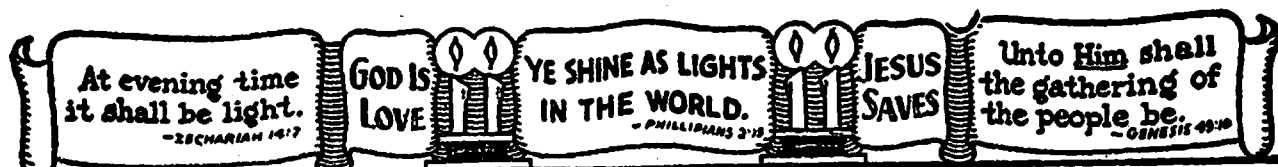


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A Child Is Born

Cain was a babe, the first on earth
Rejoiced a mother's sight,
As wrapped in slumber soft he lay
And hailed with fond delight.

Although so lovely to the view,
Evil lay hid within;
And Satan watched him as he grew,
And fanned the sparks of sin.

Many babes were born to earth,
And grew up to be men;
But sad to say, the most of them
Have lived and died in sin.

As many, many babes were born,
And wickedness increased,
Death like a pall swept o'er the land,
And sorrow never ceased.

The ire of God had reached its height,
As he in anger stood;
In Noah he had found delight,
And bade him cross the flood.

In later years a child was born
And placed down by the river;
A proper child, that God did choose
His people to deliver.

Moses prophesied, and said,
To you, like unto me;
The Lord shall raise a Prophet up
To set his people free.

"Joy to the world"—the Christ is born,
And in a manger laid,
Through Him deliverance has come;
Rejoice! be not afraid.

Yes, unto us a Child is born,
A precious Son is given,
To save His people from their sins,
And lead them home to heaven.

He has a name above all names,
A mighty God is He!
The Prince of Peace, the King of kings,
And Father of the free.

O precious Child, thou Holy Child,
Thy name we do adore;
Redeemer, Saviour, Blessed Lord,
We love thee more and more.

—Ulysses Phillips

The Christian's Obligation to Win Souls

"He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30). There is great need that Christians should strive to win souls. Indeed, there never was greater need than there is at present. Men never sinned against greater or clearer light, or resisted a greater number of means to save them. Considering its privileges, the world, I think, was never more wicked than it is now. Sinners multiply; unbelief prevails; guilt increases; ruin and misery spread. The number of true converts does not, I fear, increase with the world's population; and therefore, in the aggregate, there never was a period when so many crowded the broad dark way to hell. Myriads are dying without hope in their death; hence all your talents are required to be exerted in behalf of their salvation. Nothing that you can do, should be left undone. You should strive in every lawful way to save men and women from destruction.

The relation in which Christians stand to the souls of men is a very responsible one. They are the lights of the world, and are therefore bound to let their light shine. They are the salt of the earth; and therefore are bound to preserve their savour. They are set to warn the wicked of their danger, and sound a solemn alarm, and carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth; and, therefore, it behooves them to be up and doing.

Christians are not to please themselves whether they labour to win souls; they are laid under a thousand obligations to do so; it is a duty incumbent upon them. The word of God enjoins this duty in the most solemn manner, and requires all our powers

to be directed to this great end. We are to make it the chief, the grand business of our life.

The great things which God has done for his people should constrain them to labor for the conversion of souls. The remembrance of the sin and guilt from which they have been delivered, and the free justification bestowed upon them by grace, and the blessed hope of eternal life with which they have been inspired, should excite within them the most intense desires for the salvation of others. If you have gratitude for the blessings you have received, it will prompt you to scatter those blessings amongst your neighbors. You will seek the diffusion of truth, the spread of godliness, the increase of the church, and the glory of your Divine Saviour. And what you do for souls, if done from a pure motive, is done for God. God regards it as done for his glory. And if he has wrought so much for you, ought you not, in return, to do something for him?

No Christian discharges his obligations to Christ, who does not labour to win souls. He falls far short of fulfilling the design of Jehovah in his creation and redemption. He lives for no great end, and achieves nothing worthy of a rational being. The world is nothing bettered by his dwelling in it, and he dies without having answered the end for which he was born, preserved, and redeemed.

To call yourselves Christians, and profess to love Christ, and yet not labor to win souls, will constitute you guilty of the blood of souls. Such conduct will be strictly examined at the Judgment Day.

The neglect of this duty will shut you out of heaven. A man cannot go to heaven by himself. God will not open the gates for him, unless he strives to take others with him. It is indispensable to the saving of yourselves, that you labor to save others. The neglect of precious souls will bring upon you God's curse, and the curses of those who are ruined by your indifference, and the remorse of your own conscience.

How little many professing Christians think of the value of souls! How little they do to save them! How little they pray and labor for their conversion! The Bible says, "He that winneth souls is wise;" but they act as if it said, "He that winneth money is wise." They care more for money than the salvation of souls; and they labor a hundred times more to secure it. Many of the ungodly will stumble over such professors into hell. They see you put the world before the soul, and they imitate you, and are led to ruin. By your conduct you tell them to seek first, not the salvation of their souls, but the advancement of their selfish interests. How will you answer for this at the bar of God? Depend upon it, if you do not put your souls before your bodies, and the things of eternity before those of time;— if you do not make the saving of yourself and others the first object, and make business, and wealth, and all temporal matters whatsoever, a secondary thing, you will be lost. And you will be visited with an awful damnation. You will be damned both for neglecting your own souls, and the souls of others, notwithstanding you have made a profession of love to all. —S. Henn.

From Your Hearts—Forgive

A king began to take an account of his servants. He checked this one and that one and found that one of his servants owed him \$7,500,000.00 (Bible margin). The king thought this was a huge debt and he must have immediate payment. When the servant could not pay, the king told him he would be sold, also his wife, children, and all that he had so he could make the payment. The servant was greatly disturbed. Not only had he been unwise, but his sins had affected his wife and children also. He was filled with sorrow. His debt was more than he could ever pay. He fell down upon his knees before the king and begged his forgiveness and asked for mercy. Now the king looked upon that helpless man down on his knees before him. His heart was touched and filled with compassion so he told the servant he would forgive him of the whole debt; that he could go free now. Oh, how happy that man was! I am sure he and his family rejoiced together. Probably they called their neighbors in and they all rejoiced together because of such great love and mercy that had been shown him.

Dear ones, we are the ones who had that huge debt of sin over us. Hell and eternal damnation faced us. We could not save ourselves or pay our debt. It was too big for us. Even John the Revelator wept when he saw the debt of sin hanging over mankind. Heaven and earth was searched and no man was found to pay it but one cried from heaven to him, saying, "Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed" (Rev. 5:5). Jesus was able to pay the debt. O thanks be unto the Lamb of God, who willingly gave His innocent life on the cross for us that we could have the huge debt of sin paid for us. As we accept that blood as an atonement for our sins, then we are forgiven. God, in heaven, looks down upon us as we kneel before Him, pleading for mercy and sees that innocent blood covering our sins and He forgives us of that huge debt. Oh, how happy we are! We rejoice with the saints of God. Even the angels in heaven rejoice because one sinner has repented. How our hearts are full of love and thanksgiving for the One who forgave us and set us free from the bondage of sin and that huge debt that we could not pay. "For God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)" (Eph. 2:4-5).

Time goes on and this man who was forgiven this immense debt of \$7,500,000.00 found a fellow servant who owed him \$18.00. How surprised we are to find that he has forgotten so soon about the huge debt the king had forgiven him. We read where he takes his fellow servant by the throat and says, "Pay me that thou owest." And when his fellow servant fell down upon his knees and begged for mercy, he denied him mercy and cast him into prison until the man could pay it all. What do you think of such a man and his actions? We surely feel that

he should have been so thankful that mercy had been shown to him that he would never forget it. We feel that he should have wanted to show the same mercy and forgiveness to others that had been shown to him. Even if the man was dilatory in paying the debt after he had promised, we would think he would still want to show mercy upon the fellow servant because of his thankfulness for mercy shown to him. Even if he had forgiven the man the debt of \$18.00, and afterwards the fellow servant would mistreat him and speak evil of him, we would still expect the man to be so thankful for forgiveness of such a huge debt that he would not feel evil in his heart toward his fellow servant. \$7,500,000.00 was a huge debt to be paid and how wonderful for it to be forgiven and for him to be freed of it all. It seems that such would never be forgotten and a person would live a life of humility and thankfulness toward God and all men. It seems he would show mercy and hold a forgiving attitude toward everyone. This is what God requires of us. He wants us to forgive others, and why shouldn't we? God forgave us of a debt we could not pay.

When the king was told about the actions of the servant toward his fellow servant he was disappointed and poured out judgment upon him. He called him before him and said, "I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?" The king then delivered this servant to his tormentors. Now Jesus ends the parable with these words, "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses" (Matt. 18:23-35).

—Sister Marie Miles

Studies in the Book of Revelation

No. I

THE MERGING OF GOG AND MAGOG

The prophecies written in symbolic language in the book of Revelation are being fulfilled with reference to the preliminary steps now in progress toward the merger of Gog and Magog—Catholicism and Protestantism. The diabolical drama of false religions—the gathering together of Gog and Magog—is unfolding before us in the proceedings of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council held by the Roman Catholic Church in Vatican City—the first such council since the gathering of the Roman hierarchy in 1869-1870, which proclaimed the false doctrine of papal infallibility.

Authoritative reports state that the "historic discussions are expected to have far-reaching effect on the inner life of the Catholic Church and on the cause of Christian unity. That the unity of Christendom will be one of the chief interests of the Council was reflected by the fact that about thirty Anglican and Protestant delegate-observers or official guests occupied seats at the opening ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica. They are the first non-Catholic representatives ever to participate in a general council of the Roman Catholic Church. In his inaugural address

to the Council, Pope John stressed that the Catholic church 'considers it her utmost duty to work actively for Christian unity.'"

The 20th chapter of Revelation begins with the binding of the dragon (Paganism) for a thousand years—a long period of time—by the preaching and practice of the true Church and ministry in the morning of the gospel day. Untold numbers of saints suffered a martyr's death before the dragon was finally overthrown and bound until the thousand years should be finished. And then in Rev. 20:7-8 we read, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan [the dragon, the antichrist spirit in that form] shall be loosed out of his prison. And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." The antichrist spirit of infidelity is certainly loose now, and under its leadership it is combining and gathering together all the subjects of false religions to the great and final battle against the saints of the true religion of Jesus Christ. The antichrist spirit animates and controls every false religion, whether Pagan, Roman, Protestant, Jew or Mohammedan.

Instead of working for "Christian unity" in the present Vatican Council, as stated by Pope John, he is working for the union of the antichrist spirit of Romanism with the antichrist spirit of Protestantism for the purpose of "compassing the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city," (Rev. 20:9) which is the one and only true Church of God built on the Rock of eternal ages.

This union of false spirits and religions is again described in Rev. 16:13-16, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [Paganism], and out of the mouth of the beast [Romanism], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [Protestantism]. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty . . . And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." The confederation of the three unclean spirits proceeding from the three outstanding false religious systems is designed in the masterplan of the devil to enlist all the evil forces of "the whole world" in a gigantic battle against Christ and His Church at that final "great day of God Almighty." The battle of Armageddon—the conflict between truth and error, between Christ and the devil—is in full fury. The devil is bringing up his reserves and marshalling all his forces for the final onslaught, but the ultimate victory for Christ and His Church is foretold in Rev. 20:9, "And they [all the forces of evil] went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

Those who remain in "the camp of the saints" are certain of final and complete victory. Are you there? If not, run for refuge in Christ.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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EDITORIALS

The revival meeting held in the saints' chapel near Okeene, Okla. closed last Sunday, the 11th of

November. The truth of God's Word was preached and enjoyed by the saints of God, and others received light and truth. Bro. Ostis Wilson, who has been helping in the meeting at Okeene, is now having a few nights' meeting here at Guthrie. The burden of his heart is for the justified saints to go on to perfection and give themselves to the Lord as a living sacrifice and receive the Holy Ghost who will give them power to witness for God and the Lord Jesus Christ. He is also interested in those who have balked on God and need to reconsecrate and get all on the altar of sacrifice so they, too, can have power to be a living witness for God. In Romans 5:5 we read that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. It is the will of God that every justified person go on to perfection, and consecrate themselves unto God so He can send the Holy Ghost into their hearts and sanctify or cleanse them and infill them with the power of the Holy Ghost for service.

In John 10:10 we read what Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." You receive that "more abundant life" when you are sanctified wholly or baptized with the Holy Ghost. In John 7:38, 39, Jesus speaks again of what the Holy Ghost will do when He is received, "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly [innermost being] shall flow rivers of living water. [Word of God, the living water of life and bread from heaven.] (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified)." Again in the 16th chapter of John's gospel we read what the Holy Ghost will do when He comes into your heart. In the 7th verse he calls the Holy Ghost the Comforter. In the 14th chapter he refers to the Holy Ghost as the Comforter, and also as the "Spirit of truth." In other places He is called the Holy Spirit, meaning the one and same thing. In John 16, verses 8 through 11 we read, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin because they believe not on me; Of righteousness because I go to the Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment because the prince of this world is judged." The Holy Ghost dwelling in you will reprove the world of sin because He was to take the place of Christ who was with them at that time. Read about it in the 14th chapter of John. He will reprove the world of self-righteousness. When He was here He reproveth the worldly-minded professors of their unrighteousness, but as the Comforter or the Holy Ghost was to take the place of Christ for you, He would reprove them through you. The Holy Ghost living in you and causing you to live a holy life free from sin will be a reproof to them. The Scriptures say, "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." Here he refers to Satan as being the "prince of this world." In Eph. 2:2, Paul speaks of Satan as being the "prince of the power of the air," and says that he "now worketh in the children of dis-

obedience." Satan is an evil spirit that works in and through men, and God is a good Spirit that worketh in men both to will and to do His good pleasure. If the Holy Ghost is living in you, He will be a reproof to worldly-minded professors who sin more or less all the time. By their deeds they prove that they belong to the family of Satan, and by the Holy Ghost deeds wrought in you they will be reproved. One of these professors was telling me that Paul sinned all the time and referred me to the 7th chapter of Romans as proof. I told him that Paul was telling how he felt when he lived in sin, that he said he was carnal sold under sin, and that is just the experience of an unsaved person. I also told him that Paul also said that he was a wretched man, and asked him if he was wretched, and he said, "Yes, sir." I told him that I was not, that after God saved me from sin I had joy and happiness, and I was thankful to God for making me able to live free from sin. These worldly-minded preachers teach their subjects they cannot expect to live free from sin in this life, and in this way keep them from having faith in God to keep them free from sin. In this way they give credit to the devil or Satan to have more power than God. The Holy Ghost, speaking through Zacharias, said that we were to live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. (Luke 1:75). In the 12th chapter of Hebrews we read, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Whosoever wants to go to heaven will have to repent in godly sorrow so they can have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. In order to have standing grace they will have to obey the Scriptures and go on to perfection by presenting their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service. They should not conform to the world, but seek God for the renewing of their minds so they can prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

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We are thankful to God for the way our readers are sending in the special three months' offer subscription blanks filled with names and addresses. Quite a few have sent in 20 or more names. I am sure that you will be blessed of God in taking this interest in the souls' welfare of others. We are expecting by God's help and your willingness to obey Him to have at least four thousand new subscribers to send the "Faith and Victory" paper to during the three winter months when people read more, and through this effort we expect a harvest of souls. So many write us of how they appreciate the "Faith and Victory" paper, and how their souls are blessed in reading it. It is good for people to have a love for the truth, or else they will fall into delusions and be lost.

We are happy in our souls for the privilege of carrying on this faith publishing work for the Lord, even though it lays upon us great responsibility and much looking and waiting upon the Lord. This is God's work and we know that He is abundantly able to take care of all that He wants done, so we just

simply tell our needs to the Lord and let Him move upon His consecrated saints to give to the work as He directs them. I do not believe in urging people to give, as I feel sure that those who give because someone is urging them to do so, will not receive the reward. The Word says, "Freely ye have received, freely give," for God loves a "cheerful giver." We do not urge saints through the paper to give to this work and neither do we send out letters begging for donations. God has supplied the work at Faith Publishing House for the last forty years, and we do not and have not begged anybody for money, and we mean by His grace to carry the work on for Him in the same manner. We ask the prayers of our readers that God will make us able to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for we know that our labor is not in vain in HIM. Blessed be God forever!

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OBITUARIES

John F. Zinzel was born in New Orleans, La. 76 years ago and died there October 28, 1962 and his body was laid to rest in the saints' cemetery at Oak Grove near Loranger, La. His wife preceded him in death about five years ago, also one daughter. He leaves behind one son and three daughters, fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, besides friends and saints.

He seemed to have a great love for the saints which he proved very generously, also a great burden for lost souls. He was ready to help those who seemed to be in need. His presence is greatly missed and we hope to meet our brother in heaven where the saints will never grow old nor become feeble in body. Praise God!

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Ray and Sister Katherine Key, assisted by Bro. Oscar Williamson. Texts Job 1:21, Rev. 14:13, and 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

—Sister Katherine Key

Little Joy Belle, daughter of Lester and Alta (Allen) Freeman, was born at Cabool, Missouri, on October 1, 1958 and passed away in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 29th, 1962 at the age of four years and 28 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing her devoted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Freeman, five brothers; Kenneth of Elgin, Ill., Donnie, Troy, Roy, and Dennis, all of the home; one sister, Bonnie, also at home; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Helda Hicks, Mountain Grove, Mo., and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen of Mansfield, Missouri; many other relatives and friends, who loved her dearly and are saddened by her passing.

Little Joy Belle and her brother, Troy, 12 years old, were burned severely by an explosion of a can of gasoline on August 12, 1962. For awhile it seemed that our darling might be left with us, then she began to run a temperature and soon was called away. Troy is now at home but he needs earnest prayer.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Darius Gibson, assisted by Bro. Murphy Allen.

OUR DARLING

Jesus has taken a beautiful bud
Out of our garden of love;
Borne it away to the City of God,
Home with the angels above.

Full-blooming flowers will not do.
Some must be young and ungrown.
So the tender buds He is gathering, too.
Beautiful gems of His throne.

We know our loss is heaven's gain;
We mourn while they rejoice.
So we'll calm our grief and humbly bow,
Till we shall hear our Saviour's voice.

A sweet little flower too tender to stay;
So God in His wisdom took our darling away.
Not from our memories, not from our love;
But to dwell with the angels in heaven above.

—Selected by M. E. G.

Olive Berry Doolittle was born in Missouri on March 29, 1882 and passed away October 21, 1962.

In 1897 she was united in marriage to Albert Doolittle, to which union were born seven children, two of whom passed away in infancy. Her husband also preceded her in death in 1952. She is survived by five chil-

dren: Truman Doolittle, Texico, New Mexico; Francis Doolittle, Kernville, Calif.; Mrs. Maxine Johnson, Santa Ana, Calif.; Ann Doolittle, Pinetop, Arizona; and Mrs. Hazel Phipps, Arlington, Texas; also a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. All her children reached her bedside before she passed away and were present for the funeral.

Sister Doolittle's youngest brother got saved and lived a consistent Christian life before her, which made a lasting impression on her. Later when she heard the preaching of the truth by Willis M. Brown, she recognized it to be the same truth her brother had lived before her, and was saved and embraced the truth in the year of 1910.

Mother Doolittle loved and served the Lord many years and was known for her strong, firm faith in God, and was a comfort and encouragement to many along the way of life. She was in frail health for some time and spent the last months of her life in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Brother and Sister Francis Doolittle.

Funeral services were held in Lynwood, California by A. E. Harmon, assisted by Opal Wilson.

In Memory of Sister Neva Buchanan

By her sister, Dolly Williams

When we leave this old world with its cares,
Leave this time world for a mansion fair,
No more sighing, no more crying,
No more tears will we shed up there.

The former things will have passed away,
We are free from trouble in endless day.
God Himself shall wipe all tears away,
We shall be with Him in heaven to stay.

No more weeping, no more suffering,
No more pains, sorrows and cares,
But at Home, at Home with Jesus
In that beautiful mansion fair.

Card of Thanks

Greetings in Jesus' dear name to all the saints who read the "Faith and Victory" paper: We sincerely thank each one who sent cards and gifts to me during my illness. We appreciate your prayers and your interest in our behalf and for each one who came to see me. God in His love and mercy has wonderfully helped me. But I still desire your prayers that God will give me complete victory over all things. May God richly bless each one.

In Christian love, —Mrs. E. C. Tombleson

PRAYER REQUEST

Dear saints abroad: My blind mother, who has been trusting God for her physician for more than 55 years, fell on October 27th and injured her back and pelvic area. No X-rays were made, and no doctors, drugs or medicine of any kind were used. She believes in complete healing by her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to trust Him all the way. She is 86½ years old and is now in the home of Bro. and Sister Ostis B. Wilson on the campgrounds at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif. where they care for her. She requests the prayers of all the "Faith and Victory" readers in her behalf. God has touched her so that she does not suffer severe pains. Pray for complete healing to God's will and glory. She is well known, having attended many campmeetings in the past 24 years of her blindness. Request sent in by her son, —O. W. Sidener.

CORRECTION

With reference to the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting report given in the October issue of "Faith and Victory": At the time this report was written, the statement that the indebtedness of \$1,200.00 was taken care of all but approximately \$100.00 was true. However, before this report was mailed to be printed, there was enough more offering came in to take care of it all. And this statement should have been corrected, which I failed or neglected to do before I mailed it to the office to be printed. Therefore I ask forgiveness for failing to correct this statement before mailing it out.

Your brother in Christ,

—A. J. Sorrell

Meeting Notices

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly Meeting will be held, Lord willing, on the saints' camp ground located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California (a suburb of Los Angeles) beginning Dec. 21, 1962 and continuing through December 30, 1962.

The camp ground is located in the northwest part of the city. It is approximately one-half mile east of U. S. Highway No. 99 (San Fernando Road) on Osborne. Those driving turn across the railroad track off San Fernando Rd. and proceed straight ahead (do not follow the left curve at the "Y") to the camp ground entrance.

If you expect to occupy someone else's cabin, please make arrangements with the owner before you come and bring a note from them. Those who are willing for someone else to use your cabin should write me advising me of that fact.

The Lord has blessed these meetings in a gracious and precious way in former years and we are expecting the same visitation from God this year as at other times. Holy Spirit filled ministers will be present to expound the Word of God in its fullness and we expect God to work with them confirming His Word with signs following.

If you have needs of soul or body, come to the meeting with expectation and faith that God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Men of faith will be present to pray the prayer of faith in behalf of your needs of body and soul.

We urge all of the saints and any who are interested in the truth throughout the West to plan to attend this meeting. As far as possible, come for the first service and stay through to the last service. All who can should bring some bedding with you as it gets quite cool and takes more cover than in the summer and sometimes there is a shortage.

And now until we see you at the meeting, farewell and God bless you every one.

—Ostis B. Wilson, Phone EMpire 9-3608

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Oklahoma Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, at Guthrie, Oklahoma from December 21 to 30, 1962, inclusive.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual winter gathering of God's people. The chapel is located on the corner of 6th and West Warner Ave. The dining hall and dormitories are located in the same block for your convenience. All who come will be cared for.

Ministers filled with the Holy Spirit will be present to preach the Word of God in its fullness, and to help anyone to present their spiritual and physical needs to

the One who came to heal the broken-hearted, and to set the captive free from sin and sickness. Saints, come praying with a burden for those in need of spiritual and physical help. These are critical days in the world's onward march to eternity, so let us labor on faithfully while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings of money and groceries. These offerings and supplies should be sent to the treasurer, Bro. M. A. Davis, Rt. 4, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

For further information, write or phone the pastor, Bro. Ira D. Stover, P. O. Box 210, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Phone BUTler 2-3244.

West African Missionary Report

Independence Day Thanksgiving Service Held

September 30, 1962 at Three Towns Asana

1. Brother B. U. Etuk (Nigerian Minister)—During his sermon to the congregation of more than 200, he explained fully to the full members and some distinguished personalities who called to hear the minister's sermon that Sunday, the 30th of September, 1962, was the second time since Nigeria obtained her independence.

He drew the attention of the congregation to a certain place in the Bible (Exo. 8). The children of Israel were in bondage and they cried unto the Lord. The Lord heard them, and ordered Moses to lead them out of Egypt. Moses led them to cross the water. They became free of bondage. And so it was with the Nigerians when they were under British rule.

2. The minister contended that as we were and the Israelites were in bondage, and cried unto the Lord, the Lord heard our prayers and set us free. So it is with us when we are bound by Satan. The best we can do is to fight against Satan in prayers, so that the blood of God's only Son would set us free from sin. When we are set free from sin, we would be more happy than having independence in the world. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

During the sermon, one Christiana Udo, came as a visitor to hear the preaching and to see the loudspeaker for the first time and was moved by the Spirit to say that the Lord had prepared this church to be enlarged with people, and that arrangements should be made immediately for the reception of American visitors. After the sermon, very many sick persons were healed and 15 persons were converted.

3. During the evening service, the minister asked, "Do you want to know the true and living God? Would you like to have the sweet assurance that all of your sins are forgiven? Do you want to learn how to become a child of God? The fact that the Bible was written by more than forty different men over a period of 1600 years, and yet all its parts are in perfect harmony, clearly shows that it must have been God Himself who was directing the prophets what to write. God reveals Himself to us through the Bible. Did you ever stop and wonder where this Word came from? Did you ever think about how life got started on this earth on which we live? The Bible is the only book in the world that answers these questions for us. God is love. Love is the very nature of His being. So love one another. (Matt. 22:39). God loves every man, woman, boy and girl on the face of the earth."

At the close of the evening service, 20 more persons became converted, and many also healed.

4. Special appeal from the Nigerian Minister, B. U. Etuk. In my opinion, I feel my appeal here to you should be given a first hand consideration by sending American pastors or elders to join the team of preaching to Nigerians as soon as possible. Hence, I say "the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

—Bro. B. U. Etuk (Nigerian Minister)

TESTIMONIES

Louisiana—Dear Saints abroad, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name—One that means so much to us all.

I felt impressed to witness for Jesus through the paper. He means all and all to me. He is my Saviour, Sanctifier, and Healer. I trust Him for all I need in life. I thank Him over and over for His gracious dealing with me. Some time we find we have to wait on Him. Isaiah 40:31. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint." Oh, how we do thank the dear Lord for His precious Word that will stand when everything else on earth will come to an end. The way of the Lord becomes sweeter and more precious to me as I have learned how to lean more upon the strong arm of God.

In the summer of 1961 I took a cold and it settled in my head. It seemed that I almost lost my hearing in one ear. It was very bad in my head. I kept looking to the Lord for deliverance. Others were praying for me. I am thankful to witness for Jesus' healing power to me. He has healed me of different afflictions. We never know just what all the Lord does heal us of. We trust Him fully for our body.

In August of this year I took sick and it seemed I was going to have another nervous breakdown. I think I had some form of rheumatism that afflicted my nerves. I obeyed God's Word, called for the ministers and was anointed and prayed for. I felt that God did something for me then. I have had quite a test of faith at times, but I have been looking to the Lord for complete victory. I feel that I am about to recover from the affliction. I give the Lord all the praise and honor for what He has done for me. I want to thank all who have prayed for me.

I am thankful to be in the family of God where we can pray one for another. We need each other's prayers.

Husband (Bro. L. L. Perry) passed away in March, 1955. I have been living alone since then. I can truly say that Jesus has been a companion to me. He has taken fear away so that I am not afraid to stay alone. The Lord will surely be a helper in every time of need if we will live for Him and obey His Word. The promises are to the children of God. I have learned by experience that if we want to make a success in this Christian race, we must resist all discouragement, for it does not come from God. It comes from the enemy of our souls. That is one tool he tries to work on the saints. Resist everything that comes along to try to discourage. By doing this we can keep on the winning side with Jesus. Praise the dear Lord for His goodness and mercies unto us!

May God bless every dear child of God that we might keep up our faith and courage and fight the good fight of faith. I believe we are nearing the end of time, and the battle may not be much longer. Heaven will be cheap at any cost, and I surely want to go there where everything is pure and holy. My prayer is that those who are not saved that read the paper will get saved before too late.

A sister in Christ for all the truth, —Della Perry

Ohio—Dear Saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I thank the Lord today that I am saved and that I am enjoying myself in the Lord.

A man told me how the Lord had healed Brother Tomlin. I sent for him to come and pray for me. I told him I wanted to give up my sins and get healed. Bro. Tomlin and I prayed until the Lord both saved and healed me. My condition was serious. I had a tumor in my nose and God truly did deliver me. I could not eat unless my mouth was frozen and the only food I could use was soup. Since then I went before three doctors and they said they could find nothing. I had been in this condition around a year. My faith was strong enough to obtain the rich blessings I received. Now I am enjoying the rich sweet fellowship of the saints. I was down but I am up now and by God's grace I shall stay up. Now I am on my journey home and I ask all the saints to remember me in prayer that I keep faithful. —Thomas Edwards

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Calif.—Dear Saints at the Print Shop and abroad: We greet you in the sweetest name we know, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are so thankful we can report we are saved and encouraged to press on. We are so thankful we have found Him to be very precious to our souls. He is a friend at all times and He never fails. Praise His dear name! We can truthfully say the Lord is our helper, and so glad He never changes, and He still has the same power He always had.

It has been some time since we sent in our testimony. We feel the Lord would be pleased for us to do so. The Lord wonderfully came to my rescue and healed my body a few weeks ago. From all indications I had a tumor. Before I was saved a doctor told me I had a tumor and I would have to have an operation, but I never had it done. A few weeks ago I became much afflicted in my body for five weeks, and had to go to bed. I became so weak from the loss of blood, and such pain and soreness in my body that I could hardly take a step without it hurting me badly. I had terrible head aches. Our daughter said my face lost all color and looked gray. We sent for prayer to the print shop and several different places, and the saints here were all praying. Our children thought I was going to die. Some of the dear sisters came to see me from Los Angeles, and prayed for me. I would get relief, but seemed I didn't get healed. I searched my heart and asked the Lord to search also. My dear husband was so precious. He was so concerned about me and was always ready to pray for me day or night. He said one day he opened his Bible and just asked the Lord to give him something. He said he thought he had prayed and said everything he knew to say, so when he began to read, here is what the Lord gave him. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." That was an encouragement to him. We knew the dear saints were praying for us.

On a Saturday morning of the fifth week I was feeling very ill. My husband had to go to work for two hours. He had fixed his breakfast and left for work. I was up to see him off and was going back to bed when the phone rang. It was Sister Clark of Los Angeles. She said, "Sister Sell, you are healed." I thought— "healed and feel like this?"—and again she said, "You are healed." She said she was praying for me about 3 a. m. and the Lord witnessed to her that I was healed. She said, "You just step out on the promises and claim your healing. Pay no attention to the condition. Just claim your healing." She said the devil had tried to keep her from calling me; told her, we would be asleep, and that I might not have that kind of faith, but she called anyway.

And praise the dear Lord, I was healed. The Lord stopped it all, took all pain and soreness away and there's been no sign of it since. Praise the dear Lord, what a mighty God we serve! The days of miracles are not passed. Jesus is still in the healing business today.

I learned many precious lessons during my sickness, and now I am able to go about my work and duties of life. I am so thankful that I just go around saying "Thank the dear Lord," as I do my work.

I want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers also for the many good letters and lovely cards I received. I certainly did appreciate every one of them and pray God to bless every one of you. We desire the prayers of the dear saints that we may ever be found doing the will of the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, —Vena Sell

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La.—Dear Readers of "Faith and Victory" paper. Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. I do so much enjoy reading the testimonies of the dear saints as well as all the articles in the paper. I thought it would be good to tell how God healed me. I cut my hand to the bone with a knife. It stayed sore a week but the Lord healed it. I thank God, He is so good to me.

I stay by myself as my husband is dead. I have a hard time but the Lord takes care of me. I am 68 years old. I thank God we have a good Lord, Jesus Christ, my Saviour. He saved me and gives me the Holy Ghost. Pray for me as I intend to serve Him all the rest of my life. This is a beautiful way to live. The peace I have in my soul is worth more than the whole world to me. May God bless you all.

Your sister in Christ, —Viola Pasquet

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie Miles: Greetings to you and all the workers at the Faith Publishing House and to all the saints everywhere. I do praise the blessed Lord for the privilege of sending in my testimony. I am saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Lord is and has been my doctor and my lawyer. He has healed me many times. He has defended my cause when the devil and his host came against me to overthrow and cast me down. The Lord pled my cause and put the enemies to flight. I cannot praise and thank God enough for His blessings and goodness to me.

I must say that the "Faith and Victory" paper is so helpful to me for I am isolated from any congregation. Please pray for me that I may be kept close to the Lord Jesus. You will find \$1.00 to renew my subscription for three years. May the Lord bless all the saints everywhere.

In Christian love, —Cherry R. Alba

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Okl.—Greetings in the name of the dear Lord: I was delivered out of sin by the power of God during the Hoffman, Okla. meeting. I am still saved and sanctified and much encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord. I have no desire of ever turning back.

I am suffering much with a swollen ankle and can't walk. I desire the prayers of the dear saints everywhere for me that the Lord would touch my body and heal me so that I will be able to take care of my children. I know He can heal me and I mean to trust Him. Please send me an anointed handkerchief.

Your sister in Christ, —Lorene Keel

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Merely lamenting over our weaknesses won't help. A wholesome hatred of our weaknesses will cause us to turn from them and trust God to destroy them.

How to Ascertain The Will of God

I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people generally is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

2.—Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

3.—I seek the Will of the Spirit of God through or in connection with, the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.

4.—Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's Will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

5.—I ask God in prayer to reveal His Will to me aright.

6.—Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly. In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective. —George Mueller

The Sons of God

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose" (Gen. 6:1-2).

Some are more or less confused about who the sons of God were that are referred to in the above passage of Scripture. One theory is that they were angels who materialized, and took on flesh and blood as the body of man, but this theory has no scriptural foundation whatsoever. The angels are on a higher plane of creation than man, and are spiritual beings. Jesus said that they do not marry, and that we would be "equal unto the angels" in the resurrection (Lk. 20:34-39). It would be entirely out of harmony with the fixed law of kind in creation, to assume that angel or man could change from one kind of being to another at will, seeing that when God created a thing, it remained to be what He created. If such were possible, there would be no order in creation, and there would be a constant change. No angel can materialize his body at will; and no man can spiritualize his body at will. Such an act is possible only to God, and if He chose to do it, it would not be for the promotion of evil as spoken of in the text.

The daughters of men referred to above, were the generations of Cain who slew his brother Abel, and was driven out from the presence of the Lord God. "Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid . . . And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden" (Gen. 4:14, 16).

Here we have before us the origin of the divided human race into two categories: namely, good and evil. Or as is termed in our Christian era, the children of God, and the children of the devil. This took place in the second generation of mankind. When Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, he nor his generations ever returned. They went into the depths of sin that climaxed in the destruction of the old world by water, narrowly escaping extinction of man by a margin of only eight souls saved.

The sons of God sprang from the generations of Seth who was born to Adam and Eve. They inherited the righteousness of "righteous Abel, who yet speaketh." God has always drawn a line of demarcation between His children and the children of this world. He still does it. His children are not of the world, even as He is not of the world, so said Jesus.

We will now turn to the origin of the sons of God who looked upon the daughters of men that were fair, and took them wives of all as they chose. "And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth. For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord" (Gen 4:25-26).

Seth being a substitute in the family of Adam, and the third son, was also known as a son of God. His generation did not follow with, or live with the children of Cain. They were known as the children, or sons of God. Enoch, who walked with God three hundred years, and was translated, was the seventh from Adam (Jude 14), was a generation of Seth. So we see from the family of Adam, there sprang two courses of life: one from the first murderer and liar, and one from the substitute of righteous Abel, Seth, which were known as the sons of God, and the other the sons of men.

Cain's generations took up the work of the devil in every form. They learned to distill strong drink from grain. The distilleries of whiskey were started by the devil. They dressed in manners to stir up lust in men. They reveled in what men still call a good time: drinking and whoredom. The abnormal giants were the offspring of their women. They ate, they drank, they lied, they murdered, they stole, they lusted, coveted; they intermarried to the point that the identity of their kin was lost. And above all, they set their hearts on winning God's sons to their way of life.

The sad story told by the Bible is that finally the sons of God were enticed and drawn into forbidden marriages with these generations of Cain. When they did, they too, like Cain, went out of the presence

of the Lord. This intermarriage of the sons of God into the fallen generations of Cain, who disregarded kin and all laws of morality, grieved God to the extent of repenting that He ever made man.

It is a common thing for the people of God to be called the sons of God through the Bible. The sons of God presented themselves before the Lord in the days of Job (Job 1:6; Gal. 4:5-7; 1 John 3:1; Rom. 8:14, 16).

For a time, in the early days of man, the good and the evil were separated in territory, as well as in spirit. We have reasons to believe that the generations of Seth remained in Eden just outside of the Garden out of which his father and mother had been driven, while Cain and his generations dwelt westward of Eden in the lowlands. Eden appears to have been located in the highlands. There was no intermarriages of the children of Seth and the children of Cain in the early days.

Finally, the children of Seth, known as the sons of God, looked upon the children of Cain, known as the children of men, or daughters of men, and took themselves wives of all they chose, which was forbidden by God. Jesus referred to these unlawful marriages and drinking of that age (Matt. 24:38).

The death of Abel and the banishment of Cain left Adam and Eve without a son to continue the righteousness of God through a people from which Christ the Saviour should be born. He could not spring from the children of Cain, because Cain was out of the presence of the Lord; or in other words, out of favor with God. Instead of his generations producing a Saviour from destruction, they brought on destruction because of their evil works.

—Selected

Editor's note:—From the above article you can see how the two families got started in the world—the family of God and the family of Satan. In the Bible the family of God is often referred to as the "City of God." Also, evil-hearted and wicked people are referred to as a city. In Revelation the 17th chapter and the 18th verse, "Mystery Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth" is spoken of as a city. In Rev. 11:8 we read of the wicked city thus, "And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." Egypt was a wicked nation and Sodom was a wicked city. I have heard people today refer to a wicked city and call it Sodom. Jesus in preaching to wicked Christ-rejecters said in Matt. 23:35 thus, "That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar." In speaking of the blood of righteous Abel, he classes these wicked people with Cain. As wicked people of today are referred to as a family or city, it would not be doing any violence to the Scriptures to refer to wicked people as a city of Cain as he was a leader in sowing wickedness in the world. Every wicked and evil-hearted man or woman in the world today could be referred to as the seed of Cain.

Christ Jesus is the only hope that man has of being made free from sin and thereby translated into the kingdom of God or the family of God. Every sinner should lay these truths to heart and in godly sorrow repent of his sins, be born from above, become a new creature in Christ Jesus, and in that great Judgment Day be numbered with the family of God. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not" (1 John 3:1).

Is Adultery Allowed?

In the commandments given on Mt. Sinai, written on the literal tables of stone for the children of Israel, God commanded, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." But Jesus says, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so." Matt. 19:8.

Hear what Jesus says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17). When Jesus came as our Saviour and Redeemer he restored the Eden purity to man. Those who committed adultery under the law of Moses were stoned to death but they had to be guilty of the act. The law of Christ says, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). In this it is easy to see how that Christ fulfilled the law by making the heart pure so the lust will not even be there. Thus he restores his believing children back to the purity of Eden. In the beginning God only made the man one woman and she became bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh and in this he set an example for his created race of mortals.

When a man and a woman go before the judge or a minister and are united in holy matrimony, they vow and covenant before God to be true to one another until death parts them. In this way it is like God joining them together and Jesus says plainly, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:6).

There are some today who marry a second companion and justify themselves in so doing by the verse of scripture found in Matt. 19:9 which reads as follows, "And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery and whoso marieth her which is put away committeth adultery." They seem to think that this scripture gives them a right to marry again if their companion has committed fornication. It gives them a right to put her away for that cause but the question is, do they have a right to marry again? In the light of all other sacred scriptures we deem this a very flimsy excuse, for in all the writings of the Apostle Paul who was called especially to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, he gives no hint of one having a right to marry again. In fact he says if one is married to another compan-

ion she shall be called an adulteress. Read the first few verses of the 7th chapter of Romans. Then in 2 Cor. 7:11 he says, "But, and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband, and let not the husband put away his wife."

The law of Christ which is the teaching of the New Testament or Covenant, is far superior to the Old Testament law and teachings. When Christ, the power of God, comes into the heart of man, he is circumcised in heart by the Spirit and is made tender in heart to obey the Lord in all things. This gives the children of God not only the power to refrain from committing adultery, but also power not to even allow the lust of adultery in the heart. Christ truly fulfills the law and the prophets to a Christ-filled soul. Under the law they had to literally kill a man to commit murder, but under grace he is counted a murderer in the eyes of God if he allows hatred in his heart even toward his enemies. Under the law they were commanded to give a tenth, but under the law of Christ we give all and just become stewards over what he allows us to possess and we take of his and give as he leads by his Spirit. Under the law they were commanded to keep the sabbath day holy as a rest for the body. Now we keep every day holy and the Jewish sabbath is fulfilled in us who are under the law of Christ; we have a soul rest all the time and do not pollute the sabbath of rest in the soul by sin. Under the law and teaching of Moses, because of the hardness of the heart, he allowed them to put away their wife or husband for almost any cause; but under the law of Christ he purifies the heart and makes it tender and places his converts back in the state of Eden where they just have one companion living and do not even lust after another.

In observing the magnitude of the great army of those who profess Christ and are separating for almost any cause and committing adultery by marrying another we come to the conclusion that nearly all peoples' hearts are hard even as in Moses' time and do not possess the heart that is circumcised by the Spirit. Rom. 2:29. It is a dangerous thing to presume upon the mercies of God and do contrary to his word for we will all have to stand before God in judgment. Jesus says, "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge you in the last day" (Jno. 12:48). The New Testament teachings are the law of Christ and we had better keep our hearts tender toward its instructions or they will be hardened and we will be weighed in the balance and found wanting in that great day of God Almighty.

Today the world is steeped in lustful adultery as women are baring their bodies and by so doing are creating untold lust in the opposite sex. And not only that, but the mothers are putting very little clothing on their little girls and thus killing the God-given modesty and starting them out on the broad road to destruction, making them a prey to vulgar and lustful men. Under the law of Christ, if a man looks after a woman to lust after her, he is committing adultery in his heart with her already. Stop

for a moment on the street corners where carnal and lustful men congregate and when a woman passes along with her suggestive and abbreviated clothing on, one can see the eyes of those lustful men follow her and one begins to know just a little of the awful lust of adultery which fills the hearts of both men and women. The partly dressed women are as guilty as the men; and the streets of our cities are thronged with such.

One time, while riding on a train, I noticed a soldier, and all supposed the girl with him to be his wife, judging by their actions. After he was gone she was asked if he were her husband, and her reply was, "Oh, no, just a soldier boy." She seemed to be so unconcerned about her actions with him and thought that no one should think it strange. When the mothers rear their little girls and dress them in such a way to kill the modesty and shame that God created them with, one cannot expect them to be modest when grown. In some cases God is able to get hold upon the heart and tenders and restores the modesty, purity, and sacredness that was given to woman in Eden.

Let the saints of God keep far from such sins and set a pattern of Eden purity before professors and other worldly minded people, so they can see Christ and be convicted of sins and be saved. When we show the purity of heaven to people we are lifting up Christ. Jesus says, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

—Fred Pruitt

"YE FATHERS"

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

Are you a father? Do you realize the duty and obligation that rests upon you in regard to your children? This is not merely a chance or a happen-so, but a God-given duty and responsibility that the Lord has placed upon you, and you will have to reckon with Him some day and give an account of your faithfulness, or your negligence in this matter. Your faithfulness will surely prove a blessing to you and to your household, and also a pleasure to God, and a blessing to many others whom you may never know of, or live to see; and your reward shall be great. Whereas your negligence and unfaithfulness along this line will bring the displeasure of God down upon you and your posterity.

Therefore, we exhort you to watchfulness and faithfulness that you and yours may be blessed. You will need the help and grace of God if you are to be successful. You will need to go to Him in sincere and humble prayer. He is ever ready and willing to help and to guide you, if you will take Him as the man of your counsel.

Let us read Gen. 18:17-19, "And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth

shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him." Abraham was faithful in performing the duties that God enjoined upon him. So God blessed Abraham, and He will bless all other fathers who are diligent in discharging their duty in the training and teaching of their children in the way of the Lord.

God was highly displeased with Eli because he failed to restrain his sons from their evil ways. It was a severe punishment that befell Eli, his sons, his daughter-in-law and the whole house of Israel. You may read the account in 1 Samuel, 4th chapter, 12th to 22nd verses.

There are many sad and horrible tragedies that happen in these last days on account of the negligence of fathers and mothers in the sight of God in performing their duty to children in teaching them the way of the Lord. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up," Deut. 6:6-7. Do not wait until it is too late to begin to impart this knowledge to them; for, figuratively speaking, your children are going to come in contact with evil and sinful influences as soon as they step out of your door, or leave the yard gate on the way to school and on the school grounds. The language they hear, the sights they see, and the temptations they meet will ultimately sweep them off their feet, if they have not been shielded with godly parental instruction given in the fear of God. And of course, being sinful by nature, these sinful influences will grip them, and start them on the downward road like a run-away horse, and you will have a hard time trying to stop them or to change their course. Prov. 19:18 reads, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Also Prov. 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." The first seven chapters of Proverbs is a library of wholesome instruction that is worth more than tons of gold and silver. "A wise son heareth his father's instruction." "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 29:15.

Not only is the first seven chapters of Proverbs filled with wholesome and divine instruction, but also the entire Bible is a mine of wealth, inspired by God himself, and all who will give heed to and obey its precepts, will have a happy landing in the paradise of God. But there are words of instruction in the Proverbs that should be given to children in their tender years before they are able to grasp and understand some of the deep truths contained in the Word of God.

When we consider the words that were written by the Apostle Paul to Timothy, "When I call to

remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tim. 1:5), "and that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15), we are made to believe that if more fathers and mothers in these days would take the required time to pray with their children and teach them the Word of God, first having the pure faith in themselves, and bring their children, (sons and daughters) up in the admonition and nurture of the Lord, there would be more of them saved today. There would be less delinquency among the youth. There would be more young men and young women that would become polished stones in the building, instruments in the hands of God, to be used to help gather in the harvest of souls who are being carried down by the awful tide of sin that is sweeping through the land. Yes, I say that much delinquency among the youth today is caused by delinquent fathers and mothers.

Do not be a delinquent father, be faithful to God, be faithful to your wife and to your children. You owe it to God, to yourself, to your children and to the world at large, to diligently teach, instruct, guide, and to bring your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. While they are children, be an example to them in word and deed. Put the Word of God in their hands. Give them a Bible or Testament of their own. See that they read them; teach them the fear of God.

They do not need a lot of the trashy literature of today. They do not need the funnies, the comics, the Westerns and romances obtainable from the news stands and book stores. They do not need to be lying around on the floor, or otherwise, gazing at the criminal and ungodly scenes that come through the television. You do not need a television to teach righteousness to your children. You need God.

The foundation of your child's character is laid in its tender years, and is established by what its mind feeds upon. The mind is fed, for the most part, on what one sees and hears, reading matter included.

We will not overlook, neither will we deny the law of heredity. All men are sinners by nature, and if left to themselves will go from bad to worse. But, ye fathers, if you are saved, if you have been made a new creature, if you have been changed from sin to grace, you can, by God's grace and help, and by a life of godliness, set such an example before your sons and daughters, that they will learn something of the fear of God, and His holy Word that will cause some of them at least to enter into the narrow way, and be made wise unto salvation. It will take God to save them through faith in the all-atoning blood of His son Jesus Christ. God alone can impart salvation. God will do His part, but there is a part, a duty, a responsibility, that He has placed upon you. You must do your part to be clear in His sight. Be faithful and be diligent.

—Ulysses Phillips

WHEN JESUS COMES

When Jesus comes for His bride,
Shall He find faith on earth?
Or shall He find foolish virgins
Whose works are without worth?

The Bible teaches there shall be few
Who are willing to pay,
The price of an humble and pure heart
And travel the strait way.

I am thanking my Lord for the few
Who have suffered in life
To preserve this precious holy truth,
Mid all confusion and strife.

The desire of my heart tonight,
In simple words I say,
Is to walk in God's holy light
And His commands obey.

—Effie Miller

MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbor's Bible,
He reads me when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home—
Tomorrow on the street.
He may be relative or friend,
Or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name,
Yet he is reading me.

The insidious whisperings of Satan weld a ball
and chain on many a soul.

You rely upon a manufacturer's guarantee yet
find it difficult to accept God's warranty.

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December 2, 1962

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

Printed Portion John 3:7; Eph. 2:13, 16-22; Matt. 16:18;
Eph. 3:14, 15; Acts 20:28; Psalms 87:6; Exodus 32:33

John 3:7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must
be born again.

Eph. 2:13. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes
were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

16. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one
body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17. And came and preached peace to you which were afar
off, and to them that were nigh.

18. For through him we both have access by one Spirit
unto the Father.

19. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and
foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the
household of God;

20. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner
stone;

21. In whom all the building fitly framed together
groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22. In whom ye also are builded together for an habita-
tion of God through the Spirit.

Matt. 16:18. 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.

Eph. 3:14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is
named.

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.

Psalms 87:6. The Lord shall count when he writeth up
the people, that this man was born there.

Exodus 32:33. And the Lord said unto Moses, Who-
soever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my
book.

Memory Verse: But ye are a chosen generation, a
royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye
should show forth the praises of him who hath called
you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9.

Practical Truth: We get into the Church through
Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The dictionary says that the word "church" means
"all Christians" which is also the Biblical definition. A
Christian is someone who is "Christ-like."

Through repentance we get into the church, through
the door, Jesus. (John 10:9) Jesus is the chief corner
stone. Through Him we "have access to the Father." All
born-again people are in the church and are fitly
framed together for an "habitation of God through the
Spirit." God dwells in His children who have clean hearts
through the Spirit.

Upon the confession of Peter, that Jesus is the Son
of God, is the Church of God built. Christ is the rock
and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. It is
founded on a sure foundation, eternal in the heavens.

We get the name, "Church of God" from the Bible.
Different places it mentions the name. The whole family
in heaven and earth is named after the Father, God.

Now God keeps the record of who is saved and who
is not. Sin will cause your name to be blotted out of
that book. Only those whose names are written in the
Book of Life will enter heaven. Those whose names
are not found in that book will be "cast into the lake of
fire." Rev. 22:11-15.

December 9, 1962

ETERNAL LIFE

Printed Portion Romans 6:4-11, 20-23

4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into
death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by
the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in
newness of life.

5. For if we have been planted together in the likeness
of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resur-
rection:

6. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him,
that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth
we should not serve sin.

7. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Memory Verse: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

Practical Truth: Christ came to man that men might come to Him.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Today the world has forgotten the true meaning of Christ's advent to this world. They have commercialized the day which is kept in the memory of His birth and have substituted Santa Claus and the tree. Many celebrate it by getting intoxicated and committing many sins. But for the child of God who is truly "born again" it brings great joy to think and meditate upon the great gift of God to this world. John writes the advent of Christ in a different manner than the other gospel writers. He starts back at the beginning of time. He tells us that the Word, who is Jesus Christ was in the beginning of time and was with God in the creation of the world. He brings to our minds such a beautiful thought that "In Him was life: and the life was the light of men." Oh, that wonderful eternal life that was wrapped up in that "bundle from heaven" as one has called Jesus.

The world was lost in darkness and eternal night but Jesus came and brought light to the world. He brought full salvation to the world. He taught them the way from earth to heaven. But sad to say that that light shown into the darkness but many could not see it. They were blinded by traditions and their own ways. But thank God, as many as received Him to them He gave eternal life and they were born of God.

December 30, 1962

WHEN WE ARE DISCIPLES

Printed Portion Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-32.

11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15. But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

25. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27. Neither give place to the devil.

28. 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.

29. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Memory Verse: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Matt. 28: 19, 20.

Practical Truth: Discipleship is costly, yet brings a great blessing.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A true disciple of Christ must be fully surrendered. Jesus said to his disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). A true disciple will lose his own life and thereby find a life dedicated to the cause of God and helping souls to get to heaven. Jesus saw the cross while in the garden of Gethsemane. He prayed, denying himself, yielded to God and accepted the cross. We, too, must go through that garden with Jesus and deny ourselves and take up our cross to be a true disciple of Christ.

Our lesson tells us about the gifts that are given to the different ones by God to be a help to the saints and for the "edifying of the body of Christ." God wants his children to become established in the truth. There are many false ways presented to us by the enemy of our souls. God speaks to his saints through the Bible, and through those whom he has given special gifts.

The latter part of our lesson teaches us what we need to do to keep from grieving the Spirit of God by which we are "sealed unto the day of redemption." We don't want that seal broken so we need to live carefully before God.

—Sis. Marie Miles

7. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9. Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

20. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Memory Verse: And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

Practical Truth: Eternal life is a gift of God to us through faith.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Baptism is a type of death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a type of being dead to sin and alive in Christ. It is an outward show of an inward work in the soul. Sprinkling could not represent these types. The fifth verse of our lesson could not be fulfilled to a person who had not been fully saved and had an opportunity to be baptized in water, which is a burial. As Jesus arose from the grave and put on an immortal body, just so when we arise from the grave we will put on an immortal body.

Eternal life begins in the soul of the "born-again" person. They are freed from sin and alive in God. "You hath he quickened [made alive] who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). The Bible speaks of a person being dead when the soul separates from the body, and then when a person is not saved or is a sinner, they are dead in sins, or separated from God.

Our body of sin is destroyed by the quickening spirit of God so we can live unto Him who died and rose again. The "old man" would be the same as "the flesh with its affections and lusts" in Gal. 5:24. Or we call it the "indwelling sin" which is a consequence of the fall. God from the first wanted to destroy the very seat and root of sin. We are servants of God and have our fruits unto holiness and in the end everlasting life which is the gift of God.

December 16, 1962

LOVE IN TODAY'S WORLD

Printed Portion 1 John 3:11-24

1 John 3:11. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17. But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

22. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Memory Verse: Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11.

Practical Truth: Love is the foundation for happiness.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We are living in a world where there is not much love shown to one another. Nations are hating nations, families are hating families, men are hating men, husbands and wives are hating each other, children are hating each other and their parents. So many are needing love and some one to care. God is calling the saints to be a light in this world. God is not willing that any perish and He wants us to have a heart filled with love for everyone and not be willing to see anyone perish. We want to be so filled with the love of God that love will shine out to others. We want them to see that it is the love of God in us and they will be drawn to God.

Our lesson brings out the fact that we are not to marvel if the world hates us. The world hated Jesus. But a test for us if we have passed from death to life is if we love the brethren. Our lesson classes hatred on the same level with murder. Jealousy caused Cain to kill Abel. His evil works were shown up through the righteous deeds of Abel. Our deeds will show up what is in the heart, so we need not just say we love, but we need to show it.

When all is clear between us and God then we have confidence toward God to believe He will give us that which we ask of Him because we keep His commandments.

December 23, 1962

GOD COMES TO US

Printed Portion John 1:1-18

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. The same was in the beginning with God.

3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.