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### *I Thank Thee, Lord*

I thank thee, Lord, for saving me  
From sin, and all its blight;  
I thank thee for the living truth  
That brought me to the light.

I thank thee for thy precious word,  
A lamp unto my feet;  
A never failing guide for all,  
Most glorious and sweet.

I thank thee for thy saints today,  
And for each holy brother;  
And for the love and fellowship  
We have one with another.

I thank thee for thy messengers  
Who brought the gospel light,  
And made the way of duty plain,  
And banished shades of night.

I thank thee, Lord, for everything,  
For raiment, and for food,  
For air we breathe, and water too,  
For everything that's good.

I thank thee for the precious hope  
Deep down within my breast,  
That when this mortal life is through,  
With thee we'll ever rest.  
—Ulysses Phillips.

### **Broken Things**

The seed has to fall into the ground, swell up, and break before the plant can come forth. The lump of clay must be broken, shaped, rubbed, and baked before it can become a beautiful vessel. The rose petals must be crushed before the perfume can come out. The wheat must be ground to flour before the fine bread can be made that is set before the guests. The berries must be crushed before the juice can flow forth and be bottled for use of mankind. On and on we could name the beautiful and good things that come from broken things.

Let us think about the examples we have in the Bible where God blessed those people who were broken. Can you not see Jacob there in Peniel (Gen. 32:24-32) as he wrestled with God? There he humbled himself and felt his unworthiness of God's mercy, yet he pleaded for help. He became broken in spirit and body to receive "power with God and with men." How precious were the words, "thou hast prevailed." Now he was able to bow before his brother who intended to kill him, and call him, "lord." God blessed and brought peace between them.

Job recognized God in his sufferings and said, "I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder." (Job 16:11-17.) He also said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21.) But Job's end was greater than his beginning because of the blessings from God upon him.

Joseph was broken (brought low), even to being enslaved, before he was able to sit next to the king on the throne. He was able to say to his brothers, as well as to others, "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." (Gen. 50:20) It pleased God to break him so he could use him to preserve life.

Jesus, our Saviour, was broken. The blood flowed out from his side. He suffered that we might have salvation. His will was broken so the Father could have his way and we could be restored to God.

When we come to God we must come with a "broken and a contrite heart." (Psa. 51:17) That is the kind of heart that God can bless and will accept. Our will, desires, ambitions, ideals, and plans must be broken before God can use us. God can only bless those who are willing to be broken and go His way.  
—Mrs. C. B. (Marie) Miles.

### *God's Chastening Hand*

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Heb. 12:6.

Chastisement means correction, which may be given in different forms; and correction is needful for those of any age. "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Read Heb. 12:6-11.

God corrects us that we may be more obedient children. God also can see farther than we can, for in His great, and all-wise wisdom He can see the dangers and pitfalls that are surrounding us in this life. For this reason He permits some correction to come our way that we may be more careful and alert of the enemy's snares. Human wisdom is not sufficient to detect the pitfalls which may be just ahead of us, hence, God steps in to safe-guard our souls, so that we may be kept free from the entanglements of sin. We are sometimes led into danger or affliction that we might be spared greater danger and sorrow. (Look at the song No. 180, third verse, in Evening Light Songs.) Through these afflictions we learn to say, "Yes," to God.

Says one, "None but children need chastisement." God's Word says, "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." Verse 8. Now we are to be corrected or else we are illegitimate children (not children of God.) Chastening does not mean correction with a "switch or club," neither does it mean brutal punishment.

Children should have correction from their parents at home with constant training in the nurture and admonition of God, with Godly love and wisdom.

Children need chastening all along their childhood days; that is, literal chastening, to cause them to be obedient and respectful to their earthly parents. Just so, the chastening from God our heavenly Father is for our good in like manner—to make us careful, reverent, and obedient to our heavenly Father. This chastisement is for young and old children of God. We are all partakers of this chastisement. God our Father chastens us because he loves us; so the chastening of children must be administered in love.

A sister requested prayer for her drunken husband that God would send him home sober at any cost. God answered her prayers by sending him home in an undertaker's wagon. God saw that that man would not get saved from his drunkenness, so permitted him to be killed. But God answered her prayer in that manner. She had said, "At any cost." This seemed at first to be hard to bear, but God wanted her to learn to let Him choose the way.

Joseph was sold down into Egypt and he went on down into a dungeon, but God was preparing him for greater things. This was a great lesson in humility and caused some grief to Joseph and his father, but it brought about much good, feeding and saving many people from starvation. The high authorities caused Joseph to spend time in a dungeon, but when the time was ripe Joseph was honored and became second highest commander in the land. There has never been yet a man of God who rose to honor in God's sight without first receiving the correcting or chastening hand.

God permitted one of our most able ministers to become afflicted with a loathsome disease (itch), but because of it God was able to use him to write one of our best songs. Chastisement does not in all cases mean we are committing sin, but it is for our good. "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be

joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Heb. 12:11. Maybe God in His wisdom sees you need more patience; hence he lets you go through different trials, seemingly all you can bear, but through this process you are able to come forth with more patience, love, and meekness. "Knowing that tribulation worketh patience," Rom. 5:3.

Though not wilfully, carelessness and desires of the flesh cause us to grieve the Spirit of God many times, but God, in His great love for us, and wisdom, desires us to be obedient and awake to our duties to God and each other, so to overcome this lack, He chastens us, and God's heart of love is greatly pleased. Isa. 53:10 says, "It pleased the Lord to bruise him [his Son]." The 11th verse says, "He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." When God sees that through the chastening of our souls we are made more obedient, he is satisfied. Heb. 5:8 says Jesus learned obedience through or by the things which he suffered. When the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts as the abiding Comforter, there will be less need for chastisement. If we will be careful to obey and be led by the Holy Spirit of God, keeping our minds stayed on God we will be kept in perfect peace. We need God's guiding hand all through life.

Our spiritual life is somewhat like our home life in childhood. Some do not need as much chastisement as others. Some do not need as severe correction. Our blessed Lord knows all this and metes out what he sees we need. But, dear ones, heaven will be cheap at any cost.

One thing I learned when a child, that when my mother whipped me the closer I stayed to her the less it hurt, because drawing up close kept the blows from being as severe as they would have been had I been farther away. So let us be like Saint John, who made it his main and strong desire to get as close to the Saviour as was possible.

There are many forms of correction. Perhaps we do not have as much sympathy and love as we should have for sick folk, so God permits us to be sick and watches over us until we reach the needful tenderness in our hearts for souls, then when we have learned the needed lesson He comes to our bedside and heals us.

Sometimes Satan, our adversary, will come as an angel of light, and deceive the very elect if it were possible, but through God's wisdom and watchfulness, we can be more than conquerors through Christ who loved us and died for us. So let us fully trust him and walk close to him and he will guide us safely to the end. Let us do much earnest praying.

—E. M. Zinn.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know it only cost 10c to reach a soul in a renown Evangelist's tent meeting in Old Mexico?

Did you know it only costs 14c to reach a soul by the printed page?

Did you know it costs \$200.00 to reach a soul by a foreign Missionary?

Did you know America is spending over \$2,000,000.00 daily erecting magnificent luxurious edifices while the heathens are going to hell by the millions?

Did you know the S. D. Adventists spend \$12,000,000.00 on the printed page every year?

Did you know the Communists spend over \$3 billion on the same every year?

Did you know the Jehovah Witnesses have the largest religious printing press in the world?

Did you know that they are winning more converts to their sect, than any other religious organization?

Did you know that the Roman Catholics are waking up to the realization of the power in the printed page?

Did you know that we evangelists are asleep concerning the power in the printed page? I pray that the Lord will wake us up.

Did you know that the Communists are printing three pieces of literature for every man, woman and child upon the earth?

Did you know the Israelites paid three tithes?

Did you know thrice a year all men children had to appear at the three main feasts, and they could not appear before the Lord empty, every man had to give as he was able, according to the blessing of the Lord, besides, the congregation had to supply 105 lambs, 71 bullocks, 15 rams, and 8 goats for every feast with all the fixings, for the burnt offerings?

Did you know that every time Moses numbered the people, every person 20 years old and above was taxed a half shekel of silver, rich and poor alike?

Did you know every first born of man, oxen, sheep, and all animals belonged to the Lord and had to be redeemed with 5 shekels of money?

Did you know that these perpetual offerings and sacrifices were doubled on the Sabbath?

Did you know that the people had to furnish 12 fresh loaves of shew bread every Sabbath?

Did you know that there were many more things that the people had to do, which was sacrificing? i.e. — no fruit for five years after planting their fruit trees, had to leave gleanings in their vineyard, olive trees, corner of their fields, etc, etc, for the poor?

Did you know the people had nearly a hundred other sacrifices and offerings to execute?

Did you know all the above sacrifices and offerings were plus or besides the three tithes?

Did you know the people had to observe and do, give or offer all these above sacrifices and offerings?

Did you know what Jesus Christ had to say concerning all of these above sacrifices and offerings? (Read Matt. 5:20.)

Did you know it took all these above tithes, offerings and sacrifices from 11 large tribes to maintain a very small tribe?

Did you know that was 91 2/3% to maintain 8 1/3% figuring by the tribe and not by the number of people?

Did you know you cannot show one Scripture in the Bible where the early Church tithed?

Did you know that the early Church did not tithe, but had a sharing plan (Acts 4:32-35, 2:44-46) "and parted to all (laymen and apostles alike) men as every man had need," until the great persecution came and scattered the Church (Acts 11:19). When the great dearth (famine) came upon the world (Acts 11:28) the Church people became so poor that even Paul had to work to support himself and helpers (Acts 20:34, 1 Cor. 4:11-12) and took up collections for the destitute saints in Jerusalem and Judea (1 Cor. 16:1-3, Rom. 15:15-28, Gal. 2:9-10, 2 Cor. 8 and 9 chapters).

Did you know that Charlemagne was the first to ever impose a legalistic law which was the law of one-tenth (tithe) upon the Church of Jesus Christ?

Did you know that history says Charlemagne was a tyrant, plunderer and a very licentious man?

Did you know according to the teachings of Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:20, 25:14-23, Mark 8:34-35, Luke 12:33, 14:33) that you and I are to blame for using such a small amount of our money to evangelize the heathen going to hell by the millions?

Did you know of course some must have a new car every year, very latest styles in clothing, expensive furniture, carpets, the latest new T.V. and all the latest gayets, the finest in food, etc., etc.?

Don't you know Paul called all this money alms, care, collections, bounty, contributions, fruit, distributions, gifts, grace, liberal distributions, necessity, offerings, liberality, relief, sacrifices, service, wages, want and an odor of a sweet smell? Why didn't he at least mention tithes once or a debt as people call tithes today?

—Frederick V. Olney

## Take Heed Unto Yourself

Take heed unto yourself,  
Whilst thou art in the way,  
Lest when you've watched all others,  
You, yourself have gone astray.

Be not like dear Peter—  
Seeking what John would do,  
But quickly obey the commands  
That's given by God to you.

See not your neighbors' faults,  
And all your own ignore,  
But take the blessed old Bible  
And measure your life all o'er.

Check not your brothers' eyes  
For little moths within,  
Just have a self inspection,  
Lest your beams become a sin.

Take heed unto yourself,  
'Tis needful in this day,  
Satan has so many snares  
To entrap you by the way.

—O. A. Davenport.

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**EDITORIALS**

We are much pleased with the many who are responding to the three months' offer of ten names for \$1.00. We are anxious to send the gospel to as many as we possibly can for it seems that the time is short and there are so many that need to be saved from sin and be ready to meet God in Peace. This is a good opportunity for our readers to do some home missionary work for the Lord and thereby clear their souls before God by sending the names of neighbors and friends, giving them a chance to hear the gospel and be saved before it is too late.

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Bro. Ostis B. Wilson and Bro. Eugene Harmon of California are holding a revival meeting here at Guthrie in the saints' chapel. The attendance and interest is good, and some altar work has been done in the first few nights of the meeting and we are expecting much more to be accomplished by the Lord. The preaching is clear, plain, and with heavenly anointing which makes it quite edifying to all saints and drawing upon the souls of the unsaved.

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In the 119th Psalm and the 165th verse we read, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." This scripture has a deep and far-reaching meaning to every saint of God. It is not hard or grievous for one to do those things that they love to do. When God puts His Spirit of love and power in our hearts He causes us to love the things that He loves and to hate the things that He hates. The men or women who are Godly and receive His Spirit delight themselves in the law of the Lord. Psalms 1:2. In Luke the 16th chapter and the 16th verse we read, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."

In the 17th chapter of Matt. we read where Jesus was transfigured before the three disciples. Peter said it was good for them to be there and wanted to make three tabernacles: one for Moses, who represented the law, and one for Elijah, who represented the prophets, and one for Christ. But the voice of God out of the cloud said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Since Christ His Son has come we are to hear the law of God from Him, for in speaking of the law and the prophets in Matt. 5:17 He made plain that He did "not come to destroy [the law and prophets], but to fulfil." In Romans 3:28 Paul says that "a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." In Galatians 3:24-26 we read, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ

Jesus." When in Christ He fulfills the law and the prophets, but does not destroy them. Paul says he establishes them, Rom. 3:31.

Let us read in the Word how He establishes them without destroying them. Turn to Hebrews the 8th chapter and begin reading at the 10th verse, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days [after he removes the schoolmaster and the law teacher], saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." You will find the same truth set forth in the 10th chapter of Hebrews and the 16th verse.

There is no man or woman able to fully keep the literal laws of Moses and the prophets when unsaved; (Acts 15:10; Rom. 10:4) but when he believes in Christ and Christ begins to really live in his soul, Jesus makes it easy for him or her to keep the laws of Moses and the prophets.

Let us now look into the scriptures and see how the law and the prophets are fulfilled in us through Christ. The first commandment says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Let us read what the great Apostle Paul says about gods. In the 8th chapter and the 4th verse Paul says that there is none other God, but one. "For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) but to us there is but one God, the Father of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." When one comes into the knowledge of God through Christ His Son and has the established fact in his heart that there is really no other God but the living God who is a Spirit, then having this knowledge, it would be foolishness in him to stoop so low as to give service to any other god which is called god by men. Thus, Christ, coming into the heart of man, fulfills the law that says to "have no other god before Him."

Another commandment is this, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." When Christ lives in your heart there will be no curse word come out of your heart or be spoken by your lips. Your life is hid with Christ in God and your affections are on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Read the first few verses of Col. 3rd chapter. If Christ, by His Spirit, is living in your heart there will be nothing but praise and honor to God come out of it. When I lived in sin I would curse and take the name of God in vain when things went decidedly wrong; but since Christ came into my heart 43 years ago I have never uttered a curse word, neither has any formed in my heart, for Christ is my life and He keeps me peaceful and sweet under all the trials of life. Bless his holy name.

Another law is to keep the sabbath day holy. When Christ really lives in the heart He brings such a sabbath of rest to the soul that we keep that commandment every day as the literal sabbath is typical or prefigures the soul rest we have when in Christ. Let us read some from the 4th chapter of Hebrews

beginning at the 9th verse, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works [of trying to keep the literal law], as God did from his." The schoolmaster is taken away. In Col. 2:16 we read, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." We who are saved are all in the body or make up the spiritual body of Christ and He has fulfilled the law and prophets for us. We do not keep the literal seventh day nor the literal Sunday as a literal rest but fulfil the literal sabbath by having the soul rest in Christ every day. We lay aside our work on Sunday because it is a practice of the land and we are glad for that day to meet together and worship the Lord, for the Apostles, after Jesus' resurrection, began to meet together on the first day of the week. Jesus was with them two different times and said, "Peace be unto you." He approved of that day. Thank the Lord. So that commandment is fulfilled in us having a perpetual soul rest.

Another commandment is this, "Thou shalt not kill." When Christ is in your soul you do not have any hatred or bitterness in your heart toward any one, not even your worst enemy, but in your heart you would love to do good to your bitterest enemy. Let us read what Jesus says about the matter. Turn to the fifth chapter of Matt. and begin reading at the 38th verse. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth [law doctrine]: but I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also [New Covenant doctrine]." The grace of God in the soul will enable a truly saved man or woman to do this very thing. This has been proven over and over by truly saved men and women. This commandment is fulfilled in Christ.

Another commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." When Christ is living in the soul and having His way the man (or woman) possessing Him will have no evil thoughts in his heart to even lust after a woman let alone commit adultery in a literal sense. Listen to the Word of God for New Covenant possessors of Christ: "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 4:28. When Christ is in the soul He takes away the lusting after women and in this, that commandment is fulfilled to them in Christ.

"Thou shalt not steal." When Christ's Spirit lives in you, you will love your enemies and love your neighbor and would much rather starve than to steal for we have the promises that God will supply all our needs, or words to that effect. In Matt. 6:25 we will read what Jesus says about it. "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." He feeds the fowls of the air and he tells us that we are much better than they. When a soul has implicit faith in Christ, he has no worry as to

what he will eat and wear, but just rests all with God and He does supply.

Another commandment is this, "Thou shalt not covet." When in Christ and under the New Covenant all covetousness is destroyed and the possessor loves his neighbor as himself and has no thought of stealing or coveting after his neighbor's goods. In Rom. 13:10 we read, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Thus when in Christ, the law is fulfilled and the saved man or woman ceases to be covetous. In 1 John 4:16 we read that "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

Jesus says in Matt. 22:37, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Brethren, if we make a full surrender to the Lord and live in the spirit day by day we will surely and really know that in Christ all the laws of Moses and the prophets are fulfilled, and also in us as we abide in Him. Just let go and let God work in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2:13.

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Since the statement has been printed, showing the wrong and evil of the television in the home, which statement has been signed by 77 ministers who represent the true Church of God, we have had a few calls for the same. Any one desiring this statement can have the same by sending in to Faith Pub. House with a self-addressed envelope. The soul-poisoning picture show on the T. V. is inflaming the minds and hearts of our youth to do evil and is destroying the life of Christ out of the hearts of any who dabble with the thing and is bringing disgrace to the cause of God. No doubt Satan whispers to many a Christian and tells him to put it in his home and control it. Satan knows good and well if he can just get it once in the home he can in time cause the owners to get careless about trying to control the thing and in course of time there will be no effort particularly set forth to put any control on it. I think often what dear old Bro. Robinson used to say, "He would not believe the devil if the devil told the truth, for there would be a lie back of it." The devil is lying to many a Christian about putting a T. V. in the home by making them think that they can control it. The control of it will become more slack as time goes on and THAT the devil knows right well. The radio has plenty of evil things coming over it, but if one must have the news or a report, the radio is sufficient. Hence, the T. V. is without excuse for being in any Christian home.

The uncontrolled radio brings much evil into the home and feeds the carnal mind, but the T. V. is the greater carrier of evil into the home and will be the means of destroying souls who otherwise could be saved and have their minds and hearts renewed with the scriptures which builds up grace and strength in

the soul and causes them to love heavenly things. The T. V. belongs to worldly-minded people and not for the Christian whose affections are or should be on things above where Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father. The people of this country have surely forgotten God and seem not to know the right from the evil. Great spiritual blindness has taken place in this country and is dragging thousands upon thousands of precious souls who have a profession down to a devil's hell. We warn all saints to keep themselves unspotted from the world and all its cunning and crafty allurements. Keep yourselves, soul and body, presented to the Lord as a living sacrifice and do not in any manner conform to this world but look to Jesus to keep your minds renewed day by day with heavenly things that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Read Romans the 12th chapter and the first few verses.

### FLOODS STRIKE THE GUTHRIE AREA

Recent incessant rains have caused three floods in nine days in the Guthrie area, all of which caused damage to the Guthrie chapel and the Oklahoma State campground buildings and equipment. The Cottonwood Creek overflowed on Friday, Sept. 25th, again on Friday, Oct. 2nd, then again on Sunday, Oct. 4th.

The flood which occurred on Oct. 2nd reached the highest mark of any recorded in the last 41 years from the personal knowledge of the writer. The water stood about five inches deep in the Faith Pub. House building, and left a thick layer of mud on the floors which necessitated a major clean-up operation. The motors and movable property which could have been damaged were elevated above the rising water.

The water stood 40 inches deep in the Guthrie chapel and 52½ inches deep in the campground dining hall. Loss was sustained in ruined mattresses, bedding, and dining hall equipment. The gates on the campground tabernacle were badly damaged.

The Lord who "sends the rain on the just and unjust alike," controls the floods and we thank Him that it was no worse.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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### What Is Television Doing To Our Youth?

It seems to me that television is the greatest menace of modern times, and how Christians are going to be able to make use of it I do not know. Any one who has seen it must be convinced of its danger.

Television can be used for good. It has tremendous possibilities, but I am afraid it is being used for evil almost exclusively, and that it will do more harm than Hollywood to demoralize the youth of our country. It has been proven that the eye-gate makes a much greater appeal than the ear-gate, and while there will be a few good programs on television, there will be so many of the other kind that it is going to be most difficult to put on one and blot out the other.

I shall never forget how shocked I was when I visited homes where television had been installed. They told me about the lovely church services that could be seen. But no sooner were the parents out

of the room than the children, boys and girls in their teens and those younger still, hurried to the television set, and when some of us returned we found them stretched out on the floor, fascinated by what they were seeing. And what was it they were looking at? A bloody wrestling match where two men were tearing each other to pieces, trying to gouge out each other's eyes! And as the children watched and listened to the groans and cries of the wrestlers they could hardly control themselves.

At still another time it was a night club show, women for the most part unclad, drinking and smoking, going through sensual dances, every action plainly visible, the entire scene revolting and demoralizing.

For generations we have refused to take our children to night clubs, theaters, wrestling matches and boxing bouts. Now these very scenes are brought right into the home and displayed before the children's eyes. It costs nothing to see them, except a loss of moral standards. In their early life they now can become acquainted with the sin in its vilest form. No longer will parents be able to protect them from the awful things that go on in the world.

If you want to know how serious it is, read the article on Page 103 of the Reader's Digest for April, 1956. The other day a Salvation Army Officer warned parents to turn off their television sets between the hours of four and seven. These hours, which are devoted to shows for children, are filled with the most brutal crimes imaginable, and it is these scenes that inspire our teenagers to go out in gangs to commit acts of violence.

A polluted diet of crime, violence, brutality and sadism, sponsored by cigarette companies, breweries and distillers, is now the daily menu for millions of boys and girls. The Theater, with all its filth, that we as Christians wouldn't dream of patronizing, is now brought into our living rooms. Television may well be the final step in the complete collapse of the moral and spiritual life of our nation. Children will do what they see others doing.

I do not think television can be controlled. If it is in the home, it will be used. Children have been known to use knives on their parents when the parents insisted on turning it off. Your son will see what he wants to see in spite of what you do. I have never had a set in my home.

These are the last days and we are going to the bottom. Soon we will be on the lowest rung of the ladder, and judgment will fall. Alcoholism has almost doubled since television began to feature liquor ads. Robbery with violence is increasing by leaps and bounds. Thirty killings a day have been shown on television in one city, and in another, forty-eight, and twenty scenes of violence in a single hour, according to the Reader's Digest. What kind of a harvest can we expect?

I do not know the answer but I am afraid, very much afraid. I always have looked upon the movie world as the most demoralizing agency in existence. It has been responsible for the teen-age gangs of today and for the terrible things that children have

been doing in this generation. But now something much more dangerous is upon us. The atomic bomb is bad, the hydrogen bomb is frightful; but television is going to be worse than either, and far more destructive. It will completely wreck the rising generation, and before long it will turn the United States and Canada into a Sodom and Gomorrah, infinitely worse than the Sodom and Gomorrah of Bible times.

When that day comes, judgment will be inevitable. There will be no cure. God will have to send terrible judgment on the race, and it will be because of television and its diabolical influence on young minds. Science will have succeeded in wrecking civilization.

"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it NOT ONCE be named among you, AS BECOMETH SAINTS; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God on the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Ephesians 5:3-11.

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## MEETING NOTICES

### REVIVAL AT HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

The Lord willing a revival meeting will begin Nov. 11 and continue through Nov. 22 at the saints' campground in Hammond, La. We are expecting the Lord to send ministers of His choosing. Everyone is invited to come. Pray for the success of the meeting.

—Max F. Williamson, Pastor, Hammond, La.

### LOS ANGELES, CALIF. REVIVAL

The annual Revival of the Church of God at Los Angeles, Calif., Lord willing will convene Nov. 27 to Dec. 6 inclusive at 1381 Walnut St. This is not an assembly meeting. All are welcome. We desire your prayers.

For further information contact Bro. I. C. Chandler, Rt. 6 Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif., or Bro. T. R. Summers, 207 E. 76 Pl., Los Angeles, Calif., Phone PL 8-8319.

### EAST OKEENE, OKLA. FALL MEETING

The Church of God east of Okeene will start their fall meeting beginning Nov. 13 through the 22nd. We are expecting Bro. I. C. Chandler of Bakersfield, Calif. and other ministers. We are praying for this meeting to be a real blessing to us and this community and that the Lord will add new brothers and sisters to our congregation. We are asking all the saints to pray God to stir the people of this community to attend this meeting.

If any further information is desired write or call Bro. Louis Droke, Okeene, Okla., Phone No. 18R53 or Bro. Lloyd Wilson, Okeene, Okla., Phone No. 18R525.

### TENT EVANGELISTIC WORK IN NORTHWEST

Greetings of love and peace in the precious name of our loving Saviour and the great God of heaven who so bountifully meets out his graces and blessings. Our hearts are made to sing forth the praises and thankfulness toward God for all His rich blessings and goodness continually. May we all learn to trust in Him more fully as our all in all for every time of need is our prayer.

We have been very thankful to the dear Lord for His care and keeping and the blessings showered upon us this summer while out in the field of evangelistic work. We were able to be in three series of revival meetings, two in Oregon and one in British Columbia, Canada and a few other individual meetings while out. Bro. H. P. Huskey was with us for ten days during a three-week's meeting in Woodburn, Ore., and Bro. C. H. Olson and companion and Sister Allis King were with us while at Woodburn and through the meeting in Nyssa, Ore. My mother, Sister Hilda Nielsen also accompanied us through the summer.

During the last part of May and the first part of June we were in Woodburn. The Lord blessed in the gospel labors and several were evidently convinced of the truths of God's holy scriptures. Then after the Jefferson Campmeeting in June, we went over to Nyssa, Ore., at the Oregon, Idaho boundary. In that meeting one lady from Denver, Colo., passing through on a trip, stopped for meeting and was gloriously saved. Other

conviction was manifested and God's dealings appreciated. We feel that lasting good has been accomplished in these meetings even though great crowds nor much altar work was seen.

We planted some truth up near Spokane, Wash. and spent some time in western Montana in meetings at Eureka and Plains, and visiting saints, loved ones and friends. On July 28th we took the truck, tents, and equipment, crossing the Canadian line at Osoyoos and headed north, as we had felt for some time the leadings of God for evangelistic work in Canada. God worked out every problem we met and led us to hold a meeting in Vanderhoof, B. C., 78 miles west of Prince George.

While out in meetings at Nyssa and in Canada we lived in tents, first in 95 to 107 degrees heat each day at Nyssa and then in 50 to 70 degrees temperature each day at Vanderhoof, B. C. Yet with Paul I can say, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Now we are back in Jefferson for the present, working and getting things ready, expecting to move up to Canada next spring. Pray for us that God will lead and bless and that we might be a tool in His hands and that we might raise up a people to His name in that country. Pray also for a great need here.

In His loving service, —Albert W. Nielsen.

### Dover, Okla. Campmeeting Has Come And Gone

Greetings to all readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper. The Dover Campmeeting, as many others, has come and gone. The Lord did certainly answer prayer on many lines in behalf of the meeting. There were about 12 or 14 ministers that visited or were present, some going and others coming. The preaching was under the anointing and with power. Some of the subjects preached were: The Refreshing; The Atoning Blood; Know the Lord; Hope; God's Judgments; Endurance, and several others. The meeting was run on the free-will offering plan and the expenses were nicely met.

Our hearts are much encouraged, and we believe there is a real settling down into God among His people. There was a little tinge of sadness as the saints were parting to their different homes, but we are looking forward to the time when we shall meet to part no more. May God bless every one who by their prayers, means, and moral support, contributed to the success of the meeting. We covet your prayers. —Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear saints, please pray for our little granddaughter as we have been informed her hip joint has never developed as it should have, and the leg muscle has the joint pulled past the joint socket. She will have to go in traction for a while, then in a cast for a year, but we believe God can shorten the time in healing this hip. So pray God increase our faith. They said she probably wouldn't walk normally for at least 14 years, but God isn't going to allow that. He heals faster than that. Do pray this can be done without operation. God is able to do more than we can ask so do pray for the baby. —Sister Barton.

Pray earnestly for a young mother. She and her husband are separated. She goes out for what she calls a good time. She hardly has any time for her babies and they love her dearly. She shows little concern for them or interest. The Lord can change this so let's fast and pray please. I want an agreement of prayer that she will turn to her babies and the Lord.



## Testimonies

S. Dak.—Dear saints at Guthrie, at Dover, and everywhere,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. This morning finds me with victory and the joy of the Lord in my soul, determined to go right on the best I know as the Lord leads. I feel much impressed to give my testimony as to how I came to know about the "Faith and Victory" and how wonderfully the dear Lord opened the way for me to get to the Dover Campmeeting.

I was saved in 1930 and walked in all of the light I knew. The Lord had caused me to know that it was wrong to cut my hair even before I was saved. After I was saved, the Lord made it plain to me, that His children should dress modestly, and wear no jewelry. My family also had many blessings and healings in answer to prayer, and I learned to trust the Lord entirely for all healing and gave up medicine for myself and children. Later we came in contact with the Trumpet Church of God and my children walked in their ways, but I was never satisfied. I went to the altar many times but never obtained the blessing I longed for or full sanctification.

A few years ago among some tracts someone gave me, I found one from the Faith and Victory Print Shop. My heart was strangely stirred each time I read it, and I sent for more tracts and later the "Faith and Victory" and other literature. These wonderful truths were like balm to my hungry soul. Such a longing came into my heart to meet the saints and go to a campmeeting. I had written to Sister Marie Miles expressing my longing, and she answered my letter with the assurance that someone would come this way in the spring or summer if it were the Lord's will. One day in early July while in secret prayer, I said with tears, "Dear Lord, will I live out my days and never meet the saints on earth?" Just a few days afterward I received a letter from Sister Gibson saying they were travelling from the west to North Dakota visiting isolated saints, and would come by on their way home and stop at our home. How my heart did rejoice! True to their word, about two weeks later they arrived and remained over Sunday with us. Bro. Gibson preached at our home, and gave another message at the home of a friend who opened his door. It was a privilege to hear the Word in all its fulness, power, and purity, and to observe the sweet demeanor of Bro. and Sister Gibson under trying and opposing circumstances.

And now that I had truly tasted and seen, and found that the Lord is good, I longed more than ever to attend a campmeeting of the saints, and began to pray that the Lord would open the way for us to attend the Monark Springs Campmeeting. The way did not open, and I earnestly sought the Lord for a way to attend the Myrtle Campmeeting. Again no way seemed possible, and I was very much disappointed and I prayed thus, "Dear Lord, the Dover Campmeeting is the last campmeeting that I can attend this year, and I know it is possible for thee to make a way for me to go." Then it seemed a voice reminded me that I was not as earnest as I should be in prayer, and that night I continued nearly all night in prayer.

A few days later I received a letter from our son, Louie, and his wife, in Omaha, Neb. They planned to come up to spend the week end of Sept. 4th to 7th with us, and the Lord made it plain that He was making a way for me to go. The next week my husband planned to attend the State Fair and as he knew I would have no pleasure in it, he was willing that I go to the campmeeting. I returned to Omaha with my son Sept. 7th and planned

to go to the campmeeting and return to Omaha in time to go back to my home the following Saturday with my son, Ted, and his wife. I had prayed that the Lord would cause my children to see what was best, and as they discussed the matter with me, they thought at first I should give up the trip as I would have such a short stay at the campmeeting if I must be back in Omaha Saturday. However, the Lord caused them to be willing for me to go and spend the week at the campmeeting and they would come visit us later. However, my son, Louie, and his wife were still quite reluctant to have me go so far, alone, and I became a bit uncertain as I would not have quite enough money for a round-trip ticket back home, having planned to go home with my son, Ted, from Omaha. I earnestly prayed that night that the Lord would give me a convincing scripture so that I would not be mistaken about His will. The next morning my Bible reading contained the scripture, Luke 9:62, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." This was assurance enough for me that I should go on and trust God for everything.

Just as I was about to get my ticket, and had asked the agent for a one-way ticket, my son put a twenty dollar bill down and his wife and he both said, "No, get a round-trip ticket home, and if you need more money, call us, collect." Praise the dear Lord for His goodness!

When I reached Dover it was impossible to get in touch with Bro. Phillips or Caldwell as neither one had a phone. However, the lady at the station knew some lady who lived out that way and I told her my predicament, as it was impossible to get a bus to take me out. She kindly consented to let those at the campmeeting know I was there and in about half an hour I was at the campmeeting. Praise the dear Lord. How good to leave everything in His precious hands, for I received abundantly more than I could ask or think. My soul was filled with a joy no tongue can tell, down at the altar, and then to be among the saints for a week and hear those dear old warriors of the cross preach the Word—my heart and soul were filled to overflowing, and the good testimonies encouraged me. All of my doubts and burdens were gone. I was privileged to visit with the saints at the print shop and in their homes at Guthrie, and was anointed and prayed for for healing from the Lord.

The Lord wonderfully protected me on my homeward journey in spite of trouble on the bus lines which caused many passengers long, round-about journeys and much discomfort. The Lord also protected my garden from frost, while just a few rods away plants were blackened and killed by the frost. I have canned my tomatoes since my return home. What more can I say of the goodness of the Lord. Praise His dear name! I want to thank all of the dear saints for their love and kindness and please pray for me to remain faithful to the Lord.

Christian love, —Mrs. C. A. McFarling.

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La.—Dear saints,—May our God richly bless each one of you. I have lately gone through with a real serious affliction. It was an issue of blood from my bladder or kidneys. I had about six or eight hemorrhages in a course of 36 hours. I had but very little pain and I do not know the cause, but praise God, He knows all about it. It started on Saturday the 12th and lasted until Monday the 14th about 6:30 a. m. The Lord instantly healed me completely and surely I am glad to give Him all the praise.

When I first saw this I didn't know but what it might be the end with me. I knelt and prayed. I told the Lord He knew all about this and that I would like to live a while yet and do some more for Him. I was trusting

Him to have His way with me. I told my son, John, that I didn't want to do anything but trust God and die in the faith. I put out some prayer requests but the dear Lord healed me before the saints got the requests. This has been over a week ago.

Tonight I am a well man, and happy in Jesus. I love Him with my whole heart and have no thought of anything else but being true to Him and obeying Him to the best of my knowledge. All praises be unto our God through our Lord Jesus Christ. It pays well to be true to God and fully trust Him. Please continue to remember me before the throne of grace.

Yours for Jesus on all lines of truth, John S. Green.

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Kans.—Dear saints,—Quite some time ago I promised the Lord I would testify for Him if He would heal my daughter of streptococcus infection in her throat and mouth. For almost two weeks Connie's mouth was filled with terrible sores. She had large sores on her tongue which were filled with information. She could eat nothing for about ten days, but was able to drink some buttermilk, for which I was thankful.

Since none of my folks or Connie's father is saved it is a trial, sometimes, to my faith, but I know the Lord blessed and healed Connie. Sometimes, when others would be wanting to give her an aspirin to take her fever down, I would go off by myself and pray and the Lord would bless and remove the fever.

God has been very good to us in every way. It is good to have the Lord to call upon in times of distress and need. I do thank Him for His many benefits and blessings He so bountifully bestows upon us. Remember us in your prayers that we will keep pressing on, fighting a good fight of faith that we may be able to receive the crown which is laid up in heaven for those who overcome.

Your sister, —Wildenna Huffman.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds us saved and still pressing our way on for the dear Lord. We truly would like to thank the dear saints everywhere for praying with us in the time of our affliction. The Lord surely has answered prayer. He has healed Bro. Holden of an ulcerated stomach and he can eat anything now. Also he was healed of a stroke in which he could not move but just lay where he was put. The dear saints held on to the Lord and now he can go anywhere. We were able to attend the Pacoima, Calif. Campmeeting. The Lord has healed him so completely he can walk like he did before he had a stroke—no limp or anything. We give God the praise. He will be 78 on his next birthday and our trust is still in God. We have trusted God over 50 years and He has never failed us. If there was any failure, it was on our part.

We do not have a very large congregation here but they are faithful to God and the dear ones in our number. So please pray for us at all times.

Yours in Christian love, —Anna Bell Holden.

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La.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. As I have never sent in my testimony I am glad and thankful that I can report victory in my soul. I mean to live for the Lord and make heaven my home by the help of the Lord. I need the prayers of the saints, so please pray for the healing of my body. I have arthritis and high blood pressure so badly until I can hardly go at times. Pray that God will see fit to heal me that I may be a worker in the fields for Him. I know the Lord can heal all diseases but His will must be done. Also I have

a sister in her 80th year who lost her husband the 20th of April. She has been living for the Lord a long time. Her trust is in the Lord. She is sick and needs prayer. Will you pray that the Lord will heal her. It would be much encouragement if the saints would write her: Mrs. Ada Scharrier, 708 Leland St., Sulphur, La. Please pray for my unsaved family.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Annie Burlew.

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Okla.—Dear Sister Anna Marie,—Greetings of love in Jesus' name. I truly am enjoying the "Faith and Victory" paper. My soul rejoices for the truths of God's Word. How happy I am for the grace of God given me from God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I do put my trust in God. It's my heart's desire to not receive the grace of God in vain, but be a faithful laborer in His holy kingdom. Beloved, I know it is not needful that I write to you of these things, for I know you know such things and love these truths. It is the testimony of my soul, and I love to measure to the truth that I may prove myself as a faithful steward in all things.

I am thankful to our God how the Lord is willing to leave Bro. Pruitt with us a while longer. He will never know in this life how much his faithfulness has meant to me. In the glory world he will be beautifully rewarded. Praise our God for His great love to all of us.

Your sister washed in the Blood of Jesus,

—Mrs. Eva Penner.

Ky.—Dear saints in our loving Saviour,—I greet you in the name of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, one whom I love more than all this world holds, one who is my comfort in time of need, one who can help us to bear our burdens, one whom I want to please in all I do and say. I get awfully lonely but I go to the Lord in prayer and He lifts the burdens. He says he'll never leave us nor forsake us and I know His Word is true for He has done that many times for both my husband and me.

I miss my husband so much. I do need your prayers that the Lord will strengthen me more each day and that I may take up to do my best to win souls where Husband left off. He was always trying to get people to see how good the Lord was and to get them to see the light of His holy Word. I do feel that he has had a great influence on a lot of people and our loved ones and some have come to him that he worked with and said he led them to the Lord. I do feel so little in His sight, but I am at His service to do His will and gain that home in heaven to be with the Lord. I ask you dear saints to pray that the Lord will heal my body of diabetes. I know he can and said whatsoever we ask in His name, believing, it shall be done. I know He is all-powerful.

Your sister in the Lord, —Mrs. J. T. Roberts.

P. S.—My hand was completely healed right now. The Lord hears the prayers of the saints. Praise His holy name forever!

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Okla.—To all the saints scattered abroad,—I greet you this day in Jesus' precious name. I still have my face set heavenward. I can't thank my Lord enough for His blessings in my behalf. I was real sick while at Hammond Campmeeting. It looked like for awhile, I might not come back home, but I told my husband I would go home in the car. I still got no better, but I knew God would make the way. So on the morning I had to go home the pain left and I rested most of the night. I made the trip home real well and the suffering never returned, but I still wasn't well. For two weeks I suffered with chills and fever, but I took it by faith and went on to Monark

Springs and did all I was able to do. As the work increased, God just healed, and I went right on doing all I could during the meeting. Oh, I do praise God for all He does for me!

I want all the sisters help me pray that God will make a way for us to have some good stoves at Monark. The bottom fell out of our largest stove during the meeting. We have never had but one new stove and it was small, but we could depend on it. I do desire to see a better way at Monark to feed the saints. We haven't been able to do a good job at the cooking for we needed more space. I know God can help us in this matter.

Pray for me, —Sister Barton.

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S. C.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings to you and all of the saints at the print shop. I am writing to let you hear from me. I am still rejoicing over this clean salvation that God has given to His few saints. I am still enjoying reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. I read over the book you sent me on "God's Gracious Dealings," and it was so good and true that my soul rejoiced while reading it. So I had to read it again, and it seemed even better. The last time I read it it brought deep spiritual things to my heart.

Bro. Pruitt, I wandered around a good many years in the dry valley seeking this true salvation and just found it a few years ago. Now I am rejoicing day by day over it.

I thank God for a clean, holy church that is unspotted from the world. Dear souls, you who have been decoyed into some sect, there is hope for you if you will come to yourself, and will hear the voice of God calling for you. Read the latter part of the sixth chapter of Second Cor. The voice of God through the scriptures is calling for you to come out from among them. Touch not. Abide in Him and He will receive you. He will be a father unto you. You can be His son or daughter. God has never instructed us to join ourselves to the citizens of this country, but to join Him alone. Just abide in Him.

My dear friends, Babylon is a symbol of confusion and certainly these multiplied doctrines and teachings are a mess of confusion. God is calling to souls who are in them, saying, through John the Revelator, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. 18:2. In the fourth verse it says, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." If you are in there and you really love the Lord, the true God, this voice is for you.

I thank God today I have obeyed His voice and have come out from all man-made creeds and doctrines. I took a stand for the whole truth of the Holy Bible. Praise God for it. My soul is rejoicing because I found the truth at last, and by the help and grace of God I will stand for it until Jesus comes, praise the Lord.

Your saved brother in Christ, —Eddie Driggers.

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Okla.—To the dear saints at the print office,—I greet you all in the name of my Lord and Jesus Christ. I am still saved to all I know and understand. I promised the Lord if He would heal me of a spell of shortness of breath I had one night not long ago, I would send in a request to the "Faith and Victory." Thank the Lord I have not had a spell of it since the cold left me. I don't have any more cold. I kept thinking I would write, but the scripture came to me, "Is any among you afflicted? let him

pray." I did that, not knowing Bro. and Sister Lee sent in a request for me. My aching quit and I thank the Lord and thank all of you for your prayers.

Pray for my son in Chicago and all my loved ones.  
Your sister in Christ, —Lizzie Randles.

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Mich.—Dear saints,—I only wish I knew how to express the good I get from the "Faith and Victory" and the tracts. I read them over and over again and each time I get a blessing. I'm not wanting to take up your time, but I am just writing to let the saints know I am saved and to tell them I love them. Oh, how I do thank the Lord for the knowledge that He cares for me. Please keep me before the Lord continually. —Delia Jenkins.

### CARDS OF SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bro. Porter and family in the loss of their loved one. We pray God that He will comfort and sustain each one in the days ahead.

—Bro. and Sister Pruitt and co-workers.

The congregation of saints at Guthrie, Okla. wishes to extend their heart-felt sympathy to Bro. Porter and family on the passing of Sister Porter, Oct. 8th, after a lingering illness. Funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11th, by Bros. Ostis B. Wilson and C. C. Carver.

May God comfort and bless at this time of sorrow.

—I. D. Stover, Pastor.

### Obituaries

So live that when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, thou go not like the quarry slave, at night, scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams. —Wm. Cullen Bryant.

Mary Elizabeth Knight was born Feb. 21, 1879, in So. Carolina, and departed this life July 17, 1959 at the age of 80 years, four months, and 24 days. In 1902 she was united in holy matrimony with William H. Knight. To this union eight children were born, four sons and four daughters. Her husband and one son preceded her in death. She moved with her family to Okla. in 1913.

In 1920 she was saved in the Church of God with the saints and here remained until departing this life. She was faithful and true to the Lord until the end. She suffered a lengthy illness and in her great sufferings she said, "Let the Lord's will be done, for I'm ready to go."

She leaves to mourn their loss three sons: Alphonza and Frank of Tulsa, and Earl of Akron, Ohio; four daughters: Mrs. Lela Jones, Berkeley, Calif., Mrs. Mattie Simpson, Mrs. Bertha Long, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Brown all of Tulsa; one sister and brother of New York City, N. Y.; fifteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of neices and nephews and other relatives, saints, and friends.

Services were conducted by Leonard Gaines assisted by Ulysses Phillips, Sam Barton, and others. Interment in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Tullahassee, Okla.

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Carl Z. Stonecypher was born in Jennings County, Ind. on March 17, 1880 and passed from this life on June 24, 1959 at the age of 79. Bro. Stonecypher lived in Nebraska for 35 years before moving to New Mexico in

1941 and then to California in 1944. He resided in Pomona until his passing. He held pastorates in different places.

During his gradual failing of health Bro. Stonecypher trusted in the Lord and testified to having victory in his soul unto the end.

Besides his wife, Ida M. Stonecypher, he is survived by three sons: Herschell R. of Hastings, Neb., D. C. of Opalocka, Fla., Wm. E. of Gleneden Beech, Ore.; one daughter, Mrs. Blanche Hutchison of Garden Grove, Calif.; ten grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Harland Smith, using texts Heb. 9:27, and 1 Cor. 15:50, 55. Burial was in the Pomona Mausoleum.

James Thomas Roberts was born to Ricely and Caroline Roberts Aug. 20, 1889 near Elkhorn City, Ky. and departed this life Aug. 28, 1959. He was married to Bertha Mae Artrup July 11, 1909. He got saved in 1946 and loved the Lord and the Church of God.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, Bertha Mae Roberts; seven sons and two daughters; 24 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted at Pikeville, Ky.

We will miss him and our hearts are grieved and sad, but we feel he has won that crown that was laid up in heaven for him and we feel our loss is heaven's gain and that our heavenly Father knew best when He called him to rest and said, "It is enough, come home." We will meet him some day forever to be with the Lord in that haven of rest. We all loved him.

Sister Madgeline T. Randles was born Feb. 27, 1880, in Montgomery, Texas, and departed this life Sept. 19, 1959. She was the fourteenth child of her parents, Britt and Lucinda Turner. All of the family preceded her in death. Aug. 1921 she was united in marriage to Mr. Elijah Randles in Tulsa, Okla. He preceded her in death five years ago. There were no children born to this union. In the year 1929 they adopted Joan Calvert as their daughter.

In April, 1937 while the ministers and saints were holding a meeting at Terilton, Okla., Sister Randles heard the truth preached in its fullness which she accepted, was saved in the Church of God, and here remained until departing this life. She was faithful to attend the services until later years when her health began to fail.

She leaves to mourn her passing her adopted daughter, Mrs. Joan Johnson; four grandchildren all of Tulsa, Okla.; five neices, three nephews, and a host of relatives, friends, and saints. Sleep on, dear one, and rest from thy labor. We loved thee but the Lord loved thee best and has taken thee from labor to thy reward.

Bro. Barton had charge of the funeral. Scripture reading by Bro. Woodrow Warren.

### OUR PRECIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE

Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am still saved and encouraged much to live for God. I had written you earlier concerning forms for conscientious objectors because I was being drafted into the army. God works in mysterious ways, praise the Lord. I filled out the forms that the draft board reluctantly gave me and they told me that as I was filing so late, my case could not be heard. But trusting in God to work it out, Bro. Clyde Smith, the pastor of the Hayward congregation, and I didn't have to wait long, for an answer came the next morning. Oh, what a shock the devil threw at me, caus-

ing me to wonder if my faith in God had weakened. I told Bro. Smith that the draft board wrote me that I wouldn't get a postponement of my induction nor a re-opening of my classification. The devil surely was busy to discourage me. Bro. Smith then said, "We'll leave it in the Lord's hand now and pray that He will have His way." The saints really got under the burden for me here in California and elsewhere. Myself, I had decided that I would leave it to the Lord who made all things. He knew in my heart that if I had to go in service I would rather be saved and living for Christ.

Some of the saints told me that they believed I wouldn't go, but Satan was determined that I would. On Sept. 9, I went down there and God watched over me that whole day. Songs of praise filled my heart, and God worked it all out. Many times I was asked whether I really wanted to be in service. A strange question I first thought, but it became apparent that God was there working it out, praise the Lord! They first checked me in Oakland, then sent me to Letterman Hospital in San Francisco. I had two disabilities: flat feet and an old ankle injury that left my left foot and ankle slightly stiffened and easily sprained. I have always heard that they would take men with flat feet, but God was all around me, and in Him I surely did trust. At first I learned that the army board was trying to get me a one year deferment but God undertook at the hospital and they granted me a permanent deferment (disability 4-F). How wonderfully God works if we will but just step aside, continue to pray, and let God work it out.

Truly, Bro. Pruitt, God is a wonderful God, praise the Lord. Should I have not been spared I would have left my young saved wife of one year, one month, and 14 days with bills, a house note and house bills, and many unfinished works at home. I am still thanking the saints for their prayers in my behalf. We have Jesus in our hearts and souls. Please pray much for us.

We are of a small congregation and have no regular minister as yet. We do have weekly Wednesday night cottage prayer meetings and Thursday night cottage Bible study. Bro. Clyde Smith of the Hayward saints teaches. We attend with the Hayward saints when Bro. Trotter of Fresno isn't able to come here. Remember us in prayer, dear saints.

Enclosed is a check for the promotion of Christian love everywhere or anywhere it may be needed.

With brotherly love in Christ Jesus, Alvin Graham Stubblefield, and your saved sister in the Lord, Dorothy Jean Stubblefield.

Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love in Jesus' dear precious name. I thank our Father I am still saved, sanctified, and satisfied, praise the Lord. Our Father has been so good to me, bestowing His great love and blessings upon me. There is no other friend like Jesus. He comes to comfort us in all our needs. No matter what happens, He will care for us. Praise the Lord.

I remember not so long ago I was far away from the saints. I could not call upon them when I got sick or tell them of a deep trial I was going through. Dear ones, it was a blessing I had my Lord so I called upon Him and He heard my cry. No matter where we are if we are away off somewhere with no saints around, He will hear, for He loves us. 1 John 3:1.

Not very long ago an affliction came upon me. I was so ill I could only keep juices down. Soon I was unable to work and I needed to very much. The Lord pro-

vided a place for me to stay while I was sick—with Sister Green. Praise the Lord. I felt so despondent that it was hard for me to pray or read or sing. But my Father kept bringing these words to me, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

One morning as Sister Green was going to work I said to her, "Oh, I feel bad in body, but I am rejoicing in my soul." The clouds were gone. The glory of God was flooding my heart and soul, praise the Lord. I picked up the song book and He gave me the song, "Faith is believing, simply receiving," and several more precious songs of Zion filled my heart. Then as I picked up His Word to read He gave me Ps. 121 to read, praise the Lord. Oh, dear ones, that was so precious to me. My cup runs over. Once again those precious words: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Praise His holy name for ever! I melted in humbleness before our Father and thanked Him for His love to me and for the blessing that was just flooding my very being.

As I arose from there, there came a knock at the door. When I answered a lady said, "Are you Joy?" I told her I was, and then she wanted to talk to me. She wanted me to work three days a week in a nursing home. I said I would take it. As she left I was overjoyed and I thanked my Father for just the three days that He gave me to work. Dear ones, the Lord wonderfully blessed me. I have been working six days a week for three months now, and never did work just three days. My Father just picked up this job for me and gave it to me, for I had not been able to go find work at the time, praise His holy name!

The same day the Lord healed me so I could eat food. Then in about two weeks after I was working the same affliction came upon me again to keep me from eating. Dear ones, I never stopped eating that time. I was going to nurse along, but the Lord spoke to me and said, "Why don't you eat?" I said, "Lord, I will walk out on faith and eat." I have been eating food since then, praise the Lord. The enemy may try us but God's grace is sufficient for us to stand on.

Pray for me that I ever keep humble under the mighty hand of God. My desire is to be more like Him. Also, I love every one of my Father's dear little ones, and I pray He will richly bless and keep each one in His love and care. Please pray for my mother and daddy that they may find the most precious gift our Father gives to all—Salvation.

Your sister in Christ,

—Joy Mannon.

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Ohio—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings of love in our dear Saviour this morning. I am very encouraged to press the battle on. It's been quite some time since I have sent in my testimony for the Lord. A week ago Monday it came to me to send it in. I began to think, "when I read testimonies by other saints, they are always telling of how God has healed them of something," and so the devil tried to make me think I had nothing to testify about. I then began to think of how good the Lord had been to me. He had hardly permitted me to suffer at all since I got saved and had been long-suffering with me through the mistakes and blunders and slackness I had been through. But yet, I let it slip my mind and didn't send the testimony.

On Wednesday night I noticed a pimple in my nose and it was getting a little sore. So I requested prayer in prayer meeting for it and for myself that I would mind the Lord and do whatever He would want me to do. The next day my nose was worse and it made the right side

of my face hurt awfully bad. I kept asking the Lord to touch it but I didn't seem to believe He would. I began thinking that on the Monday before I had remembered that I had not had any sickness to speak of and that now the Lord was going to allow me to be sick so He could heal me, and I would really have something to testify about.

I suffered all day Thursday, Friday, and Friday night I hardly slept at all. I was so bad Saturday that I had to stay in bed most all day. My face felt like someone sticking knives in it. I don't remember ever suffering that way before. My husband came in from work and wanted to know if I felt better. I told him I believed I felt worse. He said he couldn't understand why the Lord hadn't touched it. I told him I had done all I knew to do. I had prayed and asked God to forgive me for not being very patient and everything I would think of that would hinder prayer I would ask Him to forgive me of that too. My husband asked me if I wanted him to call Bro. and Sister McCoy to come out and anoint and pray for me. I told him that was the only thing I knew of that I hadn't done. So he called them. Bro. and Sister McCoy, Bro. and Sister Wm. Abbott, and Bro. Earl Sharp came. They had a good season of prayer for me and then Bro. McCoy and Sister Abbott anointed me and laid hands on me and the pain all left. That was the first complete relief I had had since Friday. It wouldn't be long until the pain would come back, but not for good, just off and on. I would tell the devil I knew the Lord had touched me and he may as well get behind me.

I thought I would get a good night's rest, but I didn't get as much that night as I did the night before. Around midnight it hurt so badly that I couldn't stay in bed, so I got up and had prayer and tried to rebuke the devil and go back to bed but I felt no better. By that time Mart, my husband, was awake. He wanted to know if it was hurting again. I told him it was and he said, "Let's get up and have prayer again." We did and while he was praying I felt the Lord touch it and the pain went away and I rested pretty well the rest of the night.

The next morning it was hurting again and the devil tried to make me think I wasn't able to go to Sunday school. I thought to myself, "If I don't go, I'll be listening to the devil." I started getting ready and the closer time came to go the better I felt. I was thankful I minded the Lord and went on. I testified to what the Lord had done for me. That night the core came out and I haven't had any more pain from it. I fully trusted the Lord for this affliction. The devil tempted me to use different things but I didn't yield. Thank the Lord for the grace He gave me to stand true.

I thank the Lord for this affliction. It has drawn my husband and me both closer to the Lord. He knows just what it takes to keep us saved and humble.

I've been reading the Oct. issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper this morning and oh! how God has blessed me. I feel so unworthy of such a great God. He is so good to us all. There were so many young people that had such fiery testimonies and it does me much good to see them pressing their way to heaven. You dear young saints keep pressing on. God said He'd never leave us nor forsake us. I truly believe that promise this morning more than ever.

The Lord has done so much for me and my family. There are no words to explain how wonderful and glorious it is. You who aren't saved will have to get saved to understand what I'm talking about. I feel we as saints should carry more of a burden for lost souls and show more love and concern for their welfare. It is so hard,

it seems, for the sinner to be loosed from the powers of Satan. We need to do more fasting and praying. Let us sacrifice more for them than ever before. We don't seem to have the miracles the morning church had. God hasn't failed, but it's the people. They are too concerned with getting ahead, I'm afraid. I have asked God to forgive me for this and help me to put Him and His way before anything. I need all your prayers and desire prayer for my lost loved ones and my niece in a special way. She went to the altar twice in Myrtle Campmeeting but I don't think she took what God wants her to have. She wasn't willing to pay the price. It means something for us to pay the price and forsake everything that is unlike God. Pray earnestly for her soul. I've also been burdened for a couple ever since I got saved. Pray for them too. Pray for me that I'll always be in the place that Jesus can get the glory out of my life.

I remain your sister in Christ Jesus,

—Verna Mae Samons.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I want to send in my testimony. I came to California to visit my Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Taylor. The Lord spoke to my heart one day while out swimming with some friends of mine and told me to give up cigarettes and go to meeting and get saved. I returned to my aunt's home and gave her my cigarettes. I am through with them. We then went to the campmeeting at the Church of God in Bakersfield, Calif. where I was saved. Please pray for me as I have faults I wish to overcome and I want to be sanctified. I want you to pray for my mother and my brothers and sisters in Joplin, Mo. who are unsaved. Please pray for my wife wherever she is that she will be saved and want to live with me. Also pray for my grandmother who is in the Pentecost movement that she will find the truth and true church before it is too late. She is up in years and needs God to help her see the light.

Your brother in the one true way, the Church of God,  
—James R. Long.

## BIBLE STUDY

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### THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

Printed Portion ..... Acts 4:32-37; 5:12-16

4:32. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35. And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36. And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37. Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5:12. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they

were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

15. Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Memory Verse: The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Acts 4:32.

Central Truth: The fellowship of true believers comes from God.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The early church is an example of fervent love one for another that should be a model for us today. "Them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." That is a definition for Christian fellowship. This fellowship cannot be thought up or worked up but it must come down from above. There is a difference between friendship and fellowship. Friendship comes because of things that happen between two which are of common interest. Fellowship is a blending of the soul and spirit between two in whom dwells the Spirit of God. God's Spirit in one recognizes the Spirit of God in another. That is unity.

The love of God was burning in their hearts. They were concerned about the welfare of their brothers—willing to share and divide. The results brought, as we read in the next verse, "great power and great grace." Oh, for more of the Holy Ghost fire of love burning in the hearts of those today that profess to be God's people! Oh, for more melting together, more blending of heart! Self will arise unless you do as Paul did and that is to die daily. Self will hinder fellowship. Self must be crucified. Oh, how we do thank God for His people in whom dwells the Spirit of God and are one of heart and soul. How precious is that love that flows from heart to heart. We want to see it in a greater measure.

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November 8, 1959

### WE MUST OBEY GOD

Printed Portion ..... Acts 5:27-42

27. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28. Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.



33. When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

34. Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35. And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

39. But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40. And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer for his name.

42. And daily in the temple, and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

**Memory Verse:** We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29.

**Central Truth:** In all things we owe supreme allegiance to God.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

God is to be first in our love, our life and our desires. We must "obey God rather than man." The child must put God first. The Bible teaches children to obey their parents but it plainly says, "in the Lord." They are to obey them in everything unless it is contrary to the teachings of God's Word. We are to keep the laws of the land as long as those laws do not cross the laws of God. Our first allegiance is to God. He is to be the supreme ruler in our lives. Peter declared a principle of definite truth. Regardless of the consequences we are to do that if we have to lay down our lives. Not only did Peter declare it, but he practiced it. He is an example for us today.

The doctor of the law, Gamaliel, brought out some good truths. He said that if this work be of man it would come to naught, but if of God, it would not be overthrown. It proved to be of God and the teachings of Jesus were not stopped. Oh, dear ones, we want to be sure we are of God. Paul says if God be for us who can be against us. Then in Isaiah 54:17 it says, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord." What a wonderful heritage we have! Be sure to be established upon the rock, Christ Jesus, and the storms of life will not move you.

November 15, 1959

#### "FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH"

Printed Portion ..... Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60

6:8. And Stephen full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9. Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11. Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12. And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

13. And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14. For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

15. And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

7:54. When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58. And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**Memory Verse:** Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

**Central Truth:** Being true to our convictions may cost much, but the cost should be paid.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Jesus said, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Stephen was faithful to death. The secret of his faithfulness is told in verse 55, "being full of the Holy Ghost." Jesus said that we would receive "power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Stephen had that power to lay down his life for Jesus.

Stephen's faithfulness to death planted some seeds that began to grow. What do you think was the thoughts of Saul (verse 58) as he looked upon this Christian martyr? I'm sure when God spoke to Saul out of heaven on his way to Damascus that scene came up before him. I'm sure Paul (Saul) became willing to also die for Jesus Christ. Are we willing for our lives to be a planting of the Lord's so fruit can grow from it? We need to start at home with the little every-day problems and be sure that we face them with self on the cross.

Stephen is an example of forgiveness. He did not look at the stones but looked up to God. God blessed him and let him see Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Are we looking at the stones of lies, slander, ill-treatment, and etc. instead of God? If we are, we are missing a blessing.



November 22, 1959

## ARE YOU AN EVANGELIST?

Printed Portion: ..... Acts 8:4-6, 26-38

4. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

26. And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27. And he arose and went: and, behold a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem, for to worship,

28. Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

29. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31. And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35. Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37. And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Memory Verse: As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. John 20:21.

Central Truth: We should all be evangelists in the sense of doing what we can to carry the gospel to others.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Philip, in our lesson, is one of the "seven;" but his work of serving tables in Jerusalem is now over. After this he is called "the evangelist." (Acts 21:8.) He is not the Apostle Philip; his name is not mentioned again in the Bible after the day of Pentecost.

Philip was in a meeting in Samaria but God spoke to him through his Spirit and told him to go down into the desert and the lesson says, "he arose and went." Are we ready to obey instantly as the Lord speaks? One minister says the Lord called him to be His minute-man. I'm sure we would be more useful in God's service and be a blessing to many if we were always ready to go at any call. Philip did not question God and ask, "Why go to the desert?" but he arose and went. If he had waited a

day or so to question God the Ethiopian would have passed by. Many opportunities are lost for God by putting off the call of God.

Notice verse 38. When Philip baptized the eunuch it says "they both went down into the water." That is Bible baptism. Sprinkling is not mentioned. It is precious to see those who are anxious to obey God's Word and be baptized after they are saved. Baptism is an outward work. We are buried with Jesus in baptism.

November 29, 1959

## CONFRONTED BY CHRIST

Printed Portion ..... Acts 9:1-9

1. And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2. And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man; but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

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

Central Truth: When we are confronted by Christ we should acknowledge His Lordship and make Him the example of our lives.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

God stopped Saul "as he journeyed" to Damascus. God is stopping people as they journey through this life. God is speaking to their souls about where they intend to live after death. Sometimes God speaks through accidents and sometimes through the death of a loved one. Sometimes God speaks through the inspired words of His children. Then sometimes in the still hours of the night after much revellings—God speaks. Oh, that people would do as Saul did and say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Humility brings us in a condition where God can show us the way to heaven.

Saul was obedient to the heavenly vision and started a new life. He was changed completely. Those whom he hated he loved, and helped promote the cause of Christ. He was just as earnest and more so in bringing others to Christ as he had been before turning people away from Christ. Salvation brings a change in the life of every person who has it. We become a new creature in Christ Jesus. How wonderful it is to belong to the Lord. The devil is a hard taskmaster over his subjects.

—Sister Marie Miles.