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Five Minutes After I Die

Faces that sorrow I will not see,
Voices that murmur will not reach me,
But where, oh where will my spirit be
Five minutes after I die?

Naught to repair the good I lack,
Fixed to the goal of my chosen track,
No room to repent, no turning back,
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE.

Now I can stifle convictions stirred,
Now I can silence the voice oft heard,
Then the fulfillment of God's sure Word,
Five minutes after I die.

Mated for aye with my chosen throng,
Long is ETERNITY, O so long,
Then woe is me if my soul be wrong
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE.

Oh, what a fool—Hard the word, but true,
Passing the Saviour with death in view,
Doing a deed I can ne'er undo,
Five minutes after I die.

If I am flinging a fortune away,
If I am wasting salvation's day,
"Just is my sentence," my soul shall say,
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE.

Thanks be to Jesus for pardon free,
He paid my debt on Mount Calvary's tree,
Paradise gates will enfold even me,
Five minutes after I die.

O marvelous grace that has rescued me,
O joyous moment when Jesus I see,
O happy day when like Him I'll be,
FIVE MINUTES AFTER I DIE. —Anon.

GOD LIFTS THE BURDEN

In the spring of 1896 I helped to hold a remarkable revival meeting four miles west of Antwerp, Ohio. We preached for many days unto the people without any visible effect upon them; so we closed the meeting with scarcely a convert to Christ. As soon as we

had closed the meeting a dreadful burden of some kind fell upon my heart. I prayed much that night to know what it meant. The next day I prayed all day. I went into the barn, climbed up into the mow, threw myself upon the hay, and there prayed and wrestled beneath my burden, but could not find out what it meant. In the evening the brother with whom we were staying came to me and told me that a young man from the neighborhood had come to talk with us. He said he thought he had come to get saved. The young man said he had; so we knelt with him before the Lord and in a few minutes he was born into the kingdom. We then asked the wife of the brother with whom we were staying if she also wanted to be saved. (She was a backslider.) She said she did. We then knelt with her, and soon she also was born of the Spirit. We then decided that we would go to the house of one of the nearest neighbors, and pray with them. (The husband and wife were both backsliders.) When we told them we had come to pray for their salvation, they decided to give their hearts unto the Lord, and after a few minutes' prayer they both testified that they had obtained peace with God. By this time another neighbor, who was also a backslider, was passing by. We went out and invited him to come into the house and give his heart to God. He decided he would, and in a few minutes he was also born into the kingdom. We then went together from house to house until we had canvassed the neighborhood and in nearly every house we found some one who was willing to be saved. About a dozen souls were, in this manner, brought into the kingdom. The burden had by this time left me, and we went on our way rejoicing.

That winter some of us held a meeting in Tullahoma, Tenn., which resulted in the salvation of a few souls. The wicked elements of the unsaved were greatly stirred against us, and one night just after the services were closed, a rock was thrown from the rear end of the house of worship, which barely missed my head, and struck the wall behind me, making an indentation fully one-half inch deep, but the Lord did not allow an hair of our heads to perish.

—Wm. G. Schell, a pioneer Church of God minister

THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Church is represented in the Scriptures as the body of Christ. The Church is the body of Christ. This is undeniable. In this relation Christ is the head. This is also a positive declaration of the Bible. The Church is the body of Christ of which Jesus is the head. This being true there is identity of nature and unity of life. Of necessity this must be true. The body and the head of that body are of like nature and have one and the same life. The head can not be of one nature and the body of another and different nature. There must be, therefore, a unity of nature and unity of life between the head and the body, and between Christ and the Church.

In the natural or physical body there is a blending of the head with the body and the body with the head. The blood, which is the life, flows through a common center to all parts of the body, including the head. There is one common life in the whole body. So there is a blending of the Church with Jesus as her head. They have one common life. The life of Jesus is the life of the Church.

Christ took humanity upon Himself. This was necessary. It was not the divinity of Jesus that paid the penalty of man's sin, but His humanity. It was humanity that sinned and it took humanity to pay the penalty. Divinity could not die for man's sin. It was the human body of Jesus that died. Jesus being human, and the Church being human, there is unity of nature between Him and His Church. Jesus was also divine, so in Him there was the union of the divine nature with the human. This is true also of the Church. Every member in the Church, the body of Christ, has divine life, and the divine nature. There is, therefore, unity of life and nature between Christ and every member of His Church. One sinner would mar the beauty, the symmetry, and the purity of the Church. It would be a dead substance in a living body. Such a one would impair the usefulness of the whole Church. If the hand or foot of your physical body was dead you know how it would impair the activity of your body. How would such a member look in the holy Church of God? A sinner would be a blind eye or a deaf ear in the Church. He could not see the way of holiness neither could he hear the commands of God. He would be an anarchist in the Church. He would want to go to a ball game, or show, or box supper while the rest of the body would want to worship God. From the way that some folks who call themselves the Church of God are going we conclude that they are about all sinners.

A church with a sinning member in it would hinder the worship. It could not pray. It could not sing the songs of Zion in the Spirit and with the understanding. Listen to a few sinners up in the choir singing:

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see."

Such singing may have beautiful harmony, but there is no holy sentiment of soul blending with the music of the Holy Spirit. It is a stench in the nostril of God; a howling in His ears. What does Jesus think of those half-dressed girls, with their hair waved, beads around their neck, paint on their cheeks, penciled eyebrows, professing to be members in the holy Church of God, the body of Christ, singing:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

Do you suppose Jesus is going to wear such a crown? It would be worse than a crown of thorns. Jesus is going to wear the crown of an holy Church, a blood-washed Church. His pure Church is His diadem, His jeweled crown. See a people calling themselves saints, members of the Church of God, in their headiness, high-mindedness, pride, contention, strife, wrangling, jangling, warring, fighting, aspiring for prominent positions, jealousies, singing:

"O heaven's grace—humility,
Thy cherished charms I'll wear;
I must be humble, Lord, like Thee,
Thy holy image bear.
Come softly from Thy throne above,
O grace so sweet and fair;
Come touch my heart in gentle love,
And scatter meekness there."

Do the songs of such a people blend with the Head of the Church which is Christ? Do not try to make us believe that Jesus is the Head of a body whose members are fighting, striving, and renouncing each other. Every member of the true body of Christ, under the direction of Christ as the Head, ministers unselfishly to all the other members as the need may be. All the members of His body are in the fullest and most perfect cooperation.

Christ is not only the Head of the Church, but He is Head over everything in the interest of the Church. He not only controls the Church, but He controls all things and causes them to work together for the good of the Church. Christ holds universal sway over men, beasts and devils. He permits or restrains, uses or refrains from using, all things in the interest of His Church. All the members of Christ's body love each other. When one member suffers they all suffer with it. They are not trying to put one another down, but lifting one another up.

—C. E. Orr, from Path of Life

A WARNING TO MOTHERS

The Lord told me to warn the mothers about letting their daughters at any age wear shorts. Teach them the danger, the sin and the shame in wearing them. Tell them they may cause our boys to commit crime if they do not dress decently.

I am the mother of six children—three girls and three boys. My oldest girl is past six years, and she knows it isn't right for girls to wear shorts. I am

teaching them while they are young. We mothers, who are saved, should have rules and see that our children abide by them as long as they are in our care. We see professing mothers letting their daughters wear make-up, ear-rings and things that are not pleasing in the sight of the Lord. I believe we should start training these girls while they are very young, showing them the wrong in these things, and let them know that it is not pleasing to God. I believe that if we would do this, we would have more saved young people.

We should not allow them to take part in worldly amusements. I know it must grieve the Lord for us to let these things exist. If we know it is wrong for us to participate in these worldly entertainments, why let our children take part and then plead for God to save their souls? God gave us these children to love and train up for heaven. Prov. 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The Bible did not say for us to let them take part in the things they like best, but to "train them up in the way they SHOULD go."

Prov. 22:4, 5 says, "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honour and life. Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward." Froward means disobedient. If we do not train them the Bible way, wouldn't we be disobedient to the Word of the Lord? Some seem to think that if we let our children take part in the worldly life while they are in their youth, it will make them better men and women. But the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go," and we know that God's way is best.

Mothers, it takes much fasting and praying to get wisdom and knowledge from the Lord to train our children and not let them have their way in worldly attractions and allurements. Perhaps some of us have gotten into trouble by being disobedient to our parents, or maybe by not having proper Christian training. So let us see to it that we give our children the proper training while they are in our care and in our home. Teach them that worldly lust is just a snare by which the devil will trap them and destroy their souls, and that the enemy has nothing good to offer. By God's help let us do our part while they are in our care. Let us train them up in the way they should go and we will not be disobedient to God's Word. Pray for me.

Your saved Sister,

—Clara Barnett

Seek First the Kingdom of God

I feel impressed to write a few lines in behalf of our young people. Two of the main tools the devil is using to trap our youth are wrong courtship and marriage. He begins on many very early in life. It is very common in this wicked age in which we live to hear older folk teasing little boys and girls about boy friends and girl friends, thus casting their innocent minds in the wrong direction. As general as it

is in the world, this should not be among the saints. We should teach our little ones the beauty of purity and virginity. We should do our very best, with God's help, to train our children in the way they should go, as we are taught by the Scriptures. In order to do so, we must reject every phase of ungodliness.

In the world they court and pick over different ones until at last they find one they desire. Then after marriage they have access to a divorce and remarriage. On the other hand, we as children of God are forbidden by the Word to do so. There is one safe way for us and that is as Matt. 6:33 reads, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Now, young people, most of you know this scripture by memory, but as much as we hear it preached and taught, there are still many disastrous marriages—some to unsaved companions, and others to the wrong saved one. Just because one is saved, it does not mean that he or she is the one God has chosen for you. If you have a special gift or calling, God has a special husband or wife for you. A minister's wife should be just as consecrated as he is. A missionary's husband should be just as consecrated as she is, then your marriage will be very successful and happy.

Dearly beloved, God wants us to be careful whom we take as a lifetime companion. Flirting will lead us the wrong direction, simply because it is not real love. It allures, but does not hold up. Our virginity should be valued and guarded with care. God will not forget you. Remember that God is a Creator as well as a Giver. He will surely supply our needs. Praise His name! "We dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name." Where He leads we can safely go.

Dear ones, let us be careful. Others have made a fatal mistake in marriage and are begging you with tears not to do likewise. Make your decision as did the Psalmist (Psa. 27:4): "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple." God will be faithful to give you the right one. If he hasn't yet, He knows you do not need him or her at this time. Learn to wait patiently on God, as the poet says, "Trust him and be true and see what He will do!"

—Vivian Hattley

In the city of Pottsville, Pa. the broken end of a high voltage wire was lying upon the pavement, along which the engineer, Mr. Hildebrand, was walking, unmindful of the fact. Mr. Schlitzer saw the danger and yelled to warn him, but his voice was drowned by the noise around. Picking up a stone he threw it, and hit Hildebrand on the chest. He looked up and avoided the wire just as he was about to step upon it. With tears streaming down his face he thanked Mr. Schlitzer for saving his life. How often the Lord in the use of the chastening rod saves us from some terrible calamity.

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Editorials

We bring greetings of love to our many readers of the Faith and Victory paper in the name of Jesus, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. It has been two months since the last editorials were written. A good many things have taken place since that time.

On July 17th Sister Sylvia Forbes, who has been a faithful worker in the "Lord's Print Shop" for the past four years, became the wife of Brother Leslie Busbee, a young minister who was reared in the congregation here at Guthrie. Sylvia came to the print shop from California, giving up a good job in the commercial world to answer the Divine call for consecrated service in the publication of the gospel of Christ. She learned to operate the linotype machine very efficiently, and for these years of faithful service she will have treasures laid up in heaven. We will miss her presence and service here in the printing work, but we are in submission to God's will. We wish and pray that God will greatly bless and prosper this young couple in their life's work for God in behalf of perishing souls.

We have been asked by some of our brethren, "Who will take the place of those called from the print shop?" My answer is that God has never failed to supply help to carry the work on and we expect him to do the choosing in this matter, as we have the building, machinery and work all committed to Him and to His care and keeping. We feel that it is wholly the Lord's business to place members in the Body or work of God as it pleases Him, so we leave the whole matter in His hands and pray Him to supply the need. As He moves, we want Him to make us know His will and choosing in placing members in His print shop, for we only want to be a worker together with Him in getting the gospel to the world by the printed page. The Lord is wonderfully supplying the needed help.

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The books, tracts, booklets and papers are going out to all quarters of the world in a steady stream, and the stream gets a little larger year by year, and we trust, more effectual as the years come. We are not just playing religion here at the Faith Publishing House Print Shop, but are serving the Lord in sincerity, truth, soberness and righteousness.

The general rule is that when a special request comes in for prayer, the workers are called together and fervent prayer is offered for the need.

When financial or other needs arise in the work, we tell the Lord about it and He supplies through the consecrated members of His body, some of whom are not generally known by the saints.

You do not see any writings in this paper where in the Mosaic law doctrine of tithing is binding on Christians. We do not believe that those who give because of pressure or law bondage will receive any

reward of eternal worth or profit. If saints purpose in their hearts to give a tenth and to give free-will offerings above that, they would no doubt please the Lord, but it must be personal, willing service on their part. In fact when they are in Christ they should never consider what they may possess as their own. When they give, it should be done cheerfully as giving back to God what He has entrusted to their hands.

This printing work is a faith work given of God, and if He should cease to move on hearts to give to keep the gospel going forth by the printed page it would soon cease operations. But He has supplied for its upkeep for the last 37 years and we know that He is abundantly able to keep it going. He owns the "cattle on a thousand hills." In fact, all the resources in this world are at His command and He can use them at His pleasure. Brethren, let us have faith in God; for by keeping His Word we prove that we love Him. Jesus says in the 14th chapter of John, "If a man love me, he will keep my words."

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It seems that not so many see the Church of God in its clearness even though they may think they do. In reading after Bro. D. S. Warner and some of the early reformers we can see that they had a clearer view and a better understanding of what constituted the Church and its various functions than many of them who came later. History repeatedly proves that every spiritual movement slowly drifts from the truth and their initial vision as time rolls by. God forbid that we who have a clear vision of the true, Bible Church will ever allow dim-sighted people to cause the saints to be gradually drawn into dark, sectish ways and be lost in the fogs of blinded professors.

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This year we attended the campmeetings at Hennessy, Okla., Hammond, La., the National campmeeting at Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo., and of course, the Oklahoma state campmeeting here at Guthrie. Our souls were refreshed many times by the Lord choosing and placing in the pulpit the minister on whom He had placed a message. I thought if we had a human pulpit committee to tell the minister when and what to preach, we would have to endure some long, drawn out discourse from human intellect, void of the dictation and inspiration of the Holy Spirit which alone can feed the inner man, the soul, and cause praises to God to spring forth.

The Church of God is a distinct, separate body of men and women who have been born from above and retain His spirit and life in the soul. They are not humanly organized, neither do they have a code of doctrines, independent of the Bible, for all to adhere to. The whole Bible is their doctrine, and no one man, two men, five men or ten men can receive and understand enough of all the teachings of God's Word to write a complete discipline without the danger of private interpretations or restrictions which would hinder honest souls from walking in the light while growing in grace and knowledge of Him. In the Church of God each member is to grow in grace and

knowledge of God and to see to it that no man bring him into bondage to any unbiblical doctrines. He is to keep free in the Spirit and thereby function in his place in the Body to the glory of God. You cannot please God in trying to organize spiritual members of His body in a human manner, for God has them already organized and placed in the body as it has pleased Him. God forbid that anyone would meddle with the spiritual working of the body of Christ, which is the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

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I asked the Lord one time to give me a simple illustration of the condition of souls in a sanctified state. This is what he gave me. I had some boiled potatoes in a platter with the skins removed, which represented men. He told me to take a knife and cut every potato in four quarters. So I did that, and he said, "These quarters represent justified men. In that state they are still chunky and some chunks are much larger than others." He told me to take a fork and mash those chunks all up into one solid body. In this condition they lost their identity and were all just potato. There can be no real oneness in the family of God until they are all sanctified and are so dead to their own interests that they have no interest only to glorify God. There are no big "T's" and little "you's" in the kingdom of God. The apostle Peter was taught this lesson very clearly when God led him to go to Cornelius, the Gentile, and give to him words that he and his might be sanctified—filled with the Holy Ghost. After Peter heard that God had appeared to Cornelius by an angel, he said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him." The reason I use the word "sanctified" here is because Peter, in rehearsing this incident in the 15th chapter of Acts, 8th and 9th verses, says, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Purification of the heart means sanctification. The sin nature, which passed upon all men through Adam's fall, is cleansed away as the Holy Ghost comes in to abide in the soul, and they lose their identity and are all made one in Christ Jesus. They will continue that way as long as they keep fully yielded to God's will and pleasure. It is a sad fact that some who have been sanctified become chunky again as time goes on and begin to think that their knowledge of scripture should not be questioned. They seem to think and act like that knowledge and understanding of the scriptures can come from no other source but through them. When one gets into that state he has fallen into a snare. The scripture says in 1 Cor. 10: 12, "Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." In the verses preceding the above scripture many incidents are there recorded of men who were once saved and drank of spiritual things, for it is written that "they drank of that

spiritual Rock which followed them, and that Rock was Christ." By displeasing the Lord they were destroyed. If Satan cannot get one discouraged and cast down, he will use means to puff one up and destroy him in that way. We certainly need to walk circumspectly before the Lord, watch and pray and keep in a meek and lowly state before the Lord. Each one should see to it that he has real heaven-born love in his heart toward all men, and do good to all men, as Paul says, "especially to the household of faith." To be a chronic fault finder and to speak evil of another is a great sin in the sight of God. They who do such things will be throwing their hearts open to receive delusions from the Lord. Read 2 Thess. 2:11-12. We all should see to it that we love the crucified way and be able to say truthfully as Paul did in Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me."

CARD OF THANKS

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and others,—This is to let you all know we are trusting the Lord for soul and body.

We surely thank the dear saints both far and near for their love for us. We surely appreciate it. May the Lord bless you. The saints and others have been very nice to us, so we will say again, thank you.

—Brother and sister J. J. Mason.

P. S. I think we will move back home in a few more days.

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Dear ones,—Greetings in Jesus' name. My home was completely demolished by the tornado which struck Hoffman, Okla. May 5. The Lord wonderfully blessed us. My home is being rebuilt and is almost finished, thank the Lord. I wish to thank each and every one for the offering given to us. May the Lord bless each and every one is my prayer.

Pray that I will be found doing the little things He would have me to do.

Your sister in Christ, —Ozener Zachary.

Obituaries

Brother Henry Carter was born November 7, 1875, in Fall County, Marlin, Texas, the youngest of eighteen children. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carter.

He was united in holy matrimony to Luella Louie in 1906. To this union eleven children were born. His wife preceded him in death. In addition to their own children, they reared seven foster children. He moved to Earlsboro, Oklahoma, while still a young man. In 1921 with his family he moved near Boley, Oklahoma and lived there until his passing on June 2, 1960, at the age of 84 years, seven months and five days.

At a very early age he united with the C. M. E. Church. A number of years later he met and accepted the truth of the Church of God and there remained until death. During his last days he constantly sang, "I Will Tell the Wondrous Story."

Survivors are six sons: Gideon and Ellis, Bakersfield, California; Moses, Willie, and Leo of Los Angeles; Joe of Oklahoma City, and five daughters: Mrs. Dorcas Allen

and Mrs. Ethel Lounds, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Velma Smith, Hayward, Calif., Mrs. Cora Andrews, Bakersfield, Calif., and Mrs. Johnnie Lee Johnson of Jones, Okla. Seven foster children: three boys Leroy Louie, Oklahoma City, Napoleon Louie, Tulsa, Okla., Johnnie Louie, Calif., and four girls, Mrs. Verna Scott, Coronado, Cal., Mrs. Elverssa Eddens, San Jose, Calif., Mrs. Verniece Louie, Waco, Texas, Mrs. Elnora Conley, Oklahoma City. One brother, Isaac Carter, Fort Worth, Texas, and 28 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many other relatives, saints and friends.

Bros. Charles Smith, W. W. Crawley, and Ulysses Phillips officiated at the memorial services and interment was made at the Boley Cemetery.

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Emelia (Olson) Koehler, daughter of Andrew and Anna Olson, was born August 30, 1882 near Herndon, Kansas and passed away at her home near McDonald, Kansas on June 17, 1960, at age of 77 years, nine months and 18 days.

On October 11, 1918 she was united in marriage to Micheal Koehler at Atwood, Kansas. Emily, as she was better known, gave her heart to God February 18, 1927. She kept her faith and trust in God at all times. She was a kind and loving wife, always thinking of others and helping the sick and needy.

She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, three sisters and three brothers and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at McDonald, Kansas on Sunday, June 19, W. R. Covington officiating. Interment was in the Grace Cemetery near McDonald, Kansas.

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Balivar Ellis Bailey, son of Andrew David Bailey and Agnes Dunnington, was born January 14, 1891 and died June 10, 1960.

He is survived by his wife, Ella Henkel, two sons, Merrill and J. D. Bailey; two daughters, Mrs. Louise Harper (Mrs. Harper passed away a few days after his death) and Mrs. Imogene Null; four sisters, Mrs. Emma Harper, Mrs. Eunice Joiner and Mrs. Edith Eastman; two brothers, Hines and Cary Bailey. Highland and Pierce preceded him in death. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and seven great grand children, and a host of relatives and friends.

Dear Brother Bailey has gone to his eternal reward and will be missed by many. His quiet, sweet life was an example to us all in many ways. We trust to meet him where no death will ever come.

Funeral services were conducted by Sis. Lottie Joiner, assisted by Bro. and Sister Ray Key.

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DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING NOTICE

The Lord willing, the Dover, Okla. Campmeeting will be in session from Sept. 2nd to the 11th, inclusive. Dover is on Highway 81 and the campground is one mile north and two and one-half miles east of Dover. Anyone coming by bus and desiring to be met, please notify us in time. Send contributions to Henry Caldwell, or Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Okla. Bring your sheets. We may have cool nights. Pray for the success of the meeting.

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Meeting Discontinued

The all-day monthly meeting at Rolla, Mo. will be discontinued indefinitely. —Bro. Ernest Engle

Do not push away the circumstances that so painfully presses against you. It may be the chisel in the Master's hand, shaping you for eternity.

Forget It

If you've not been treated right,
Just forget it.
Don't get ready for a fight—
But forget it.
Life's too short to hold a grudge,
'Twill your happiness besmudge.
Anyway you're not the Judge,
So forget it.

If you've been misunderstood,
Just forget it.
Say, "I did the best I could,"
And forget it.
If you can't have your own way,
Don't be small enough to say,
"Well I guess I won't play,"
But forget it.

If somebody slanders you,
Just forget it.
Say, "I'm glad it isn't true,"
Then forget it.
Even if you lose a friend,
And the breach you cannot mend,
It will pay you in the end
To forget it.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Pray earnestly that the Lord will finish the spiritual work in me that I so much desire, and for complete healing of infirmity and stiffness in my right side and limb.

Pray for a special desired change in some matters.

Pray for two orphan children who are slaves and have no spiritual privileges.

Pray for the Lord to work out a financial problem for a young couple who is about to lose everything they have. The husband was injured and therefore isn't able to pay his bills as he had planned. They also have a serious unspoken request. Pray the Lord to keep them saved and give them an increase of faith.

HENNESSEY, OKLA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

Dear saints, greetings to all in Jesus' sweet and precious name: We are still saved and on the battlefield for the Lord.

Our annual campmeeting here at Hennessey, Okla. began the 27th of May and ended on the 5th of June. The preaching of the Word of God was rich from the beginning to the end. It refreshed, encouraged, warmed and corrected without fear or favor. One soul found deliverance from sin, and many found needed help to press the battle on to the end. We praise His holy name. This meeting will long be remembered for the good instructions and strong decisions to press on in spite of all oppositions of the enemy. We thank God for all the saints everywhere that helped to make the meeting a success. May God bless you. —Sister Ada B. Davis, Pastor

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The 23rd annual National Campmeeting at Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo. was in session the last ten days of July. The attendance was greater than ever this year, among whom were, for the first time, people of God who have made their escape from the "city of Babylon" to Mount Zion's fair heights with songs of everlasting joy. Such songs as "Thy Children Are Gathering Home" were very appropriate.

"Sectarian walls shall no longer divide,
False teachers shall lead them no more;
True pastors shall feed them on heavenly food—
Their sorrows and sighings are o'er."

And:

"The day of sects and creeds for us forevermore is past,
Our brotherhood are all the saints upon the world so vast;
We reach our hands in fellowship to every blood-washed one,
While love entwines about each heart in which God's will is done."

The preaching was definite, positive and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Deep conviction gripped the hearts of the unsaved. Some prayed through at the midnight hour. Many were saved, sanctified and physically healed by Divine power. The Lord is just the same compassionate Savior and Healer today. Quite a number were baptized and more than 200 took part in the ordinances of the Lord's House—feet-washing and the Lord's Supper.

The evangelistic tent was erected on the ground for sleeping quarters and a place for the children's meeting held each day. The tent was found to be leaking badly, so it was waterproofed during the meeting. The 24 foot house trailer which has been used in the evangelistic tent work is too heavy for two wheels and several new tires have blown out under its weight. The tent equipment is now (Aug. 20) on the Monark campground, and before the equipment goes out again the house trailer should be sold or traded for a lighter one. Some one might want to buy it to set permanently on a lot on the campground. It is completely furnished with two beds, LP gas cook stove, oil heating stove, refrigerator, table and closets. If anyone has an offer to buy or trade, contact Bros. Ralph Beisly, Coffeyville, Kansas, Albert Eck, Bartlett, Kansas and Amos Porter, Granby Mo.

In order to care for the increasing attendance, plans have been made to enlarge the dining hall and install a larger electric pump in the well, along with improvements on the tabernacle which reached its seating capacity at this meeting. There is also a need for 75 more cots and mattresses. All of these items will require an outlay of money. Since this is your meeting and a recipient of its benefits, you will want to remember these needed improvements throughout the coming year and send free-will offerings to the treasurer and business manager, Bro. Ralph Beisly, 417 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt, Secretary

BAKERSFIELD, CAL. CAMPMEETING REPORT

A short report comes from the Bakersfield, Calif. campmeeting: Our campmeeting has come and gone. The Lord truly gave us a shower from heaven. There were 48 baptized and 118 took part in the feet-washing. We feel that the Lord surely blessed us in Bakersfield.

—Bro. Isaac Chandler

REPORT OF GUTHRIE, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting here at Guthrie was well attended, especially on both week-ends. The weather was very favorable for the most part. About twenty ministers were present. The preaching was heart-searching and the Holy Spirit sent conviction to many souls. A number were saved and baptized. The ordinance services were observed by 72 happy saints.

During the meeting definite steps were taken to repair the campground buildings.

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Testimonies

Okla.—Dear ones in Christ,—After many times of going back in sin, God gave me a whipping and brought me back to Him. What a shame! I was just too busy to turn back to God. This was the method He had to use. 1 John 1:9. Praise His name! A bad hole was punched in my limb about the size of a 50c coin when I backed into a flower tub that had a rim ripped back and sticking out. It went in the lower left side of my ankle on my right leg. My sister-in-law called the saints. They prayed, and, praise God, it never hurt. I felt it when it went to the bone and almost cut a leader in two. I was told that I should have 12 stitches, but even when I was a sinner I feared earthly physicians. I knew Jesus was my only doctor. That has been three and one-half weeks ago. That same ankle was injured in 1948 on the bone, and Jesus mended the bone and made me to walk better than I ever had. Then this happened to it also. Jesus is still that same Healer. God and His Son have been testing me. I got some crutches to lean on to keep the mended places together. The day this all happened the bone was injured also, so that I couldn't stand on it. God wanted me to depend on Him. A few days after I started to walk on it, praise God, He healed the bone, but there was still flesh gapping apart. I prayed along with the saints for the healing of my ankle. I did try to stay off my foot. When I looked over at the crutches I knew they were nothing but lean-tos.

I had offered to help my unsaved sister a while by caring for the children and the house. Instead of it being a few weeks it turned into a year, and I lost out with God. I told the Lord it would only last a while longer, but two years went by. For the first time in my life the devil got me to wearing shorts. (This was after I lost weight.) I knew deep down in my heart this wasn't the way my sweet mother had brought me up. When I yielded to the bad influence of others, the right teaching of my mother and God still rang in my ears and heart telling me those things were wrong, yet I went on. When my mother was at my sister's and hung out some clothes, she saw those shorts and short sleeve blouses. She asked me if those were mine. I lied to her and said they were not. I was too ashamed to tell her the truth. That lie ate at my heart. I did a lot of wrong things. After I was saved the last time the Lord cured me of my desire for television and picture shows, but this time at my sister's the temptations were very great, and the desire crept in little by little. I had heard that when one once knows the truth and goes back in sin that his eyes become darkened and things do not seem so wrong, but, even though I went again into open sin, God warned me. When I went into

a show I wondered if God saw me. It was the same with television and the first time I wore the shorts. He knew I was giving my time for the devil and that I knew right from wrong. I kept working hard for my sister, but the Lord wanted me to work for Him. Thank God, He stopped me by this injury and brought me back home to Him and His true saints of God. If He hadn't stopped me and I had died I would have gone to hell. I could have gotten blood-poisoning or lock-jaw.

I truly thank God for saving me. Now there is love in my heart for those who treated me wrong. I asked my mother to forgive me and she did. I also asked forgiveness of another person. Dear ones, there is nothing that will keep me out of God's kingdom anymore. The Lord has promised to keep us in the hollow of His hand and to be our Comforter, John 15.

After my ankle was hurt I wanted to go get my car that was still in the City. I also thought I would stay a couple weeks with my sister until she could find someone else, but the Lord caused my ankle to swell and throb, and some infection set in. God wanted me to keep my mind on Him. I said, "Lord, if those crutches and my going back to my sister's hinders the healing of my leg, then I'll give them both up, for You are my lean-to and Healer." So He took the swelling and infection out, praise God. Two days later He caused new skin to close the hole. God gave me strength to drive my car home, using both feet. Oh, I'd rather have Jesus than anything! The Lord Jesus, the saints, my sweet mother, and my brother and his wife have all been wonderful to me.

I desire to have more faith and wisdom, and an understanding of the Word. I know there will be tests and trials. I also need a job, too, so all of you pray. I made a lot of bills, and now I have no income or money.

My weight was 310. Much prayer went up in my behalf that I would have the will-power to lose. On April 17, 1959 I began counting calories and eliminating salt and sugar. I thank God that now I weigh 139. I believe Jesus wants me to stay at this weight, so pray that Jesus will heal my thyroid glands that I may eat normally. I did have high blood-pressure, heart condition, and stomach trouble. Only by keeping my calorie count way down can I keep anything on my stomach. I believe God can straighten me up so I won't have to stay on a diet.

Dear ones, don't let others on the outside of God keep you from living for God, as I did. You who left the Lord for things like I did, come back before it is too late.

My old well was clogged with dirt and lint;
A new well sprang up: to Jesus I went!
This new well of Jesus flows deep in me,
There's a new well for all. Come, be free!

Remember in prayer my two unsaved sisters. One of them is living in double marriage. We have a wonderfully saved mother. I have watched her life. I say this because God has answered her prayers in our behalf and the behalf of others. No matter what happens, my mother presses on for God. Also pray for a woman who owes me some money.

May the love of God go out to all. I would enjoy hearing from all the dear saints.

Your sister in Christ, Clara I. Windle.

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Okla.—Dear Brother Pruitt: I wrote to you to pray for my eyes as they were dim. They are much better. I am writing this a. m. without my glasses and I can read some without glasses. I thank God for healing.

A sister in Christ Jesus, —Mattie Lee.

Okla.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. I am still saved and mean by God's precious help to make heaven my home. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in many different ways. One morning last week I was so sick I could hardly stand up, so I knelt in prayer and the Lord healed me completely. Last night my two-month old baby was sick. She cried for quite sometime and I just couldn't quiet her. I don't know what the matter with her was, but I had been bothered with a bad cold and a real sore throat, so I thought her throat might have been sore. So I went to the dear Lord in prayer and He wonderfully healed her and she slept all night without nursing. Truly we give the Lord all the thanks and praise.

During the stormy period I was quite nervous. I was afraid of the storms. I read in an article in the Faith and Victory that God does control the weather. Dear saints, that was very encouraging to my heart. Truly it meant much to me. So I prayed and asked the Lord for more faith. Truly I knew if He could send the tornadoes He could surely take care of His dear children. Now when the wind is blowing I just call upon the Lord and He answers prayer. I have some unspoken requests I want the saints to remember.

Your sister, —Josephine Pannell.

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Okla.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings in the precious name of God. This leaves me still saved and trusting in the Lord both soul and body.

December 25 I was afflicted with arthritis so I could not move without help. I could not even move my hands. The misery was so great I had to sit up most of the time day and night. In obedience to the Lord we called for the elders of the church. They anointed and prayed for me and the Lord raised me up off the bed of affliction. Now I'm up and able to walk quite a distance and do most of my housework, thank the Lord. Truly the saints were dear to me. Someone was with me most of the time.

I thank the Lord for saving and keeping grace. I mean to stand on the Word of God no matter what comes against me. Pray that I be humble at His feet at all times.

Your sister in Christ, —Ozener Zachary.

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Calif.—Dear Sister Miles and readers,—It's been some time since I wrote you, so thought it would please the Lord for me to write again. I reared three children and they were all fine but one who was a mental case for years. The Bible says for us to confess our faults one to another, so when I confessed to my back sins my daughter got well right now. If this testimony helps, I intend to tell it far and wide. I may suffer in body but God is able to take away pain, too, which I have never been able to stand.

I do need prayer. The devil can tell us lots of lies, but I'm wise to that, too. I do love the saints and want to learn to give in every way. I also have a need in a financial way at the present, but I do believe I've learned in that, too, as we are business people. The scripture which says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth" has a meaning, as we did have some extra and didn't give, and it was stolen.

Thanks for everything, your sister, —Thelma Adams.

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I received your letter in answer to the one I sent you. I live for the Lord and can't thank Him enough for what He did for me. My foot was in bad shape. I was losing my toe-nails and suffering terrible pains. I thought I could not stand any more so I got down on my knees and asked God to take

away the pain. I was crying from the pain. After I lay down on the bed I soon fell asleep and awoke the next morning surprised. I felt no pain. I promised to testify and thank the Lord for His mercy. A doctor told me there was no medicine known that would cure me. The only thing man could do was to amputate. Thank the Lord I am well and hardly have any more trouble. I can be on my feet and get around. Bless the Lord. I still need prayer. I ask all the saints to pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,

—O. B. Olson.

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints,—I am still thanking the dear Lord for salvation and a mind to be all He would have me to be. I want to thank the saints for their prayers when I was so very sick. The Lord surely was with me in my sickness. I had a ruptured appendix. I didn't know it at the time, but later I was told that I had been given only two hours to live. I learned many precious lessons while I was confined. I had much time to read and pray. I also had the privilege of talking to many about the Lord. There are only a few saints in this part of Louisiana. We don't have a meeting-place, neither do we have a minister. We have been looking to the Lord for quite some time to send us some help in the work here, but I know the Lord will work things out at His time. We need your prayers very much.

Your brother in Christ,

—Lester Gordon.

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Kans.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints,—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and encouraged to live for the Lord. I want to write my testimony for the Lord. My baby was real sick with a high fever. He was so sick he cried much. I called Bro. and Sister Williams and they prayed for him. He rested and got better. Other saints came and prayed, too. He was sick a long time. He usually took a bottle, but he got so sick that he wouldn't take it. He wouldn't take anything but a little water. He was sick almost two weeks. Very little of that time did he eat, but the Lord blessed. He didn't lose a pound, but gained some. It is no secret, what God can do.

He has surely blessed me in many ways, large and small, concerning this and other matters. I think of the scripture, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We have found this scripture such a blessing. The Lord helps us much. We could see His hand of mercy extended to us many times.

Pray much for me. I desire to please the Lord at all times. Also, pray for my husband that he will be stirred to be on fire for God.

—Sister Gracey.

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N. Y.—Dear Sirs,—I am writing a request for some of your Bible tracts to give out. Sir, I wasn't a Christian when I made a trip down to my former home at Winston Salem, North Carolina. But when I was returning to my home here a lady got on the bus in Richmond, Va., giving out some of your Bible tracts. The one she gave me was entitled something like this "Where will I be five minutes after I die." Sir, I read and studied that tract and somewhere between Richmond and New York City Christ came into my life. I am thankful and I praise the Lord for His goodness to me.

I have a younger sister that is not a Christian. I'd like to request prayer for her that God will come into her life before it is too late, and I will pray for her, too. I don't have any money to send you, but I'd appreciate it if I might get some of the sample tracts to give out.

Sincerely, a friend in Christ, —Mrs. George Dennison.

Tenn.—Dear creatures of God,—Greetings to each one in the precious name of our great Creator. I thank God this morning for a mighty God that we can and are serving. Since He saved me from sin my desire has been to see all of the lost saved from sin, too. The dear Lord burdened my heart much for the lost. Oh, how I want to work for Him and be a blessing to many precious souls!

I'm still rejoicing over the blessing that the dear Lord gave me in letting me go to the Monark Springs Camp-meeting. I began to trust the Lord quite a while before the time came to go. A day or so before I started I asked the Lord for the needs and He heard and answered prayer, which made me happy. He just gave me enough to get to the meeting and I trusted Him for a way back home. I was around 750 miles away from home with no way in sight but faith in God to return. I knew God would get me back if he wanted me to return. As usual the old devil was on the scene trying to cause me to be afraid and worry, but God was encouraging my heart and talking to me. I'll never forget. One day He said, "Be encouraged." In a few minutes a dear sister walked up and gave me some money and said that the Lord impressed her to do that. Thank God for people who live close enough to God that they can hear Him and also obey Him. This is to know God for themselves.

He kept saying for me to trust and obey and see what He would do. Dear ones, He never will forsake us. We can be sure of that if we will only be true to Him. Oh, I do praise God for the love of God's people. As I see that great love manifested through His children it makes me weep for joy.

Oh, how I did enjoy the good food from the Master's table, every crumb! I received help in my soul, and I feel closer to God. I have a desire to press on this morning. I could see how God was drawing us all closer to Him and to each other. So dear ones, let's press on. Soon the conflict will be over and we shall win a crown, there to be with Jesus and the redeemed of all ages. Heaven will be worth all that we will ever have to go through.

I was thankful how the Lord helped me to work for Him. On my way to the meeting and back I gave out F. and V. papers and books, and talked to precious souls. We surely do have lots to do for Jesus. I tell you, dear ones, we must be busy about our Father's business. The time is short. That is the reason He has saved each one to work for Him.

Dear Lord, help each one to make our election and calling sure: my prayer.

A blood-washed sister, —Nora Clayton.

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Kans.—Dear ones,—Many times the Lord has healed me and my loved ones. For this I am thankful. Just recently I had need of healing again. I promised the Lord if He would heal me, I would write my testimony to the Faith and Victory paper. Now I am almost completely well. I am sure the Lord will completely heal me, perhaps even before this reaches you. To God be praise and glory, in Jesus' precious name.

—A grateful reader.

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Ky.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Tonight as I sit here thinking how good the dear Lord has been to me, I'd just love to tell it to the whole world. When I was about 16 years old God saved me from sin, but in a short time I strayed away from God, and drifted deep in sin. I finally got to be the worst drunkard, gambler, cigarette-smoker, thief, and just about everything the devil wanted

me to be. Just think how good and merciful God was to spare me through a life of sin. Praise His dear name!

On November 20, 1950 God wonderfully spoke peace to my soul. He cleansed me from all these things above mentioned and everything that I knew to be sin, praise His name. He has helped me to see that highway of holiness, that new Jerusalem that John saw coming down from God out of heaven, and not some man-made organization. Oh, how I thank the Lord for not letting me be deceived by some false doctrine! Oh, how I thank God for dear Brother Willis M. Brown and many others that preached God's Word in its fullness and also practiced what they preached! There were others at that time that preached the same gospel, but have compromised and are preaching the things that they preached against, and still call themselves the Church of God. Gal. 2:18 reads: "For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." Dear ones, who don't want to be misled, you can know them by their own division mark that they added just a few short years back. Rom. 16:17 reads: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Dear saints of God, if you read this, before you go to bed, steal away somewhere in prayer and cry out to God in behalf of their souls, that God will help them to inquire for the old path and walk therein.

For about eight years after God took me back into His big family, these people were all I had to worship with. All the time I was crying and praying to the heavenly Father day and night, asking Him if there were any old-time saints, to help me find them. So God heard and did answer prayer. Praise His dear name. One day a little paper got to me, I don't know how, called "Faith and Victory" and I read it and told my wife to order it for me. I believed it was the real church of God. In a few days I came in from work and wife said there had been three people inquiring for me, and said they would be back. That night they came back and began to talk like saints of God and act like saints of God. We sang praises to God and read God's Word and had prayer. How God did bless in that service! Praise His dear name forever. Those three were Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott and Bro. Gibson. I really do thank the good Lord for these ones. They have been very encouraging to my wife and me, and another sister. Others have encouraged us also: the dear saints from Dayton, Ohio, Bro. and Sister Sammons, Bro. and Sister Lambert, Bro. Sharp, Sister Bethel, Bro. Pierce, and Bro. King. They were so good to come and help out in the tent meeting while Bro. and Sister Abbott and dear young Bro. Busbee were here. We had a wonderful time in the Lord and I believe there was seed sown that will bring forth much fruit.

I would love for all the saints to pray and ask God to raise up a congregation here, and a house of prayer where we can worship according to His will.

God bless you, is my prayer. Pray for me that I will always do the will of the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,

—John W. Rice.

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, I will endeavor to write to you and to the saints in the name of Jesus my Lord and Saviour. I haven't heard from you for so long, except through the Faith and Victory paper. I am glad to report victory over all sin and that I am still serving a risen Christ Jesus. I expect to see Him face to face soon. I am longing to see His coming and I surely will appreciate the prayers of the saints. I don't expect to be staying in

this world many more years. But thank God I am ready to take my journey through the valley of death to meet my Lord. I am reaching up in my 80th year, but I thank God for health and for His tender mercy and love.

I will ask you and all the saints to remember my dear wife in prayer. She is past 86 years and is very frail. She has poor circulation of her blood. Her feet and limbs get so numb she can hardly get around on her feet, and she is all alone. There is no one there to take care of her. She is a child of God—has been born again.

Bro. Pruitt, if it could be God's will and you get to come up this way, I would love to meet you. It would be so much encouragement to my soul to see some of God's saints and feel their fellowship while here on earth. I have been among so many evil men until my heart is grieved and it makes my heart ache when I hear them take the name of my Lord in vain and hear them blaspheme God's Holy name. This all brings tears in my eyes. Brother, if I could just see someone that I could talk to who is filled with the Holy Ghost and fire from on high, blessed would be my soul! Brother, you can't imagine how it feels to be shut in with so many evil spirits all around you, swearing and blaspheming against heaven and God, but thank God, I can get alone with God and pray and talk to Him. Well, Brother, I am so glad I am born again into the family of God.

I would appreciate a letter from you and the saints. I am looking forward to hearing, Bro. Pruitt. Dear Bro. Earl Chilcot from Elkhart writes me occasionally. I pray that you have a good campmeeting and that many souls will get saved and sanctified holy.

I am as ever, your brother in Christ Jesus,

—George W. Herron

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love to all. Just finished reading the Faith and Victory paper. It was full of good testimonies and very encouraging. I read it all the way through, laid it aside for a little time, then picked it up and read it all over again. I just had to shed tears of joy when I read how some had been delivered out of bondage and how they are enjoying free and full salvation. Many times I have thanked my blessed Saviour for what He has done for me, helping me to accept the true way. I really was in bondage, and there was no one to teach us about holiness or sanctification or oneness of God's people. We were taught that if we ever were sanctified it was just as our breath was leaving our body. I didn't have the light on the Word of God in Acts 20:32 of Paul's teachings. This is the way we get our inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Amen.

We were taught that holiness was only for the twelve apostles, but just now I have in mind a few scriptures that are very precious to me. Isaiah 35:8, this way "shall be called The way of holiness." In Luke 1:75 we serve Him in righteousness all the days of our life. This is not just as our breath leaves our body. How false that was! I like to read the last three verses of Luke 6, and verses 16, 17, and 18 of 2 Cor.: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." It is not me, nor you, but it is the Lord who says this. "Touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." How good and precious are these words, even closer than blood kin.

I have in mind another scripture: Heb. 12:14. People who are fighting holiness will never see the Lord in peace. The Word says this and how true it is! There are people who once were saved and really lived according to the

Word but now have drifted far away from this old way, carrying a profession. They dress like the world: wearing clothes as the world does, rings, lipstick, pants (pertaining to man's clothing), real close-cut hair-dress, go to church and get in good standing with the preacher who also dresses like the world. My Lord, have mercy on those people. Give them a glimpse of God's goodness toward them. Help them to get back to the old-time way where they can trust God and not be afraid. Let's pray for these souls. They need our prayers.

—Sister Annie McKenney.

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Okla.—Dear saints and friends,—I feel much encouraged this morning as I think of the many good things God has taught me, and how He has changed my life in different ways. It is such a learning way. It seems like each year brings new things, preparing us for what is yet to come. There are forms of religion everywhere, yet people are living far below their privileges, not realizing what real personal salvation is. I am young yet, but it seems that the Lord has seen fit to let many hard things come my way, but it has all been for my good, and I don't regret any of it. Through it the Lord has taught me more humility, and to always keep a forgiving heart. When I see older ones hold grudges against one another, it seems so strange. The Lord made me to know that no matter how I may be mis-used, ill-treated, found fault with, or talked about, still I must not let that get into my heart, and not even expect others to ask my forgiveness. Then if anything happens to me, I would be ready to go, leaving it between them and the Lord—not me and them. I appreciate this great and valuable lesson to me.

The Lord has answered prayer for us in many ways the past year. I couldn't begin to tell of all of God's dealings with us, but I certainly appreciate them. We asked the Lord to help us get a large debt paid and He supplied work in El Reno, Okla. for a year until it was all paid. While it was only 55 miles from our home and the saints, it seemed that we were isolated. It certainly did make us appreciate the saints more now and the privilege of being in the services where the Lord anoints in what is said and done. We appreciate our pastors, Bro. and Sister Stover, so much and their sacrifice of love in caring for the congregation here at Guthrie. They are so interested in spiritual welfare of each one, and always have good encouraging words to help us. I appreciate all the saints.

Last year our youngest boy, Steven, then two years old, was bitten by a dog. We don't know what he did to the dog, but it knocked him down and was tearing into Steven's head when mother saw him and knocked the dog off. There was a large gash on top of Steven's head, two or three smaller ones, and a rip across his eyelid. The Lord wonderfully blessed that it didn't get his eye. We had prayer, and also called for prayer. It was mentioned that we take him to the doctor, but we obeyed the scripture in James 5:14-15. It was wonderful how Steven went on to sleep and never did suffer any more. The Lord healed it when we did our part. The scars are still there for a testimony.

We all took turns in having the flu in February while in El Reno before coming home in May. It was so precious how the Lord healed us when we didn't have any of the saints close to help or pray for us. "But the word of the Lord endureth forever." 1 Peter 1:25.

The Lord surely answered prayer in giving Troy work here, so we could come home when our debt was paid. He is so good to us. There's nothing so precious

as trusting the Lord for every need—spiritual, physical, financial or any other problem that may arise. I find that as we grow in the Lord he requires more of us. I feel a greater responsibility than I used to. I find that we live more for others and less for self.

I feel a greater need for more wisdom and carefulness than I ever have before. I desire to be an example here in the home and a faithful wife and mother. Our two boys are souls we will have to give an account for. I desire to implant the truth deep in their hearts while they are yet young. There is such a pressure from every direction, it seems, to work spiritual destruction. By God's help I will never give in to the cunning, sly ways of the enemy of our soul. The Lord has promised never to leave or forsake us. He gives no excuse for backsliding, so He will accept none in the day of judgment. That makes me to believe that God has grace for us to keep saved under any circumstance. "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Peter 4:18. "Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:15. This last scripture could be the key as to why the grace of God leaks out of many hearts. Pride isn't always found on the outside. Many times it is disguised. It can mean—"I want my way or my feelings are hurt," or "Someone has mistreated me and they must make it right or I'll tell others what they did," or "so and so didn't pay me the attention he should have and I was slighted." Maybe all of these things are true, but could not our reaction to them be a form of pride in us? Do we think more of self than we ought? Didn't the apostle Paul say, "I die daily"? No doubt he had to die out to many of these things the same as we do. Is it pride that keeps some from obeying the command in James 5:16? "Confess your faults one to another . . ." The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

I feel unworthy of all the Lord's precious dealings with me, but it makes my heart rejoice that He has been so patient in teaching me. It took years to learn some things, so it makes it priceless to me.

"But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. . . . Having a good conscience: that whereas they speak evil of you as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." We find it is so much better to let God fight our battles, but sometimes self gets in the way and we have to die out more when we thought self was dead. Pray for me that I will keep these wonderful truths always before me and continue to learn as He gives light and grace.

In Christian love,

Wilma Meek

Is Hades and Gehenna The Grave?

By Roger Burke

In the New Testament we find two more words which must be considered: **Hades**, and **Gehenna**.

The meaning of **Hades** is, "that which is in darkness, hidden, invisible, or obscure," and is used in the scriptures to denote the world of departed spirits. **Hades** is used several times in the New Testament, but in only one place are any identifying characteristics given. This is in the parable of the rich man

and Lazarus. (All quotations from the New Testament will be taken from the **Emphatic Diaglott**, by Benjamin Wilson, one of the most accurate Greek-English translations available.)

"And in **hades**, having lifted his eyes, being in torments, he [the rich man] sees Abraham from a distance, and Lazarus in his bosom. And crying out he said, O Father Abraham, do thou pity me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and may cool my tongue; for I am in pain in this flame." Luke 16:23, 24. In the 28th verse the rich man refers to **hades** as "this place of torment." How much plainer does the Bible need to be? In **hades** people (1) can see, (2) can talk, (3) are in pain, and (4) are tormented by fire. The dead bodies in the physical grave neither do nor suffer any of these things, therefore **hades** is not the grave.

The term most frequently used by Jesus in speaking of the punishment of the wicked is **Gehenna**. "**Gehenna**" is the Greek form of "Valley of the Son of Hinnom," therefore, to fully understand what **Gehenna** represents, we need to examine the Old Testament account of Hinnom and Tophet, another name for Hinnom. If the reader will read 2 Kings 23:10; 2 Chron. 28:3; 33:6; Jer. 7:31; and Isa. 30:33, he will see that even before 621 B. C., when Josiah stopped the worship of Molech in the Valley of Hinnom, it was renowned as a place of fire where children were burnt to death and made to pass through the fire in false religious rites. Because of its notoriety, Jesus used **Gehenna** as an example of what the future punishment of the wicked was to be. The following descriptions of **Gehenna** at Jesus' time by Biblical authorities will further emphasize this.

"Into this place [**Gehenna**] were cast all kinds of filth, with the carcasses of beasts, and the unburied bodies of criminals who had been executed. **Continual fires were kept to consume these.**"

"This [**Gehenna**] was originally the Valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned."

Some people may argue that since **Gehenna** was a literal place it is not meant as the place of eternal punishment when it occurs in the New Testament, but this is no sound objection whatsoever, for did not Jesus liken His truth to literal seed (Matt. 13:18-23), and the kingdom of God to wheat (Matt. 13:24-30), fruit trees (Matt. 7:16-20), and a grapevine (John 15:1-8)? And did he not tell the disciples that he spoke in these symbols "Because it is given to you to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven; but it is not given to them [the others who heard Him]," Matt. 13:11? Those who pretend that Jesus spoke only of the literal **Gehenna** are even more blind than the disciples when they thought Christ meant literal bread when He told them to beware of the leaven of the Sadducees and Pharisees, referring to their false doctrines and self-righteousness. But the only way to settle the question is to examine the scriptures in which Jesus spoke of **Gehenna**.

These two verses tell us the purpose of **Gehenna**: "But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother

without cause, shall be liable to the tribunal; and whoever shall say to his brother; Vile fellow, shall be liable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever shall say; O fool, shall be liable to the Gehenna of fire." Matt. 5:22. "O serpents, O broods of vipers; how can you flee from the judgment of Gehenna?" Matt. 23:33. These statements of Jesus prove that Gehenna was a place of punishment and judgment—not merely a literal place for garbage. The latter verse definitely implies that the Pharisees and scribes were to suffer the judgment of Gehenna, yet nowhere do we find in history that the men He spoke to were ever cast into the literal Gehenna. Is it not reasonable to conclude then that the Gehenna referred to was not Jerusalem's garbage dump, as the soul-sleepers would like us to think, but a place of punishment after death?

"And be not afraid of those killing the body, but not being able to kill the life [that is, the soul—the life-giving principle]; but rather be afraid of him being able to destroy both life and body in Gehenna." Matt. 10:28. "And I say to you my friends: Be you not afraid of those killing the body, and after that not having [or: are not able] anything more to do. And I will point out to you, whom you should fear: you should fear him who, after having killed, has authority to cast into Gehenna; yes I say to you, him fear you." Luke 12:4, 5.

Can the soul be confined in a literal valley? No, for it returns to God. Then must not this One whom we should fear be God, who will take the wicked soul after it has returned to Him, and cast it into a Gehenna-like place where it shall be punished for its sins? Surely, this is the only logical conclusion. Is it reasonable to assume that the burial place of the body has any effect on the soul's welfare? Such an assumption would be completely unreasonable. What then do these verses mean since they both refer to the body? The answer is found in 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 51-53. "And thus is the resurrection of the dead ones. It [the body] is sown [buried] in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown an animal body, it is raised a spiritual body. Lo, I speak to you a mystery, we shall not indeed all be asleep, but we shall all be changed [it says all, not just the righteous as the soul-sleepers claim], in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (For it shall sound, and the dead ones shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.) For it is necessary that this corruptible be clothed with incorruption, and this mortal be clothed with immortality."

Through these verses we see that at Christ's second coming the wicked, as well as the righteous, will be raised with an indestructible body. It is this body which Jesus referred to when he spoke of "both life and body" being cast into Gehenna. Also, we can see from this that Gehenna refers to the place of punishment after the resurrection, whereas sheol and hades is the place where the wicked are being kept now in readiness for the final judgment. What a terrible day it will be when those who put their trust

in the doctrine of no-hell will be raised up from their graves and cast, wailing and crying for mercy, into that fearful Gehenna which they claimed was only a garbage dump!

"If therefore thy hand or thy foot insnares thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee; it is good for thee to enter into life lame or a cripple, than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the age-lasting fire. And if thy eye insnares thee, tear it out, and cast it from thee, it is good for thee to enter into life one-eyed, than having two eyes to be cast into the Gehenna of fire." Matt. 18:8, 9.

In these verses Gehenna is referred to as "the age-lasting fire." "Age" is a translation of the Greek word *aioon*, which means "an indefinite period of time, past, present, or future." Actually, we have no proper equivalent for it in the English language. Benjamin Wilson says, in regard to its meaning: "The context will determine, generally, what age is referred to—the Jewish, Christian, Messianic, or the endless succession of ages." (For further evidence that *aioon* means "everlasting" see the following verses in which the original Greek word translated "forever" and "everlasting" is *aioon*: John 8:35; Rom. 6:22; 9:15; 16:26; 2 Cor. 9:9; 1 Peter 1:25; Heb. 1:8; 5:9; 9:12, 14; 13:8; Rev. 1:6; 4:9; 1 Tim. 1:17; and 2 Tim. 2:10.)

RATS IN THE BEER VATS

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 16:25.

"Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted." Proverbs 31:5.

The beer business is a queer business. There is death connected with it any way you take it. Do the beer drinkers know that every year thousands of rats leap into the beer vats, die and rot there? That fine flavor in your favorite beer may be only the essence of dead rats. You have all heard the term, "The Brewery Rats." Rats are the pests of the brewery. They can smell a carcass. They come in great droves. The brewery can poison them, trap them, or kill them in other ways, but they still come. It is difficult to make a rat-proof brewery. It will be a matter of special interest, now that beer is back, to know that rats are crazy about malt when it is fermenting. They will even climb a ladder to get near the malt in the beer vat. In the days before the coming of prohibition the brewers had hard work to keep rats out of their vats. Climbing to the top of the vat a hungry rat, crazy to get to the fermenting malt, would lean down toward the beer and presently would fall in. He would go to the bottom and drown, and under the foam on top of the beer could not be seen.

Some of the brewers used to keep a paddle with which to fish out the dead rats in the early morning. Often it was impossible to see the rat and he would lie there until the third day when he would gradually swell and rise above the bottom of the vat, so that it was now easier to get the paddle under the dead

rat and lift him out of the beer. Of course some vats would be drained off without a single dead rat in them, while in other vats there would be several rats.

Not only rats, but the dead bodies of two men, a Negro and a Mexican, came out of a huge beer vat in a brewery in St. Louis, Mo. "When I was an intern in a St. Louis Hospital," writes a reputable Los Angeles physician, "we boys, as young doctors, heard of a raid on a brewery, so we went down to see what was going on.

"The vat was being emptied into a sewer. We saw, not only cooked rats, but the bodies of a Negro and a Mexican, who had been drowned by accident, taken out of the vat."

Here is an authentic letter from the files written by a former brewery employee:

"I was once handy man at a brewery in Iowa. All of the water used in the manufacture of the beer came from an overflow pool in a pasture, used alike by horses, cows and hogs.

"To my amazement, on the first day I discovered the malt to be full of maggots and I asked the brewer what to do.

"'Never mind,' he replied, 'scoop it in. That won't hurt.'

"I had to repair the empty kegs. These kegs had been filled and refilled. In between times they were thrown among the weeds alongside the brewery. Mice, snakes, and toads in various stages of decomposition were found in those kegs.

"Finally we were told to clean the storage vat. Descending into the vat, we found ourselves wading in a loblolly of hair, bones and other rat and beer refuse. Rats were scurrying everywhere."

As late as December of last year the *Brewers' Journal* wrote: "The condition of the beer dispensing equipment today is an accumulation of slime, growths and contaminating organisms, as evidenced and now proved by the great amount of complaints received by the brewer that beer has 'gone sour.'"

Many persons have wondered why beer has a bitter and acid taste. May not this peculiar taste come from the flavor of the rats that have lost their lives through their fondness for fermenting malt?

Persons who are thinking of cultivating a taste for beer would do well to make sure that all the rats have been destroyed in the vicinity of the brewery they intend to patronize. Be sure that there is no rat taste in the beer you drink. If the poison has been taken out, it is not real beer.

—The National Voice

God is never in a hurry but spends years with those He expects to greatly use. He never thinks the days of preparation too long or too dull. Think of Joseph, Noah, Samuel and others whom God used after going through severe trials. Can we also say "Amen" to God's will in our lives?

Though you cannot please all the people, see to it that you are pleasing God in all things.

The Bright Side of Life

There is a bright side of life—
This side we all should live.
Makes all around us happy,
And when treated wrong—forgive.

Be happy and contented,
And live a noble life;
Always lend a helping hand
In sickness, pain or strife.

Let us never fret or worry
If things are moving slow;
Look always on the bright side,
And let the dark side go.

Never worry about the dark side—
It is sure to take you wrong.
Look always on the bright side,
And sing a cheerful song.

Look always on the bright side,
For troubles will come around.
Be ready with a smiling face
To smooth all troubles down.

Always reach for the bright side,
And keep this rule in sight—
If Satan tries to down you,
Just pray with all your might.

For we cannot retrace our footsteps
When once we pass this way.
We are hastening to another world,
And here we cannot stay.

—Sister Corene Foster

Humility is the key that opens the gate of prayer which, to the loud knocking of pride, there comes no answer. The kingdom of God belongs to those who are lowly. They may not wear an earthly crown, but a crown of glory, unseen by men, rests even here upon their heads.

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GOD'S HAND IN HISTORY

Printed PortionIsaiah 10:5-7, 12-15; 14:24-27

5. O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

12. Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

13. For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:

14. And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

15. Shall the ax boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.

14:24. The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25. That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this the hand that is stretched upon all the nations.

27. For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Memory Verse: The Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? Isa. 14:27.

Practical Truth: God can use even heathen people in carrying out His purposes.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The first verse in our lesson brings out the fact that the Assyrians, who were enemies of Judah, was a "rod" in God's hand. Judah needed to be punished because of their hypocrisy. They were going to be tread down like the mire in the streets. A nation cannot do wrong without being punished. God is ruling in the universe. We remember how God taught Nebuchadnezzar this lesson. When he had learned it, he said, "All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" Dan. 4:36. God had told Nebuchadnezzar that "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." (v. 32). Today God is ruling in this world. He is letting wicked men rule and do evil because that is what most of the people are wanting. Their hearts are wicked and they put in that kind of men to rule.

The latter part of our lesson brings out the fact that the Assyrians are punished because they begin to boast because they have conquered. They glory in the riches they have seized and stolen from their rightful owners. They do not recognize God in any of it. "Shall the axe vaunt itself over him who hews with it?" God is ruling and is purposing that which shall be done and who shall disannul it or turn it back? This or any nation can only yield to God because He is ruling and permitting that which is best to help people get to heaven.

September 11, 1960

ISAIAH'S VISION OF THE MESSIAH

Printed PortionIsaiah 11:1-9

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Memory Verse: He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4.

Practical Truth: Peace follows righteous dealings on the part of men and nations.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Isaiah is sometimes called the "gospel preacher." God gave him a vision of what would come to pass in the gospel dispensation. Today we are enjoying the blessings of salvation that was prophesied by him.

Jesus was a descendant of Jesse, and with the ruling of kings, beginning with David, He is still ruling His people today. In studying the life of Christ while he was here on earth, we find in him all the qualities mentioned in our lesson by Isaiah. Jesus confounded the doctors and men of learning in His day. He did "not judge by the sight of his eyes nor the hearing of the ear" but it is mentioned many times that He "knew their thoughts." Jesus fearlessly told people to their face the things that were wrong with them. Truly he had the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might.

In the last verse it speaks of the "holy mountain." This refers to Jerusalem which was situated upon a mountain. Spiritually speaking, it represents the Church of God. A person has to be "born again" to get into God's Church. Their nature is changed. Those who have lion-like natures are made to be peaceable. The wolf, bear and leopard nature is taken out and replaced with the nature of a lamb and a dove. Praise the Lord! Salvation does something for a person. The child need not fear those who have had the snake-like natures removed. All who are in God's church are at peace.

September 18, 1960

FALSE LEADERSHIP BRINGS RUIN

Printed PortionMicah 3:1-6, 9-12

1. And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?

2. Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3. Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4. Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5. Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

3:9. Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.

10. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.

12. Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Memory Verse: The ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein. Hosea 14:9.

Practical Truth: Ungodly leadership can bring ruin to people.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The first part of our lesson brings out the fact that the leaders of the house of Israel were cruel in their dealings with the people, yet it seems they believed in God with a head knowledge. It would take a genuine repentance and acknowledgment of their wrong doings to avert judgment. They had gone into great darkness. It is a dangerous thing to trifle with God. When a person knows what to do and continues to go against that knowledge, he gets into a serious condition. Rebellion is a terrible sin. Meditate on verse 6, and read 2 Thess. 2:10-12.

The last verse tells us what was to happen to Jerusalem, and history tells us that it did come to pass. What a serious thing it is to deal unrighteously with others and lead them astray!

Leadership in the world governments today are becoming very corrupt. Ruin is ahead for that nation that forgets God. We are told that Russia and China are spending billions of dollars annually for the printing and circulation of literature which is fixed up very attractive with pictures showing great prosperity. The literature doesn't contain crime, sex or liquor but glorifies the communist way of life. The devil is at work in a sly way to lead people into atheism. False leaders will be pun-

ished for their evil work. Let us work and send forth the TRUTH through the printed page to combat the false and evil ways of Satan.

September 25, 1960

WHAT THE LORD REQUIRES

Printed PortionMicah 6:1-8

1. Hear ye now what the Lord saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2. Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

3. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4. For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5. O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8. He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Memory Verse: He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Practical Truth: True religion does not consist of empty forms, but of righteous conduct and sincere worship.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson opens with a controversy. God calls for the mountains to stand as a witness of how He had shown mercy to His people. God reminds the people of all the blessings they have received and their faithful leaders that He had sent with them.

Verses six and seven seem to be the questions asked by the people and then verse eight is the answer given by the Lord.

The people seem to feel that sacrifices could take the place of obedience and righteous living. Today people are of the same opinion. A man may steal, lie or practice gross immorality but if he discharges certain religious obligations he is in good standing religiously. Such doctrine and thoughts of the people are pleasing to the human, depraved heart but is utterly foreign to the teachings of the Bible. Bible salvation brings a change of heart. Putting on a Sunday religion and taking it off on Monday is not of God. Bible salvation will cause you to live a holy, clean life every day of the week and every week of the month. Praise the Lord for the "grace of God" that is given to every born again child of God. We love to "do justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with God," every day of the year.

—Sister Marie Miles