until I could barely drag. So I kept taking them. Also I cut my hair, I'm ashamed to say. I seldom spoke a kind word and felt worse inside. I even let hate get into my heart. I was so miserable that I didn't think it was possible for me to ever get rid of the load I was carrying. Truly I couldn't within myself. Oh, how helpless we are without God. We can do absolutely nothing without Him. So while I was groping around in darkness and misery, my dear aunt died. Then one day our baby fell out of the car while going and looked like it would have killed her. The dear Lord blessed her even then. Oh, the mercy of our God. He does things for us when we are so unworthy. A dear friend died. I began feeling God drawing me back to Him. I was under the doctor's care as he hadn't released me yet.

For a little while it was hard for me to decide what to do. Thank God, I came to the right decision. I decided to go all the way with my dear Lord. I thought that if he'd have me back, the least I could do would be to give him my all. When I yielded completely to him, such great peace and joy flooded my soul. When I searched for the hatred that was in my heart, it was gone—along with all the ungodliness that I had collected. Oh, how I thank God for cleaning me up and filling me with the love of God. Now I love those whom I once hated. It seems so wonderful. I also want to tell you that the nervous heart condition left immediately upon receiving Jesus into my heart and life. I can lie on my left side and it doesn't pain. Bless the dear Lord. How merciful and longsuffering he was with me! I only want to prove my love and faithfulness to him. After I accepted the Lord, I gave up my vitamin and iron tablets. Bless the Lord, he never allowed that weakness to come back upon my body. I feel better and know he has blessed me in soul and body. Praise His name!

After all the misery, sorrow and heartache I've caused him and his dear people I've been so thoroughly ashamed and I ask everyone to forgive me. I know I grieved the dear saints of God. I could see it on their faces when I'd meet them on the street. I've been so ashamed, I didn't even treat people right. God knows I'm sorry for it. He is now blessing my soul so abundantly. I am learning precious lessons every day at the feet of Jesus. I only want to lose sight of my surroundings and keep looking straight ahead to Jesus so that I will never fall again. I want to be used only by Him to the glory of God. Oh, how I thank God for godliness with contentment. I am so contented to go or stay, to do whatever He shows me to do. I want to thank the saints for praying for me while out in sin. I'm sure God heard and answered your prayers. Please continue to pray for me that I stay true to God through every test.

Your blood-washed sister, Mildred McIntosh

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie,—I send greetings to you in the precious name of my Jesus. I am so glad I can say "my Jesus" and feel such assurance in my heart that he is mine, and I am his. I feel his presence, and it is so precious.

God wonderfully healed my body last Thursday about 7:30 p. m. I called for elders to anoint me; and God instantly touched me. About 30 minutes later I got up from lying down, to read for prayer. I was sit-

ting on the couch, and I suddenly felt a feeling of a warm breeze seemingly hit my hands, and go all over me. I stopped reading, looked at my hands and then at my husband, and next at the doors to see if a door had come open, but knew it was a different feeling than the cool air from an open door; then I realized God had again touched me. Bless His holy name.

I hadn't had sleep very much for many nights. Last Thursday night I slept seven hours; then again Friday night seven hours. I went to church last night. (I have felt weak since my healing but all the nervousness and pain are gone.) When I stepped inside the chapel door they were singing and it seemed something in me began to leap. I felt I could have jumped, I felt so strong. It was a wonderful visitation from God to me. I had hardly been able to stand in the kitchen and wash a dish for seven weeks. This morning I went to meeting again, and hope to go again tonight.

Dear Sis. Laura is so precious just to do anything she can to help. Of course Reba helped and my husband has been especially kind to me since I have been unable to do anything. It has meant so much to me. The Lord blesses us so much.

Much love,

Mrs. Laverne Manuel.

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Ohio—Dear saints, Greetings in Jesus' name,—For some time I felt I should testify and send in my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I do love to read all the good testimonies that people send in, how God blesses and heals. Yes, I know he is just the same today. I thank and praise the dear Lord for what he has done for me and my husband. The Lord has given me strength to overcome trials and temptations. Jesus said it is impossible that temptations will not come, but blessed is the man that overcometh. In 1 Cor. 10:13 we read "but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." I thank God for the blessed Word of God we have. We can read it and find so many blessings and comforts in it.

Last week a dear praying mother passed away suddenly. She got up in the morning to fix her son's breakfast and lunch. Then laid down again and when her husband got up and called her she would not answer. He went to her bed, and tried to arouse her, she would not move. He touched her and found that she was dead. We see how many people go into eternity from day to day. Some day our turn will come if we are ready or not to meet our Lord. It stirred my heart very much and made me realize more and more that we should take it more earnestly with our lives and live for the Lord. He will reward us in heaven.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. E. Ewald.

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Calif.—Dear ones,—I still enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. The good articles from different ones and the testimonies are an encouragement to me. I want to walk in the straight and narrow road to the end of my journey here below. There is no pleasure in sin. In God's Word are many precious promises for us. In Psa. 34:10 we read "But they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." He is nigh to all them that call upon him. There are so many more precious promises in the Bible which are food for our soul. Praise His name.

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Okla.—Dear saints of God,—Today this finds me still saved and sanctified, set free from all sin. I am thankful for the great plan of redemption the Lord gave to this world whereby we may be clean and pure, following

Effie Unruh.

the light with the full assurance of eternal life. I praise Him for His great love bestowed upon me, that He ever saw fit to call after me. He put a desire in my heart to live for him at any cost.

The Lord has done so much for me, I surely should want to live for him. Tonight I have a strong determination to press the battle on until the victory is won. I am realizing more and more how important it is to live each moment as if it were our last. We do not know when we may be called out into eternity. Oh, how sad it will be if we are not ready to meet our God.

I thank Him for the kingdom of peace that is reigning within my soul, that all doubts and fears are gone. I am building on a strong and firm foundation, one that will never fall. I have put all my trust, faith, and confidence in a true living God. He is a great and merciful God, full of love and compassion. We are serving a jealous God; he wants us to be humble and die completely to self. We read in Mark 12:30, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment." We must be holy as he is holy without spot or wrinkle. We are his temple that he has put here for a little while. Surely I want my talents, time and all to be for him. There is nothing in this world my heart desires, for, oh! I find it blessed to do his will!

The Lord has been dealing with me lately about some little things I must measure up to. I felt it would be hard while working out in public, but I knew I must obey Him, for at the Judgment Day no excuse will do. He showed me, but I thought, "Some day I will." He says in 2 Cor. 6:2, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." It made me to think there may not be another day or another chance. I thought, "Oh, what will the people think that I work with?" And the Lord brought this Scripture to my mind. Gal. 1:10, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." I am also thinking of a verse that says, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men." I told the Lord I wanted to live to please him, no matter what man might say or how great the persecutions may be. In James 4:6 we read, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Truly I have found that to be so. I am thankful for the grace and wisdom he gives me each day to press on until the battle is over.

In Heb. 10:31 we read, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Therefore we must be careful, watchful, and prayerful, for the enemy of our souls has many traps set before us. If he can't get us one way, I find he'll try another way. I thank the Lord for how he keeps me safe under his loving wings. I thank and praise him for all this goodness to me. I want to be found true and faithful at any cost, lest the Lord come, finding me not ready.

Pray for me that I'll do what the Lord would have me to do. One who loves the Lord, Malinda Penner.

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Ohio—Dear saints everywhere, Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name.—Tonight I can fully say I am saved and encouraged to go all the way with the good Lord—never to look back to the world. I have given up all the world to follow Jesus. Praise his name for what he is to me! It's more than tongue can tell. We can't tell all of his goodness; how he bless us and heals our bodies when we are sick. Many wonderful things he does for us! I can not thank him enough for his mercy unto me.

I am thanking and praising the Lord for healing me last August. I had an accident and broke one of my ribs. We had planned to go to the Boley, Okla. campmeeting but I had a broken rib. The devil said that that was a long way to ride in a car. My faith took in my healing. The Lord was able to heal me. He increased my faith. My husband and Sis. Hudson anointed me and the Lord healed me without the help of a doctor. My children tried to get me to go to the doctor, but I told them my trust was in the Lord. I didn't need a doctor. The Lord blessed me and I was able to go and be in all of the meeting; also some of the Dover, Okla. campmeeting. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. We can't thank and praise Him enough.

I have it fixed and settled to go all the way with the Lord whatever comes against me. I mean to go through by His help and grace. I am not looking for anything else. The Bible way suits me. I mean to obey the Word of God on every line. That is the only way we will make it in to heaven. The Bible way is the only true way. Thank the Lord for being in the straight and narrow way! We are praising the Lord for healing Bro. Tremlin of the dropsy last year. The saints fasted and prayed night and day for his healing.

We are thanking the Lord for saving two of my daughters. The rest of our children are not saved. We are asking yours prayers that the Lord will save them. We are in the last days. Many things coming to pass make us know the end of time is drawing nigh. Let us be true and faithful to God. We are praying for God's true ministers everywhere, that the Lord will bless them and keep them standing up for Jesus everywhere they go.

Your sister in Christ,

—Victoria Chaney.

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Ill.—Greetings of love to the saints of God,—Today finds me still loving the Lord and serving him with all the knowledge and understanding I have. Truly I thank Him for everything. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." I praise God for his loving care to us. On February 14 we were in a car wreck. A split second ahead of where we were, it would have been a head on collision at about 80 miles per hour for both cars. But as it was, none of us were even bumped or bruised. God so cared for us that I wasn't conscious of even a small jolt. We stopped suddenly in a ditch. Things in the car showed a severe jolting. The Lord gave me such calmness and peace.

Here is what impressed me most. I saw the accident coming, but there was no time to pray! I had been fasting that morning, and praying, telling God I expected to know better how he wanted me to live and to be closer to Him. Surely my prayer was answered. Psalms 23 says "He leadeth me beside the still waters." When I got saved, God started leading me right along with his people. In still waters, we see reflections of things on the other side. In God's people we see heavenly reflections. They're peaceful, quiet, helpful. It feeds our souls to be with them. May God help each one who claims to be saved, to realize the seriousness of living close to Him, of being a good example to the believers, and a rebuke to them who do evil. Read Psalms 119:57-64.

We are isolated, but God is here too, and is so precious to us. Pray for us as you think of us.

Yours in Him,

Vivian McClain.

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Kans.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, Greetings in Jesus' dear name.—Tonight I am yet saved,

encouraged to live and press on for the dear Lord. Truly it is wonderful how the Lord is keeping me saved, thru many tests and trials along the way. While sitting in meditation about God, my heart is very burdened for the young people, as I am young in years and young in the Lord. It comes to my mind that there are not very many young people wanting to get saved and cut lose from the world and sin of all kinds. There is plenty of people young and old talking about God. But to really love God is to be willing to suffer, sacrifice and even be persecuted. It is natural for man to draw back from these. This is why we have to be born of God. Then we will have what we need in our souls to live and testify for the Lord. I want the saints young and old to know I am glad how Jesus has saved me and is keeping me with his sanctifying power.

Because the Lord has done so much for me I promised him I would write in a testimony. I don't want to put it off any longer. The Lord has healed me many times when I have been sick. He has been keeping me from danger both seen and unseen. I want to tell this to the glory of God. Several months ago I was almost a victim of three wrecks. One was on the corner from home. I was on my way to church. The saints offered me a ride with them. I did not want to be a burden to them so I refused. I got in my car and started. When I got to the corner I didn't have any brakes. I ran into the back of a car stopped at the corner. God showed himself real to me. Just then another car went past the intersection at a very high speed. God kept me from danger and protected the lives of the others.

Another time the Lord protected us from danger. There were two car loads of people going on a trip when a car turned right in the path of my car. The Lord directed my car from danger.

The third accident was the most serious one. While I was backing my car out of the driveway a car came around the corner at a high rate of speed. The driver couldn't control the car. I just said, "Oh, Lord!" The very presence of God was there to protect us. The car hit a truck knocking it past me. The truck was knocked 58 feet. Oh, Praise God, he spared my life once more. Truly saints I want to live where God can get glory out of my life. I want to show how thankful I am for his goodness by living for him in every way.

I think of the many things the devil is the author of, causing the people to be in traps of sin. But to the ones that are in sin God has made a way to free your soul. In Matt. 11:28 it says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." If you are convicted of your burden of sin, do as Jesus said, (Luke 19:3), "Except ye repent, you shall all likewise perish." If you are willing to be saved, "Come," God will save and cleanse you. Pray for my unsaved husband.

—Sister Juanita Watson.

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How I Love You, Television

I saw you first in a saloon; now I have you in my room. . . . I loved you from the very start, your lure entwined around my heart. . . . As soon as I come from the shop, right down by you I always flop. . . . And if my memory should slide, I get help from T V Guide. . . . Whenever duty calls to me, I always put you first, you see. . . . When your show starts with its fun, all that is done is on the run. . . . I wish all visitors would stay home and leave you and me

alone. . . . To go to bed I won't consent until I've seen your charming cant . . . My eyes by midnight get quite hazy, but stay I must tho I go crazy. . . . You help me to forget my care while showing sin's allurements there. . . . Your dance I see without a dime, and watch you glorify the crime. . . . On Sunday, too, by you I perch, no time have I for God or church. . . . I wonder if you are a sin? I saw you in a preacher's den. . . . If I'd take time to read my Bible, 'twould convince me you're an idol. . . . To heaven I desire to go, but the way you do not show. . . . Your antenna in the sky helps me forget the bye and bye. . . . And my mind you so enchant, I've no courage to repent. . . . Until I'm put beneath the sod, I know you still will be my god, . . . Unless somehow my captured will can gain strength to break your spell, . . . Repent and throw you out the door, RESOLVED to WATCH YOU NEVERMORE. —From a writing by T. V. Jagannath

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Who Is Your God?

All of us have a God, of some kind, to which we give our loyalty and our reverence. There are many lords and gods, but to us who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ there is but one true God. Anything that we hold more sacred or supreme in our lives than the God of heaven becomes an idol or our god. That would include our home, farm, stock, bank account, job, social life, father, mother, children, companion, and even ourselves. If we put these before God or if they mean more to us than God, they have captured our affection which rightfully belongs to God, and thus, have become an idol. Jesus said that he that loveth his father, mother, children, etc. more than me is not worthy of me.

He that seeks to save his life shall lose it, but he that loses his life for Christ's sake shall find it. Our life is but as a vapor that appeareth for a short time and then vanisheth away. A man's life does not consist of the things he possesses. We did not bring anything into the world and it is certain that we are going to take nothing out. If we gain the whole world and lose our own soul, what shall it profit us? What would we give in exchange for our soul?

There is but one true God. He has all power in heaven and in earth. God is omnipotent and omnipresent. He is present everywhere all at the same time and beholds the good and the evil. God is omniscient. He has all knowledge and is all wise. He cannot make a mistake. He is from everlasting to everlasting. He has no beginning and no end. He is holy and without sin. He is pure and without fault. God is love, which is the highest attribute of His holy character. There is nothing that can compete with His great love.

When God made man, He made him in His own image. He made male and female. God formed man out of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. Man is wonderfully made and God has made him a little lower than the angels. He has crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works

of His hands. Man is a twofold being. He has a body and a soul. The outer man perishes, but the inner man is renewed day by day and shall live through all eternity. Man came direct from the hand of God. He was pure and holy and had the nature of God. When man sinned he lost the divine nature of God. Adam, because of disobedience, plunged the whole human family into sin and degradation. In order to gain back what man lost in the Garden of Eden, we must be born again (spiritually), and have our hearts cleansed of the carnal nature, putting off the old man with his wicked deeds and putting on the new man. Old things pass away and behold all things become new. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." This is what it takes to constitute a Christian with the true love of God in his soul.

Would it not be strange if you would walk down the street and ask everyone, "Who is your God?" Some folks would be amused, some would be insulted, and probably some would give you an answer. We would learn that many had their hearts centered on material things instead of spiritual things. The Bible says to set our affections on things above and not on the things of the earth. Where our treasure is there will be our heart also. Many seek their pleasure and entertainment from worldly things, but the Bible says that we should not love the world neither the things that are in the world, for if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him.

The drunkard has given his affections to drink, but a drunkard will not inherit the kingdom of God. The self-centered man who is always seeking things for himself or for his advantage will not make it. The fault-finder who never sees that which is noble and good, and does not give God credit for His good works or is always trying to pull the mote from his brother's eye when he has a beam in his own, will not enter heaven.

The Christian man or woman makes God the center of his life and affection. We should bear the infirmities of the weak. The Christian's desire is not to please himself but to please others and do good to others whenever possible. —J. Marriott.

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Typhoid Fever

Suffering gives birth to tenderness, understanding, love, humility, and many good virtues in the child of God who yields to God. Recently the suffering of a number with typhoid fever gave birth to the knowledge of God's people, who stand firm in their trusting Him for their bodies, to many of the world who did not know of any such people. The newspapers would

print over and over that so many had typhoid fever but still rejected medicine. It was strange to them, and other people of the world. Some said they never had heard of such people before who would just pray and not take medicine. But they heard this because several suffered. I told my son, when he was lying on the bed with typhoid fever, that he was a chosen vessel of the Lord through whom God could help others to know He would heal without the aid of man's medicine.

Vernon, my son, told me he did not feel well. I looked at him and the thought came to me, "typhoid fever." I felt of him and knew he had fever, so I put him to bed. He had been to Monark Springs Campmeeting, and several already had typhoid fever. My son was about the last one to come down with it, to my knowledge. This was August 25th. On Monday the Health Doctor came to see us and tried to persuade us to take medicine. I told him that our trust was in God, and He had never failed us. We told him that we were not against doctors, as they had their place in the world to help those who did not trust the Lord. Vernon assured him that he did not want any medicine. He checked our sanitation facilities and saw that we were isolating Vernon's things from others', and that I would personally take care of him. He was very nice about everything, but told us that Vernon probably would not be able to go to school until after the first of the year—but he did not know the power of God. He came in often to see about Vernon, but we never used any medicine.

Each day Vernon's fever would go higher, and on the thirteenth day when I took his temperature (with an oral thermometer which is a degree less than rectal) it was 105. I felt very much concerned and looked earnestly to the Lord. Others were praying, and my father stood with us all the time. His fever may have gone higher that evening, but I didn't take it any more. Vernon told us that he felt he was nearer gone than alive. I asked him if he was ready to go and he said, "Yes." Later my father, who had been at the office praying, came in and told me that he felt this was the peak of his affliction and that his fever would not go any higher, and it didn't. It stayed around 104. At times he would be in a coma, but when prayer would be offered, God would bless him and bring him to himself. He grew weaker and weaker. Others came in to sit up with him. My heart was so burdened as I saw him weaken away and so helpless, and I began to seek the Lord about whether he was going to spare him or if it was His will to take him. I was standing on God's promises, but wanted a definite witness from the Lord that He was going to heal him. I told others my feelings about it, and we began to pray about it. On Saturday afternoon, three weeks after Vernon took his bed, he came to, after being in a coma most of the day, and said to Sister Meek (she was sitting by his bed while I went to rest for awhile) that he thought if his Grandpa Pruitt would come and pray for him one more time the Lord would heal him. She sent for him and they had prayer. I heard them praying, and the first thought that came to me was

that he had gone into convulsions. Before I went upstairs to rest we had mentioned the fact that sometimes a person will go into convulsions when he comes out of a coma. I started to get up and go to him, but I lay back down, and said, "Lord, I commit my boy into your hands." I began to pray for the Lord to have mercy and help us. Soon I heard them rejoicing, and I knew the Lord had undertaken. Within a few minutes I went to him and he was out of the coma and feeling better, yet still had some fever. That evening about seven o'clock I was alone sitting by his bed, reading the Bible. I read down to the 123rd Psalm, which reads, "Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us." I lifted up my soul earnestly unto the Lord, and said, "O Lord, do have mercy upon us and make us know if it is your will to completely heal Vernon or to take him." I thanked the Lord for every time he had touched him in answer to prayer, but he yet had not been completely healed. Someone came in at that time, and within a few minutes the phone rang. I went to the phone, and it was Bro. Barton calling from Tulsa. He wanted to know how Vernon was. I told him that he was pretty low, yet the Lord had given him a touch in the afternoon. He said, "It was around three o'clock, wasn't it?" I answered that it was. He said that was the reason he had called, to tell me he was in earnest prayer at that time for Vernon and the Lord showed him that He was going to heal Vernon. I had to break down and cry, as that was what I had been waiting for, a witness from the Lord that He was going to spare Vernon to us. My husband sat up with Vernon that night, and in the morning about six I got up to take his place. When I went in by his bed, he lay there like a dead person. He was on his back and his feet lay out almost flat. I couldn't tell that he was breathing. I called my husband; he came and we turned him over. He would breathe for awhile and then nearly stop and then catch on and breathe again. I kept praying and standing on the witness we had, yet it was so hard to see him so nearly gone. My father came and we prayed some more. What had happened, his fever had broken some and he was passing the crisis. That day he was so helpless and weak, but I stood on the witness. The next day he had two weak spells, and the next three weak spells. My father and all of us had a special agreement of prayer that he wouldn't have any more, and he didn't. His fever went down a little every day; and on Sept. 22nd, four weeks from the day he took his bed, he did not have any fever, and never had any more from that day. Praise the Lord!

He wasn't permitted to go to school until he received three negatives. He was six weeks late in school, but the Lord helped him and he passed his first semester, and if he continues as he is going at this date he will graduate this May. He has been well, weighs more than he ever has, and says he feels better

than ever before. The Lord truly has been good. We do thank the Lord and all the saints who so precious stood by us in this trial. His suffering was good for us, for the church, and for Vernon. He has a better experience now with the Lord than he ever has.

In answer to prayer my other son was permitted to go to school without any trouble all the time Vernon was in bed with typhoid fever, although many in the town (not understanding that typhoid fever isn't catching by just being in the room with the person) were stirred up about the different cases.

They have drilled the well at Monark Springs deeper, and cased it down to the rock. All surface water is cased out. Vernon says he intends to go to Monark Springs again this summer if the Lord wills.

—Mrs. Marie Miles.

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Thus Saith The Lord

"Come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing." 2 Cor. 6:17. Professing Christians who crave and take pleasure in places of fleshly amusements and sports give to the people of the world (even to those who might desire to know the True God) a false conception of Christianity, causing the name of Christ to be blasphemed among unsaved people and religious professors. They cause it to appear, by their love and presence and interest in such worldly affairs, that Jesus can save but CANNOT SATISFY, that there has to be some addition of the world to make a Christian happy. Such is not so in the life of a true saint of God. Herbert Lockyer once told of one who came to him in much distress after hearing him speak on complete separation. She had been taught by man-organized and man-governed religious institutions to enjoy such after offering prayer to God to bless such, and that Jesus would go with her there, and it seemed to her that life would not be worth living without such. His reply was, "God help you." You may take your Christ into those things, but you cannot take the One I know.

Every sect and denomination worship a different Christ, and they are worshipping an unknown god (and is not the God we know). Thus they are not entering into the kingdom of God themselves, and are also preventing those who would from entering in.

—R. R. Halladay

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Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW that there are unclean spirits in the world today like frogs, crafty, cunning, slippery, spirits of devils, working miracles, DECEIVING the people? (Rev. 16:13, 14).

DID YOU KNOW that we are to be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to DECEIVE? (Eph. 4:14, 15).

DID YOU KNOW that in 1 Cor. 13 we learn that there are those that although they speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity

(the divine love of God in their hearts) they are become as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal?

DID YOU KNOW that there are those who may have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and faith so they could remove mountains, yet lack God's divine love and are nothing?

DID YOU KNOW that there are those who will bestow all their goods to feed the poor, may give their bodies to be burned, but not having charity (the divine love of God in their hearts) it profiteth them nothing?

DID YOU KNOW that those who have charity (the divine love of God in their hearts) suffer long with others, they are kind to them, they don't envy others, they don't act like they are "IT", they behave themselves, they aren't interested in just their own, they are not easily provoked, they think no evil, they are not happy when others fall in sin, but are happy in the TRUTH, they bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things?

DID YOU KNOW that God wants us to believe not every spirit, but to try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world? (1 John 9:1).

DID YOU KNOW we are surely living in perilous times, and that no one knows this like the saints do? The powers of hell are assailing us on every side.

DID YOU KNOW that we are fighting a BATTLE, a battle against spiritual wickedness in high places?

DID YOU KNOW that we are commanded to put on the whole armour of God, that we might stand? (Eph. 6:11-18).

DID YOU KNOW that God commands us to watch and pray? (Mark 13:33-37).

May God help us all to be watchful and prayerful, be filled with God's love. May he help us to discern the evil spirits and keep us on the upward way.

—Margaret Brant

THERE IS A REASON

I went into a cafe and ordered myself something to eat, when a little boy walked in with his shoes half off his feet. He said, "Buy a paper, sir?" I said, "What's your name?" "Thomas, but everyone calls me little Tom. They named me after my daddy, but they say I look like my mom."

"Why, it's almost midnight, you should be home asleep." "I know; but I wanted to buy me a bicycle, but I gotta help Mommy buy something to eat. My daddy's pretty mean to us and he spends most all of his money on wine, and he don't hold a job like other men 'cause—well—he gets fired all the time!"

I said, "Have something to eat; aren't you hungry?" "Guess a little bit; I believe I will have a hamburger and a glass of milk to go with it." I said, "Is that enough?" He said, "Make it two, I ain't eat since noon."

I said, "Where do you live, son?" "On Main St., Sir. There's six of us live in one room. There's me and my three brothers, my Mommy and Dad. But some day I'm gona buy Mommy a big house if I have to turn out bad."

My appetite left me as I sat there watching him; and I thought: he's just one of thousands that's brot up in a home of sin, where parents deprive their children and forget the Maker of all mankind and then wonder why there's juvenile delinquency, when they're at fault most of the time. I bit my lip and fought back tears as I watched the little guy leave the cafe, and I wondered how many more children would be brought up that way. —Selected by Wilbur Allen

BIBLE STUDY

Primary Picture Roll will be \$1.50; cards 10 cents per set.

JESUS FACES THE CROSS

April 7, 1957

Printed Portion:Matt. 26:26-29, 36-46.

Matt. 26:26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying Drink ye all of it;

28. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matt. 26:36. Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42. He went away again the second time, and prayed saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46. Rise, let us be going: behold he is at hand that doth betray me.

Memory Verse: O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. Matt. 26:39.

Practical Truth: The cup God gives us to drink may include suffering, as in the case of his own Son.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

On Thursday Jesus met with His disciples to eat the Passover supper with them. The Passover supper was kept in remembrance of the time when the death angel passed over the homes of the Israelites who had killed the lamb and sprinkled blood on their door post. This is the type of the blood of Jesus applied to our souls in forgiveness of sins and life is given to the soul. (Exodus 12). Now when they were eating this supper, Jesus instituted what we call the Lord's Supper. He made it plain that the broken bread and the cup represented his body about to be broken and his blood about to be shed for the remission of sins. When we partake of the Lord's supper, our hearts are touched and thankful for the intense suffering of our Lord for us.

Later we find Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. There we hear the groanings and cryings unto His Father as He realized the sufferings ahead. Jesus was divine, yet human too. The flesh recoiled and had to be brought into subjection to the will of God, His Father. Even though Jesus had talked about his death, yet when the hour was near a cry went up to His Father, "If this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." Every child of God must be willing to drink of the cup of suffering, for Christ's sake in this world. It means a dying out to self and yielding to the will of God.

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JESUS PRAISED AND CONDEMNED

April 14, 1957

Printed Portion:Matt. 21:1-11; 27:20-26

Matt. 21:1. And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2. Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

3. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5. Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7. And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying Hosanna to the son of David Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11. And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Matt. 27:20. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21. The governor answered and said unto them, Wheth-

er of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Memory Verse: What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? Matt. 27:22.

Practical Truth: True loyalty binds people to Jesus whether he is being praised or condemned.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the first part of our lesson we find the people praising and honoring Jesus, then within a few days our lesson tells us people were crying, "Crucify Him." In the world today the people are still divided on the question of what do to with Jesus. Some have opened their hearts wide and accepted Him as their Saviour. Others on the other hand have rejected him and want to do away with Him as the Saviour of the world. The anti-Christ spirit is getting a big hold on many. From time to time we find ourselves in a group that will have nothing to do with Jesus, in other words they crucify Him in their actions. We should ever stand true to Jesus whether He is being lauded or opposed. God is able to help us follow close by Him and not follow afar off as Peter did. If we follow afar off and let the anti-Christ spirit intimidate us we will find ourselves growing weaker and will do as Peter did when the pressure is put upon us. We will deny we ever knew Him. God has that courage and grace for each of us to stand alone if needful for Jesus.

People today, like Pilate, are trying to find a way around doing right. But it takes more than just the washing of our hands to clear us of cowardice. Our souls must be washed and a mouth confession of our wrong and weakness.

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JESUS' VICTORY AND COMMISSION

April 21, 1957

Printed Portion:Matt. 28:1-10, 16-20.

Matt. 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3. His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow:

4. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come

see the place where the Lord lay.

7. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Matt. 28:16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Memory Verse: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Matt. 28:19, 20a.

Practical Truth: Through Christ's help we can carry on the work he began.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Let us rejoice together as we think of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. He is alive forevermore! He is sitting on the right hand of God interceding for you. We are not serving a dead Christ but a living Christ. He is able to help us, and does help everyone who believes upon His name and asks of Him in faith. To so many in the world today He is a dead Christ because they do not believe He is able to save them from sin or help them to live without sinning more or less every day. They do not believe He can heal them or work out their problems. But to the believing child Jesus is alive and is real to them. He saves us from our sins, helps us to live every day without sinning. He heals us when we get sick and works out all of our problems. He is a living Christ and some day He will burst through the clouds with glory and take all of us to live with him forevermore.

Jesus is speaking to us today the same comforting words that He spoke to His disciples. He said, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The presence of Jesus is with us and in us, which causes us to rejoice today that He has risen.

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BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

April 28, 1957

Printed Portion: Gen. 2:4-9, 15-22.

Gen. 2:4. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

5. And every plant of the field before it was in the

earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Gen. 2:15. And the Lord God took man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Memory Verse: The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Gen. 2:7.

Practical Truth: Man and a world adapted to his needs were planned and created by God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Moses talked to God on the mount for eighty days. (Exo. 24:18, 34:27) He wrote the first five books of the Old Bible. It also has been proved that the creation was written before Abraham's time on tablets of stone and clay. In checking the ages of Adam, Methuselah, Noah and Abraham, we find that in turn, they knew each other and therefore by the word of mouth the story of creation was handed down to Moses, since Moses was the descendent of Levi, who was the great grandson of Abraham. How precious it is that God has given us the account that we have read today.

Notice that God gave Adam and Eve just one commandment and that was not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is called the test tree. God loves those who choose (and love) to obey Him.

God made woman from a rib out of Adam's side (not his foot). As He looked at her he loved and esteemed her and said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh." The Church is the bride of Christ, (Eph. 5:22-33) created because out of the side of Jesus flowed blood and water (John 19:34). The Church is heir of God and joint-heir with Christ (Rom. 8:17). It is precious to know that we are a part of Christ. —Mrs. Marie Miles.