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FAITH

Faith is a living power from heaven
That grasps the promise God hath given;
A trust that cannot be overthrown,
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need
To save or strengthen us indeed;
Receives the grace He sends us down,
And makes us share His cross and crown.

Faith in the conscience worketh peace,
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim,
And give all honor to One Name.

Faith feels the Spirit's kindling breath
In love and hope that conquer death;
Faith worketh hourly joy in God,
And trusts and blesses e'en the rod.

We thank Thee then, O God of heaven,
That Thou to us this faith hast given
In Jesus Christ Thy Son, who is
Our only Fount and source of bliss.

—Selected

The Most High Ruleth Over All

In the various forms and processes of civil government, many people seem to ignore or forget the Scriptural truth that God, the King of kings and Lord of lords, rules above and beyond the will of man in such matters.

The prophet Daniel, who was taken captive from Jerusalem to Babylon by the Chaldean king, Nebuchadnezzar, lived in the time of the fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah (Jer. 25:8-11) when the God of heaven decreed that this heathen king of Babylon should take God's people, the Jews, captive to Babylon for a period of seventy years as punishment for their sins. In turn, at the expiration of

seventy years the king of Babylon and the nation likewise were to be punished for their iniquity. See Jer. 25:12.

While Daniel was in Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, the king, dreamed a dream which troubled him, but he could not tell the dream. He demanded his wise men to tell the dream and the interpretation thereof, or else. God intervened and revealed the entire secret to Daniel in a night vision. In Dan. 2:20-22 we read: "Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him." Here the prophet clearly states that God removes and sets up the rulers.

The king's dream, given to make known to him what should come to pass thereafter, was of a great image whose "form thereof was terrible." The image's head was of fine gold. Daniel stood before Nebuchadnezzar and said: "Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all." (Dan. 2:37-38). Who gave the king this great authority? God. Nebuchadnezzar ruled by "divine right" because God had set him up.

Later in his reign, Nebuchadnezzar learned from God that "those that walk in pride he is able to abase." Dan. 4:37. The king had another dream—that of a great tree whose height reached unto heaven. A command from heaven came to "hew down the tree," but leave the stump thereof. The prophet Daniel said, "This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Dan. 4:17. Again Daniel stands before the king and in-

interprets the dream in these words: "This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: that they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule." Dan. 4:25, 26.

At the end of twelve months Nebuchadnezzar spoke words of pride and claimed all the glory of the kingdom for himself. (The great city of Babylon was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.) Then while the words were in his mouth, a voice from heaven said to him, "The kingdom is departed from thee." In the same hour the prediction was fulfilled, and the king was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen for seven years. At the end of the days the king said: "I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: and 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. 4:34, 35. Many today have never learned what the king of Babylon learned the hard way—that "the heavens do rule," and "none can stay his hand."

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul agrees with the prophet Daniel in the doctrine of the "divine right of kings and rulers" when he writes to the saints at Rome in these words: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." Rom. 13:1, 2. The saints of God are duty bound by divine command to obey the laws of the land as long as they do not conflict with God's higher law to us. An example of a conflict is noted in the experience of the three Hebrew boys who refused to bow down to the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Their cause was justified and God miraculously delivered them through the fiery furnace.

At present there is a great politico-religious agitation sweeping the land, endeavoring to secure votes for one candidate or another. The saints of God who know that "the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men" will not become involved or over anxious, but rest quietly in God's appointment. A single vote or all the votes will not change God's ordered plan in the fulfillment of prophecy. "The cup of iniquity" is rapidly filling up. Spiritual and moral conditions of the world will get progressively worse to the end of

time. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:12, 37-39.

John the Revelator points to the fact that all the evil forces will combine to "compass the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city," (Rev. 20:9) and who can stop it?

In these days it would be well for us to take heed to Paul's exhortation to Timothy: "I exhort thee therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim. 2:1-4.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

The Conversion of Hudson Taylor

Hudson Taylor, founder of China Inland Mission says that about 1830 his father became so interested in the spiritual condition of China, that he was led to pray that if God ever gave him a son, he might be privileged to labor as a missionary there; a prayer unknown to the son until after seven years of service in that mission-field. Though carefully trained to the study of God's word and a life of devotion, yet at the age of fifteen the lad was a skeptic.

Of his conversion he says: "One day, which I shall never forget, when I was about fifteen years old my dear mother being absent from home some eight miles away, I had a holiday. I searched through the library for a book to while away time. I selected a gospel tract which looked unattractive, saying, there will be an interesting story at the commencement, and a sermon or moral at the end; I will take the former and leave the latter for those who like it. I little knew what was going on in the heart of my dear mother. She arose from the dinner-table with an intense yearning for the conversion of her boy, and feeling that being from home, and having more leisure than she otherwise would, there was a special opportunity afforded her of pleading with God for me. She went to her bed-room and turned the key in the door and resolved not to leave the room until her prayers were answered. Hour after hour did that dear mother plead for me, until she could only praise God for the conversion of her son. In the meantime as I was reading the tract, "The Finished Work of Christ," a light was flashed into my soul by the Holy Spirit, that there was nothing to be done, but to fall on my knees and accept the Saviour and his salvation, and praise God forevermore. While my mother was praising God in her closet, I was praising him in the old ware

house, where I had retired to read my book. When I met mother at the door on her return with the glad news, she said; "I know, my boy; I have been rejoicing for a fortnight in the glad tidings you have to tell me."

Many souls are lost for want of persistent pleading with God in their behalf. Time that might be used in prayer is consumed in other ways, and souls and opportunities pass forever from our reach. For those hours of pleading God, this faithful mother received not only her son for God, but the great work God put into his hands—China Inland Mission. Hudson Taylor has led out into the hearts of China more than one hundred and seventy apostolic missionaries, none of whom receive support except through faith in God.

—Anna Abrams, in Vanguard.

Eternal Security (?)

There is a teaching in the world which they call "eternal security." They say "once saved, always saved." This is a teaching that many are resting upon and are being deceived. When people sin wilfully and with a knowledge of it being sin they lose their sanctification and their justification. Before they are ready for heaven they will have to repent of that sin. Now mistakes are not sin, even though mistakes need to be cleared up and repented of. None of us are perfect in wisdom or knowledge. Yet I say our mistakes should be farther apart because the Bible says we will "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour." (II Pet. 3:18) That is the reason the Apostle Peter teaches the "newborn babes [to] desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." (I Pet. 2:2) A person who sins should not just quit but seek the Lord for forgiveness and he will restore them the joys of salvation. The Apostle John writes, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous: . . . hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him," (I John 3:1-4) By this reading we see that a person who says he is "once saved, always saved" and commits sin, thus do not keep the commandments is called a liar by the Apostle John. He is not ready to die. He does not have any assurance of a life beyond the grave.

One person told me that I need not worry or be burdened for an unsaved loved one who was a backslider because if one was once saved he is all right. Oh such a false teaching. We plainly have the case of Peter who denied Jesus after he was taken by wicked men to crucify. Peter cursed and swore that he did not know Jesus, but when Jesus looked at him it melted his heart and he went out and wept bitterly. Peter surely did backslide and fall from grace. He could have rebelled and died without God or hope.

We read in Ex. 32:32-33 how God told Moses, when he plead with God to forgive the children of

Israel for their sins and not destroy them, but to blot his name out of the book, that "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Our names are written in the book of life when we are saved. In Phil. 4:3 we read of some whose names are in the book of life. Then in Rev. 20:11-15 we read about the vision of John of the end of time. The book of life was opened and "whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Here is proof that a name can be blotted out of the book of life and if the person doesn't repent it will not be put back there. That person who is resting in the fact that he was once saved will always be saved is deceived and he needs to be stirred or his soul will go down to eternal damnation.

Some will say they are kept by the power of God, therefore they can never fall. Only those who are obedient "are kept by the power of God through faith." (I Pet. 1:5). Love is the evidence of faith, and wilful obedience to God is love put into action. Peter addressed these as "Elect according to the fore knowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience." (I Pet. 1:2) If a man is sanctified of the Spirit to obedience, he is an obedient believer. Again, "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance; but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of [conduct] conversation." (I Pet. 1:14, 15) We have to be obedient to God and be holy to be kept by the power of God. Just obedient children of God are included in the above scriptures. These corrupt teachings crumble and fall before the plain teachings of God's Word.

In conclusion we read the plain truth about this in Ezekiel 3:20 "When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity, [backslide] and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand." This plainly teaches a man may fall from grace and perish forever. Surely we should take heed for "he that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

—Mrs. Marie Miles.

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Editorials

It seems good to us to be back again in the office and Print Shop, doing the work that the Lord has made weighty upon our hearts. For about ten days I was unable to put my foot to the floor without awful pain and suffering. Thanks be to God and the prayers of the saints He has touched my foot and leg with healing virtue and it is so much better at this writing that we can be in the office at work again. All praises be to His matchless name.

While lifting and pulling on some heavy loads I strained the leaders in my knee and it troubled me for some time and then the soreness went down into the calf of the leg. My leg and ankle swelled up and became inflamed. We kept our faith for healing entirely in the hands of God and there was nothing done about it only praying to God. He came on the scene in a very precious way. We give him all the glory and thank the saints for their interest shown in praying and sending us "Get Well" cards. Those things, though they may seem little to some, mean much to one in an affliction. To lay on my back and not be able to take care of the many duties in the office and print shop was hard for me to do, but the Lord gave grace and patience. O, Lord, "how great thou art!"

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I have been thinking of what mighty and wonderful results are obtained by man's obedience or disobedience to little sayings or little words which we find in the scriptures. For instance in the 5th verse of the third chapter of James we read about the tongue, which is a small member in our body, and what great harm it can do if not tamed by obedience to the teaching of God's word and be brought into subjection to His pleasure. James compared it to a little fire which would grow and grow until great damage would be done. The big Chicago fire, which took place many years ago, started from a small blaze. It is reported that a cow kicked a lantern over into the hay and from that small blaze, great blocks of the city were finally consumed. I read of a man that filled his truck tank full of gasoline and some of it got on his overcoat lapel. He got in his truck and started up the road. He lit a cigarette and a tiny spark set the coat afire. He stopped the truck quickly and pulled off his coat. He threw it into the grass by the road and the grass caught fire. The fire burned up a man's car and barn. All was done from a tiny spark of fire.

James says, "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." He says, "So is the tongue among our members." It is also true today that there are tongues among the members of the body of Christ who say things that are imagined and cause great distress, grief and sorrow. It seems easy for them to find fuel to feed on and it keeps going and going and

getting larger and larger, as it travels from mouth to mouth. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" One who has a fault finding spirit can do great harm and cause much grief and sorrow among the family of God and at the same time feign to be a meek, humble child in the family of God. If the enemies' agents did not put on sheep's clothing, they would not be so hard for the common run of saints to detect. A brother asked me one time if I meant what I wrote for him. My answer was, "If you are guilty it is for you; if you are not guilty it is not for you." Our writings are to the church in general, and not to any special one. To speak evil of another is contrary to the Word of God. In Titus 3:2 Paul says, "To speak evil of no man." In the 13th chapter of I Cor. we are instructed not even to think evil.



In the 15th chapter of I Cor. and the 34th verse we read, "Awake to righteousness and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." The two words, "Sin not" are very small words, but man's obedience to them will bring happiness, joy and contentment with an assurance of a life with God beyond the grave. But by disobeying these two little words he will bring upon himself, grief, sorrow and the great vengeance of God in the end. We read in 2 Thess., first chapter and 8th verse that God will appear in that great Judgment day, "with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." What an awful heart-rending cry will surely go up from the Christ rejecters in that day! The Holy Bible is full of warnings against sin and evil of every kind and nature. No one needs to be in the dark in this matter, except that he just wants to be. John says in the third chapter of I John and the 8th verse that, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." Jesus says in John 8:34 that, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." This is just the same as saying that those who sin are the servants of Satan and they will come under the head of, "For some have not the knowledge of God," which I quoted before from I Cor. 15:34. Those professing to be the Lord's and at the same time keep committing sin and justifying themselves, yet placing the wrong meaning on the sacred scriptures, do not have a true knowledge of God. They wrest the scriptures from their right meaning and bring destruction upon themselves and upon those that hear them. Paul says to the Corinthians, "I speak this to your shame." It surely is a shame and a disgrace to think of the multitude of thousands who are being deceived by preachers who have not a true knowledge of God. Many souls, who do not love the truth and come clean for God, are opening their hearts to be subject to receive strong delusions from God Himself. Read about it in 2 Thess. 2:11-12th verses. He says he will send strong delusions to people who do not receive a love for the truth that they might be damned. It is a dangerous thing to disobey some of the small words found in God's sacred book. "We

know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not." Ist Jno. 5:18. Here they leave off the little word "not" and by word and actions make out God's word to lie.

You take the little word, "If" for instance. It is a small word but so many do not seem to take heed to the deep and far reaching meaning that it conveys to honest, truth-seeking souls. Listen to the "Ifs" in a few scriptures and look to God to obey them for it means life or death to your soul. "Behold therefore the goodness and the severity of God: on them which FELL, severity: but toward thee, goodness, IF thou CONTINUE IN His goodness: OTHERWISE THOU ALSO SHALT BE CUT OFF." Rom. 11:22. "... For we are made partakers of Christ, IF WE HOLD the beginning of our confidence STEADFAST UNTO THE END." Heb. 3:14.

With these positive statements some discard the little word "If" and say they cannot fall from grace even though they sin more or less all the time. These teachers have not the true knowledge of God and it has to be spoken to their shame.

What a shame it is that we have so many preachers filling the pulpits in our land who have not a true knowledge of God. Multitudes of precious souls will be lost and will weep and wail on that great Judgment day because these unlearned preachers have deceived them. Many lay members, of different so-called churches in our land, are paying their preachers large salaries to teach them from the scriptures, in such a way, that will keep them in the ways of the world which is the enemy of God. They are leading them to damnation and everlasting burnings where, Jesus says, "their worm [soul] dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." (Mark 9:46) Truly, such preachers are to be shamed and what an awful ending they will have, God only knows.

You take the little word, "It." Any school boy or girl can tell you that the word "It", means just one and no more. Today we find many of low and high education doing away with the meaning of this little word. They say and act like all these so-called churches in the land are the Lord's. They ignore the true meaning of this little word and make out the Lord to be a polygamist. They keep souls deceived and away from the true and only one Church, which God through Christ has built and is functioning in the world. God the Father had the Church planned and was showing it forth by types and shadows long before Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. In Hebrews 3:4 we read that "every house is builded by some man, but he that built all things is God." Moses was faithful in his house which prefigured the real house or Church. Moses was faithful as a servant of things to be spoken after. When Christ began to build the Church he was working in the plan of God which would fulfill the types and shadows arranged by God through Moses. Jesus was more than a servant; he was the Son of God and in one place he said, "I do always those things that please the Father." That is one more reason why Jesus made it so plain to the disciples that they were to be kept in His Fa-

ther's name. Jesus built the real house or Church. Moses merely built the shadow or type of it, so God admonished him and said, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." Heb. 8:5. It is the only church against which the gates of hell will not prevail. In Matt. 16:18 we read, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my Church: and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against IT." Christ was that Rock, for we read in Matt. 21:42, in part, "The stone which the builders rejected, [The Jews] the same is become the head of the corner." In Eph. 2:20 we read, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets; Jesus Christ himself being the Chief corner stone." In I Cor. 3:11 we read, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." In the verse preceding this one we have warnings for every man to take heed how he buildeth thereon. The one true Church which Jesus has built was not made by man, neither did man have any part in it only as God worked in and through him both to will and to do of his good pleasure. We read in Heb. 8:2, in speaking of his sanctuary, his tabernacle, which is the Church, he says thus of Christ, "A minister of the sanctuary, and the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." Often in the scriptures we find these words, "Let no man deceive you." Therefore we say unto all of our readers, let no man deceive you with vain words and by wresting of the scriptures from their proper meaning. Paul says in Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto your selves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

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In this issue of the Faith and Victory paper you will find an envelope with our return address on it. In this envelope you will find space for the name and address of ten "three months" subscriptions for the Faith and Victory paper. These subscriptions will begin with the January issue of 1961 and be sent out through the winter months, when people generally read more. On page 7 of this November paper you will find a list of articles to be given with every ten, three month subscriptions. This will give you a good opportunity to do some missionary work for the Lord and at the same time receive a gift for your own encouragement. God wants every soul to have a chance to read and hear the truth whether they receive it or not. Last year we received between 3500 and 4000 new names for the paper through the three months offer and in the last issue to them we inserted a subscription blank for their renewal to the paper and you would be surprised to know how many renewed when the three months expired. More renewed their subscriptions than ever before. This is a chance for you to do a good work for souls and for God.

We are taught in the Word not to be "slothful in business" and that our "labors are not in vain in the Lord." We are not to become "weary in well doing, for we shall reap if we faint not." One morning as I

was going from the office to my house I saw a little boy whom I presume was six or seven years old. He had been to the store and bought groceries. There he was down on the side walk with the paper sack all torn apart and the contents scattered out upon the side walk. He was in awful trouble and knew not what to do. He was overcome with grief. I went into my house and got another paper sack and put his groceries in it. He went on his way home a happy boy. You may say, "You did him a good turn," but, oh, how much better turn you or I could do if we get someone interested in their soul by sending them the Faith and Victory paper for three months. I listened to a message given from the pulpit yesterday with the text, "No man cared for my soul." (Psa. 142:4) Let us ask ourselves the question, How much do I care for the souls of men and women that are lost?

Obituary

Rosco Dungee Mustin was called to his heavenly home, Sept. 23, 1960. He was born in Okfuskee Co., Okla., October 30, 1939 to the union of Walter and Mary Mustin.

He was a very humble and obedient child trying at all times to do what little he could to help look after the family and please his parents.

Survivors are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mustin of the home; one sister, Helen Mustin of Valejo, Calif.; two brothers, William Mustin of the home, John Anthony Mustin of Los Angeles Calif; a host of other relatives and friends.

Sermon by Ulysses Phillips with Bro. W. W. Crawley and T. Lillie assisting.

AN OBITUARY CORRECTION

Adella Kingsbury was born 1882, married in 1898 and departed this life Aug. 8, 1960. Funeral services by W. T. Tomlin, assisted by Bro. Bruner.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember Sis. Robbins in prayer for a nervous condition, also her daughter who has leukemia.

Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sis. Marie Miles,—These few lines come from a bleeding heart. I have such heavy grief. It is so hard to eat and my nervous system is a wreck. I wasn't nervous before. It was such a shock to have to sit there in the court room and see my three sons there with a lawyer hired to fight against God and trying to take my little girl away from me. O please dear saints, pray earnestly with us until God brings her home. Please pray for my physical body. —The least of God's children.

Calif.—Dear saints,—I love all of God's people. I read the Faith and Victory paper, and many books on the Church of God. I have read many of the saints' books teaching the way of salvation. I love this beautiful one way to heaven. I want to be found among the faithful. I am 75 years old and have been a cripple from arthritis 18 years. Some days I can hardly get about. I believe in Divine Healing. I never take any medicine. I believe all the scriptures on this subject. Please pray for me that I may be healed. I have stomach and kidney trouble and terrible headaches. I know God has power to heal. Pray for my daughter and son, who live with me that they may get saved and healed.

I pray for the dear saints when they request prayers. Pray that I may get a closer walk with God. Pray earnestly for an unspoken request.

One who loves the Bible,

—Ethel Kirk.

Dear Saints everywhere: Please pray earnestly for a young mother of two precious children. Her husband deserted her and she is not saved. She is about to have a nervous break down. She has to work to support her children. Once before she almost lost her mind but the dear Lord undertook for her. Pray that the Lord will turn her heart toward her children. It seems she does not care for anything.

The oldest child grieves for its father and is heart broken over its mother. The child is only a baby but his little heart is torn. Pray earnestly.

—A Broken Hearted Mother.

Pray God to awaken the 33 million Roman Catholics in America that are bound for eternity with nothing but a crucifix, a prayer book, and a string of pagan beads. How sad!

PREMIUMS

Special Three Months' Offer

(SELECT ONE OF PREMIUMS BELOW)

Unfold the enclosed self-addressed envelope and you will find spaces marked off for ten names and addresses of friends and neighbors whom you want to receive the "Faith and Victory" paper for three months, beginning with the January issue. Write the names and addresses on lines prepared, enclose a dollar bill, check, or postal money order, write name of premium desired in blank, then fold the envelope back as it was, stamp and seal. This offer will expire on the first week in December, 1960. Send in the names as soon as you can. This liberal offer is made possible by free-will offerings of the saints.

How I Got Faith. Experiences in the ministry of the converted Kentucky infidel, Willis M. Brown. This book contains 200 pages. Retail price, 50 cents.

The Corrupt Tree, 40 pages; **A Great Sacrifice**, 32 pages; **The Church of God**. These three books as one premium. Retail price, 25 cents each.

God's Gracious Dealings by Fred Pruitt, 224 pages, very interesting. Some people get saved by reading this book. Retail price, 50 cents.

Touching Incidents for Children. 135 pages, containing many pictures with a beautiful paper cover. Retail price, 75 cents.

Selected Articles and Editorials. Paper bound, 256 pages of very interesting reading. Contains writings of your editor over a period of forty years. Retail price is 50 cents.

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My Life's Story and Healings by Nellie Poulos. 141 pages, paper bound. —A wonderful life of faith and healings from the Lord. Retail price 50 cents.

The Christian Home Wall Calendar for 1961. The pictures are beautifully colored. A scripture text for each day of 1961, and daily thoughts for meditation. Retail price 40c each.

Where today may be but hard and solid stone,
By God's grace can become His very Throne—
Our Heart!

Meeting Notices

HAMMOND, LOUISIANA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The saints at Hammond and the Oak Grove congregation at Loranger, La. have felt it would be good to have an assembly meeting this fall. The meeting will be held on the camp grounds at Hammond, La. and will run eight days, Nov. 20 through Nov. 27.

We invite all the saints who may feel led of the Lord to attend. Also others who may be interested. All who come will be cared for. Meals will be served on the grounds.

We are looking to the Lord to burden the hearts of the ministers whom he may be able to use to His glory at this meeting. M. F. Williamson, 203 White St., Hammond, La. Phone 3007.

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT WARRENSBURG, MO.

All day services are held each third Sunday of the month at Warrensburg, Mo. in the upstairs of the Hursh building located at 215½ N. Holden St. It is across from the Court House. Every one is welcome to come and worship with us.

—The Warrensburg Saints.

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT WEBB CITY, MO.

There will be all-day meeting the first Sunday of each month until farther notice at the chapel which is located at 421 So. Devon.

Sis. Ersa Carrick, Pastor.

ALL DAY MEETING AT SAPULPA, OKLA.

October 30th will be the last all-day meeting at the Sapulpa Road Chapel on the fifth Sunday until spring. Everyone is welcome to come and worship the Lord together with us.

—Richard Madden, Pastor, R. 13, Box 303,
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Testimonies

III.—Dear saints of God,—Holy greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Oh, how wonderful and glorious it is to enjoy the privilege of salvation. Isn't it a blessing that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin? How I thank and praise the Lord for sending his Son, Jesus into the world, that he might redeem man.

Truly, I thank God for his saving grace; I thank him for being saved and sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus.

Matt. 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." The word of God is a declaration within itself, and every word is true, and if we have heaven in our view—our best opportunity is to receive it in our hearts; believe it, and obey it, and measure up to it as the light shines on our path.

Oh, the world and its wickedness is growing worse instead of better. Men love darkness rather than light, because of their evil deeds. John 3:20-21, "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

Oh, how I thank God for sending me to the beautiful Church of God, which is the Mother of all the saved. Matt. 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock [Christ] I will build my church,

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." This plainly tells us that everyone who has been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus is a member of the Church of God, and his inheritance is among them that are sanctified. Why would anyone live beneath his privilege? Every true child of God who has been freed from his sins and walking in the newness of life as the Word of God commands us to do, should assemble himself with God's people and worship him in the beauty of holiness. You don't have to join the Church of God, because it is the body of Christ and all his members are born into it. John 10:9 reads, "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." God sets the members in the body as it pleases him.

O Church of God, one body is
The Mother of the free;
All her members are redeemed,
And triumph over sin.

I was reared up in a Baptist church, accepted the Lord at the age of 14, but never knew the close fellowship and communion with God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as I do now. In fact, I lost that conversion, because I never lived to all the truth that I did know. But thanks be to God that now I am His and He is mine. Truly all I need is in Christ Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith.

I found my way into this glorious body about one and one-half years ago, and saints, it is truly a blessing how the Lord has proved and manifested his power in my life. Last winter I was blessed to avoid colds that I no doubt would have contacted, but was delivered by prayer through His divine healing virtue. He also blessed me through His precious saints. He healed me of a rather serious body ailment; he healed my gums and he is always near to relieve me of aches, pains, or disturbances that may occur.

I haven't taken any medicine since I've been saved and living for the Lord. What a mighty God we serve! His name is high and holy, and worthy to be praised and exalted in all the earth.

I truly praise God for giving me a chance to overcome the world, and giving me an inheritance among them that are sanctified. I Jno. 2:15-16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Oh, it is grand and glorious to be hid away in Christ Jesus, to lose sight of the world and all its charm. He is a heart-fixer and a mind-regulator; he is my refuge in the time of storms. Truly I'd rather have Jesus than anything I know. I thank and praise God that my heart is pure and my life is clean, because in times like these, it behooves us to live a ready life, for we know not the hour the Son of man cometh.

About a year ago, I became quite burdened for my mother. Her eyes seemingly were failing and she was suffering severely from other ailments. I wanted her to fully trust the Lord for the operation, because God can operate as well as heal, but somehow her faith didn't take hold for that. So she decided to undergo surgery. That seemed to burden me a bit more, but I made my decision to trust in God to take her through it. She suffered severe pain, but truly I thank and praise God for taking her through successfully. Truly, He can do anything but fail.

Shortly after undergoing surgery, her case seemed somewhat doubtful, nevertheless, I still believed God would take her through.

Loved ones, I have started on this journey, and there is no turning back. I mean heaven every step of the way. Please pray for me that I'll ever keep humble and always prove faithful in his service.

Your sister in Christ, —Gradie M. Cook.

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Calif.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—By the help of God and to the glory of God I am led by His Holy Spirit to write another wonderful experience I had in living for God. Dear ones, there is no other way to live successfully and remain in the presence of our dear Lord, but by continually walking in the pathway of righteousness. I realize I have not become perfect yet, but by the will of God I am striving to reach the goal. Prov. 4:18 reads: "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." I do not get to be with the assembly of God's people as I should, but I am still saved and walking in the light of God.

My granddaughter's name is Toni Merl Shephard. She and five other of my granddaughters spent the summer with me this year. Toni brought a lovely song, and I began trying to learn it. One day I was alone, at least I thought I was, and I began to try and sing the song, but I could not find the words. To my surprise, there stood Toni with the words I couldn't find. I jumped and told Toni I didn't know anyone was around. Suddenly I got very happy and tears came to my eyes, for I saw the hand of my dear Lord in it. I told Toni that that was the way our Lord helps us when we come to know Him and live for Him. Whenever we need anything that is good and just, He is always there to supply our need. Oh, dear ones, I got much joy out of the thought of God knowing us.

I have another granddaughter named Lillie Jene Bradford. Five years ago my Pastor, Bro. E. J. Trotter, prayed for her and the Lord healed her. While she was with me her eyes gave her much trouble by itching and it would weary her. The Lord told me to pray for her. Then she said to me, "Oh, Grandma, the itching is gone, it left while you were praying for me." I was very happy, and still am.

I pray the Lord will help me to keep looking up. I also desire the prayers of the saints that I ever live in the presence of the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, —Lizzie Reynolds

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Louisiana — Greetings of holy love in our Savior's precious name: I want to tell you about the tracts I have been giving out. We have a ladies' prayer meeting the first Wednesday in every month to help the needy and the discouraged. Last Wednesday one lady testified that a tract I gave her caused her to see that she needed to quit sinning. She said Jesus saved her right in her home. Praise the Lord!

Another lady that was sick said the tracts I sent her in a letter were such a blessing and encouragement to her. She wanted to thank me for them. I am so glad that they helped her.

Another lady, who had a little sick boy, brought the little "Beautiful Way" paper that I had sent him in a letter and read the article about "Victory in Jesus" to the group. She thought it was such a good writing. I am so thankful to the Lord for blessing in such wonderful ways.

I want to thank all of you for sending more tracts than I asked for. I would like for you to send me some of the ones I have marked on the pink list.

Please pray the Lord to heal my daughter of fainting spells and shocked nerves. She has a family of five children and they need her so much.

I will close asking God's richest blessings on all of you faithful workers.

Your sister in Christ, —Eleanor Robertson

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Tenn.—Greetings to all the dear readers of the Faith and Victory paper:

I have a testimony which will not keep. I want to keep telling what the dear Lord does for me. One evening my little girl became very sick. Her fever was high. She coughed hard, twisted and turned. She kept saying that she couldn't stand it. Her stomach was hurting so bad. It was hard for her to breathe. That night I was up and down on my knees praying for her. She could not keep food nor water on her stomach. The next morning, when it was daylight, she said, "I never slept any last night." She noticed that the rattling in her throat had stopped. It was marvelous how the dear Lord undertook for her. The next day or two she was hungry and everything she ate and drank stayed down. She almost quit coughing completely, and has been up playing ever since.

I believe that was on Tuesday, and the following Thursday she and I walked about four miles or more and gave out a bunch of Faith and Victory papers. We went to our hometown school house and gave them out. I had that on my heart to do for quite a while. The dear Lord was with us and gave strength and grace. When we came back we cut through some woods so it wouldn't be so far. It seemed that the woods was full of poison ivy. Since my little girl is very easy to get it on her, I just got down and asked God to keep it from getting on us. Praise His dear name, he did that very thing. That has been more than four days ago. We are serving a mighty big God.

My heart was made sad when I read about dear Bro. Stephenson not having a stone marker at his grave. Enclosed is a little to put on one.

Dear ones, I need your prayers that my life will please the dear Lord, and that I will continue true to the end.

Your blood-washed sister, —Nora Clayton.

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Indiana—Dear Sister Miles: It has been some time since I wrote to you. I felt it was time to let you know that I have been so much better in health since I asked you to pray for me. I have been working at another place since the 5th of July, and working every day except Sunday and every other Saturday. I am so thankful for your prayers and for all who have prayed for me. Thank the Lord for His goodness in answering prayer.

I need help spiritually, so please pray that the Lord will help me to get a firm hold on Him.

I want to renew by subscription to the paper for a year. With love, —Sister Ime Strebig.

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Ohio—To the saints everywhere, greeting: I am still saved and encouraged to live for the Lord as never before. I felt led to give my testimony and thank you for your prayers about the trip we made west.

It was a blessing to our souls to meet the saints and enjoy the sweet fellowship. It truly was good to see the divine expressions on their faces. The warmth of their handclasps proved their love. The Lord is richly blessing my soul in these times of trouble.

After returning home, the Lord gave me a scripture that encouraged my soul. After thinking on the scripture the thought came to me about how we could sacrifice

more to help support the gospel through the printed page—the tracts and the paper that is serving the saints. The scripture was Mal. 3:16 which reads: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." We can commune one with another through our testimonies in the paper. We would be an encouragement one to another.

Getting the gospel to lost souls in these evil days is a very important work to be doing. If we continue to make these sacrifices the unsaved will get help. I believe this will please the Lord. We see in the Word in Mark 12:42-44 how the Lord commended the poor widow. Being a deacon myself, I believe that all the deacons everywhere should encourage the saints to support the paper.

Pray for me. Your saved brother, —W. T. Tomlin

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Illinois—Dear Brother Pruitt: I truly do thank you for the letter received today. It comforted my heart. I had been praying to God, reading my Bible, considering my condition, not knowing just what to do when your letter was handed to me. The letter and tracts were a blessing to my soul.

Oh, brother, we have a wonderful God. I am so glad that I can report victory in my soul, and that I am able to make (or about) a living selling some things that are light to carry and that sell easily. I hand out literature that you send me and do personal work, telling the gospel of Jesus Christ. Bless His dear name!

I am getting severe persecutions. I am asking you, your co-workers and the readers of the paper to remember me in your prayers.

I may have to go to some other state where the climate is warmer. I want to go to a congregation of the Church of God, where I can sell what I have, do personal work and distribute religious literature.

I have only three children living, all married, and only one of whom is saved. Pray for those who are not saved. I am very glad that you are praying for my hearing, too, so I can do more to please my dear Lord. I will go any where the Lord directs me to go.

Pray for me, dear saints, who read this letter. Should you wish to write to me, send it in care of Fred Pruitt and he will send the same to me.

Your saved brother, —D. N. Slagell

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Ind.—To the dear saints,—I feel inspired by the grace of our Saviour, Jesus my Christ to send in my testimony. I am saved, sanctified—filled with the Holy Spirit. He is so dear to me. I had cramps in my stomach one night two weeks ago. I got up and began to walk the floor and to pray. Just before morning I touched the hem of His garment and He touched my body and completely healed me. Praise His dear name. I do thank Him for answering prayer. I thank God for His love and patience and for His love and mercy to His dear children. He is so sweet, tender and loving to me. He is more than I deserve.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, —George W. Herron.

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Ohio—Dear saints and friends,—I thank the Lord today for being saved, and a greater desire in my heart to go all the way with the Lord, who has been so good to me.

I realize I'm so unworthy of His grace and favor that He gives to me each day.

One evening this summer, while sitting in the back yard, I saw an airplane. I thought about what man has done and can do, then my attention was drawn to the stars that were shining so bright. I thought of the power of our God, and the song came to my mind, "How Great Thou Art." How good and how merciful God is to His creation, even to the sinners that trample His mercy under their feet.

It grieves my heart to think of our children going on in sin. They have been brought up in the truth, and around a family altar. They have been healed of various diseases, and have seen their children healed in answer to prayer.

I recently attended the funeral of my last Aunt. She left a testimony that there was nothing between her and her Lord. Of course she knew nothing of the truth, only what husband and I would tell her when we would visit her. The funeral was so cold and formal, and only lasted one half hour. Nothing was said in a way at all to help a sinner, just a few brief remarks made. On our way to the cemetery, I was riding with my sister, her husband and daughter. Something was said about the flowers that my aunt had, etc. I said that as well as I liked flowers (and I do love them) that when I passed away, it wouldn't matter to me if I never had a flower, and that my casket would be just a box of pine. All that really matters is to know that I have made it through to heaven. So pray much for me, and my loved ones. I have many that are unsaved, that I am interested in, and not only mine, but for all. I also have some silent requests.

Yours in Christian Love, —Verga McCoy.

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Wisc.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Sis. Marie and all the dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I want to testify for my blessed Lord. He has been a wonderful Saviour to me. He saved my soul 33 years ago in a little M. E. Church in Urbana, Ill. When I heard the message on The Church, I had no trouble seeing the Church. I love the Church of God and the saints every where. I had the pleasure of meeting Sister Marler and her sons and families in Rockford, Ill., also Sister Eck, her husband and daughter called on me a year ago. We had a blessed time in the Lord. It lifts one up just to meet some of God's people. I am in a lovely home here but very few are out and out for God. Please pray for me that I will let my light shine for Jesus.

I have an affliction that I have had about 12 years. It is shaking palsy. I would like to have prayer for I have been wonderfully healed many times. I know God can heal me. Pray that my faith will reach up for my healing.

I had a pleasant surprise one evening when our beloved Kenneth Probst and his bride called on me. His parents helped me over many bumps when we all lived in Rockford. It is wonderful how the saints can help each other. We can pray for each other even if we are many miles apart.

We have much to pray for. Our country is in such a turmoil. Soon Jesus will come and end it all. I pray we will all be ready. May God continue to bless you in your good work. I trust the means will come in for the expenses. God bless you all.

Your sister in Christ, —D. Calhoun.

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W. Va.—Dear Sister Marie and all saints,—I feel like sending in my testimony this morning. God bless all and keep us humble. We still stand in need of prayer.

My husband is so helpless. His mind is bad. Pray that God will help in this.

My nerves were at breaking point. I know God has helped me. Pray that I'll get complete victory over this. We surely are living in a time of trouble, heart aches and sorrow. We that know God have the blessed promises. When this life is over there will be rest and joy in Heaven. The boy that helps me has the cigarette habit. He wants to stop, but he is weak. Help me pray for him. Some day we will all be one big family. Won't it be wonderful? I would love to meet all of my sisters and brothers that have been Redeemed. Saints look up! It won't be long until we can lay all these burdens down. My husband was 82 yesterday, the 16th of September.

Oh, how I long for the church here to have a real awakening. Our Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. What was wrong in Bro. Willis Brown's day is wrong today. Wake up people! Pray one for the other. My heart is stirred for the lost.

—Betty Robbins.

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Missouri—Dear Sister Marie and workers at the print shop: We send greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. We trust all there are enjoying the blessings of the Lord, and all are well.

We are very happy in the way of salvation and the blessings He bestows upon us from day to day. We want to tell how the Lord has heard and answered prayer in our behalf. At the beginning of the school term, one of the girls had a serious affliction on her foot. She was anointed and prayed for, and now it is completely healed. Husband had trouble with his heart again, and in answer to prayer he is better now. We desire the saints to remember him that he will be completely healed. Then the Lord has answered some unspoken requests that have been heavy upon our hearts. We can never thank the Lord enough for His goodness toward us.

We wish to thank all the saints who gave us the lovely 25th wedding anniversary gifts at the close of the Monark Campmeeting. They were all very nice, and we appreciate the gifts and good wishes from the very depths of our hearts. May the Lord bless you everyone.

We hear that Edith (our daughter) has gone to help in the missionary work in Mexico. She said to tell the saints everywhere to remember the work there in prayer.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sister Pat Cole

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Ore.—Dear saints everywhere,—I want to thank the Lord for all he means to me and for what he has done for me.

For a long time I've had a great fear about every thing, but He has taken most of it away and I thank him much for it. Some times it tries to come back, but I aim to get complete victory over it. Remember me that I'll be all the Lord would have me to be.

—Shirley Stice.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers,—Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. I am writing my testimony in the fear of God. This morning when I awoke at 4 o'clock a voice said, "You are healed." I had been praying for quite some time for the healing of a complaint in my body. Last night at prayer meeting I requested that the saints earnestly take this request home with them. When the voice said I was healed, I began to thank God. I asked him to increase my faith and not let me doubt. The word said, let not that man that wavereth think that he receive anything of the Lord, (James 1:7) meaning to doubt. My faith began to increase because I was stand-

ng on the Word of God that I heard, and had read many times. The song began to ring in my soul, (Page 319) "Tell it again." I have been telling it all day what the Lord is doing for me. He saved my soul, sanctified my nature and put his praises in my mouth. I mean by his grace to do all that I can to win precious souls to the truth—that is my heart's desire.

Last year the Lord wonderfully blessed me. I had been having bladder trouble and wanted to go to Monark to the camp meeting. I asked the Lord to enable me to go, and he did. I did not have the trouble and attended the meeting. I promised God I would write my testimony concerning the healing, but I failed to do it. I was reminded of it this morning. I asked the Lord to forgive me, and he touched me again this morning. I have been rejoicing all day, not by feelings nor how my complaint looks, but it is the simple faith I have in God. God will never fail, bless his holy name. Every time I feel led to send in a testimony to the Faith and Victory paper I will do it, by God's help. I was permitted to visit the Print Shop in Guthrie this summer. Sister Cable, her daughter Violet and I. I have long wanted to do it. Sister Marie Miles took us through the entire shop. It is wonderful to see such a few, only five or six people, doing all that work and seem so contented. It brought a sadness over me as I thought of so many of us at home and at ease, when those dear ones are continually working every day to get the truth out, for the salvation of souls. I am stirred and I do hope and pray that God will stir others to do more to help in this cause for souls. We all have our part to do. I mean, as never before, to do what I can by God's help.

Remember me in your prayers that I'll be more diligent in the future than I have been in the past, with my means and praying continually.

Yours for souls, —Sr. Melissa Greer.

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La.—Dear Sister Marie,—Greeting of love in Jesus' dear name. It has been some time since I have written to you. I do think of you a lot and remember you, Bro. and Sr. Pruitt and all the workers there at the Lord's Print Shop in my prayers. I appreciate the good work there and pray the Lord will bless every effort that is put forth to carry the pure gospel message by the printed page to the lost.

I am sure you have much writing to do and many requests for prayer. Some time back I wrote for prayer concerning my little grand daughter who is now 2 years old, for a dislocated hip since birth. It has been in a cast now for the eighth month. The X-ray taken at the sixth month showed the bone half developed to its normal size and the Doctor said in another six months the bone would be completely developed. Praise the good Lord for his goodness and mercy and for His wonderful healing power. We thank all the saints for their prayers. We still ask an interest in your prayers that God will cause the bone to be completely developed on or before this period of time. The mother needs special prayer to hold out to care for the baby as it is very inconvenient to carry her around in the cast. The baby is very active and happy for which we are thankful. I have been with them off and on during this time.

At this writing I am at home and not so well myself. I have been having some trouble with my limbs for a good while, now have trouble with one of my eyes and am not able to read or write without difficulty. I venture to write these few lines and request prayer for my limbs and eyes, and that the Lord will help me get the lesson He has for me. I think my eyes are over strained from

reading. One is very blurry and sensitive to light and glare. I desire so much to read the Word of God.

May God richly bless your efforts and labors for Him. With Christian love, —Sr. Lillie Miller.

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Fla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints at the Print Shop and elsewhere,—We are writing this testimony in grateful thanks to God for his infinite love and tender mercy. On Jan. 21st we had a bad auto accident. My wife who is 83 years old was thrown completely out of the car onto the hard pavement. But praise the Lord, no bones were broken. But she suffered from shock and shattered nerves. Her daughter, Sister Huskey, from Orland, California, flew over to take care of her Mother and stayed until June. She was confined to the bed all the time until then. Since that time she has been able to be up and about a little more each day. We have so much to thank the Lord for and the saints who have prayed so faithfully for her. Her daughter Ella Ree Roberts, is caring for her now. We are praying for a complete healing of her nerves.

Yours in Christ our Saviour, —Fred and Alice Cook.

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Mo.—Dear saints, one and all,—I believe my Heavenly Father wants me to write my testimony. I am and have always been encouraged to live for God. He has done so much for me.

The last two years has been full of sorrow and trouble. One of my sons said to me the night they told me of my daughter's death, "Mom, you know what it says that all things work for good." That was so much encouragement to me for I know it does, though we can't see it always. The day of the funeral another son said, "Mom that Fellow up there knows what he is doing. He never makes a mistake. He won't forsake you now after all these years." (Those are the words as near as I can remember.) No one knows what words of comfort they were to me. I was so shocked and my mind so numbed that I couldn't think of anything except that she was gone. But from then on I was able to look at it in a different light. I had been praying that God would save our children at any cost and so he started only a few days after I had been praying that way. My daughter lived a few hours. I just have to believe that she found the Lord. When I prayed I didn't ask God to leave the children here, just so He saved them. (I still say that) My daughter told others where she worked what was right when she got the chance. Pray that God will save my children still at any cost.

My health was so bad this spring, I could hardly work half a day, but on healing day I was healed of that weakness. I have worked hard nearly every day since coming home. I have other ailments I want you to pray for. The promise is mine and I won't give up to satisfy the devil. God wants to heal his people.

Pray that I may know how to guide the home. I now have my two granddaughters with me. I told the 17 year old that I couldn't feel clear to let her wear shorts. She is so sweet and obedient.

I pray that God will bless every one of you. Don't forget me when you pray.

Love in Jesus,

—Mrs. Floyd Knapp.

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In What Time Are We Living?

Time for us mortals here on the earth is surely running out fast in these last of the last days. Jesus said, "When the fig tree putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." In I Thess. 5:2 the Apostle Paul, in writing to the brethren, said: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." In the 4th verse he says, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of night, nor of darkness."

From these scriptures we understand that God's children who are walking in Light are not expecting the Lord to come as a thief in the night. They are able to discern the times and seasons in which we are living and are prepared for His coming. His coming "as a thief in the night" applies only to those who are in darkness—the people of the world in general. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them" as a thief in the night. (I Thess. 5:3). The saints of God, who are walking in the light of truth, are soberly watching and praying. They are keeping on "the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

Today the world is in an uproar, tumult, agitation and confusion of voices. At this writing they cannot say, "Peace and safety." Therefore, we need not look for the Lord to come in these days when there is no "peace and safety." However, we do see the time speeding on to a final end when, as Peter says, "The heavens will pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat: the earth also and the works that are therein shall be BURNED UP"—not just merely burned over as some false teachers affirm.

According to the scriptures there is great trouble ahead for the nations, even much more than we have at present. Satan, the pagan power, is now loose for a season. His agents are pressing forward to gain control of the whole world. They are using every kind of deceptive means to gain their objectives and enslave the nations. More than half of the world is under their atheistic control now, and this nation of America is tottering under its power and influence. There will be great loss of life, but the actual fighting will not last as long as usual. The destructive instruments of war in the hands of the most powerful nations will destroy whole cities of people at a time. After all the great blood shed of millions, then the old pagan power, the old "red dragon" power will rule again. This power ruled in the Roman Empire when Christ and the apostles fought against it, which is termed "that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan." (Rev. 12:9). In Rev. 12:11 we read, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death." This dragon power, which is called the Devil and Satan, is now loose under the cloak of

Communism. It is fast conquering the world. She is deceiving the nations as recorded in Rev. 20:8. These nations are in the four quarters of the earth in fact, they cover the entire earth. Catholicism and Protestantism (Gog and Magog) are being deceived into this communistic doctrine much faster than they themselves realize. When this communistic "red dragon" power, which is called the Devil and Satan has overcome the world and is crying "peace and safety," while using their great earthly power to exterminate the remaining few saints, either killing or bringing them in subjection to their anti-God and anti-Christ laws, the truth of the scripture will take place as recorded in the 9th verse of the 20th chap. of Revelation. The saints here in the world are God's "beloved City," the New Jerusalem. While this great power is in the act of destroying the last remnant of God's children and at the same time crying, "Peace and safety," then God will send fire down out of heaven and destroy them. This old world, as recorded in 2 Peter 3:10, will be "burned up." What few saints are alive and remain in that day will be "changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," the graves also will be opened and those who died in Christ will be raised up. They, with the living glorified saints, will be "caught up to meet the Lord in the air and so shall they ever be with Him." According to the scriptures the wicked also will be resurrected to damnation at the same time. Read it in John 5:28, 29.

In Rev. 20:10 we read that the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast (Catholicism) and the false prophet (her harlot daughters) are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Day and night would mean all the time. You notice by this scripture that the beast which represents Catholicism and the false prophet (her harlot daughters) go down first. It says that they are already there. By this it is clear to see that the anti-Christ and anti-God communistic power, which is called the Devil and Satan, is the last power to go down and be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.

In the 17th chapter of Revelation we have a true word picture of Catholicism and Protestantism, her harlot daughters. In the first verse she is called a "great whore" (a spiritual whore) that sitteth upon many waters. In the 15th verse is the definition of "waters," for it says it means people. She draws her strength, wealth, power and influence from the people over whom she rules with a strong arm. Let us read the third verse, "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: [wilderness would denote a place of sin, a place forsaken of God] and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast." The beast would represent the civil government of the Roman Empire, for she, the woman—the Catholic Church—was upheld by them. They were also Catholic in belief. It was said that she rode upon a scarlet colored beast. Scarlet color signifies danger.

The scripture says the woman was "full of names of blasphemy." This record is also true, for in many

says she blasphemes. One thing they do that is a great blasphemy in the sight of God is their worship of Mary and praying to her. All worship belongs to the Son of God.

The 4th verse says that she "has a golden cup in her hand full of the abominations and filthiness of her fornication." Oh what a corrupt thing she is pictured to be! No wonder God wants His people to come out of her. (Rev. 18:2-4) In the 5th verse her name is given, "MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS [sectism] AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." The next verse says that she was "drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." This testimony is true, for history tells us that she was the cause of millions of saints being tormented, murdered and martyred during the Dark Ages. Her seat of great authority is in Rome, Italy. Catholicism, her harlot daughters and Communism in this country are now endeavoring to put a Catholic man as president of this nation, and if so, our country will be ruled to a certain extent by the Pope in Rome. The Catholics and her harlot daughters (Protestantism) are being so deceived that they are gradually falling into Communism. It is a matter of record now that the Catholic man who is aspiring to the presidency of this country has in different ways been favoring measures which further the cause of Communism. Many high officials in our country claim to be against Communism, yet in many ways they favor it. They are deceived men. They are, no doubt, much against Communism in its anti-God measures and persecuting records. They are deceiving themselves inasmuch that when Communism gets into power and has force enough to run things their own way, all others will be forced to be obedient to any law they may pass, no matter how foreign it may be to righteousness.

Let us, as saints of God, be sober minded, watch and pray, and keep ourselves unspotted from this corrupt world which is tottering on the brink of the lake of fire and brimstone where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. —Fred Pruitt.

Our Bodies

Our bodies are the veils which now conceal the things unseen, the things of the spiritual world, from our present sensible experience. Strip off these bodies, and in a moment of time we are landed in the presence of invisible realities. There are wonderful things, glorious things, lying just beyond our bodily veil. How solemn a thing it is to think there is only this, my body, between me and eternity, between me and God, between me and all the glories of the invisible world!

Now, dear friends, it is the great effort of the devil, the great foe of God and men, to employ this bodily organism as a means of deadening our spiritual sensibilities. When the Holy Spirit of God has free course within our being, when we throw ourselves open to His sacred influences, then the veil grows

very thin, so thin that we can look into the face of many of the wonders of the world to come. This body can be so consecrated, so sacrificed, and thereby rendered so transparent that we can see many things that are beyond the veil. It is our privilege to see many of the unseen things. You may think I have said too much when I say that these fleshly bodies are keeping many dear saints from seeing many precious things in the spiritual world that it is their privilege to see.

There are times when God would draw so near to you, and you could draw so near to Him, that it would seem more like seeing Him than thinking about Him, and it seems more like touching Him than merely contemplating Him. We would have these blessed experiences with God and feel Him so near far more than we do if the veil of flesh were not so thick. The more spiritual we become the less our bodies will interfere with seeing things behind the veil.

The apostle calls upon us to present ourselves a living sacrifice to God. Rom. 12:1. If we do this, all will fall into its proper place, and God will take possession of these bodily members and work out His glorious purposes in and through them. It makes one weep to see how much folks are thinking of their bodies. Your bodies has your attention so much that God can not get it.

—W. H. Aitken.

Heart Melodies

"Making melody in your heart to the Lord." No sweeter anthem ever rolled around the throne of God. Heart melodies is the only music ever heard in heaven. The songs of angels are not so delightful to the ears of God as the songs of a redeemed soul. The songs sung by Paul and Silas that night in the inner prison were heart-songs and they moved God to shake the earth. There is nothing in human life or in nature that is melody in the ears of the Almighty except it be the echoing back of His own voice. Nothing from this world reaches heaven only what is the rebounding back of that which has come from heaven. Nothing in us reaches God except it be born in us of God. The song of the soul to reach the throne of heaven must needs be begotten in the soul from heaven. When God gives a song to the heart, and there is mingled with the love and joy of human life it is echoed back in the sweetest melody that ever reverberated through the corridors of the eternal world. God hears the melody of nothing that is not in unbroken fellowship with Him. It is not the mystical chanting, the trained voices of robed choirs, the music of the skilled orchestra, the burst of the great organ, to which God gives ear, but to the heart-song of a redeemed soul which strikes chord with the eternal purpose of Him who created the heart for His fellowship. When the finger of God plays upon the love-strings of the human heart angels still their harps and all heaven gives ear. It is not the harmony of stringed instruments, nor the melody of the human voice, but the song of the soul

into which heaven has been breathed. Nothing goes up, to heaven and makes fragrant the atmosphere around God's throne, except that which has been instilled into the heart from heaven. It is not the song of the lips and vocal cords that is heard in heaven, but the songs of a heaven-born soul.

—C. E. Orr.

"All Nations Shall Be Blessed"

I am thanking and praising the Lord tonight for being saved and much encouraged to live for God. I feel very much impressed to write some of the burden of my heart. I have been meditating on the blessings of God to every one—saved or unsaved. In Gal. 3:8 it says, "In thee shall all nations be blessed." Also in Gen. 12:3 it says "all families" shall "be blessed." I have thought so much about the blessing of God upon every soul, boys or girls, women or men.

Ezekiel 18:4 says, "All souls are mine." God's blessing is upon every one of us. He blesses the sinner as well as the saints.

A real blessing from God is far from what the world calls a blessing. The trials, tribulations, problems or afflictions that God permits to come our way is a blessing unto the children of God. Think of Joseph, as a boy put in the pit, then sold for a slave, and later put in prison. If that would happen to someone now, you would hear it said, "Poor man or poor lady." Joseph knew he had been blessed because he told his brothers, "you thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." Gen. 50:18. God is teaching me when these things come our way, regardless of what it is, it will prove a blessing to our soul. A trial is a blessing in disguise. In no place do we read where Joseph murmured. I tell you, when we murmur about the hard trials that come our way it will keep us from seeing the blessing God had in it for us. Every nation shall be blessed, yes every family and every soul. Think of Job. His affliction proved a blessing to his soul. God could show him his heart. God wants to show us our hearts.

God called Adam in the garden and said, "Adam, where art thou?" We all know that God knew where Adam was but he wanted Adam to tell him where he was. That's what God wants of us, when he lets hard trials, persecutions and afflictions come to us. He knows where we are, but he wants us to seek him and find his will concerning us and let God have his way. Every time we will be blessed beyond words. We will be as Jesus said, "I have meat to eat that you know not of." Dear ones, let us seek God with our whole heart and find out where we are. It's necessary for us to ask God to search us and show us where we are. We don't know our own hearts. Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful, who can know it?" Where are you tonight? Are you enjoying the blessings as Joseph did, or are you naked like Eve and Adam were? If we are living victorious lives over all the imposing power of the enemy, then we are rich like Joseph. But if we are grumbling and complaining then we are naked.

Think of Stephen as he was being stoned to death. His last words were, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." (Acts 7:60) The 56th verse said "The Son of man was standing on the right hand of God." The Scriptures had already said the Son of man was sitting on the right hand of God, but this time he was standing. God is concerned about every trial or persecution we have. It pleases him very much when we yield to God in everything that comes our way.

Are you blessed today dear ones? Where are you? God is teaching my heart precious lessons. I have had some real severe trials. I was like Paul thrice I sought the Lord for deliverance and I could not see the blessing God had in it for me. But thanks be to God, He is teaching my heart a blessing in every bit of it. I am not seeking a way out now, but I am looking for the blessing that God has in store for me.

A lady told me a few days ago that her daughter was doing fine. She had a good job and a nice car. Oh, how sad it is what the world calls fine. We have very little of this world's goods, but it's a blessing to me to call the children together in family prayer and teach them the blessings of God. To me we are a blessed family.

Are you blessed tonight or are you just having a hard time? That's one word that does not go with a saved and sanctified life. A hard time? No! No! The saints of God can find joy, right through the midst of trials.

A sister last year was hopping on her foot one day on her way to work. It was very painful, but the Lord helped her so much. She did not murmur nor complain. The Lord let me see how painful it was, but he also let me see how blessed she was. How patiently she went through it. It helped me so much. We are to prove a blessing to others. The only way we can is to prove faithful ourselves and receive the blessings to our own souls. Then others can be encouraged through our lives. Suppose Stephen had murmured or complained. Do you think it would have helped Saul? No! No! Neither would he have been able to see Jesus standing on the right hand of God. I tell you to have God's approval on our lives we must go God's way.

I need your prayers that I will keep low and humble at Jesus' feet. Pray for my unsaved family.

—Naomi Jennings

When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit in the upper room they did not rent the room and hold holiness meetings but went into all the world and preached the gospel.

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November 6, 1960

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Printed Portion Psalm 32.

1. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven whose sin is covered.

2. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

6. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7. Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10. All my sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

11. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Memory Verse: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9.

Practical Truth: Before sins are forgiven they must be confessed.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

I'm sure every child of God who has been forgiven can understand what the Psalmist David is talking about in our lesson. An unforgiven and unconfessed sin, affects the whole body. In our lesson he refers to it as his "bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long." Bones in the Hebrew poetry denotes "the seat of health or pain." (C.B.) The pricking of the conscience and the sense of guilt caused him to groan in his spirit, and at times the perspiration stood out on his face. When a person is in this condition it is a good time to do as David did, but if they rebel and go on, their heart grows harder. The devil will suggest another sin to try to cover up that one and so the cords of sin draw tighter around them, which is dragging them down to eternal damnation.

David acknowledged his sin to God and corrected it with the person that was wronged. God blessed him and he was a happy man. (verse 5, 1)

The musical sign, "Selah" means a change and we find instruction for those who are saved. When I was a little girl and my Mother looked at me I knew I should change the course of my actions. On the other hand it might have been a look of approval. God does not want us to be like the mule or horse that has to be bridled but to be tender, easily entreated, easily guided. How precious it is to feel the checkings of the Holy Spirit or the blessings of his approval!

November 13, 1960

OUR EXPERIENCE OF GOD

Printed Portion Psalm 116:1-14.

1. I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

6. The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

10. I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

11. I said in my haste, All men are liars.

12. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

13. I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

14. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Memory Verse: I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Psalm 116:1.

Practical Truth: After our experience of God becomes real and vital in our lives, there should be thanksgiving and witnessing in the presence of others.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is thought that this Psalm was sung by Jesus and his disciples in the upper room before they went out to the Mount of Olives. (Mark 14:26) The 116, 117 and 118 Psalms are called the "praise" Psalms. These three and three others were sung in the family circles at the three feasts.

The third verse seems to refer to some disease that took hold of the Psalmist David. He felt he was brought down to the very jaws of death. But in this time of need he called upon the Lord and the Lord heard him and delivered him out of his trouble and healed him. This increased his love for the Lord. Some of God's children have had such an experience. How precious it is for the Lord to touch one in such a way. It causes your heart to rejoice and a longing comes within to be able to do something for the Lord and to repay him in some small way for showing his great love. We can never repay him to the full, even if we used every ounce of our strength in his service or praised him with every breath that we drew. We are still unprofitable servants.

Each of us would slip and fall, but God is caring for His own. He cares so much about us that every hair of our head is numbered. Never a sigh or a tear but he takes note. May each of us be faithful to tell of his goodness before "all his people."

Nothing that does not burn itself can kindle a flame in anything else. It takes some fire in your soul to start a fire in another's soul.

November 20, 1960

THANKS BE TO GOD

Printed Portion Psalm 103:1-18

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

14. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

15. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

18. To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Memory Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:1-2.

Practical Truth: Giving thanks is due to God and is helpful to us.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson today is a wonderful lesson. How it causes our souls to rejoice and makes us feel so humble before such a wonderful God. He saves our souls and "healeth all thy diseases." We are glad that healing didn't stop with the disciples as so many faithless people say today. I can testify to the healing power of God in my body for 43 years. I have never even taken an aspirin, a pill that people carry in their pockets or purses. Surely my soul magnifies the Lord for His many blessings to me.

Note verse 12. That is an emphatic saying that our sins are forever removed. When a person comes to the Lord and confesses and gets forgiveness of their sins, those are removed. If a person backslides and comes again to be saved, just those sins committed since his last conversion will be remembered.

Why should we be afraid of God in the sense of feeling he will knock us over everytime we make a mistake? Look at his pity and mercy. How high are the heavens above the earth? Just that big is the mercy of God. God is our heavenly Father. Yet on the other hand we see

how God will "not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever." Every person will be brought to judgment but not until they have been given plenty of time to not choose God and his ways.

November 27, 1960

STRENGTH IN GOD

Printed Portion Ephesians 6:10-20.

10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19. And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Memory Verse: Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Ephesians 6:10.

Practical Truth: One's fight against drink and all other evils may be waged successfully with the help of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In this day of perplexity and with the war clouds hanging low we need to be sure that we have on the "whole armour of God." Our enemy is not flesh and blood. Jesus told Peter to "put up the sword," the day they came to the garden to take him and crucify him. Today the children of God still have the literal sword put up. We let God do our physical fighting for us if any is done. We are to, "as much as it lieth within you live peaceably with all men." But we have an enemy who is unseen, the devil, the tempter of our soul. We need to be indoctrinated in the truths of the gospel. We need to know, without a doubt that our sins are forgiven and that will repel many a satanic thrust. Strong faith and confidence in God will be a shield to us. The helmet is the hope of salvation. (I Thess. 5:8) We need to keep the sword of the Spirit,—the Word of God handy. Not just the Word but the Holy Spirit burning upon the altars of our hearts also. When we have on the whole armour then the exhortation is to, "stand." Don't give one inch but face the foe with a heart that is fearless because we are equipped with the armour of God and his armour gives every person who puts it on a victorious battle.

After we have the armour on we are to pray always in the Spirit and watch. Watch and pray are the two oars that will take our canoe up the stream of life, safely into the portals of glory.

Mrs. Marie Miles.