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### *A Prayer*

Most holy Father, Lord and God,  
Thou Author of all eternal good,  
Thou dost inhabit the heaven of heavens,  
And to all mankind thou breath has given.

Thy presence fills the land and sea,  
We owe our being, Lord, to Thee.  
Thou art the first, Thou art the last,  
Thou art our Rock in ages past.

Hold us, Father, by Thy hand,  
Give us sufficient grace to stand.  
When all around us seems to fail,  
May Thy sweet promise still prevail.

Help us to love each other, Lord,  
Bless and keep us by Thy Word;  
And when our task on earth is done,  
Gather our waiting spirits Home  
To dwell with Thee around Thy Throne.  
—Ulysses Phillips

### CHRIST'S INVITATION

"Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

This is one of the most precious invitations in the Book of God, and is replete with encouragement to the anxious inquirer. It has brought life, and salvation, and comfort to many a weary soul.

But to whom is this invitation given? To all who "labour and are heavy laden." Sinners are labouring under a heavy burden — the burden of sin. They are slaves of the devil, and bear his yoke. They labour hard in his service, and though it may yield a momentary gratification, it leaves an awful disquietude and disturbance in the soul. They find the ways of transgression to be hard and difficult, and to yield no solid rest, or peace, or joy. They feel sin to be a weight heavy enough to crush them down to destruction. Oftentimes they are ready to sink under the awful load, and are led to exclaim, "Mine iniquities

have gone over mine head as an heavy burden: they are too heavy for me. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up. They are more than the hairs of my head: therefore my heart faileth me." What a lamentable condition is this; and yet it is the condition of thousands. Their spirit is full of unrest, disquietude; their conscience is full of horror; and their minds are disturbed day and night with gloomy forebodings of the future.

To such sinners—labouring and heavy laden sinners, laden heavily with iniquity—is this invitation given, and it is given to all. "Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden." Not a heavy laden sinner on the face of the earth is excluded. Not one then should despair, or even doubt. No one should say, "The invitation is not to me; I am not one of the elect." If you are a heavy laden sinner, the invitation is to you; for it is to all. Hence none need stay away from Jesus. The worst sinner, the most abandoned profligate, the blackest soul may come. The invitation is universal. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

This invitation is given by Christ. It comes from the lips of the Son of God, from the mouth of Him who never spoke a falsehood, and whose love to men was manifested by his suffering life and ignominious death for their salvation. Had this invitation been given by an angel, there would have been room for doubt in the mind of the sinner. Had it been found in some other book, but not in God's Book, it could have yielded no encouragement to his burdened soul. But it comes from our gracious Redeemer, from the all-merciful Savior, from the sinner's Friend. This blessed invitation is spoken by infinite Wisdom, and boundless Love, and everlasting Mercy. Never was the melody of harp, or organ, or any other instrument, so melodious as these words, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Never was honey more sweet than this precious invitation, and this precious promise. They

should make thy heart to vibrate with joy, and thy lips to sing songs of praise.

To come to Christ, in the language of Holy Scripture, is to have faith in him, and yield ourselves up to his authority. It is to forsake our sins, and believe in his name for mercy and forgiveness. It is to trust in his sacrificial death for divine life, and in his mediation, for access to our Father in heaven. Burdened with a sense of sin, alarmed at his perilous condition, and anxious to obtain deliverance, the sinner casts his all on the atoning Lamb. Weary of the world and sin, he seeks rest in God. Far from God by unbelief, he seeks to be united to him, and to become one with him, and to open up a daily intercourse with him by submitting to his will and resting with confidence in his Word.

But it is only those who feel themselves heavy laden sinners, who thus come to Christ. Others do not feel their need of him, and therefore do not come. It is not the healthy, but the sick that need a physician. Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. And it is not enough to acknowledge that you are a sinner—most everyone will do that—but you must feel that you are a sinner. You must feel that sin is a burden, ere you come to Christ for rest; must groan under the load of your guilt, ere you can be set free; must confess and forsake your iniquities, ere they can be forgiven. You must be convinced that sin is a disease, and feel the pain of it, ere you can have an application of the healing balm of Gilead. You must be conscious of the polluting nature of sin, and regard yourself as depraved and filthy, ere you can wash in the fountain of Christ's blood. The publican felt that he was a sinner when he cried for mercy. The prodigal was conscious that he had sinned, and felt keenly the misery of his condition, when he arose and came back to his father. The jailor was convinced that he had sinned, and felt himself in danger of being lost, when he cried, "What shall I do to be saved?" Saul of Tarsus also was made sensible of his great guilt when he cried out, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

~~This invitation is accompanied with a glorious promise.~~ "... And I will give you rest." The sinner that comes to Christ shall have rest. Rest is sweet to the weary and heavy laden. He will have rest from the power and dominion of sin. He will no longer be the slave of his evil passions. His evil passions will no longer overcome and subdue him, but he will gain the victory over them through Christ. He will have rest from its galling power, and his spirit will be set free. He will have rest from the service of sin. He will no longer do the drudgery work of the devil, but he will be saved from fleshly lusts, and vain amusements, and selfish pursuits, and the remorse and pain which follow them. He will have rest from the terrors of a guilty conscience; from the curse and condemnation of a broken law; from the fears of death; and from the dread of everlasting punishment. He will have rest in Christ. He will also dwell with Christ in heaven. This will be the complement of the blessing, the crowning of the whole. It will be the

height of his felicity—to be with the world's Redeemer; to see Him as he is; to gaze forever on his glories; and be eternally happy in the enjoyment of His love! This is rest indeed, bliss indeed—happiness beyond conception! "... And I will give you rest."

Sinner, art thou weary of Satan's service? Art thou dissatisfied with thy present ways? Does thy soul long to find the Lord? Art thou sighing for the comforts of the Holy Ghost? Dost thou desire communion with the saints? Is thy mind made up to become a pilgrim to the better land? If this is thy state, thou hast ground for hope and encouragement. The Lord is not far from thee. Thy prayer for mercy shall be heard; the desire of thy heart shall be granted, and salvation shall come to thy soul. Weary of sin, weary of the world, and weary of thy sinful self, thy spirit shall find rest in Jesus.

—S. Henn

## Habitation of God Through The Spirit

God from the beginning of time wanted a dwelling-place with His human creation. He created Adam and Eve and enjoyed their fellowship and communion but they sinned, thereby closing their hearts to God's love and fellowship by disobedience. (Genesis 3).

When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt into the wilderness on their way to Canaan, God told Moses, while in the mount with Him, to build a tabernacle. When it was completed we read where the glory of the Lord came down and dwelt there. God wanted to dwell among His people. (Ex. 40:33, 40). As long as the glory of the Lord dwelt in the tabernacle the children of Israel camped, but when the cloud lifted from the tent they moved on. Therefore He was their Comforter and Guide, and dwelt among them.

Through the instructions of David, his son Solomon built a house for God to dwell in. Solomon felt very humble in his attempt to build this temple in Jerusalem. He said, "But will God in very deed dwell with men on earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less this house which I have built!" 2 Chron. 6:18. In verse 21 he begged the Lord to listen to the prayers and cries of the children of Israel "which they shall make toward this place; hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven."

We read in chapters 5, 6 and 7 how Solomon offered sacrifice and prayed. The priests were doing their part and all the 120 singers were there. It said that when the singers and trumpeters "were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord" that the house was filled with a cloud and the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. (2 Chron. 5:13, 14). The people rejoiced because they saw the glory of the Lord and the fire come down and fill the house. We notice that God's presence and fire did not come down until everything was ready. The house was completely finished, sacrifices were made, prayer was offered, sins forgiven, and the 120 trumpeters and singers "were as one." All were in an attitude of praise and expectation. God honored

their faith and filled the house. What a great and mighty manifestation of the greatness of God! Surely He was pleased to have a place to dwell among His people.

Jesus came to this world and was made flesh and dwelt among men. He forgave sins and gave power to as many as received Him to become the sons of God. John 1:12, 13. They were clean through the Word that was spoken unto them. (John 15:3). The time came when He had accomplished His work here. He taught those who believed on Him many truths. He died on the cross and was resurrected by the power of God on the third day. Before He ascended to heaven He told the believers to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high by the reception of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:4, 8.

Accordingly, the 120 believers were gathered together in "one accord" on the day of Pentecost. The others didn't look at Peter and have doubts about him. They had forgiven him for cursing, swearing and denying that he knew Jesus. They knew that Jesus had forgiven him. Peter's love was tested and three times they had heard him affirm his great love for the Lord at the seashore. The disciples didn't look at James and John with indignation because they had at one time wanted to have seats, one on the right hand and the other on the left hand of God. This had all been forgiven and all were together in "one accord." They were waiting, expecting and looking with faith to God to fulfill His promise of sending the Spirit of God to fill their hearts. Everything was ready. God did not fail them. "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-11. What a glorious manifestation of the power and Spirit of God! In times past it had been glorious for the Spirit of God to fill the house built by Solomon, but now His Spirit came to dwell in the hearts of men and women. Praise the Lord! How wonderful is the infilling of the Spirit of God in the temple of God, which is the spiritual body of Christ, the Church!

The prophet Malachi saw it take place in the Spirit and said, "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple. . . ." Mal. 3:1. God's people had become "a habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:22. God wanted the world to know of His dwelling place in the hearts of His people. So He performed a miracle and caused the people from 17 nations, that were gathered at Jerusalem, to hear the wonderful news in their own language. What a glorious Church He has! We are "no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy

temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit." Eph. 2:19-22.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. God needs hearts and bodies, which are temples, so He can fill those temples with the Holy Spirit. It lies within us whether we will give Him our hearts and bodies. In Romans 12:1 we read what Bro. Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." In the olden days dead sacrifices were offered to the Lord, but God is calling for living sacrifices today. He wants our bodies as a temple to dwell in. He wants to work through us to help bring the lost world to Himself. He cannot do this unless we will give Him our bodies.

First, a person must come to Jesus with godly sorrow, repent of his sins and God will forgive him. Then he is to offer his body, possessions and all unto the Lord—yield his will to God and be not conformed to this world. He then does not belong to himself any more, but to God. He sets himself apart and then God by His Spirit comes into that temple, cleansing and filling it with His Spirit.

Let your faith take in this experience. Just as in times past when everything was ready in one accord, God's Spirit came in. He will do the same for you. When you have made the complete surrender and laid all on the altar, which is Christ, the altar sanctifies the gift. Praise the Lord!

—Mrs. Marie Miles

#### THE CAUSE OF RISING WAVE OF CRIME

In a published interview dated Jan. 1, 1962, J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F.B.I., answered the following question:

Q. What, as you see it, has caused this rise in the crime rate among youths?

A. For one thing, there is a steady decline of parental authority. Moral standards, too, have declined in the home and the community. Because of adult delinquency, young people are not given the proper guidance.

Public indifference to organized vice has made it easy for the salesmen of the criminal empire to reach young people with obscene material, narcotics and other evils which weaken their character.

Television and movies, I think, must also share part of the blame. The highly suggestive and, at times, offensive, scenes, as well as the frequent portrayal of violence and brutality on television screens and in motion pictures, are bound to have an adverse effect on young people.

The only test of fellowship is the existence of fellowship.—D. S. Warner

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**Editorials**

With this March issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper, the special three months' subscriptions expire, so we are pasting a subscription renewal blank to every wrapper of this March paper going to the three months' subscribers. If you receive a blank, it means that your subscription expires with this issue. We entreat and urge you to fill out this subscription blank and return it to us with 35 cents for one year's subscription, or one dollar for three years' subscription. We would like for you to attend to this AT ONCE so you will not miss a single copy, and the April "Faith and Victory" paper will come to you as a regular subscriber. If you will do this, we will appreciate it very much, and I am sure that it will please the Lord. The feeding of your soul is worth more to you by far than the feeding of your body. Please let us hear from you as soon as possible so we can keep you on the mailing list for the paper.

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As this paper goes to press, we are thankful to report that the Lord has given us nice weather for the construction of the addition to the Lord's Print Shop. By His help we have the cement blocks all laid for the walls, and we are now putting the roof on the building. After the roof is on, then the floor will have to be poured with concrete. The inside work will be to put in the restroom fixtures, partitions for the different rooms, sheetrock on the ceiling, walls painted, building wired for electricity, plumbing for water and gas, and quite a few cabinets to be built. There is much labor and means yet to be used in getting it finished ready for use. Please be agreed with us in prayer that there will be no hindrances in the work, but that the Lord will soon make us able to have it all completed for the housing of His printing

machinery and His consecrated children who are willing to do the work of getting the gospel out to men by the printed page.

The Faith Publishing House is a direct gift from God as a servant of the Church of the living God, that His people may be fed on heaven's bread and receive the unadulterated truth of His Word so they can have power to keep their bodies under and bring all into subjection to the whole will of God and be ready to meet Him in that Great Day that is coming very soon. All the children of God do love the truth, and as they keep loving the truth all things will work together for good to them and to the glory of God.

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Recently I received a nice letter from Bro. Etuk, our native minister in Nigeria, West Africa. He had received the offerings sent to him and was so thankful to God and the Church in America for these gifts. He says that others there are being touched by the truth, and are taking their stand for the doctrines of the Church of God. He says he has need of a typewriter, and he can buy one there for a hundred dollars. We expect to be able to send that amount to him soon.

Two parties have spoken to me that they would like to go over there as missionaries. What they need is established ministers, sound in the doctrines of the Bible and have proved themselves to be so in this country, with a clean holy life back of them, so as to be a good example and bring no reproach on the cause of God. It would be good for the Church here to have a minister over there working with Bro. Etuk. He could give us some first-hand information as to all the conditions existing and concerning the needs there. The saints here would know better how to give to help the work in the best way. Agree in prayer with us for this need.

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Bro. Roy Harmon of Overland Park, Kansas sent us a circular or a pamphlet entitled, "Communism—What It Means and How It Works," which contains some interesting facts, some of which we want to pass on to our readers.

"Communism is a never ending change of face and pace. Its technique is to keep the opposition off balance and confused. Its best jousting weapons are the lie, contradiction, pretension and utter disregard of truth."

What is it that the Red leaders of today really believe? Here are a few examples: "Communism abolishes all eternal truths."—Marx-Engeles.

"Be prepared to resort to every possible subterfuge, trick and illegal device to conceal the truth."—Lenin.

"It would not matter a jot if three-quarters of the human race perished; the important thing is that the remaining quarter should be Communists."—By Lenin.

"J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., says that the Communist Party in the United States is planning on working intensively on a new crusade to defeat our internal security measures and to convince

and confuse Americans that 'the Communist menace is mere myth and hysteria.'"

The Attorney General's Office adds this: "The Communist Party in the United States is substantially dominated and controlled by the Soviet Government and Communist International in Moscow. The Communist Party of the United States takes its orders direct from those sources. Throughout its existence the Communist Party of the United States never knowingly has deviated from the views and policies of the Government and Communist Party of the Soviet Union."

Regarding personal rights under Communism: "No one has any guaranteed rights. Every one is subservient to 'the Party', but only a few can belong. In the Soviet Union Communist Party members total about 6,000,000 out of the 217,000,000 total population. Every one obeys the Party dictates or else. Secret police can search any home, confiscate possessions, arrest, convict and imprison any one without a trial."

"All press, radio, schools and churches are state-controlled and censored. The government tells every citizen what he must believe. Persons criticizing the government are imprisoned."

Here are some things the Communists say about God and religion: "Religion and communism are incompatible, both theoretically and practically."—Karl Marx. "Our task is not to reform, but to destroy all kinds of religion, all kinds of morality."—Zinoviev, President, Third International. "We relegate God and all the philosophical rubble who believe in Him to the sewer and manure heap."—Lenin.

This is just a very small part of what is written in this pamphlet. If you want to read more about it, write for it from the "Veterans of Foreign Wars, Broadway at 34th St., Kansas City 11, Mo.

## Meeting Notices

### ANNUAL BOLEY, OKLA. MEETING

The annual Church of God meeting at Boley, Okla. will convene April 6th to 15th, 1962, Lord willing.

We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His own choosing. We desire the prayers of all the saints for the success of the meeting. —Sister Ora Spears

### MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The meeting at Wichita, Kansas will be in session from March 2 to 11, inclusive. All are welcome to attend. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Piatt Ave., Wichita 14, Kansas.

### PRAYER REQUEST

Dear saints, please pray for our two little girls, Verna and Portia, that the Lord will keep them from getting car sickness when we take them to meeting.

—Edith Robinson

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## A CHAPEL TO BE BUILT IN NORTH OKLA. CITY

To all who are interested in the new work in North Oklahoma City and Britton, we are glad to report that our new field of labor is progressing real good and the Lord is blessing. As some know, we lost the little chapel in Edmond, Oklahoma to the compromise movement about a year ago, and we rented a building in Britton at 9500 N. Classen which is now north Oklahoma City. Since that time we have been on a continual search for a chapel of our own. The Lord has blessed us with additions to the congregation until we feel we must have a chapel in which to worship in this part of the city. So we have bought a nice lot, 80 by 312 feet, at 1628 N. E. 50th Street which has a good well and small house on the back that can be a blessing for many purposes, but not large enough for worship. This is a good location and handy for all who are involved at present. This property and building project will belong to the local congregation of the Church of God with trustees who are standing for the Evening Light truth which the true saints stand for and uphold.

We believe the Lord is pleased with this move, and all who are interested in this work are welcome to come and look things over, investigate or make inquiry. Anyway, come and be with us in meeting any time. The Lord blesses us in the old Lodge building, and we have some precious saints who are growing in the Lord. The opportunity is great, for many more souls in this big city are hungry for the old-time truth. There is room for much labor and progress.

I want to say that we are laboring in full fellowship with the congregation at 3rd and Phillips and at Green Pastures, and love and appreciate all the saints in these congregations. We just consider this a progressive move which should always be the first interest of the Church. Saints, let us not forget the Lord said, "Seek first the kingdom of God" and its progress, then the other things or bodily comforts will be added. Let us not get too interested in planning for bodily care and comfort and neglect the front line, such as getting the gospel to lost souls in many different ways. I believe that time is short for the saints to work, so please pray for us and hold up this project to the Lord.

As ever, standing for the one true way which is a clean holy way, backed by the Bible and sealed by the blood of Christ,

—Bro. Archie Souder

230 S. McKinley, Shawnee, Okla.

## Obituaries

Mrs. Flora Queen was born in Illinois on August 31, 1886 and departed this life at Tulsa, Okla. on July 6, 1961 at the age of 74 years.

She is survived by four daughters, five sons, 29 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and saints.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Richard Madden, and interment in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Ophelia Cornelius, daughter of Clayborn and Fannie Payne, was born July 18, 1892 in Columbus, Miss. and departed this life January 17, 1962 at the age of 70 years, five months, 29 days.

She was united in marriage to Wyley Cornelius on Dec. 24, 1912. To this union eight children were born. Her husband and one son preceded her in death. She is survived by four daughters and three sons, five sisters, one brother, 19 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was saved in the Church of God in 1935 and remained faithful until death.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, and interment was made in the Northwest Cemetery.

(We, the Cornelius family, wish to take this means to thank all the dear saints for their prayers and concern during the illness and passing of our dear mother. Her greatest desire was that God would save her unsaved children. We are depending on the saints to hold this request before the Lord. We covet your prayers. —Christine Warren.)

Rhodia Jefferies, born June 3, 1861 in Cherokee County, South Carolina to James and Harret Jefferies, departed this life January 6, 1962 at the age of 100 years, seven months and three days.

In early life she professed a hope in Christ and united with the A. M. E. Church. In 1876 she was united in marriage to Terrel Jefferies. To this union 14 children were born, 11 of whom preceded her in death. She moved to Oklahoma in 1940 where she united with the Church of God, and remained faithful.

She is survived by one daughter, two sons, 33 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, also other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Ulysses Phillips and Bro. Sam Barton.

Anthony Brown was born May 17, 1867 near Jackson, Miss. and departed this life on January 14, 1962 at Tulsa, Okla. at the age of 95 years, seven months and fourteen days.

Early in life he was united in marriage to Gennie Alph who preceded him in death, leaving him with six children. Later in life he was united in marriage to Martha Towns. To this union eleven children were born. Mrs. Martha Brown preceded him in death eight years ago. In the year of 1957 he was married to Sadie Carr who preceded him in death on November 8, 1959.

In the year of 1912 he accepted the truth and was saved in the Church of God.

He is survived by two daughters, three sons, nineteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by Bro. Sam Barton and others. Interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A notice of Sister Anthony's passing and funeral service was inserted in the February issue of the paper and the following obituary was received later):—

Elizabeth M. Anthony was born in Pennsylvania on September 28, 1869 and departed this life on December 8, 1961 at her home in Los Angeles, Calif. at the age of 92 years, 2 months and 10 days.

She was united in marriage with James Anthony and to this union six children were born—3 sons and 3 daughters. Her husband and one son preceded her in death several years ago.

Sister Anthony was one who heeded the admonition of her Maker and remembered her Creator and gave her heart to Him in the days of her youth. I do not know just when she met the saints of the "evening light" and accepted the truth as taught and practiced by them but it was many years ago—perhaps 50 or 60—as I have heard her often refer to the meetings in Pennsylvania and ministers whom I know to have lived and labored back in those early days. She was a member of The

Church of God congregation (Evening Light Saints) who worship at Walnut and Naomi streets in Los Angeles for the past 37 years.

Sister Anthony was a godly woman who loved God, loved His truth, loved His people, loved His service and was faithful unto death. Therefore she can claim the promise of Jesus Christ, the Faithful and True Witness, who said: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." She was diligent and faithful in her attendance at the church services. However, in the last years of her life she did not have sufficient strength to be present at every service but still came as often as she could. For the last two or three years she was confined in her home almost entirely but always enjoyed it much when the saints visited her and sang and prayed with her.

She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Mrs. Florence Nulph, and Mrs. Eva Moyer; and two sons: Edward and Fred Anthony, all of Los Angeles, Cal.

In the funeral service for Sister Anthony, A. E. Harmon officiated with Opal B. Wilson assisting.

### *My Great Expectation*

Beyond this gloomy vale of tears  
This one thought I shall meet—  
Will I be crowned with heaven's best  
Before God's Judgment seat?

Or will I face my awful doom  
And sink beneath my woe?  
And wail throughout eternity—  
I've lost my precious soul.

Eternity, thou vast domain,  
Time is not known in thee;  
When I shall meet thy solemn face,  
My home! Where shall it be?

Each traveler to the distant world  
Must strive to reach the goal;  
All must be dressed in holiness,  
A pure and sinless soul.

Prepare to meet realities  
When death shall call for thee;  
Each soul shall step beyond the tomb  
To meet eternity.

I have a bright and shining hope  
That leads to yonder shore,  
Soon I'll exchange it for my home  
To dwell forevermore.

—Donald W. Sharp

### TESTIMONY AND PRAYER REQUEST

Mo.—Feb. 12—Dear saints and lovers of the truth, greetings. I want to write my testimony through the paper and say that this leaves us still saved and encouraged in the dear Lord. I am improving in body. I (Evelyn Gibson) had a stroke Jan. 17 and have been in bed much of the time since. The Lord straightened my face, mouth and eyes, but it has left my heart very weak. I'm thankful I have the right use of my mind and body, and my life has been spared.

I want to take this means of thanking every one for their tender love to us—for the many get-well cards, encouraging letters, offerings, and long distance calls. Many

have driven many miles, brought food and prepared it for us. Others stayed with us and helped. These deeds of kindness have been appreciated more than we can ever express in words. We do pray that everyone will be rewarded according as your needs may be. Today, Feb. 12, is my 54th birthday, and I just received a shower of greetings through the mail today. I had received a number of greetings before.

I have had much trouble with my right foot and leg being numb and so painful, and swelling some. Thank the Lord that it is much better this morning. "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." Psa. 103:1-2.

We still need the prayers of all the saints that the dear Lord will bring me out of this affliction completely. We do thank the Lord for how He has given Darius strength to keep going. God has encouraged our hearts time and again by coming on the scene when it seemed that life was held by a very weak thread. He sent his ministers along just when we needed them. It has made us to realize more and more the true love of this big loving family of God.

By faith we are looking forward to being with our companion out in the Lord's work. We love the service of the Lord. It has not lost any of its sweetness to us. Our compassion for lost and deceived souls is as warm as the day we started. We have no thought of retiring.

With tender love for all, —Darius and Evelyn Gibson  
Rt. 3, Seymour, Mo.

### AN EXPLANATION ON THE GOLDEN RULE HOME

In the last issue of this paper (Feb., 1962), Brother Charles Smith reported on the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla., in which he stated that trustees had been "appointed." Perhaps the term was used rather loosely, and since there is considerable misunderstanding on this point, we feel that our readers are entitled to have a clear definition of their status.

The records will show that at the business meeting of the Guthrie Assembly meeting in December, 1960, the proposed Home at Shawnee was discussed by the saints of the State, with Bro. Smith present and answering questions concerning his special burden for a Home. He consented for a committee of brethren to come to Shawnee to advise him on the purchase of a tract of land which was under consideration at that time, and to consult with him on what brethren would be agreeable with him to serve on a board of trustees for the Home property. Accordingly, in that business meeting a committee of five brethren were officially appointed for this purpose. In a day or two following, four of the committee went to Shawnee, and together they looked at the land and gave their advice. Also, they suggested and proposed that Bro. W. C. McMakin of Shawnee and Bro. Stanley Lounds of Okla. City serve with Bro. Smith as trustees. In good faith, these two brethren actively assisted Bro. Smith in the building work, but they were never officially or legally elected or appointed as trustees by the Church, either local, state or national. Webster defines a trustee as "one entrusted with property for another." These two brethren have not been entrusted with any Golden Rule Home property or administrative authority. Therefore, they cannot in the proper sense of the word be called trustees. The result is that the Home at Shawnee is not officially owned or controlled by the Church, even though individual members of the Church have invested in and contributed generously to the support of the project.

—The Publishers



## The Written Consecration of D. S. Warner



D. S. WARNER (1842-1895)

### A Leader of the Evening Light Reformation

A covenant is an agreement of two parties in which both voluntarily bind themselves to fill certain conditions and receive certain benefits. God is the party of the first part of the contract, and has bound Himself.

1. "I will put my laws into their minds and write them in their hearts."
2. "And I will be their God."
3. They "shall know me from the least to the greatest."
4. "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness."
5. "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." O Thou Most Holy God, thou hast left this covenant in Thy Holy Book, saying, "If any man will take hold of my covenant."

Now, therefore, in holy fear and reverence I present myself as the party of the second part and subscribe my name to the holy article of agreement, and following Thy example will here and now write down the conditions on my part.

"They shall be my people." Jer. 31:33. Amen, Lord, I am forever Thine.

The vow is passed beyond repeal,  
Now will I set the solemn seal.

Lord, Thou hast been true to Thy covenant, though I have been most unfaithful and am now altogether unworthy to take hold of Thy most gracious covenant. But knowing that thou hast bound Thyself in thy own free offer to "be merciful to their unrighteousness," I take courage to approach Thee and would most earnestly beseech Thee to fulfill Thy wonderful offer to BE MY GOD: and I do most joyfully yield myself entirely TO BE THINE.

Therefore this soul which Thou hast made in Thine own image is placed wholly in Thy hands to do with it as seemeth good.

This mind shall think only for Thy glory and the promotion of Thy cause.

This will is Thy will, O God!

The spirit within this body is now Thine; do with it as thou wilt, in life and death.

This body is Thy temple forevermore.

These hands shall work only for Thee.

These eyes to see Thy adorable works and Thy holy law.

This tongue and these lips to speak only holiness unto the Lord.

These ears to hear Thy voice alone.

These feet to walk only in Thy ways.

And all my being is now and forever Thine.

In signing my name to this solemn covenant I am aware that I bind myself to live, act, speak, think, move, sit, stand up, lie down, eat, drink, hear, see, feel, and whatsoever I do all the days and nights of my life to do all continually and exclusively to the glory of God. I must henceforth wear nothing but what honors God. I must have nothing in my possession or under my control but such as I can consistently write upon, "Holiness unto the Lord." The place where I live must be wholly dedicated to God. Every item of goods or property that is under my control is hereby conveyed fully over into the hands of God to be used by Him as He will and to be taken from my stewardship whenever the great Owner wishes, and it is not my business at all.

She whom I call my wife belongs forevermore to God. Use her as Thou wilt, and leave her with me, or take her from me, just as seemeth good to Thee and to Thy glory. Amen.

Levilla Modest, whom we love as a dear child bestowed upon us by Thy infinite goodness, is hereby returned to Thee. If Thou wilt leave us to care for her and teach her of the true Father and Owner, we will do the best we can by Thy aid to make her profitable unto Thee. But if Thou deemest us unfit to properly rear her or wouldst have her in more immediate presence, she is Thine, take her. Amen and amen.

And now, great and merciful Father, Thou to whom I belong, with all that pertains to me, and Thou who art mine with all that pertains to Thy fullness and richness, all this offering which I have made would be but foolishness and waste of time were it not for what I have obtained to confirm the solemn contract. For were it not that Thou art my God, my promises would be but idle words. I could fulfill nothing which my mouth has uttered and my pen has written. But since Thou, Almighty Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Eternal God, art mine, I have a thousandfold assurance that all shall be fulfilled through Thy fullness.

My ignorance is fully supplied by Thy own infinite wisdom. My utter weakness and inability to preserve myself from sin is abundantly supplied by Thy omnipotence to Thy everlasting praise.



Glory to Thy holy name! Though I have solemnly pledged all things to Thee, yet, as Thou art my "all and in all," I have nothing to fear. Now, O Father! my God and Savior, I humbly pray Thee so to keep me that all my powers of soul, body, and spirit, my time, talents, will, influence, words, and works shall continually, exclusively, and eternally glorify Thy holy name through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen and Amen.

In covenant with the God of all grace and mercy, who has become my salvation, my all, and whose I am forever, to the praise of His glory. Amen.

Entered into by the direction of the Holy Spirit and signed this Thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

*J. P. Warner*

## TESTIMONIES

Kentucky—Dear ones in Christ Jesus, today I feel led to write my testimony for the first time. I praise the Lord for victory over the devil.

About two weeks ago one night I was real sick in bed with an infection in my right leg. There was a knock on my door. Praise God, it was Bro. and Sister Sam E. Abbott from Somerset, Ky. They did not know my condition, but God sent them my way to talk and pray with and for me. When they arrived there were four other good people here from the Church of God. They read the Bible and prayed for me, also my husband. We had belonged to the Baptist denomination for several years, but we were in sin and living the life of the world. Praise His holy name, that night when they prayed God forgave me of my sins and almost completely healed my leg. I know He will complete the healing. I am fully trusting Him for my all and all. I want the saints to pray that the Lord will complete my healing and show me the work He has for me to do. I am willing to go all the way with God. Please send me an anointed handkerchief.

Many around here are out in sin, and some are our loved ones and friends. I want every one to be saved. Pray that God will start a soul-saving revival in this community.

I receive the Faith and Victory paper each month. Sister Abbott had it sent to me. I thank God for Christians like Bro. and Sister Abbott. I know God has work here for them to do, and they are willing to do anything in the Lord's work.

Pray that God will give my husband and myself work to provide for the necessities of life. I know that He can supply all of our needs.

A sister in Christ, —Jewell Ping

South Carolina—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: I truly thank the dear Lord for saving my soul from sin and today I am walking in the light and rejoicing in the Lord more than tongue can tell. I can't thank Him enough for what He is to me. My cup is running over with joy. My eyes are filled with tears of joy to know that my heart is right with God.

I love my fellow-men and pray that all will find the dear Lord precious to their souls. I am saved through His grace and I want to grow in Him every day. I want my life to be lived every day to please the Lord and be a light to some souls to help them to find Christ before it is too late.

I have five children and only one is saved. She is far from me in Michigan. She was saved in the tent meeting last summer that Bro. and Sister Abbott and Bro. Williams held at Holly Hill, S. C. I want the saints to remember her in their prayers, also her unsaved husband. She is longing to see him saved. Pray also for her little children. She wants to bring them up in the way they should go. Remember my four unsaved children, and my husband who has just made a start for the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, —Carrine Russell

Virginia—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Praise the dear Lord, I received the anointed handkerchief and applied it as you said. I got such wonderful relief that I just feel like another person. Oh, I thank God for relieving the pain. I had been suffering for about six weeks. I could hardly get out of bed—had such back pains and sick stomach, but now I am getting along fine. I can even sweep the floor.

I hope you will keep me on your prayer list at all times, and please pray for my unsaved family. I lost my husband over a year ago. I still miss him so much. I am sending a little offering.

Yours in His care, —Sister Lelia Vunch

Tenn.—Dear readers: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." The Lord has saved me, and as I laid all on the altar—a real consecration—the Lord sanctified me and I have something to tell and shout about. I just can't keep it to myself. I love the plain humble way that takes us out of the world of sin and the world out of us. I'm glad I counted the cost and paid the price to go through. As I love the Lord, it makes me love everybody.

I am one of the old-time saints of the Lord. I love your little paper, Faith and Victory, and I hand it to my brother and sister and they like it, too. Sister Carroll of Athens, Tenn. ordered it for me. Pray for her, as she has a lame ankle which hinders her in walking. Pray for me. Your sister in the Lord, —Etta Sitzler

Mo.—To all the dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: This leaves me encouraged to press on in this battle for our dear Lord. We are so thankful for all He has done for us. I am thankful to be saved and sanctified, and to be in the strait and narrow way. The dear Lord is so good to heal us and comfort our hearts. Surely He is a great Comforter.

My heart was so troubled and grieved here for a while until I couldn't sleep very well at night. The Lord sent Bro. Darius Gibson to be with us for meeting one night. I requested prayer for this trouble and the dear Lord undertook for me and I have been able to sleep much better. I do thank the dear Lord for coming to my rescue. Is there anything too hard for our God? No, He has all power in heaven and in earth. Praise His dear name!

Another thing the Lord did for us just recently was to fix our water pump when it wouldn't turn on. We had called the repair man two times to fix it, but the last time it was soon worse than it was before. So it came to my mind how the Lord had fixed Bro. Gibson's car one time when it began to knock. They went to prayer, but just kept driving and before they reached home the knocking had ceased. I knew that if the Lord could fix a car He could fix a pump. And He surely did, as our pump is working much better now. I went into the closet and prayed and asked God to help us as I had done all that I knew to do. God heard and answered prayer.

The dear Lord helped us so wonderfully last Sunday on the road to Myrtle, Mo. to the all-day meeting. Our daughter most always gets car sickness, especially if she has a cold. Sunday she wasn't feeling very well, but we asked the Lord to keep her from getting sick and He did. We do thank and praise Him for this. Oh, how I do wish every one of our unsaved loved ones would yield completely into the hands of our dear loving Saviour. He is a Friend to the friendless and a very present help in time of trouble. He can untangle our problems and do more than we can ask or think.

We do appreciate the dear saints of God and their earnest prayers. We pray God to bless each one. Pray for us, as we are determined to make heaven our home by the help and grace of God. Pray for our unsaved children.

With Christian love, —Effie Miller

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Texas—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am so thankful and still praising God that He has shown me the true Church. Had I met the saints years ago I am sure that I would not have wandered around so long. I do love the Lord for His goodness, mercy and longsuffering to us all.

We are still trusting and praying that the Church can be established here in Dumas. Many souls are hungry for the truth, but they have never heard or received it. Of course, nearly every one is a member of some church, but most of them haven't had the real experience of God in their lives.

The Brother Johnsons' came over and held a couple of meetings with us. They are fine people, and we want to work with them in this effort for God if He so wills. Please make this request known to the Church, for we as God's people need a regular place of worship. I noticed in the paper that Bro. Johnson had asked for God to place upon the heart of some preacher the burden to come and hold some meetings here. Will you make prayer request for this need, as I believe it would be a great help toward our efforts here and at Borger.

I pray that the Lord will bless in every way there and that many more lost souls will be won to the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, —Sister Frances McDonald

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Calif.—Greetings of love in Jesus' name to all the saints: "Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied." Jude 2.

Last week a circular was by the mail box from the Lifetime Aluminum Awning Co. advertising a half price sale. I wondered how much it would cost for aluminum awnings for my two front windows, so I made an appointment for an estimate. Two men came, and I told them that I had about called them back, telling them not to come since it would be more than I could afford, as I have only a small income. The younger man measured the windows and the older man began to figure. Both seemed to be very nice. The man said finally that at the regular price it would be \$150.40, but with the material at half price he gave me another figure. It was too high for me and I said that I had better talk to my son first. But they kept on talking, telling me how much cooler my house would be, etc., and cutting the price some more. Finally I said that I would take them, and I wrote a check for part and intended to pay the rest when they were installed. After they left I thought I had no business taking them, so I phoned the office, but the men hadn't returned yet, so they took my phone number and my name.

Sister Dorothy Keiser came. I told her about it. We ate dinner, read some in the Bible, and the Lord blessed

us in prayer. After she left I listened to a man sing a hymn on the radio, then a preacher was quoting the Scripture that if two shall agree as touching anything, it shall be done. I turned the radio off and said, "Lord, if your words abide in me and I abide in you, I can ask what I will and it shall be done." I knelt and told the Lord all about it, and put it in His hands. I began to sing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." It was 9:15 and the telephone rang. The man asked, "Mrs. Henry, did you call for me?" I said, "Yes, sir, and I have been praying." He said, "And God told you not to take the order?" "Yes, sir," I said. "Well, if God told you not to take it, you don't have to, and I'll put the check in the mail in the morning, and you need not worry for I will send it." I said, "Oh thank you, thank you so much, I know you are an honest man." I hung up the receiver and really shouted. The next day I told my neighbor and she said that you can't trust some people—that I had better have the check stopped at the bank, but I told her that it was all in God's hands, that I believed that I would get it back, and I did. I do want to be more careful, for all I have belongs to the Lord. He worked a miracle for me, praise His precious name. May we fear God and keep His commandments.

—Sister Dottie Henry

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Calif.—Dear saints, greetings of love in this new year. I am very thankful for the way the Lord has heard and answered prayer, giving us health, strength and encouragement.

As I awoke this morning I was singing the chorus of "The Church's Jubilee,"—"O Church of God, the day of jubilee has dawned so bright and glorious for thee, rejoice, be glad, thy Shepherd has begun, His long divided flock again, to gather into one." I know what it is to be in a cage of deception, and then get delivered. I just rejoice to know that my name is written on the Lamb's book of life, and not on this earth. Over 60 years ago the dear Lord delivered me, and my name has never been "blotted out." I am on my way with complete victory. Praise the Lord! The way grows brighter.

I like to get the song book, read the words of the songs and then sing them. They just fit my experience, such as: "What A Kingdom," "The Church Triumphant," "The Church's Jubilee," and "The Reformation Glory." When I sing these songs I just rejoice as it reads in Jno. 4: 14—like a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

At the recent Pacoima, Calif. Assembly Meeting we heard several precious messages on the Church. It seemed that every hand in the house was uplifted, which really meant victory. You could feel the glory of the Lord's presence—the well of spiritual water was overflowing. It was good to be there.

We are living in the closing days of time. Truly I want to be ready when Jesus sends His angels with the sound of a trumpet to gather His elect together and be ready to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Amen.

—Sister Annie McKinney

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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and saints, greetings to you in the name of Jesus our Lord: I felt that I wanted to tell of His goodness to us in our home. He is very good to us in many ways, supplying our needs and encouraging our hearts.

One special way that He manifested His goodness to us is what He did for our son, Thomas Ray. As many of you know, he was bothered with asthma from about six years of age until about a year ago. It is surely wonderful what the Lord has done for him in the last year. He is scarcely bothered with asthma any more. Ever since

the Lord gave a witness that He was hearing prayer in his behalf, he has been getting healthier and stronger. One morning, a little over a year ago, he was bothered pretty bad with an attack of asthma. But he was determined to go on to school, trusting in the Lord. Knowing his condition, and knowing how hard it would be for him to study, my heart was heavily burdened for him. As I was praying very earnestly for him that morning, I was reminding the Lord of the time when Mary and Martha met Jesus and said unto him, "If thou hadst been here my brother had not died." The Lord spoke to me deep down in my heart these words, "Jesus is here now." Oh, how I did rejoice in my soul then! My heavy burden was lifted, as I felt that God was on our side and ministering healing to him. His physical condition now proves this to be true.

Thanks be unto God for His loving presence. Jesus said in Matt. 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Now dear afflicted one or sinner friend, if you have a heavy burden that is more than you can bear, I want to tell you of a friend that sticketh closer than a brother and that He is able and willing, and even takes joy in bearing them for us. Thanks be unto God for the gift of His dear Son.

In Hebrews 4:14-16 we read, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Your Brother in Christ, —Thomas V. McMillian

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Okla.—Dear saints and readers of this paper: My soul is encouraged to press on with the Lord. Our whole family has been sick with bad colds or the flu, but the Lord wonderfully healed us. I was thinking how wonderful it is to trust God and not man.

At different times we come in contact with people who can't understand why we trust wholly in the Lord for healing and not use medicine. Sometimes the question is asked why are there doctors if God didn't intend for us to go to them? The doctors are for those who don't have faith in God for healing, or have not learned to trust in Him. Some say that Saint Luke was a doctor. True, the Bible calls him a physician. But have we stopped to think that St. Luke was on the ship with Saint Paul on the way to Rome, and when the viper bit Paul, Luke never gave him any aid or remedy? The Scripture says that Paul shook the viper off into the fire and no harm came to him. Now isn't it plain to see that it was the divine power of God that protected him? When the chief of the island brought these men to his home, Luke was never mentioned, but Paul prayed for the chief's relative and he was healed. Afterward, they didn't bring the sick of the island to Luke because he was a doctor, but to Paul because he prayed the prayer of faith and the sick were made well.

I know that the Lord is still healing His people. He has healed me of the heart trouble, nervousness, and many other afflictions. Recently he healed us of colds and flu. The Lord wants us to continue in the apostles' doctrine, and divine healing by faith in God is surely included. Pray for me. —Sister Earnestine Jordan

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: I am so thankful that I can

report victory in my soul over the enemy. I do praise God for a saved, sanctified and satisfied experience. I am ready to live or ready to go and be with Jesus. Bless His dear name.

I want to thank you dear ones for your prayers in my behalf, especially for my head. I wrote some time ago to Bro. Pruitt, telling him my condition as far as I knew. I have not been to a doctor—only to Jesus. I know He knows all about me, so I am willing to trust Him. Some have advised me that it was not wrong just to find out what the trouble was, as it could be something contagious. I had already asked the Lord to not let anyone catch this, whatever it is, as I wanted to trust Him completely.

I have had this trouble with my head off and on since 1959. It seemed worse this time than ever. My hair came out and I was almost bald in some places. I went through some tests and trials, but the dear Lord is bringing me out victoriously. Bless His dear name! I can see the Lord in it all. It is for my good and His glory, as I had been praying for a closer walk with God. He knew what was best for me. I told the Lord that I wanted to go all the way with Him. I understand that it takes suffering to follow the Lord.

When the revival meeting was announced around Thanksgiving day, a sister and I were talking and I told her that I was not expecting to be in much of the meeting because I was looking to God for something. This may seem strange to some, but God has His ways, and I wanted His ways and not mine. When the meeting started that Friday, my hearing became dull. I could hardly hear one talk when he was right up close to me. I began to pray earnestly, asking God to show me what the trouble was, and let me see myself. I am so happy that He did. I was led to fast. I called a sister who I knew would be fair and help me, to come over. When she came, I told her that I wanted her to be honest and not hold back a thing that the Lord showed her. After praying, she showed me Scriptures that I did not quite understand. I promised her that I was going to pray and ask God to help me to understand and obey. After she left, I cried to God, and it was wonderful how the Lord blessed. He made me know that I had to make some things right. I said, "Yes, Lord." When I fully surrendered, He showered His blessings in my soul, and I prayed, cried, sang and rejoiced. I called her the next day about what happened, and she rejoiced with me. It has made such a difference in our home. The longing of my heart was for my home to be a house of prayer to the Lord. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done.

Concerning the meeting, my hearing was very dull and I attended only the last day. I was anointed and prayed for. The next day I could hear almost normally, but the next day or so it was bad again. I said, "Lord, have Thine own way as I am trusting Thee." My hearing at this writing is good. Tonight I am thanking God for how He blessed me today in the services. I heard all the sermon and took part in the singing. I testified to what the Lord had done and is doing for me. God wants a people that will trust Him fully. I mean to trust Him like Job 13:15, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

I have just finished reading now for the second time, "God's Gracious Dealings," by Bro. Pruitt. It has been a wonderful help and encouragement to me. By God's grace and help I mean to go right on. Heaven is where I have started and I want to make it my eternal home.

—Melissa S. Greer

If you step down on one point, that will influence another person to step down on two points.

## A MODIFIED GOSPEL

The gospel of Jesus Christ brings good tidings of great joy. Luke 2:10. It is a pure and positive gospel. The Word of God is our chart and compass. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Now this is what the pure gospel will do for a man or woman, and is what God intended it should do. But when the Word of God is wrested from its true meaning, then souls are confused and deceived by the gospel being modified or changed into little "no harms" and the old landmarks destroyed or covered up. The old land marks are not to be removed. Jer. 6:6 says to "ask for the old paths, and walk therein."

We quote from 1 Pet. 3:3 concerning the women, "Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." Now should we think what we wear, or adorn our bodies with doesn't mean anything or concern the gospel at all? Some of our modern preachers say that these things the women adorn or decorate their clothing with is naught but tradition and is what wrecked this reformation. Well, this old time reformation is not wrecked, and never will be, for Jesus has said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against "it"—the Church. Praise our God forever! Now when women want to adorn themselves or their apparel, it is nothing but pride in the heart that wants or desires these adornments. The gospel of God is pure, but it is man that modifies or changes its meaning. The pure gospel gives the sinner man a hope in his soul, but a perverted gospel is like a ship on the ocean without chart or compass.

If my brother should trespass against me, should I just pray for him and forgive him and let the matter die as we are instructed to do by man? Or as our chart—the Bible—says? "Go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." Matt. 18:15. Now the Word of God tells us just what to do to be reconciled to our brother. A wrong treatment or offense never dies of itself. There is a teaching among us to just pray for our brother and let the offense die and we are to forget it. Does that help the brother to make his wrong right, or help us to be reconciled to each other? No, the real trouble is a lack of humility which brings conviction; hence, the guilt still stands as God sees it.

There are quite a few things slipping in among the saints of today that will not stand in the great Judgment Day, and many souls will meet with great disappointment all because of a little letting down here and there, and not crying out against the little "no harms" which are appearing among us today. Because of this perverted teaching, many are being

crippled spiritually, and are not conscious of it; hence, gradually losing spiritual power, and hence, a lack of divine healing among us. Yet we sing loud and long, "Lord, send the power down," and at the same time we are getting in the way so that God cannot trust us with His miracle-working power to heal the sick and open the eyes of the blind. Yes, I know there are some here and there getting their healing, but Jesus healed all who came unto Him, and He is just the same yesterday, today and forever.

Isaiah 1:21 inquires: "How is the faithful city become an harlot? It was [once] full of judgment, righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers; thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water," (modified or perverted). We must not mistake facts for opinions, personal or otherwise. Wine is a symbol of the Holy Ghost (or Holy Spirit), as in the 2nd chapter of Acts they were accused of being drunk with new wine, but it was the pure unadulterated gospel that they were affected with. But our Brother Peter cleared their minds by saying, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." Acts 2:16. Wine mixed with water represents a diluted gospel, or as in 2 Peter 3:16, some will wrest the Scripture (pervert or change its meaning) to their own destruction. Some will ease up on the teaching of the Word of God, and many souls are looking for just that kind of teaching because it pleases them as they have itching ears for an easy gospel. It fits their lives and they will amen it heartily. But God's Word diluted, perverted or changed will not have the right effect on the hearts of men and women to bring conviction to them, which is needed and intended by God to bring man to repentance and godly sorrow for sin. A modified gospel has been the downfall of many churches, and it is beginning to show up right in the congregations of the saints.

Did you know that pride in the heart is deceiving? Obadiah says so in chapter 1:3. Does it seem to you such a little thing to feed or encourage pride in the heart, or harbor it in the smallest measure? Oh, watchman on the wall, what are you crying out against? Just the prominent sins, such as using the television? Think on this point: while you are doing that, the little sly foxes are creeping in here and there in the form of little "no harms." There must be a clean church, a clean people that will fear God, and not cleave to their own opinions and desires. This is a close life to walk with God, and walking in the light of eternal truth is no child's play, and not to be tampered with or changed to fit this modern world. This walk with God can be done, for we have a record of a man who walked with God 300 years and had this testimony that he pleased God. Gen. 11:5

I read an article entitled, "Who Changed the Sign Post?" "Sometime ago a minister was called to visit a dying man. He heard the man's confession and did his best to help him to prepare to meet God. But the sick man found no peace. When questioned, he said, 'I am troubled because one time I did a foolish thing. Not too far from where I lived was a junction where the roads met, and at these crossroads an old sign

post stood to direct travelers on their way. The arms of the post were loose and I took them down and changed them, so that they pointed out the wrong road. People who knew better thought it was a joke and just didn't bother to change it back, but it worries me to think how many tired weary people I have sent on the wrong road." Far too many people today who know better have placed the sign posts the wrong way. Sometimes we hear people criticize our young people. We have heard it said, "They have no standards; they want the things of the world, and are not sincere in their service to God." Well, who gave these young people the wrong directions? Who told them that the little "no harms" were condemned only by some old foggy back number, and that it was just a lot of traditions? Perhaps a previous generation has drifted from God and neglected to set the sign post aright.

Many young people of today have heard very little in the way of a message about forsaking the world and coming out and being separate. The leading of the Holy Spirit is a foreign term to many of the younger generation, all because some one has not been faithful to show the way to living a holy life.

The correcting of the sign posts should start with us who are older in the way. Could it be that some of the adults would have changed the signs? They know well that one cannot live a life pleasing to God and not give up the things of sin. They know the life of self-denial which Christ made so plain in His Word. They also know about taking up the cross and following Christ daily, which means careful living on the part of His followers. Who is it that urges that the young people need more fun or amusement than they do the feeling of the warmth of God's love? They have a right to know the way of true holiness and right living. Let's get out the sign post and make it point in its true direction. Only the pure in heart shall see God. Matt. 5:8.

I am greatly concerned about the trend of the times. It is dangerous to vary from the old land marks or belittle the old way by saying it is no sin to do this or that, or adorn our person or clothing and thereby feed the germ of pride. So let's beware of changing any of the true principles or the Word of God by putting our opinion against the Eternal Word of God.

Let us strip for the race, for we may be nearer the end than we think. The Word teaches us that we should be ready always, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matt. 24:44.

Your Blood-washed brother, —E. M. Zinn

#### Why Can't I Join the Army as a Noncombatant?

The purpose of the army is to fight the enemy. If you believe it is wrong for you as an individual to kill, you cannot be in any part of a system that is organized for killing. The service of those behind the firing line—medical workers, supply men, generals—is also a part of the killing organization. Every man in the army is a fighter and helps to kill the enemy. There are much better ways to carry out humanitarian ideals than by joining a branch of the armed services.

## The Devil In Sheep's Clothing

Many people today are being misled by the devil in sheep's clothing because they have failed to pray and watch and obey the truth. In 2 Tim. 4:3 Paul said, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine. . . ." That time is now.

Some people want to be in a church that teaches a sin-you-must doctrine—that says it is all right to do this or that wrong thing, and that we can't help but sin more or less. In 1 John 3:8, 9 the writer says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil," and "Who-soever is born of God doth not commit sin." In Ex. 32:33 God told Moses, "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Some teach that once saved you are always saved, but once saved does not mean that you will always be saved. It is possible for you to sin, backslide and forfeit your salvation. The choice is up to you. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

In John 9:5 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." In 2 Cor. 11:14 Paul says, "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." Many people today are following after this transformed "angel of light"—the devil in sheep's clothing—and blind to Christ who is the true light. Again Paul says in verse 15, "Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness. . . ." The false prophets are also dressed in sheep's clothing. They speak some things that sound good, but they add enough poison to kill the soul. Some of them can heal, show great wonders and work miracles, but they are "spirits of devils working miracles" if they cast aside or transgress any of God's commands. In Matt. 7:15 Jesus warns us to "beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves." Again Jesus said in Matt. 24:4-5, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." In these days the devil appears or claims to be the true light, and deceives many people into thinking that he is the real light.

In 1 John 2:19 the writer says, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." It so happens sometimes that some of those among us are not of us—they do not have the same true Spirit of God. Eventually they go out from us because the fellowship does not exist, proving that they were not of us. In Jer. 23:21 God said, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."

Many souls today are being deceived by these ministers of the devil in sheep's clothing. How much better it would be if they would take heed to God's Word, watch and pray and let no man deceive them!

—Robert Lee McClendon

Doubt stays the hand of God!

## Sowing and Reaping

"Be not deceived: God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6:7-8. This is a solemn warning that we shall reap as we sow—something for each and every one to think about very seriously.

It isn't God's will that any should perish, but that all should come unto repentance, and be saved from all sin. Praise God for His wonderful plan of salvation. Praise God for His Son Jesus who gave His life that whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. In St. John the 4th chapter Jesus told the woman at the well, "If thou knewest the gift of God, . . . thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." The woman could not understand how he could give her water when He had nothing to draw with. But Jesus said again, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Praise God for this wonderful fountain of eternal life.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. 6:9-10.

The Scriptures tell us to put on charity which is the bond of perfectness. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Col. 3:12-13. We can only expect to be forgiven as we forgive others.

God will keep us in perfect peace if we keep our mind stayed on Him because we trust in Him. The Lord is so thoughtful of His creation. He tells us just how to live. If we will learn and live what the Bible teaches, we will live such a life that one looking on might see that our life is just like the Bible reads. We can't preach and teach one thing, then live something else, and expect to help our fellow man.

I read a story one time of a Chinese man in China (I believe it was) who read a book that he liked so well. He thought it portrayed such a perfect life that he wanted to meet the man who wrote it and get acquainted with him. So he came to the United States and met the man. After a few days he said to the man, "You don't read like your book." He was disappointed. Christians must be sure that their lives read just like the book (Bible) if they expect to make a good impression on those who are watching their lives, trying to see Jesus in them. Most of the people of the world are hungry for something they don't seem to be able to find.

It is so sad that many professed Christians are living just like the world. They have televisions in their homes, and follow the fads and fashions just like the world. They have habits like the world, and many other things, until you can't tell them from the world. That kind of religion doesn't attract the sinner, because they go to the same places of amusement and do the same things many times. The sinner is looking for something better than the worldly-minded have to offer.

Praise God, there is a better way. If we let loose and let God have His way, He will lead us into all truth if we really mean business with Him. He is ever ready to help us, but we must submit to His will. We must have faith to believe that God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

We sing the song, "If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him, I could not enough my blessed Lord adore." Since we only have one life, we had better make use of our time for God while we are here. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." This world is not our home. We are just passing through. In this world we are building our future home, so we want to see that our building is anchored on the Rock, Christ Jesus. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Matt. 7:21-27. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me is loved of my Father also; and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him."

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

"Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:38. "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25:13. "And what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch!" —Mrs. C. D. Dilley



## BIBLE STUDY

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### NO STEALING

Printed Portion ....Ex. 20:15; Joshua 7:19-25a; Luke 19:8.

Ex. 20:15. Thou shalt not steal.

Joshua 7:19. And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

20. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

21. When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22. So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23. And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord.

24. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

25. And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the Lord shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire.

Luke 19:8. And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

Memory Verse: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Eph. 4:28.

Central Thought: God will bless those who have a respect for the property of others.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus taught that men were not to steal. (Mark 10:19). Our memory verse brings out the thought so clearly that we are to work with our hands, take care of our needs (not wants), and give to those who are in need. It is not in God's plan that we should receive something for nothing. Even those in need should not accept a gift without giving something in return. It should be received with a heartfelt gratitude and thanksgiving, not only to God, but also to the one whom the Lord used to give it.

Think about how sad it is for one to lose his good name, or reputation, or honor because of another's carelessness or intentionally bringing suspicion upon him. Would this be a form of stealing—his good name? What about our duties toward God, our Creator? Can we steal from Him? If we deny Him the throne-room of our hearts, are we not stealing?

The thought Achan had, no doubt, was that there would be no harm in taking something that was going to be destroyed. But God had spoken and He must be obeyed. Some might bring something home from the place where they are working and try to excuse themselves by saying, "Oh, they have a lot of it," or "I think they are going to throw it away anyway," but stealing is taking something without permission. God requires His people to be honest.

March 11, 1962

### THE OBLIGATION TO BE TRUTHFUL

Printed Portion.....Ex. 20:16; Matt. 12:33-35; 26:69-75.

16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Matt. 12:33. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

34. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

26:69. Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Memory Verse: By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. Matt. 12:37.

Central Thought: Christians should be careful what they say, even if it is the truth. Words will hurt.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Truth is the conformity of our words with the facts as they are known. If a distortion of the facts are made that is "bearing false witness." When a person repeats something they generally repeat it in the way it was impressed upon them. Sometimes the tone in which a thing is said or emphasis put upon certain words will give a different impression. In Eph. 4:15 it says, "Speaking the truth in love." If we have the love of God in our hearts we will want to and try to speak things as they are, and not tell "half-truths," which is wrong. If we have love in our hearts we won't even want to repeat some things. It is best to just drop it and not let it go any farther. In James we read about the tongue, and that it is a fire and can kindle a great matter. We also read that "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." James 3:2.

Hypocrisy is just living a lie. Some would not attempt to steal or do something openly that is wrong, but

they profess something that they do not possess. They have no conscience about deceiving others. But all things are open and naked to God, who will judge the secrets of men's hearts in that final day of reckoning.

March 18, 1962

### THE SIN OF GREED

Printed Portion .....Ex. 20:17; Luke 12:13-21.

Ex. 20:17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Luke 12:13. And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15. And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17. And he thought within himself saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18. And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21. So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Memory Verse: Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15.

Central Thought: The Holy Scriptures have some strong statements against covetousness and those guilty of it.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Coveting means "to desire ardently, especially something that another has." (Webster Dic.) In the Scriptures the word "covet" is used in connection with coveting good as well as evil. "But covet earnestly the best gifts, . . ." (1 Cor. 12:31). But many Scriptures are strongly against coveting that which is your neighbour's. We can have property, etc., but it would be wrong to covet your neighbor's property. The sin of greed is prevalent. Many are seeking more and more to give them an inner feeling of security and power. They do not have any thought of being of service or helping others with what they acquire. This is wrong and will bring ruin to that person. Coveting has to do with the heart and inner desire. God pronounces a blessing upon those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness." He condemns those who covet after worldly honor, fame and material things to lavish on their own lusts.

Jesus condemned James and John because their motives were wrong. They wanted honor rather than having the place so they could be of service. Jesus said that the greatest among you is the servant of all. The way up is down. We can find true happiness in a life dedi-

cated to being of service to others from a heart filled with the love of God, doing what we do as unto the Lord.

March 25, 1962

### THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Printed Portion .....Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:35-37; 19:16-21.

Lev. 19:18. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Matt. 22:35. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matt. 19:16. And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17. And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not seal, Thou shalt not bear false witness.

19. Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

21. Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. Luke 10:27.

Central Thought: The greatest commandment can be expressed in these words, Keep love for God and man.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the day of Jesus there were 613 Jewish laws of right and wrong. These were recognized by their leaders and imposed upon the lives of the individual Jews. One lawyer wanted to tempt the Lord and asked Him which of the 613 laws was the greatest. Jesus reduced all of them into two commandments. The first is mentioned in our lesson and the second is: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." We can only do this when we have the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

In our English language we use the one word "love" to denote our attitude toward a hat as we would toward our mother, God or child. In the Greek there are three words to denote the word "love." "Eros" means seeking love. "Phila" means mutual love and "agape" means a particular kind of love that goes out toward another or a deep concern without any expectation of return. For instance, John 3:16 would be that deep concern God had for us that He gave His "only begotten Son" to die on the cross for us. You pronounce "agape" like "a-gah-pay." It is being used so much now among Bible students. The intense love or agape that God had toward man that caused Him to send His Son to die for us unworthy creatures is the love that God desires from every child of God. We cannot do this in the natural man, but only through being made a new creature in Christ Jesus.

—Sister Marie Miles