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The Two Roads

O where, O where is this old world going
With its pride and pomp and show?
Tell me, please, what will be the ending
Of those who refuse to know?

O where, O where is this old world going
By choosing the pleasures of sin?
Moses chose a more excellent way
Than pleasures and riches to win.

O where, O where is this old world going?
What will it have done for you
When the cry goes forth: "The Bridegroom has
come
To claim His blood-washed few"?

In the Bible we find just two roads to take,
The broad one and the strait.
Which one are you traveling as days go by
When He opens the pearly gate?

The strait will lead to joys on high
Where sorrows none will know;
The broad will lead to hell itself—
Oh, who would want to go?

The lamentable cry for rocks and hills
To fall and hide His face
Will then go forth; but, alas, too late—
They had spurned His love and grace.

O where was my wisdom and why did I choose
This downward course to take,
When a beautiful mansion was offered up there
Where eternal joys await?

Some day He'll divide the sheep from the goats—
Lo, the right and the left they will take.
Be wise and decide ere time is no more,
And the Judge seals your doom and your fate.

—Sister Laura Bowman.

Our Secret Dwelling Place

PSALM 91:1-6.

While musing over this text and God is blessing it to our hearts, we feel like putting our message in print, trusting that God will bless these lines to His glory and the benefit of precious eternity-bound souls.

Our text reads: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." This is God's direct appeal to the individual as well as a universal invitation. Can we not see the wonderful glories connected with the great promises given to anyone, high or low, rich or poor, regardless of nationality, age, or culture?

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High." The next thought is the secret dwelling place of God or with God. Consider what an exalted place it is—a dwelling place with God—how glorious, how high and holy, how secure and protected, a secret place with God.

While coming in contact with many dissatisfied souls in the past year or so and hearing their many spiritual ills, we are made to realize that such troubles exist because many have never found or retained that exalted possession of dwelling in the secret place with God. We are either dwelling in God's secret retreat or living in a house Jesus declares is desolate.

Think of this glorious House owned by God the Father, built by Jesus Christ the Son, tempered by the Holy Spirit like the Holy three in one! Oh, blessed glorious union! What heavenly fellowship! And then think of being granted a special part in such a royal household. Praise God! Think of such a secure dwelling place, where He (or They) will fight all our battles and conquer all our foes and give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Next: "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust." Oh, the warm comfort of love this reveals, taking the unbearable trouble out of trials. Right in the midst of the fiery furnace we can find the Son of God is there making the roughest places plain. Oh, my brother or sister, if you have not found the Lord's warm soft feathers, do not stop until you do!

"Under his wings shalt thou trust." Wings denote strength or power, also conveyance. The reason why so many fail in the severe trials is they either are not under his wings or have not learned how to trust Him completely. For by getting under his wings and staying there is the only way to make progress with God. Therefore, as necessary as it is to be under His wings, by all means get under his wings and stay there; for those who fail to find this blessed hiding place become confused and troubled, lose their vision of the narrow way, become discouraged and cast down, and many give up the race. Oh, dear friends, flee for refuge to those out-stretched wings for strength.

The next four verses tell us of the dangers and adversities we can escape if we trust those mighty wings and nestle closely to His feathers. "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night." Oh, the trouble and unrest! The terror for looking after those things that are coming on the earth is causing many to seek to end their lives to quiet this trouble. And many are losing their minds, dying with heart failure and many other tragedies—all because they know not God. His saints can be at peace and rest from all things that are troubling the world. Praise God! Oh, dear souls, flee to this wonderful dwelling place where you can be safe from every foe. It is free to all who will sell all and obtain that shelter under His blessed wings.

Just a few lines on the house left desolate. Think of a vacant house. Webster says desolate is to abandon, lay waste, overwhelm with sorrow. How true! When a house is abandoned see how quickly it goes to ruin. We see the windows broken out, maybe the doors broken or standing open, the walls damaged, the floors strewn with trash—just a picture of despair. And that is what happens when our spiritual house is left desolate. Yea, one says when Satan returns and enters again he brings seven other spirits more wicked than himself. No loving parents to make home, no happy children's voices to fill it with gladness, but empty. All that is left of a once good house—gone to rack and decay.

Oh, dear soul do not be satisfied with this deplorable house when our God has a wonderful dwelling place, safe forever more, free to all who will sell all and obtain that shelter under his blessed wings. May God bless you is my prayer. Read the song, "Under His Wings," No. 188 in Evening Light Songs.

"I'm in the Lord's sacred pavilion, I rest in the Holiest place
His kingdom and all it's dominion, I've found with abundance of grace.

Cho.—"Under his wings, yes, under his wings; I'm resting
in Jesus,
Oh, it is precious!

Under his wings, yes under his wings, Resting in Jesus
Under his wings.

"I'm in the Lord's sacred pavilion, where peace like a river
doth flow:

Where mana from heaven is given; where joy's are eternal
I know.

"I'm in the Lord's sacred pavilion, thus sheltered securely
from harm:

With him I have constant communion, I'm resting on his
mighty arm.

"I'm in the Lord's sacred pavilion where I would forever
abide:

Tho once far away a lost alien, in Jesus I now can confide."

—I. D. Stover.

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The Origin and Destiny of The Church

The Church of God is from above. It is the holy Jerusalem which "came down from God out of heaven" Rev. 21:2. Ages before it appeared upon the earth, it was prepared in the plan of God, and hid in his infinite wisdom and knowledge. It cast its shadow upon the earth in the form of the Jewish sanctuary. As there must be a substance to produce a shadow, the church already existed. But when the fulness of time came, it came down to earth. Its builder, head, door, foundation, and governor came from heaven. Its law, the truth, "came by Jesus Christ." Its garments of salvation are from God. Its members are all born "from above." It is animated with "the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." The conversation of all its members "is in heaven." Their names "are written in heaven." Their affections are "fixed on things above, not on things on the earth." This is the "heavenly Jerusalem." Being a spiritual, divine, and heavenly church, denominated the "kingdom of heaven," its affinities and attractions are all heavenward. "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

The mind and heart of the Christian is naturally reaching out into the eternal world. Earth loses its attraction. Its jewels and diamonds, its silver and gold, lose their luster and brilliancy, as the Christian, with an eye of faith sees his riches in heaven. He beholds the sparkling diamonds, the unsearchable riches of Christ that await him over there. As he presses forward toward the joy set before him, earth's attractions fade away. None but the earthly-minded desire to remain here. None but those who are void of spiritual life desire to make this their eternal home. Man is born for a higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades; where the stars will be spread out before us like islands that slumber upon the ocean; and where the beautiful beings which here pass before us like visions, will stay in our presence forever.

The patriarchs and saints of old "confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Heb. 11:13. They understood that this was not their final destiny, their final abode. David, who reigned over Israel who inherited the promised land, says, "I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all thy fathers were." Psal. 39:12. A stranger in the earth, in the land which they received for an inheritance; only pilgrims sojourning here for a time. Paul says they were seeking a country, "a better country, that is, a heavenly." Heb. 11:14, 16.

This was not only true of the Old Testament saints, but Peter denominates the New Testament church "as strangers and pilgrims," who are "sojourning here." 1 Pet. 2:11; 1:17. "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Heb. 13:14. "For he hath prepared for them a city." Heb. 11:16. All these scriptures point us away from this earth to "another country"—yes, to a "better country," "an heavenly." We are traveling to another clime, another sphere of existence, a brighter realm. Our short pilgrimage upon earth is compared to a handbreadth, an eagle hastening to his prey, a swift post, a dream, a shadow, a vapor. Time with gigantic footsteps is bearing us to the future. Life is soon cut down, "and we fly away." "Because man goeth to his long home." Eccl. 12:5.

When will all this be fulfilled? "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thes. 4:16, 17. The church came out of heaven, and at last will all be caught up to heaven, and ever be with the Lord.
—From "Cleansing of the Sanctuary," 1903.

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Being Humble

When the disciples came to Jesus and asked him, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus did not seem to approve of the thought which they had in mind, but he did do something in their presence that was wonderful. He took a child and set him in the midst of them, and said unto them, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." He also told them, "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:1-4). Truly there is a precious lesson in this for all of the people of God.

In the garden of Gethsemane, according to Matt. 26:38, 39, Jesus was going through a great struggle. Being still in the fleshly body, it was hard to surrender to be crucified, which was his Father's will. But he was blessed by his Father and said these wonderful words—a great example for us today—"O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." In Philippians 2:8 the following is written about Jesus' death: "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Surely as Jesus became a servant of God of no reputation (Philippians 2:7) we can be his servants and go through any kind of a battle that comes in life.

After Jesus invited the disciples to dine (St. John 21:15, 16) it seems like he was finding out if Peter still loved him. He asked the third time if he loved him, and Peter, in an humble way, said, "Lord, thou

knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee." Sometimes when we are going through some trouble it may seem we cannot go any farther; but if we just keep low at the feet of Jesus he will bring the battle to an end and we shall be more encouraged to go through another trial. That will cause us to become more humble, and we will love the Lord more than ever before.

Now concerning Stephen just before he died, the Bible says, "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Surely Stephen must have been a very humble man to feel this way toward the people who were stoning him to death" (Acts 7:60).

In 1 Samuel 15:17 the Bible tells us what Samuel said to Saul: "When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?" We notice the thought about Saul being little. That is the way God wants his people to be. He wants us to be meek and lowly all of the time; and by being that way—just staying little in the Lord's sight—we are always growing in the Lord, and the Lord will be able to help us become stronger and more able to face the trials and troubles which bother us quite often, and we will not be weak and just barely able to go through the trials and tests of life.

I have been thinking about what Ruth said (Ruth 1:16-17), "Intreat me not to leave thee, . . . for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews (24, 25) we are told of Moses who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Truly it takes grace and being very humble for the people of God to make decisions like Ruth and Moses made.

Jesus began his sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5th chapter) with his disciples gathered around him. He taught them many things which are important for us to know today. The people of God can live like Jesus taught them if they will keep humble and careful to do all that he commands.

When the woman began to wash Jesus feet and dry them with the hairs of her head, it showed an act of humility on her part. Even though she was blamed for doing so, Jesus showed his approval of her act by what he said about it. (Luke 7:38-46).

Your Brother in Christ,

Mayo Mitchell

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Ark.—Dear Ones in the Lord.—I want to send in my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I love to read the testimonies from the saints everywhere. They help me to trust in God more. I belong to the Lord and I am trusting in Him. I have lots of trials and troubles. I want the prayers of all the saints for my unsaved husband and dear boys that are out in sin. Please pray for me that I may live faithful to the end.

Your sister in Christ,

Daisy Vanbrunt.

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Editorials

A car load of us (saints) went to Bristow, Okla. on Sunday, May 12th to fill our appointment there, which comes on the second Sunday of each month. The saints bring their dinner and we have all-day services, preaching in the morning and in the afternoon. It was a beautiful day and a goodly number of the congregation living at Bristow were present to worship God in spirit and truth. He surely did bless in the services. The Holy Spirit fire began to blaze, and it caught around with different ones. The praises and hallelujahs sounded out and upward. After the evening service the fervent-in-spirit testimonies rolled out with much freedom from the innermost being of his saints as fire that could not be quenched. It surely was made a blessed day in Zion by the Lord. We feel burdened to get this precious gospel around to the people.

We have an appointment every Sunday in the month with all-day service; therefore we do not have much time to be in the home congregation. We feel perhaps we are not much needed here, as there are four or five ministers here in the congregation. However we attend the Wednesday night prayer meeting and are here in the congregation if the weather is bad and we are unable to get to our appointments. I do not feel that it is good for too many ministers to stay in one place when there is such great need elsewhere. Every soul is precious in the sight of the Lord and no one needs to be idle; for perishing souls are at stake. We who have the truth are indebted to all men.

While we were at Bristow in the all-day meeting, my daughter, Anna Marie Miles, with a car load of saints were at Anthony, Kansas in meeting. She generally goes with me unless God calls for duties elsewhere. Oh, that God had more ministers who would be so given up and consecrated that they would give their full time to the Lord's work and not be touchy about their own interests and would have a living faith to launch out and trust God. Those that give so much time to earthly gain are not obeying the voice of Christ our Lord, for he said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." It seems that many go backward on this teaching and seek the earthly things first and expect to have the Kingdom later on. Paul warned those that sought after earthly things: "We brought nothing into this world and it is certain that we can carry nothing out." It is said that Alexander the Great who subdued kingdoms and was immensely rich in earthly things was sobered up some before he died. He made arrangements with friends that when his corpse was carried out of the church building, his hands would be left hanging out of his coffin so people could see that he was carrying nothing out. A hint to the wise should be sufficient.

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Quite a number of subscriptions have expired to the "Faith and Victory" with this issue. We are inserting a subscription blank in each one for your convenience in renewing your paper for another year—

or still better, just send a dollar bill for your subscription to be renewed for three years. Please take time to do this so we can hold your name and address on the present stencil and will not have to cut a new one later on; and by being prompt in renewing your subscription, you will not miss getting the next "Faith and Victory" paper.

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Jesus, speaking to his disciples, said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." He also said, "But if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden underfoot of men."

Salt has a preserving element, but if it has lost its savour it will preserve nothing. Just so it is with one who has been born again from above: so long as he retains the Spirit of the Lord in the soul he will be in the hands of God as one to preserve peace in his home, peace with his neighbors, and peace with all mankind even though he has to suffer revilings, misunderstandings, slanders, and being talked about as though he were ignorant, low, and contemptible. Many times he will be a subject of evil imaginations and often classed as the scum of mankind. Paul went through all these things and counted it as working out for him a far greater weight of glory. He yielded to his sufferings as being allowed of God. Paul made the statement that everyone that would live godly in this world would suffer persecution.

In Matt. 5:9 we read, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." The greatest peacemaker that ever lived in the world was Jesus Christ; but consider what it cost him to make peace with God for us. He was looked upon with suspicion, he was slandered, spit upon, he was scoffed at, mocked, scourged, hated, and lied on. He was hung between thieves and robbers as though he was one of them. He was crucified and slain as the vilest of men, and this was done by and at the sanction of those who claimed to be children of God. The cost of being a peacemaker was great. The Scripture says (2 Cor. 5:21), "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you retain heavenly salt (the Holy Spirit) in your soul, you will also have to suffer, and the cost of being a peacemaker in the world will be great. It seems that very few will bear the cross unto the end. It seems that many will make peace with king Satan when he comes against them with his twenty-thousands, rather than to suffer the cost and bear the reproach and keep their peace with God. Read the latter part of the 14th chapter of Luke, and the Lord give thee understanding. Satan is using his same tactics on Christians today that he did through professed religious people in the time of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many are falling a prey to his slimy ways.

I have been reading a paper printed in Indiana that used to be filled with positive gospel truth, but now it is filled with story-form stuff gotten up by the human intellect of men. They pass it off to the

people as the gospel of Christ. What is the matter? The salt has lost its savour; human intellect has taken the place of the Holy Spirit; so they arrange things in a way so they will not have to bear any reproach nor suffer any contempt from the worldly-minded. They glide along the broad and easy-prepared road to hell. What a shame.

When Jesus was here, he was the just suffering for the unjust. Today we who are sanctified and are crucified unto the world and the world unto us are the just suffering for the unjust that souls might be won unto God. Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Unless you have Christ on exhibition, you cannot win souls for him.

In Matt. 5:14 we read, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." God wants his children to let the light of truth shine out to the world regardless of the reproach it may bring. Someone may say, "I believe in standing up for my rights." Do you know that if you are truly sanctified and crucified unto the world that you have no rights only as God allows and makes provision for you, and that he tells us in his Word that it is better to suffer for well-doing if needs be rather than for wrong doing? (1 Peter 3:17). When you take it in hand to stand up for what you call your rights, you could easily do wrong; for you have no rights only as God allows it to be. To retain the salt with its savour you will often in life have to suffer wrong and bear reproach rather than to do wrong. The same will hold good in being a true light in the world for God. When you fail God in letting your light shine it is just like putting your light under a bushel. Oft-times others will claim to see wrong in you and talk about it and flare it around when in reality the wrong is in their own soul. It is possible for people to be in a condition like the woman was who looked through her window and saw her neighbor's washing on the line. She exclaimed, "What dirty looking clothes; if I could not put out a cleaner wash than that I would put out none at all!" Later when she was out in her yard she discovered the neighbor's clothers were clean and the dirt she had seen was on her own window. It is also possible for others to do and say things that they ought not and then put blame on you for doing the talking. These things you must meekly suffer for Jesus and keep peace among yourselves. Keep in mind that Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." And Paul exhorts us to "endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

A real saint of God will be truthful and deal just as honestly and uprightly with a foe as with a friend. He will be no respecter of persons even though it may bring suffering and misunderstanding upon him. He will look to God for wisdom to know how to deal justly with every person. God is dealing righteously with every soul and He requires us as His children to do the same. Keep in mind that you have been purchased by His blood sacrifice and are not your own. Peter says, "For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps: who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth: who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself unto him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For we were as sheep going astray; but now are returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls" 1 Peter 2:19-25.

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Campmeeting Dates

Hennessey, Okla., May 30 — June 9
 Jena, Louisiana, June 14 — 23
 Jefferson, Ore., June 21 — 30
 Hammond, La., June 28 — July 7
 Akron, Ohio, June 27 — July 7
 Green Pastures, Okla., July 5 — 14
 National C. M. (Monark Springs) Neosho, Mo.,
 July 19 — 28
 Okla. State, Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 2 — 11
 Bakersfield, Calif., Aug. 2 — 11
 Myrtle, Mo., Aug. 16 — 24
 Calif. State, Pacoima, Calif., Aug. 23 — Sept. 1
 Dover, Okla., Aug. 30 — Sept. 8

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National Campmeeting Notice

The 20th annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, on the campground at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. on July 19 to 28th, inclusive, 1957. Monark Springs is an abandoned railroad stop located five miles east of Neosho just off Highway 86, so those coming by bus or train will come to Neosho, then phone the Monark Springs store for some of the saints to come after them.

All saints and lovers of the truth are invited to attend this meeting and will receive a hearty welcome. Meals will be served in the dining hall on the free-will offering plan. The tents (10 x 12) will rent for \$5.00 each. The cot, including mattress, will be \$1.00. Space in the dormitories, including cot and mattress, will be \$2.50 per person. Bring your own bedding if possible. Let none stay away who are unable to pay—all will be cared for to the full extent of the facilities. Please send your tent and cot orders NOW, or as soon as possible, and mail direct to Bro. Ralph M. Beisly, R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans.

Come praying and prepared to receive a blessing to your soul and be a blessing to someone else. Pray that God will send His ministers to preach the Word with the power of the Holy Ghost, bringing deliverance for soul and body.

The nation-wide news coverage of the typhoid epidemic which followed the campmeeting last year resulted in many persons learning that there is still a people who trust the Lord for physical healing without the aid of

drugs. Indications are that new faces will be at the meeting, so this is a good effect from an apparent hindrance in God's work. It was a test of faith and trust in God, but the Apostle Peter says that the trial of our faith is much more precious than gold that perisheth. God commanded Gideon of ancient Israel to cull out the fearful in his army. Even so in Israel today God is permitting the tests and tribulations to come to separate the wheat from the chaff. Those who stand before the throne have been made white and tried, and come up through great tribulation. Let us look up and move forward in His name.

Extra sanitary precautions will be instituted this year at the campmeeting, especially in the handling of food and dishes. The sewerage system has been greatly improved, and the water situation completely corrected at substantial expense. Frequent tests on the purity of the water will be made. Let none stay away for fear of a recurrence of the sickness during the last meeting.

The general clean-up day for the campground and buildings will be on Saturday, June 15th. All those who can come are invited to meet there on that day and help in the Lord's work.

This is a national gathering of God's people, so let all the saints everywhere support this meeting with your prayers and means. If you have an offering for the improvement of the grounds or the coming campmeeting, or desire further information, contact the undersigned or any of the following: Albert Eck, R. 1, Bartlett, Kans.; Sam Barton, 2240 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla.; Ralph Beisly, R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans.; Amos Porter, R. 2, Granby, Mo. —L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

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GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

The 50th Annual Southern Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the old General Southern Campground, Hammond, La. The Lord willing it will begin June 28 and continue through July 7th, inclusive. The campground is located in the southwest part of Hammond, La. just off White St. We are looking to the Lord to send us ministerial help as in the past to preach all the truth. All sincere souls are invited whether you are saved or not. Make this a time of seeking a closer walk with God in these perilous times when the enemy is working so hard against the Truth on which we saints should take a firmer hold.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan so let the saints feel free to help provide for it with your means, provisions for the table, etc. Please bring your bed linens and towels. Sleeping rooms are furnished free.

Anyone having anything to send or wanting further information write to Max F. Williamson, in care of the Post Office, Hammond, La. or to Ray Key, 109 White St. Phone 1681 W.

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JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING

The Oregon Campmeeting will begin (the Lord willing) June 21 and end June 30 inclusive. It will be held on the saints' campground on Hazel St., one block south and one block east of the Greyhound bus terminal. Anyone coming by train may call from Albany either Sis. Hilda Nielson (Phone FAirfax 7-2564) or Bro. Noah White (Phone FAirfax 7-2317).

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Sleeping quarters and meals will be served to all who come. We are praying and trusting the Lord to send Spirit filled ministers of His choosing to preach the whole Word of God to the saving of sinners, sanctifying of believers, healing of the sick, and to bless both physically and spiritually. All are invited. Pray for the meeting whether you come or not.

For further information write Bro. Noah White, Jefferson, Oregon or to Sis. Emma Busch, Rt. 2, Box 206, Scio, Oregon.

In Christian love, Albert W. Nielson.

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WICHITA, KANSAS SUMMER MEETING

June 28 — July 7

The Wichita, Kansas summer meeting will begin (the Lord willing) June 28 and continue through July 7. We are looking for the Lord to give us a good meeting. Those who have unsaved relatives and friends in this area should pray that the Lord will stir and save them. We are looking for the Lord to supply us with good ministerial help.

Those who are concerned may write to Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Piatt, Wichita, Kans.—Phone HO 4-8481.

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HENNESSEY, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Hennessey, Okla. Campmeeting will begin (the Lord willing) May 30th and continue through June 9th. The meeting will be run on the free will offering plan. All that can please bring your sheets and come praying that God will save souls.

For further information write to Bro. Thomas Davis or Sis. Willa J. Williams, Hennessey, Okla.

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TENT AND EVANGELISTIC GROUP AT WORK

The first tent meeting of the season is planned to be held at a new location in Oklahoma City, the starting date tentatively set for May 24th, according to word from Bro. Charles Smith. The pastor at Shawnee, Okla., Bro. Archie Souder, will assist in this meeting.

From Okla. City the workers plan to go to Winona, Mo. about June 14th, and elsewhere as the Lord directs. Those interested in a tent meeting in your community should send in your request with full information for consideration by the workers.

Bro. Smith is sending out an urgent appeal for qualified and consecrated workers to travel with them.

The bus has been re-painted and other repair work will be done on the equipment. Requests for meetings and offerings for the evangelistic work may be sent to this office or to the undersigned.

—L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

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God Is Faithful

When upon the bed of affliction
And it seems that no one cares,
Remember that our God is faithful;
He will hear and answer prayer.

It may seem like much time is passing
Ere the answer doth come unto you;
But remember: our God is faithful,
And your prayer has made it through.

Sometimes we must wait with much patience,
Believing the answer will come;
For waiting is a test of our patience
While this Christian race we run.

Since God is unto us faithful,
In Him also put your full trust;
Travel the downward road no longer,
Not thinking "sin you must." —I. A.

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I shall not pass this way but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

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In him was life; and the life was the light of men. St. John 1:4.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

N. Carolina—Greetings to all the dear saints:—I am a saint minister and have been preaching the truth for many years. I preach on the streets or in the homes and any place where there is an opening. I ask all the dear saints to pray for me that God will open up places for the Word of God. Please pray that the Lord will make a way for me to get to some of the saints' campmeetings this summer. I do not have the money to travel on but I know God is able to supply my every need. Please pray for me and that God will supply me with means to get to some of the campmeetings where I can meet the brethren and enjoy the fellowship of his saints. I have been isolated from the saints for many years. Do not forget me before the Lord.

Your brother in His love divine, John B. Smith, Gen. Del., West Gastonia, N. C.

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I am asking the dear saints everywhere to pray earnestly for us. We have a special need that God will undertake for us. I am praying to all I know and humbling my heart before the dear Lord in every way I can. I am trusting that God will help us soon. I truly mean to keep in the order of God to the end.

Your sister, Jessella Ausbie.

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Calif: I am requesting prayer for my body. I get short of breath and my heart bothers me so much. I also have a growth on my neck. Please pray that the Lord will undertake for me.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Fred Leach.

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Greeting to all the saints abroad: I feel impressed to write my request to all that know the worth of prayer. I have been terribly afflicted for four years. The Lord has wonderfully helped me, I do not suffer any severe pain. I want all the saints to pray earnestly for this swelling I have in my body which is very severe at times.

Yours in Christ, Ardella Kingsberry.

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Dear Saints: I desire your earnest prayers for the healing of my body. I either have a cancer or tumor, but my trust is in God. God has done some wonderful healings for me and my family and He has never failed me yet. I am so glad that I am one of His children and my whole trust is in Him.

Sis. Hazel Gilbirds

NOTICE

A Christian lady is wanted to live in my home with some pay. She would have plenty of time for herself and the work of the Lord. My husband is in very poor health and my mother is a very patient invalid. I work but I am home week ends and evenings. If you are interested write me: Mrs. Hazel Rich, 237 E. Third St., Carthage, Mo.

Obituaries

Bro. Charles Harlow Weir was born at Glenlord, Mich. on Nov. 7, 1882 and passed to his reward on April 20, 1957 at the age of 74 years, 5 months and 13 days. He leaves a wife; Lyllia J. Weir of Salem, Oregon and also a half sister living in Los Angeles, Calif. Bro. Weir has been associated with the Church of God at Guthrie for the past eight years or more and has been growing in grace and knowledge of God. Some of his last burdens and desires were to have a greater love in his heart for God. He held his faith and confidence in God unto the end and seemed to be fully given up for God to have His way whether it was to live or to die. He will be much missed by friends and the congregation.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Fred Pruitt and Bro. O. C. Porter. The text of Scriptures that Bro. Weir had chosen for his funeral services were Psalm 31:5, and Romans 14:8. The remains were laid to rest in the Summit View Cemetery north of Guthrie, Okla.

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Little Pamela Sue Moles, infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Moles, was born Nov. 28, 1956 and departed this life to be with Jesus April 19, 1957 at the age of 4 months and 21 days. She leaves to mourn her passing three brothers, Calvin Lee, Marvin Dean, Ermel Ray; one sister Brenda Gayle all of the home and a host of relatives and friends.

She was laid to rest in Oak Forest Cemetery at Norwood, Mo. with Bros. Murphy Allen and D. A. Gibson officiating. Scriptural Text: 2 Sam. 12:15-23; Psa. 127:3, Matt. 18:3.

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Charley Bohanna was born in Mars County, Texas in 1869 and departed this life April 9, 1957 at the age of 88 years. When he was 22 he married Harret Young. To this union were born 4 boys and 2 girls. When he moved to Vernon, Okla. he got light on God's Word and walked out into the Church of God (Acts 20:28).

Funeral services by Bro. R. Walters, song 362.

COFFEYVILLE EASTER MEETING REPORT

The saints at Coffeyville, Kans. wish to report some of the blessings of the Lord. His love toward us is great and we are thankful that we understand, in part, the price that was paid for our salvation.

Our all-day Easter Sunday services were well attended by saints from Missouri, Oklahoma, and various parts of Kansas. There were 79 present to listen to God's Word preached. 53 took part in the ordinance service. We felt the Lord's presence in the ordinance service. Our souls abounded with great joy to know that our Saviour was a conqueror over death and the grave and has power to reign in our hearts over sin. We enjoyed the fellowship of those who came to be with us. Our determination is to humbly follow the Lord all the way.

The saints at Coffeyville.

TRAVEL REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Dear Ones at the Lord's Print Shop and saints everywhere:—Greetings of love in the precious name of our risen Lord.—By His grace we are saved right up-to-date, and encouraged to press the battle on and do what little we can to help precious souls reach heaven. We feel led to give an account of our stewardship for the past several weeks as some would desire to know our whereabouts. We have not taken time to write much personally. We truly do thank and praise God for working out a major problem for me so I could feel free to travel in the Lord's work with my companion. Jesus is so good to me, bless his precious name forever and forever.

We were indeed grateful to be able to attend the Oklahoma City meeting in March. This was our first time to be in meeting there with the saints. We met many precious brethren for the first time. The meeting was well attended throughout by ministers, saints, friends, and visitors. We are seeing more and more how the saints from other places, far and near, come in to help out in these meetings, and we deeply appreciate the co-operation of each one; for we are workers together with GOD. Several sought and received help in different ways. We are greatly encouraged to see how God is working with honest and hungry souls.

After that meeting Bro. and Sis. Crawley and we went on to the Okeene congregation for meeting all that week and over Sunday. We had been with them and the saints there in a meeting last fall where God blessed and much good was done. When we returned we were happy to find the saints walking in Truth and growing in the Lord. Through the week we visited the sick and had prayer-meetings in the homes in the afternoon. God blessed in these little services. One dear soul was gloriously saved in her home. Her companion was deeply under conviction and promised he would seek the Lord until he found salvation. It seems the time has come when it is needful and profitable to carry the gospel into homes where questions can be answered and problems discussed, and prove to folks that we are interested in their welfare both soul and body. A few sought help at the altar and some were healed.

After this meeting we went to Anthony, Kansas for services through the week and for Sunday service. Bro. Stover had been there for several weeks, feeding these hungry souls and strengthening that which remains. Bro. Williams and several from his congregation from Wichita attended several nights and were a real spiritual up-lift to our hearts. A few were saved and several sanctified, and different ones received help from God in various ways. Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Pruitt and some young people came over the week-end. It was precious how God refreshed us all together by his Holy Spirit in our midst. I praise his dear name forever.

We came home and were with the Myrtle saints Saturday night and were in all-day meeting on Sunday. There were many who came long distances to be in those services. Two cars full of hungry saints came from Michigan. God blessed in a precious way and forty-nine happy souls took part in the Ordinance service.

We went to Dayton, Ohio the following week, stopping to visit isolated saints in Illinois on the way. We found them desiring spiritual help, but were determined to press on and live for God.

In Dayton, a double-wedding ceremony took place. Bros. Donald and Melvin Sharp were married to Sisters Lois and Mary Whipple. A number of saints and friends

attended the wedding. We do pray that the dear Lord will richly bless these young saints with a long, happy and prosperous Christian life. The Lord blessed in the Sunday service. The following week we visited isolated saints in Pa. near the Pittsburgh area. Oh, how these dear souls are desiring help from God spiritually and physically. Dear ministers, can you really tarry home for dross while precious hungry souls are starving for the LIVING BREAD? Oh, that last GREAT DAY, it is coming very soon. Will GOD say to each of us, "YOU have done what YOU could?" We held a few night's services in Akron, Ohio and were with them throughout Easter Sunday. We found and left the saints rejoicing in the Lord. To God be the glory for all He has done. Thy servants are only a voice. We are home now, seeking to know God's will concerning us and we shall move accordingly. Brethren pray for us.

Yours in His service, S. E. Abbott and wife,
Thayer, Mo., Box 223.

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Testimonies

Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere.—I am greeting all of you in the mighty name of Jesus, who has died to take away the sins of the world. Approximately one year ago I sent in my testimony on how the Lord helped me out of a legal predicament concerning a house I was going to buy. The Lord proved to be a legal advisor as well as a spiritual advisor. This testimony is to give God all the praise for his wonderful mercy and goodness unto me.

I found a house that my wife and I both liked and signed an "offer to purchase" on the 28th day of March, 1956. We were planning on getting the house thru the G. I. Bill. Shortly after we signed the papers to get the house the chances for getting it on the G. I. Bill became slimmer and slimmer as more and more restrictions were placed on it. My wife, who recently got saved, prayed and claimed the promises of God, which are yea and amen. It was a little over a year before we moved into our house, but God worked out every difficulty. Many times it seemed as if the deal was going to fall thru but we held on to the promises of God and wrestled like Jacob of old until God gave us the answer to our prayers. What a mighty God we serve!

We desired the people to move before April 1st, as the landlord of the apartment wanted it for another couple by that date. God fixed it so that the people moved out of our house almost a week in advance. That proved to me as never before that the desires of the righteous shall be granted.

I would like to exhort everyone to trust God for everything. Whatever your need is, whether it be spiritual, physical or material, He is able to supply our every need.

I covet the sincere prayers of every saint for our lost loved ones here in Akron as they seem to have no mind of turning to the Lord. Bro. and Sis. Abbott left Monday after a few days meeting and the sinners really seemed to be touched. I ask you all to pray that God will deepen conviction while the memory of that meeting is still fresh in their minds.

Your Bro. in Christ, Robert L. Jones.

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Ohio—Dear saints:—I would like to testify of the Lord's goodness unto me. I am thanking Him how he has healed my body many times of different afflictions. I am so glad to know that his promises are still the same

yesterday, today and forever, and if we stand on them, they will not fail us.

Before day this morning the Lord wonderfully touched my body. I got up without putting anything on my shoulders. About five minutes after I got back in bed I took a hard chill and I couldn't stop shaking. I lay there and prayed for God to please stop the chill as I didn't want to call the family and frighten them or call the saints at that time of the morning for prayer.

Before going to bed that night I had read about Jesus stilling the tempest and how there was a great calm. I asked Him to calm those chills in the same way. After a short while they seemed to have stopped, then they started right back in again. I continued to pray, but they didn't stop. Then I told the Lord if He would heal me I would write it to the "Faith and Victory" paper. It wasn't too long before the chills stopped completely and I went off to sleep. I am able to be at work this morning to write my testimony. Oh, thank our dear loving God for His healing virtue! I earnestly desire your sincere prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Annie Stills.

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Ohio—Greetings in Jesus' dear name.—I am glad this evening to be saved and still encouraged to live for the dear Lord. Truly my heart says with the Psalmist David, "He is my God, my refuge, my strength, my all." How wonderful to serve a God that's able to save, sanctify, keep and heal us. The Lord has been so good to me I cannot thank Him enough.

I promised to write a testimony quite awhile ago, but had just put it off. But tonight God came to my rescue so beautifully until I just have to tell it to help encourage someone else.

I was standing at the register talking when a cramp came into my foot and twisted my toes. It was so painful that the pain went up into my leg. My sister Annie started rubbing it with her hand. It eased a little in my leg but my toes still wouldn't straighten out. I was praying myself and I'm sure she was too. I felt cool so I went back to the register to warm. Just as I got over to it another hard cramp went through my foot and up my leg. It was so painful that it seemed like the bones even ached. It lasted about 20 or 25 minutes. I told Annie and Sis. Mittie to come and pray for I could hardly stand it. As they began to kneel in prayer and put their hands on my foot I could feel it relaxing. Praise God! While Sis. Mittie was praying, I began to be able to move my toes and before we finished praying all the pain was gone. My toes were no longer twisted. I was able to put my shoe on and walk. Oh, Thank God for such a loving Saviour! He is a present help in the time of need.

I thank the Lord for sending Bro. and Sis. Abbott by for a few nights meeting and then Bro. Preston. We surely had a wonderful time. Many hearts were under conviction. Keep praying that God will bring them in before it's too late. Also pray for me that I may be all in this life the Lord is calling for.

Your sister in Christ,

Dorothy Jackson.

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints: Greetings of love.—Last week my little boy two years old was sick. Friday evening his fever came up and he was so sick. We called my cousin Bro. Murphy Allen and anointed the baby and prayed for him. He was feeling good the next morning. I thank God for his healing power. Please pray for us. Verba Holdt and children.

Calif.—Dear saints of God.—I am saved, sanctified, and by the grace of God I mean to press on to higher ground. On Sunday, April 14th, we came to the conclusion of a glorious two weeks meeting. The Lord surely did bless. We thank the Lord for the meeting and the ministers that brought forth the message.

The Lord has been dealing with my heart for some time to write a testimony. I promised the Lord I would. At one time I had conviction upon my heart and I didn't know nor did I see my way through. I promised the Lord that if he would deliver me I would testify for Him. He is able to deliver thee. Praise the dear Lord, he delivered me. He let me know he is able to deliver from anything. All we have to do is obey his Word. Sometimes when he shows us something in His Word we hesitate, and try to fix it our way if we aren't careful, or try to excuse ourselves. The Lord is really calling for the honest in heart. The only way He can work is when we turn loose our self and let God work. God then gets the glory out of us. Dear ones, when I started obeying God's Word and stopped trying to fix it myself the Lord delivered me and also saved my three children. I am now: "A new creature," sin hath no more its cruel dominion, walking "in newness of life," I am free with a glorious life of Christ, my Redeemer, which He so richly shareth with me, dead to the world, to voices that call me, living anew, obedient but free, dead to the joys that once did enthrall me—yet 'tis not I, Christ liveth in me. Praise the Lord.

We have a stir in our hearts as never before. I admonish all young saints to be ever ready to let God fix it and keep your hands off. When you walk in newness of life you are God's anyway. He will do all the fixing. Praise the dear Lord.

I am a young mother with three children to support. I desire all the saints prayers that the Lord will ever keep me dead unto sin, alive through the Spirit. Also I have a problem I would like to have the Lord work out. Pray for me. Your sister in Christ, Eleanor Wilson.

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings to you and all the saints at the office.—I can truthfully say I'm still saved and sanctified. I have it settled in my heart to hold on to Jesus' hand until He says, "It's enough." I am much encouraged to press the battle on until the crown is won. May God continually rain his blessings upon you and the workers. Bro. R. Waltiz.

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Va.—Dear saints everywhere,—I truly love the Lord today and I'm glad I'm saved and sanctified. Praise His name! I gave my heart to Jesus in 1950, seven years ago. I have five little children to rear for the Master; but I am very ill in body, also my 7-year-old daughter. I request the prayers of all the saints of God to pray for the healing of our bodies. If anyone cares to encourage me in a few lines of correspondence it will be greatly appreciated in the Lord.

Yours in Christ, Edith Melvin, Mechanicsburg, Va.

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Okla.—To Faith Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' precious name.—This finds me saved and living for the Lord. I mean by the grace of God to continue trusting in his Word for His Word is really food for my soul. I am running up the King's highway, saved and satisfied. The Lord is on our side. May God richly bless you and everyone is my prayer. Enclosed you will find an offering of God's money to use as he sees fit to His glory.

Yours in Jesus' name,

Birdie Horn.

Okla.—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name.—Today finds me saved and much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. Truly I thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings and His healing power. About a couple of weeks ago I had such a bad cough. (It seemed like the whooping cough). When I lay down at night, my cough grew worse and I would have to sit up for a while. My husband and my small son were sick too, but the Lord came to our rescue. Te Him we give all the praise. What a mighty God we serve! I really thank the dear Lord for healing our bodies. At another time on our way to Okmulgee I became ill. I thought the sickness would soon leave, but when we got to town it seemed as if it became worse. I thought of going to some of the saints for prayer but the Lord wanted me to pray. I began calling on Jesus. He answered my prayer. Oh, how I do thank the dear Lord for how he has blessed us in soul and body! I thank my daughter, Sister Annie Bell Allen and all the saints for their prayers. I desire the saints to remember me in prayer that the Lord will give me better understanding of His Word and to give me a close walk with Him.

Yours in Christ,

Sis. Fannie Taylor.

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Okla.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory".—Today finds me saved and enjoying living for the Lord. I would not exchange salvation for anything else on earth. Heaven holds all for me. I desire to live so in my home that I will be a light and an example to my children, my companion and my neighbors. I read the testimonies of others in the "Faith and Victory." They are so encouraging to me. I promised some time ago to send in my testimony. It seems that the enemy would have me to continue to put it off.

It is now early in the morning when everything is quiet and still. I like to get up early to pray and read my Bible before the enemy gets a chance to start. If we can give thanks and praise to the Lord, I believe we will be blessed. I hear the birds singing and giving praise and thanks to their Maker. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and wonderful works! Praise ye the Lord! "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments." Psalms 112:1.

On Sunday morning April 7, I had a headache. It seemed that it hurt too badly to go to church. I got up and began praying. The Lord helped me to go back to bed for it was real early. When I got up again my head had stopped aching. I do thank the Lord how He answers prayer. I would have missed a real good sermon that Bro. Barton preached on the "Power of God" if I had remained at home.

Dear ones, there are times when we have to press, but salvation is cheap at any cost. The race is not won by the swift but by those who endure unto the end. Dear ones, pray for me that I will prove faithful and hold true unto the end.

Your Sister in Christ,

Vera Mae Hawkins.

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Mo.—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings to all in Jesus our blessed Redeemer,—I write with a heart full of praise and love to the dear Lord for His love and tenderness shown us. Surely he is our "refuge and fortress: my God; in him will I trust." He has been our strong and mighty tower this past week. Altho' we called mightily and fasted and prayed yet it was His good will to call our darling baby home to be at rest with Him. Then in his mercy came down and comforted our hearts and blessed us until it really amazed us.

It is such a comfort to know she is at rest. We thank God that he knows best and can see down through the years to bring his name the glory and honor. We thank the Lord that we were allowed to enjoy and love her presence for a short season. To have sweet peace in my soul and the assurance that we did what God commanded is worth more than gold, yea than fine gold. We yielded her to his will and let him work, we obeyed James 5:14 and searched our hearts to see that we were clear and then by his grace "having done all to stand," we stood. The song says, "Trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey." It has truly brought us closer to the dear Lord and our desire is more than ever to make heaven our home.

We surely thank all the dear saints from the depths of our hearts that came and prayed and labored with us. We also express our thanks to those that called and knew our need. Never have the saints been so precious. To know that they were so willing to get up in the night hours and intercede for us touched our hearts very much. God's family is so precious. I desire to be one of the faithful members to the end. Our hearts are so encouraged and filled with love and praise to our God. Our prayer is that God will bless all his children and help them thro' their trying hours as he did us. May God pour His blessings on each one. Pray for us that we stay faithful.

In Christian love, Ernest and Lavern Moles.

Thirsting For God

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" Psa. 42:1, 2.

That soul that is reaching out and searching for the true and living God is truly in a blessed state. To that one, the Word of God is as refreshing water in a dry and parched land. It rejoices the heart and gives health and strength to the famishing one. When the hart has been grazing on the hillsides, feeding on the luscious vegetation, sometimes under the heat of the blazing sun, to satisfy the demands of hunger, begins to feel the pangs of thirst, it may not at the first impulse leave the green and flourishing fields; but as its thirst increases, a longing and panting for water seizes upon it. Then it leaves the grazing grounds and heads for the brook, panting as it goes. Its greatest desire now is for water, and water it must have. So is everyone who has a real thirst for God. They will leave all else behind and make their way to the feet of the Saviour, as Mary in the days of old who sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to the gracious words that proceeded out of his mouth. There she was resting in contentment. Her soul was satisfied. She had obtained that for which she had most longed, fellowship and communion with her blessed Lord. Let others be troubled and cumbered about the many things of life; but for her it was: "Let me sit and learn at Jesus' feet. Jesus said of her: "Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." In Matt. 5:6 we read these words: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." This promise will never fail,

for just as sure as one really hungers and thirsts for God, he will turn from all else. God is what they want, and they like the hart will head for the living stream, and there shall their thirst be quenched, there shall they find peace and satisfaction.

A divine invitation is extended to every thirsty soul: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, Come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; Come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness" Isa. 55:1, 2. There is a thirst that nothing else can satisfy, a longing this world can never fill. Man may wander from sea to sea and from shore to shore, but will never find that which will bring rest and satisfaction until he finds it in the Lord.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:37, 38.

Jesus told the woman at Jacob's well: "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." And again it is said that whosoever will may come and drink of the water of life freely—yes, whosoever will.

For what is your soul longing today? Do you desire more of the fleeting pleasures of earth that endure for one little moment and then vanish like a bubble on the water? Or can you say as the Psalmist: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." Psa. 84:1-2. One must desire the living God, the water of life above everything else before it will be given unto him. He hath said, "Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall seek me with your whole heart." God is just waiting, he is wanting, he is willing to impart the water of life to every thirsty one who will humble himself to ask for it; for he said, "Thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

The Psalmist goes on to say, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my soul longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is." Psa. 63:1. When one has been filled with this soul-satisfying life-giving water, he will be filled with praises and thanksgiving unto the Lord of hosts as said in the 3rd and 4th verses of the same Psalm: "Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips . . . my soul followeth hard after thee." To follow him is to walk in the light and to be in fellowship with him day and night. He is the day spring, the source of the fountain of living water. He says, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Behold, I freely give

The living water thirsty one,
 Stoop down, and drink, and live.
 "I came to Jesus and I drank
 Of that life giving stream;
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in Him." —Ulysses Phillips.

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A Bible Ministry

Notice qualifications of ministers as recorded in Titus 1:6, "If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot or unruly." Also in 1 Tim. 3:2, "Apt to teach." A minister must be called by the Spirit of God and must have a good report from them that are without. These things must first be proven. Also the ministers of God must be blameless. "The husband of one wife" could not be a polygamist man, could not be a man having two wives. Being the husband of one wife is as binding as any other qualification.

Now suppose a man marries a woman, not having the clear light on the sacred binding influence of the marriage vow. After a time this woman leaves this man and is married to another man. Has she not broken the vow taken to make them one? This man, having been taught that in cases like this the man is eligible to marry another woman, does so. Now his first wife was his only Bible wife, but in marrying the second woman he becomes guilty of adultery by an act and a state or condition. This woman he is living with is not his wife in the eyes of God.

What must he do? There are three phases of adultery: first, adultery as an act, adultery as a lust in the heart, and adultery as a state or condition. This man's condition implies a state and an act. Light comes to this man's heart as he is living with a woman who is not his wife and this condition brings him into condemnation because of the state he is living in. So by mutual consent they decide to separate, thus doing away with the condition that made them adulterous. Salvation saves from the act of adultery: In St. John 8:11 Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." Was she not free? Salvation saves from the sin of lust, as Jesus forgives it and takes it out of the heart. (Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:26; Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13). Now we come to the sin of adultery as a state or condition. If living in the state of double marriage brings the crime of adultery, the only thing to do is to quit what is causing adultery. Separate from it, then with heart-felt repentance seek forgiveness, confess, forsake until the heart is clear before God. When the man does this, he is free from the sin of adultery caused by a state or condition and eligible to proclaim God's eternal truth. The Bible says the husbandman that labors must first be partaker of the fruit. Can he not show Bible proof of how to get out of these mixups?

The charge will be by some, no doubt, on what he has been. But perhaps before salvation came to most of us we were in a bad condition. I say there is only one sin that cannot be forgiven and that is the sin

against the Holy Ghost. The sin of adultery can be as easily forgiven as any other sin. Man never got in sin so deep that the blood of Jesus Christ could not reach his case and free him of its bondage. I ask you to study this from the different angles in the light of Bible truth and charity and ask: What would Jesus do?

With love for all and a pure ministry, I remain as ever yours for all the truth,
 —E. M. Zinn

Editor's Note—The above article written by Bro. Zinn on the subject of a qualified ministry should be helpful to all the ministry. The statement made by Paul recorded in Timothy and Titus concerning a minister being the husband of one wife is good wholesome advice. If you will turn to the 21st chapter of Acts, you will see that there were thousands of the Jews who believed and they were all zealous of the law. This was just five years before Paul wrote: "The husband of one wife." Under the law they were allowed of God to have more than one wife; but in the first part of the 7th chapter of Romans Paul makes it plain that if a woman was married to a second man she would be called an adulteress and not a wife. Under the law they were called wives, but not so under the new covenant teachings. When we are saved and sanctified we are back as Adam and Eve were in the beginning. The Word says in Matt. 19:8, "From the beginning it was not so." God just made one woman for the man. That is why John told Herod it was not lawful for him to have his "brother Philip's wife." By this saying, Herod and the woman he married was living in open adultery before the eyes of God. He lost his head because he told the truth. He might have modified things as some are wont to do today and saved his head. Let us be true both to the guilty and the innocent. No doubt some of those Jews in the different congregations were living with more than one wife and Paul did not want any of them to be chosen for a deacon, or an elder; hence he said, "The husband of one wife." I do not know of any one among the saints today that is living with more than one woman and at the same time counted to be saved, so there is no danger of such being chosen as a deacon or an elder.

The Corrupt Tree

On the fourth limb of the Corrupt Tree, let us write "lasciviousness" (Gal. 5:19). The dictionary says it means lustful, wanton; loose, a person who excites lustful emotions in others. How awful these things are; yet many poor souls are so blind to the fact that they are in such a condition. We trust that God will awaken souls before it is too late. The world is full of people who are corrupted with sin, and they are standing on the brink of the lake of fire. It seems they are unaware of it because the devil keeps them blinded. Be wise and pull the blind-fold off your eyes and see where you are going. Do not let the devil lead you and blind you to realities. We beg you in Jesus' name to rush to Him for deliverance. In our own strength we cannot fight against the "works of the flesh," but through Christ we can be delivered, you

can bring your body under subjection to that purity and cleanness that God in the beginning created man. May the Lord bless you. Our desire for you is that you be saved from sin and live pure and holy in this world.

As the weather is becoming warmer we see some precious girls and women beginning to wear the shorts and bra. Some dear girls are seen walking down the street even rolling their shorts up a little higher. To undress in such a manner excites lustful emotions in others as they look on. Will God hold the girls guiltless? The same goes for the bathing suits of today. I say God will hold you responsible. You cannot shrug your shoulders and say, "It doesn't hurt me to wear them." It does hurt you because you are disobeying God's Word and are causing others to sin. "But when ye sin so against the brethren, . . . ye sin against Christ" 1 Cor. 8:12. May the Spirit of the Lord cause you to see this. I would rather not write on these subjects, but the devil and his works need to be exposed or souls will be lost.

In the beginning after Adam and Eve sinned they made aprons of fig leaves sewed together (Gen. 3:7), but that was not sufficient for them. God made them "coats of skins, and clothed them." Gen. 3:21. The word clothe means "cover with." God intended that their bodies be covered. We read in 1 Tim. 2:9: "that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety." Do not follow the fashions of the world. Those who make the fashions of the world today will boldly tell you they are striving to give the women clothes that have what they call "sex appeal." Oh, may the Lord help anyone who claims to be God's child and is being tempted to follow the fashions of the world to see the evils in them and flee from them.

Those who have lustful, wanton, loose ways will be cast into the lake of fire, for the Bible says the "corrupt tree" will be cut down. (Matt. 7:17-21).

—Mrs. Marie Miles

Strait

I would make plain unto you the meaning of the "Strait and narrow way." Too many people think that Jesus meant "straight; but he did not mean such at all. STRAIT is a difficult passage to go through; man must turn and squeeze, stoop and climb, watch for pitfalls in dark passages, go over rough places perhaps spraining ankles, scraping off the skin from the knuckles, bumping heads on low overhanging ledges, going through places where there is no turning room, a tight squeeze; go through thick underbrush, briars with sharp and long thorns, and through great forests where the boughs of trees are heavy with leaves making the darkness therein on a dark day gross darkness.

In the jails we have in the land they have such people they call maniacs. They become delirious, go wild and uncontrollable. Authorities put these into a STRAIT-JACKET, which holds them tight. As we speak of a tight fit, being unable to move as one

would, so in this STRAIT way we do not move as we would, but work hard to get to a certain place. Some find it too hard and give up in despair, returning to Egypt.

Understand now, it is not a straight line, but a narrow passage. Beware of false prophets who will deceive you and cause you to lose out in your fight for eternal life. Again I say, "Beware."—H. C. Erdman.

Walk In The Light

Greetings to all the saints everywhere,— I am much encouraged to press on for the dear Lord who has done so much for me. I am thankful I am redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, saved from all sin, walking in the light. Praise the Lord.

Dear ones, there are many today not walking in the precious light, but are going into darkness. Those in darkness know not where they go because darkness has blinded their eyes. May the Lord help precious souls to come out of darkness into this glorious light. I thank the Lord for bringing me out of darkness into the glorious light. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:7). Oh, may the Lord help us to walk in the light. If we walk in the light as the above verse says, then we have fellowship one with another.

No doubt, there are many trying to have fellowship one with another and not walking in the light on some lines. Dear ones, we are not deceiving God. He knows whether we are walking in all the light he has flashed upon our pathway or not. Neither are we deceiving a Spirit-filled child of God.

We are thankful for the ministers the Lord has been blessing us with here at Myrtle. We feel they are living the life they are teaching us to live—in other words, living up to the Word of God. Recently the Lord gave one of his ministers a message on the "Pure Virtuous Woman" and how she should be clothed. Surely it was precious. It made us realize more and more how we should be clothed, having our nakedness covered. Among worldly people there is a great lack of having nakedness covered. Sad to say, but it is working among the saints. Surely it is grieving our great God to see the way some mothers are dressing their children. Mothers, these little children are not to blame; you are responsible for the way you let them dress. Oh, may the Lord help fathers and mothers to be workers together with their children.

Eph. 6:1, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Verse 2, "Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Eph. 5:22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as

the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

According to the Word of God, children should obey the parents and wives obey the husbands. Then it looks like the father would have a say as to how the children should be dressed. I say again, may the Lord help us as parents to be workers together with our children. Today it is very common to see children wearing anklets. May the Lord help fathers and mothers to walk in the light of God. Prov. 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." One man made this statement: "I taught my children the truth, but I did not train them." Train means to form by instructions of practice. Oh, my heart is burdened to see the way some parents are letting their little children do. Young parents, start today to train your children the way they should go.

Oh, if we could hear more messages like we heard at the Guthrie Assembly meeting on "Looseness." Surely this message was precious to me. Another good message was, "Obey My Voice." Surely it means much to obey the voice of the Lord.

I am praising the Lord for touching my body. I have been very sick but thanks be to our God, He wonderfully touched me. I desire your prayers that I'll stay faithful and true to the end.—Mrs E. Sorrell

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BROTHERS DIVIDED

June 2, 1957

Printed Portion:Genesis 27:30-38, 41.

Gen. 27:30. And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31. And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

33. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

34. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

35. And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

37. And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38. And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

Gen. 27:41. And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

Memory Verse: He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 1 John 4:20b.

Practical Truth: Unjust dealings with others, in the family as elsewhere, can cause roots of hatred to grow.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Esau and Jacob were twins but Esau was born first, yet God had it in his plan to give the blessing or birthright to Jacob according to the revelation given to Rebekah, "The elder shall serve the younger." Esau allowed Jacob to take advantage of him because of his desire to satisfy a depraved appetite. He lived in the present and failed to plan for the future. Today we see people doing the same all around us, not preparing to meet God.

Our lesson today shows the cunning, underhanded methods Jacob and his mother resorted to to try to help God fulfill his promise. But we find the results of this act brought jealousy and hatred. God could have fulfilled his promise in his own way without the hatred and jealousy. That is what happens when people get ahead of God. Rebekah and Jacob gained nothing by their cruel plan. Rebekah was deprived of having her son close and Jacob suffered some terrible disappointments at the hand of Laban.

In Heb. 12:15-17 we read about how Esau sought the "place of repentance...with tears." The result of a heart full of hatred was the vow that he would kill his brother when the days of mourning for his father passed. What a tangle the devil got two brothers in; possibly sprang from the favoritism each parent showed to their son. Let us take warning.

BROTHERS RECONCILED

June 9, 1957

Printed Portion:Gen. 32:24-30; 33:1-4.

Gen. 32:24. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more

Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou doest ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

Gen. 33:1 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

2. And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

3. And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

Memory Verse: Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col. 3:13.

Practical Truth: Reconciliation with God promotes reconciliation with men.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We can take courage from the faith and perseverance exemplified in Jacob. He felt his desperate need of God right then. He must have victory. His brother, who had vowed to kill him was on his way to meet him with 400 men. He felt his own helplessness and dependence upon God. To receive from God today we must feel the same way. He confessed his true character when the mysterious man or angel asked him his name. Jacob means "supplanter." He no doubt, felt keenly the guilt of his past deeds and a godly sorrow had worked in his heart for it. In his spiritual struggle for the need of the hour, he was brought very low, but he did not give up. Even after he was crippled, he fought on; and, praise the Lord, the Word said, thou "hast prevailed." We too, can prevail and receive from God. Pray on, hold on, God will come to your rescue.

In the last part of our lesson we notice the humility Jacob showed to Esau. He was anxious that he receive forgiveness. He bowed seven times before Esau, recognizing him as the elder brother. Jacob's humility and this honor accorded him touched the heart of Esau and he ran to meet Jacob and embraced him. God had changed his heart toward him. Jacob had prevailed with God and God worked out his problem.

JOSEPH, A FAVORITE SON

June 16, 1957

Printed Portion:Gen. 37:3-8, 23, 24, 28, 31-34.

Gen. 37:3. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6. And he said unto them, Hear I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7. For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and,

behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

Gen. 37:23. And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

24. And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

Gen. 37:28. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Gen. 37:31. And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goat, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32. And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

33. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

Memory Verse: Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Eph. 4:32).

Practical Truth: Parental favoritism respecting their children can cause serious family tensions.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Favoritism shown to those around you, whether it is in the home, your friends or the brethren or sisters of the church or school is unwise. Our lesson plainly teaches us the hatred and jealousy caused by Israel or Jacob showing his greater love and care for Joseph. Jacob and Benjamin were the sons of Rachel whom he loved dearly. Then her death at Benjamin's birth caused them to be especially dear to him. But parents should not give in to such temptations because it brings sad results, not only on the children but gives them an exaggerated idea of their own selves and are not tolerant of others but it also lessens the love and respect of the other children of their parent. The same will happen in the school or in the church group, unless God is being exalted in each heart and then grace can be given.

No doubt the dreams that were given to Joseph by God were an inspiration to him through the trying years ahead, as we find they did come true. It is precious how God prepares us for tribulations that He has for us to go through to His glory.

Notice how a wicked deed of selling their brother was covered up by a lie to the father. Those who follow the devil's suggestions get deeper and deeper involved in the situations that bring heartaches to them and others.

GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE

June 23, 1957

Printed Portion:Gen. 39:20-23; 41:46-52.

Gen. 39:20. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21. But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him

mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

Gen. 41:46. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47. And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49. And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

50. And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

51. And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

Memory Verse: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him. Pa. 103:17.

Practical Truth: God is able to work out hard things in our lives for our good and his glory.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A life placed in God's hands is full of surprises. These surprises may be pleasant or they may bring heartaches, yet if we realize that God has permitted them to come then they will work out for good. I love the 7th verse in Psalms 34 which says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." The angel would have to step back at the command of God to let something touch our life and will stand there waiting for the command of God to deliver us when God sees fit. Why do we become overly troubled about tribulations? We think of Rom. 8:28 which says, "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." It's not the isolated or singled-out things, but the "all things" working together. God is working out "his purpose" in every life and we need to hold our confidence steady in God. In the financial loss, the deep waters of affliction, the loss of health and the great sorrow that might come just remember we are God's "purchased possession" to do with as He sees fit.

Joseph, in our lesson, proved his confidence and faith in God by adjusting himself to life as a slave, prisoner, and as the king's right hand man. God prepared him to sit on the throne next to the king. God is preparing us to live in heaven with Him.

JOSEPH, A MAN OF MERCY

June 30, 1957

Printed Portion:Gen. 45:3-15.

Gen. 45:3. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could

not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4. And Joseph said unto his brethren. Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10. And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11. And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

Memory Verse: Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Matt. 5:7.

Practical Truth: Mercy shown toward others is one evidence of greatness of soul.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Joseph through suffering had learned how to be a "great man." Some might want to be great but do not want to go through the suffering, but that cannot be.

Joseph found out that his brothers had changed from the cruel, heartless men to considerate men. Judah offered to live in prison rather than to bring sorrow to his father by Benjamin's absence. This found a hearty response in the heart of Joseph, which brought the whole climax of the story of Joseph in our lesson today. Notice how Joseph attributes to God his being in Egypt which would take in his life as a slave, the awful lie told on him which he could never clear, and his life in prison. I trust the Holy Spirit will bring this thought to your mind when you are in deep trouble.

Will our life here in this world live on after we are gone? Are we spreading kindness, forgiveness, tolerance and understanding around us? While we cannot achieve the greatness attributed to some great people of God, all of us can influence those around us to live a higher, more noble life. What makes a person great? Jesus gives the answer, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Matt. 20:26, 27.

—Mrs. Marie Miles.