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## Church of God Servant

At evening time  
it shall be light.  
—ZECHARIAH 14:7

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.  
—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

Unto Him shall  
the gathering of  
the people be.  
—GENESIS 12:10

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### *Stirring the Nest*

Stir us, oh my Savior, stir us!  
As an eagle stirs her nest;  
Let us all be up and doing,  
No time now for wayside rest.

Stir us, oh my Savior, stir us!  
Stir us up to give and go.  
Upon those at ease in Zion,  
There's pronounced a dreadful woe.

Do you love the blessed Jesus?  
Would you of His grace partake?  
Then be active in His service,  
Doing something for His sake.

Stir our hearts, dear blessed Savior,  
May we all strict vigil keep  
Souls are sleeping all around us;  
Others, too, are going to sleep.

Soon the bridegroom will be coming,  
And that you may not recoil,  
Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning,  
And your vessels filled with oil.

Blow the trumpet, oh ye watchmen!  
Never from your duty shirk:  
Here and there throughout God's Zion,  
"Little foxes" are at work.

Stir me, stir me, STIR ME, Jesus!  
Thou who on the cursed tree,  
Gave Thyself for poor, lost sinners,  
Give Thyself again through me.

Let us all be up and doing:  
Hangs the sun low in the west;  
May the blessed Savior stir us,  
As an eagle stirs her nest.

—By C. E. Orr from "The Path of Life"

### *Trim Your Lamp*

When I was a child we had kerosene lamps. Sometimes when the wick would need trimming it caused black smoke to form on the globe, thus it hindered the light from shining out.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14, 16.

Notice the word in the scripture, "let." Did you know that it is possible for you to hinder the light of God in your heart from shining? The oil and the fire are there but the wick needs trimming. Is there some trimming needed to be done in your life? Let us think about some of the things that could hinder that light from shining clearly.

The Bible says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." When the pressure is on and we are on the spot, how do we answer? Is it softly? Maybe we need to do some trimming on our voice so we can be more of an example. I know that some have a loud voice naturally while others have a soft voice even if they are filled with hate and anger. But the Word tells us that a "soft answer" is best. God can help us on these lines. We do want to be lights in this world. God is pleased with that soft, kind word and in the time of strife it will have a soothing effect on the person who is stirred up. I have tried it and I know it works. Let us watch our words and the tone of our voice. They might cause some smoke that will hide the light of God in our souls from shining out. Others will see the smoke and not Jesus.

The Bible says, "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." (1 Pet. 3:3, 4). After reading these verses, can we trim something in our lives? Now the deep

desire of every child of God who is born again and filled with the Holy Spirit is to be a shining light in this world. To be so, we must measure up to all the Word of God. It's not what we think, but what the Word teaches us to do. We do want to adorn the doctrine. We want to make attractive the way. We do not want to adorn the outward man, but it is the heart and our life that is to be adorned. The ornaments and the "putting on of apparel" would take away from the light that would shine out of a person who was adorned with a "meek and quiet spirit." We want to dress in such a way that would conform with our profession, dress in such a way that would blend with the Spirit of Christ. We are told that the fashions of this world for the women are to give "sex-appeal." Does that conform with the Word of God and the Spirit of Christ?

What is to shine out in our life? Yes, it is Christ and Christ alone. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet, not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (See Galatians 2:20). Paul did not want any of himself to shine, but he wanted Christ and Christ alone. Oh, if more could get a vision of what it really means to let Christ shine and self be crucified. It would not make any difference what others thought about us being "out of date" or not in fashion. The child of God wants to be neat and clean, but modestly dressed with no "putting on of apparel." With the skirts getting so short it grieves our hearts to see some following after these things. Can we trim our lamps on these lines a little more? Some smoke will cover up the light of Christ in our lives if we aren't careful.

The Bible says, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought [or gained]." (2 John 5:8). God wants us to look at ourselves. When we were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, our souls seemed to be just full of love. Love just bubbled over. We loved God with all of our soul, mind and spirit. We loved our enemies, our friends and everybody. We loved God with such a deep, burning love that we were so eager to do something for Him because He had done so much for us. As John tells us that "we love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19.) His great love that caused Him to be willing to die on the cross and make a way for us to get to heaven broke our rebellious heart and brought us down in humility before Him. How is that love today? Is it still burning within your heart? Or has some of it leaked out? Jesus tells us about the five wise virgins and the five foolish ones. The foolish were careless and did not keep enough oil on hands to keep their lights burning. They were along with the five wise virgins. They, too, were waiting for the bridegroom to come. But they had been careless, forgetful and let other things take the place of the one most important thing and that was to keep plenty of oil on hands. When the cry was made, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him," the five foolish arose with the

five wise to trim their lamps. They wanted everything in readiness, also. But what was the trouble? They did not have any oil. Their light had gone out. Oh, how sad! It was too late then to get oil. If you trim the wick of a lamp that doesn't have any oil, the light still won't burn. Now is the time to get the oil. While you have time and opportunity, keep your lamp trimmed. Keep plenty of oil, which is the Holy Spirit, burning within your soul. Don't lose that first love. Keep it alive by praying, searching, working, praising and yielding to God. The Bible speaks of some that lost "their first love."

Give out the precious things that God gives to you. He will not give to us if we do not give it out. Testify to His goodness and the precious Word of God that He reveals to you. He tells us that we are His witnesses. Can we move up along these lines? Let us trim our lamps, shine up the globe, and most of all, keep plenty of oil in our lamp so the light of God can shine out in our lives. Jesus said when He was here that He was the light of the world. Now He has gone to heaven and we are the light of the world. Can we say with Paul, "Ye ought to follow us"? Can we tell others that if they will live as we live, they will be sure to make it into heaven? Or do we need to do some trimming, so our light will shine out in this world? These are a few thoughts, but I am sure the Holy Spirit can bring other things to your mind if there is anything that you need to do so your light will shine out for Christ in a more effective way.

—Marie Miles

## Whence Came The Church?

The Church of God, whence came it? from heaven or of men? We can boldly answer that it was not built by man; for we read that it is "a stone cut out of a mountain without hands."—Dan. 2:34, 35. And, again, "a kingdom set up by the God of heaven."—Verse 44. In the book of Revelation we find written: "I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven."—Rev. 21:2.

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God"—Verse 10.

"New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God."—Rev. 3:12.

Some infer from these texts that a literal city is yet to descend upon the earth, which shall be the future home of the saints for one thousand years, the length of a much-fancied millennium, which they suppose is soon to commence.

These are false ideas, for the word of God nowhere teaches a millennium, nor does a syllable of it insinuate that this earth will be a future home of the saints. But it contrariwise teaches that "here we have no continuing city."—Heb. 13:14.

If all who adhere to the millennium tradition would read carefully Rev. 21:9, where the angel tells John the heavenly Jerusalem is "the bride, the Lamb's wife," then notice whom the New Testament so re-

peatedly denominates "the wife of Christ," they would at once discover their error.

Paul identifies the "heavenly Jerusalem" with "the church of the firstborn," and "the general assembly" of the saints. Heb. 12:22, 23. The church, therefore, is the very city John saw descending. It may puzzle some to understand that the church is of heavenly origin, when they consider that it consists of men and women. To all such we would say, it is because Jesus, its foundation, builder, head, door, etc., and the Holy Ghost, its leader, teacher, and sanctifier are from heaven; and because all its members are "born from above" (See Emphatic Diaglott John 3:3), that the church is spoken of as having descended from thence. —Wm. G. Schell

(The above is chapter I of the book by Wm. G. Schell entitled, "The Biblical Trace of the Church" which is just off the press. Heavy paper cover, 173 pages—price 60c each, or 2 for \$1.00.)

### Salvation Means Deliverance

The entrance of sin into our world has brought indescribable wretchedness. Guilt and remorse sting the conscience and fill the soul with shame. Sinful habits form the link of an iron chain, which bind the life in utter despair—a chain of bondage which defies all human strength. Burning lusts are set on fire from hell, all clamoring for unholy indulgence; the gratification of which is only followed by greater misery. Restless and unnatural desires deprive the soul of peace; and the half-awakened fears of death and judgment hang dark and gloomy over the life. Hope dies, and with it, manhood and womanhood give up the struggle, and surrender the life to dark melancholy or open shame. Reader, **salvation means deliverance** from all these elements of woe. And should even this picture fall short of the deep shades of your case, salvation yet means deliverance for you. Actual deliverance from the strongest chains of habit, the lowest depths of sin, the deepest hell of intemperance, the slavery of the soul to pride. Deliverance from darkness into light, from the power of Satan unto God. From the woes of a guilty conscience into peace with God through Jesus Christ; from remorse into the joys of pardon; from the thralldom of sin into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Oh, how wonderful deliverance by the almighty arm of Him whose name is wonderful!

And when all this blessedness is reached by the divine miracle of regeneration, if the new-born soul continues to "desire the sincere milk of the Word" and grows thereby, he will soon come to another great and glorious epoch in divine grace; the entire sanctification of his nature; the utter destruction of all inward bent to evil, and the restoration to the divine nature—perfect deliverance from the body of sin into the image of God.

Beloved, this is not an overdrawn picture, nor a tale of human fancy. Nay, it is the very substance of the sure word of God. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made

the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5:21. Though your sins be as deep as hell, the grace of God with omnipotent arm reaches unto you, and if you are willing and obedient, will prove true in your case. You can be saved from your deepest and most binding sins and be a free man in Christ. Come and be saved.

—By D. S. Warner in "The Path of Life"

### Musical Instruments in Worship

Ques. Is it right to use musical instruments in worship? G. W.

Ans. God's ear hears nothing but the music of the human heart. We are to sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. See Col. 3:16. Make melody in your heart to the Lord. Eph. 5:19. The melody of the heart is the only worship that God hears whether it be in preaching, praying or singing. Eloquent sermons never reach the ear of God if they are not born in a Holy Spirit filled soul. God will hear the ignorant man or woman's prayer if it comes from the heart, but the words of a prayer may be grammatically correct and the sentiment ever so beautiful, yet if it does not come from the heart, it never reaches God's ear. The voice may be ever so melodious and well-trained, the voices of the quartet may be in the most beautiful harmony and they may sing to delight the trained ears, but many times the cracked voice of the lonely widow in her cabin home is far sweeter music in the ears of God. A musical instrument is perfectly heartless, therefore the tones of the piano never reach God's throne, no more than a heartless prayer or sermon. It is not the cultivated voice or the soft melodious tone of the harp and viol that God hears, but the heavenly melody of the heart. Why bring anything into the worship of God that cannot worship God?

—C. E. Orr in "The Path of Life"

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dear Saints abroad, greetings in Jesus' name: We are moving to Carterville, Mo. Our new address is 218 Locust, Carterville, Mo. We will be in the Webb City, Mo. congregation. We appreciate the prayers of all the saints in our behalf.

We want all the saints to feel free to visit us at any time. I, Murphy, will still be in the same fields of labor as I have been in the past. If I can be of any assistance to the saints at any time, feel free to call on me.

Pray for us. Your servants in the Lord's work,  
—Murphy and Natalie Allen

### BIRTHDAY NOTICE

Mother Nettie Pruitt will be 80 years old on June 2nd. We thank God for our saints who are still fighting the good fight of faith in their old age. It takes grace to grow old sweetly and I feel it's good to encourage our older saints. We love Mother Nettie and she loves the Lord. She enjoys helping here in the office in doing work that she can with her hands. We appreciate this and pray the Lord to reward her for her "labors of love."

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**EDITORIALS**

In our state prisons in this country, you will find thousands of men locked in behind iron bars who have no liberty or freedom. Some are even confined in small dark cells which make them miserable and uncomfortable. Oh, how these men wish and long for the time to come when the governor will pardon them or their time of confinement will be up and those in authority will unlock the big iron barred doors and they can walk out into the sunlight and have freedom to go when and where they please. But will they really be free in the full sense of the word? The same enemy, whose name is Satan, an evil spirit, who caused them to do wrong and got them into the prison, still has their soul bound to him and separated from our loving God and His Son. His diabolical aim is to cause them to do more wrong and break the laws of the land and get them back into the cold, dark prison again.

There are only two sources of spirits with power in the world today. The greater and stronger Spirit is our loving Father, God. The other spirit is that wicked spirit called Satan or Beelzebub. This wicked enemy of our loving Father took advantage of our forefathers, in the garden of Eden, and deceived them into breaking the commandments of God and thereby planted a seed of evil in the affections of man. This evil causes them to do wrong against God who loves them, thereby bringing themselves into a prison house of sin. Their souls are separated from God and His righteousness and they become slaves to sin and Satan. Sin will bind you to Satan and thereby separate you from God and all that is really pure and holy.

Just as soon as Satan had caused Adam and Eve to sin and defile themselves by believing his lies and disobeying our loving Father, we find that God, who is the greater power, pronounced a curse upon Satan, the serpent, and made a good promise to His created beings, which is written in Genesis 3:15 and reads thus, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." We take note that it was of the seed of the woman who would in time bruise Satan or the serpent's head. (When you bruise or mash a serpent's head, you have killed him.) This seed was Christ our Lord, because he was begotten by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. The seed of man had nothing to do with our Lord Jesus Christ coming into this world, therefore he was not defiled with sin as the human race is who are of the seed of man. Let us read "thus saith the Lord" on this subject. In St. John 10:36, "Say ye of him whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God." Jesus had a

sanctified, a cleansed birth as he was begotten of the Holy Ghost. We, who are begotten of the seed of man have an uncleansed birth of which David bears record in Psalms 51:5, which reads thus, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." All the human race in the world today is born of the seed of man and has an uncleansed birth, therefore, they need to receive Christ who will bruise or mash the serpent's head and cleanse them from all of his defilement.

When John beheld the Son of God, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." That sin nature or defilement of Satan, which caused men to sin, will be cleansed from you by the seed of the woman, even Christ Jesus our Lord. You can have the purity of soul that Jesus had, and as Adam had, before his soul was defiled by believing Satan's lies. Peter makes this plain in Acts 15:8, 9 wherein he says, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their heart by faith." The blood of Jesus in the second definite work of grace will cleanse your soul from all the defilements of Satan or the serpent, and you can possess that Eden purity which Adam and Eve had before they sinned, and also the purity of Christ, who was begotten of the seed of the Holy Ghost and had a cleansed birth because he was sanctified and sent into the world. In the 17th chapter of John, Jesus, in praying for his justified disciples was burdened for them to be sanctified and he said in verse 19, "For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified." In verse 20 He includes us also in his prayer, if we believe on Him through their word. He said, "I sanctify myself" or I set myself apart to go to the cross and there offer up a blood sacrifice that they might be sanctified or cleansed with the infilling of the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost. On the day of Pentecost this prayer of His was fulfilled. There were 120 souls, including the disciples, waiting for the promise of the Father, in prayer and fasting. "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind [all good things come from heaven to us] 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." Acts 2:2, 3. Fire is a symbol of cleansing. John the Baptist, in speaking of the work of Jesus, said "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Matt. 4:11. The Holy Ghost cleansing or fire burns out all the remaining effects of the fall of Adam, thereby purifying our hearts and giving us power to witness for him. It is written in Acts 4:33 "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." The baptism of the Holy Ghost which the disciples received on the day of Pentecost is the faith which Jude says was "once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3). We should earnestly contend for this faith, that men will so dedicate themselves unto God that they today can be given faith for the

reception of the Holy Ghost, with the fire of cleansing.

Let us look at the first few verses of the Epistle of Jude. You will notice in the first verse that he is not writing to the church in a general sense but to those who are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called. In the third verse he called them "beloved" and exhorts them that they should "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Jude wrote this epistle in the year of 66 A. D., more than thirty years after this faith had been delivered to the saints on the day of Pentecost for the reception of the Holy Ghost and Jude was one among the 120 that was given faith on that day to receive the Holy Ghost and fire which had not been given before. The prophets had prophesied of this day and Jesus had spoken of the Holy Ghost being given after that he was glorified (John 7:39) or after his death and resurrection and ascension and on the day of Pentecost they were given faith for reception of the Holy Ghost for the Holy Ghost fire had not been given before or had not been poured out on all flesh as it was on the day of Pentecost. By Jude addressing his letter to those who were sanctified they knew what he meant by the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints" for when they possessed this power and cleansing they knew that Christ was reigning supreme within their hearts. Jude wanted others to receive this same faith for, no doubt, some at that time had ceased to teach this faith of receiving the Holy Ghost and fire. Jude was burdened for the cause of God and the sanctifying of men and women. He was exhorting the sanctified ministers to keep earnestly contending for this faith which had been delivered to the saints on the day of Pentecost. This "faith which was once delivered unto the saints" is greatly needed today that the signs and miracles may follow them that believe and that the resurrection of Christ may be in evidence among the redeemed of the Lord. Jesus had promised the Holy Ghost to the disciples and on the day of Pentecost, He gave them faith to receive Him as they waited before him in prayer and fasting.

The true Holy Ghost and fire filled children of God are the most contented and happy people in the world. They not only have access to many good things from God in this life, but they also have the assurance in their souls of some day having a glorified body in which to live with God forever. Paul called his continued persecutions "light afflictions" and said that they "work out for me a far greater weight of glory." (2 Cor. 4:17, 18) He was looking at things not seen with the natural eye but plainly observed with his spiritual eye. Oh, that men and women of today would so consecrate as found in Rom. 12:1 that they too would receive faith for the reception of the Holy Ghost and fire, so that things of time and sense would fade away, and they could see things not seen by the natural eye. It seems that many who profess to be saints and followers of Christ are earthly minded and unable to see the unseen things of God, but many of them revel in fleshly lusts, which

continually war against the soul and dim the eye to spiritual truths. Read the last few verses of 2 Cor. 4, also the last five verses of the 6th chapter, and the first few verses of the 7th chapter. May the Lord give you a tender heart toward His word to receive this truth, with grace to practice it in this present world. Oh, how we ought to love God and keep His commandments and thereby bear the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. (Gal. 5:22, 23.)

The love of God in our heart for precious souls has prompted this writing. May God make it effectual and helpful to every dear one who reads with an open and unbiased mind.

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Gus Anast passed away on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963 at San Bernardino, Calif., at the age of 75 years. He had been sick for two and a half years with cancer. During this time he went through much pain, but God helped him endure it as he trusted in God alone and would not let a doctor treat him, nor would take any kind of medicines or pain pills. His prayer to the end was always, "Let God's will be done." He was ready to meet his Maker.

He leaves behind his wife, Sister Bessie Anast, three daughters, one son and 11 grandchildren.— Bessie Anast

### SOUTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLY MEETING

An assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held 2½ miles northeast of Holly Hill, S. C., from June 7, to June 16, 1963.

All are invited to attend. For further information, write to the pastor, O'Neal Pratt, Rt. 1, Box 38, Holly Hill, South Carolina. Saints, pray for this meeting.

### Campmeeting Notices

#### GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

The annual Church of God campmeeting on the General Southern Campgrounds at Hammond, La. will be held on June 28th to July 7th, inclusive.

Hammond is located at the junction of Highway 190 east and west and Highway 51 north and south. It is also on the Illinois Central R. R., sixty miles north of New Orleans. The campgrounds are in the southwest part of town, about ¼ mile from I. C. depot or Greyhound bus station.

We are expecting God to send ministers who will preach the truth in its fullness. The saints everywhere are invited to attend, and anyone else who may be interested. All will receive a hearty welcome from the saints at Hammond and Loranger, La.

Let us pray earnestly that the Lord will bless, not only in this meeting but also in all the meetings of the saints.

Yours in His eternal Kingdom, —M. F. Williamson

#### JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon will be held June 28 through July 7,

1963, Lord willing. It will be run on free-will offering plan. All are welcome to come. Cabins and bedding are furnished.

We are expecting a feast from Father's table. Ministers of the Lord's choosing will be present to bring us the whole Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

For further information, write Bro. Noah White, Rt. 1, Jefferson, Oregon, or Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon, phone FA 7-2855.

#### HOFFMAN, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Hoffman, Okla. Campmeeting will begin the 28th of June and will continue through the 7th of July, the Lord willing.

We are looking forward to having a good meeting and expect the Lord to send ministers of His choosing. We extend a welcome to the saints everywhere and to all others who may be interested in the truth and the cause of God. Those who can should bring their own linen and towels.

For further information contact Bro. W. W. Crawley, Okemah, Okla., or Bro. Felix Taylor, Rt. 3, Henryetta, Okla., or Sister Earnestine Myles, P. O. Box 63, Hoffman, Okla. Pray for us. —Sister Lorene Payne

#### GREEN PASTURES, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting at Green Pastures, Okla. will be held July 5 to July 14, 1963. Please pray for the success of the meeting. All are welcome to come.

—Bro. E. W. Saunders, Pastor

#### CHURCH OF GOD NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, July 19 through 28th inclusive, 1963, on the Saints' camp ground at Monark Springs, Missouri, which is five miles east of Neosho, Mo. on Highway 86.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting to come and enjoy this wonderful gathering of God's children where we will be able to feast upon the precious Word of God and lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise unto Him. Let us urge everyone to attend this meeting, for surely we are nearing the end of time. Should you have a spiritual need, whether salvation from sin, sanctification as a second definite work of grace in purifying the heart, or healing for the body, COME, expecting to receive a real blessing and to be a blessing to those about you.

We are expecting God to send His Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to preach the truth of His precious Word. Then if we walk in the light as He is in the light we will have fellowship one with another.

Those coming by bus or train will find it necessary after arriving in Neosho, to either take a taxi-cab to the camp ground or phone the camp ground asking for some of the saints to come and get you. The telephone is through the Granby, Mo. exchange and the number is GRover 2-4217.

Meals will be served in the dining hall, financed by free-will offerings and donations of fruit and vegetables as the Lord directs to be given.

The tents will rent for \$5.00 each, and steel cots including mattress for \$1.00. Space in dormitories, \$2.50, which includes steel cot with mattress. Those who can, should bring bedding, as the nights will be cool, especially if we have rain. Those desiring tents or spaces in dormi-

tories should send their orders AT ONCE to the undersigned.

We appreciated the help Bro. Merrill Williamson and son, Murray Don, gave us last year. Lord willing, they will be on hand to help locate people in their tents again this year.

Bro. Amos Porter will be the custodian on the campground during the meeting.

For further information, please write to: Ralph M. Beisley, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas.

#### OKLAHOMA STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, beginning Aug. 2 to 11th at Sixth and West Warner, Guthrie, Okla. We are looking forward to another gathering together of the children of God in these parts.

We extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Send contributions or donations to Bro. M. A. Davis, Rt. 4, Guthrie, Okla. Come praying for a good meeting and lost souls.

Bro. Ira D. Stover, Pastor

#### MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING

The 14th annual Missouri State Campmeeting of the Church of God at Myrtle, Mo. will be held, the Lord willing, on August 16 through 25, 1963.

We extend a hearty welcome to everyone to attend this meeting and enjoy the good Word of God.

Those coming to camp on the grounds should bring pillows, sheets, and covering if possible, as the nights might be quite cool. The meeting will be run on free-will offerings.

Those coming by bus or train should come to Thayer, Mo. or Pocahtontas, Ark. and call Bro. Alsie Sorrell, phone WE 8-2482, or Bro. Earl Sorrell, phone WE 8-2322, and some one will come and get you.

For further information please write or call the above saints at Myrtle, Mo.

### Meeting Reports

#### MEETING REPORT FROM DAYTON, OHIO

To the readers of "Faith and Victory," greetings in Jesus' dear name: The meeting here at our chapel at 622 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio during the Easter season was very precious and was blessed of God.

On Wed., April 10th, Bro. and Sister Fry and daughter of Nowata, Okla., Sister Ruth Murphey, Bro. Darius Gibson, Bro. Murphy Allen, Bro. and Sister Donald Sharp and family, also Sister Sharp's parents came into Dayton. We had meeting from Wednesday night through Easter Sunday, which was our all-day meeting, followed by an ordinance service in the afternoon. Twenty-one brethren and twenty-seven sisters took part in the ordinances of the Lord's house.

We thank the Lord for all the saints that He sent in to be with us, and we were all blessed in our souls. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ, —W. A. and Verga McCoy

#### KALAMAZOO, MICH. MEETING REPORT

The saints of the congregation at 3rd and G. Sts., Kalamazoo, Mich., would like to report that we have had a feast at Father's Table. On April 19th Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson arrived in Kalamazoo. Bro. T. V. McMillian



arrived April 21st. These three ministers held meeting for us the week of April 20th to April 28th. Bro. McMillian had to leave and go home at the end of that week but Bro. and Sister Wilson stayed on for another week's meeting, feeling the Lord leading that way.

The messages were preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and were instructive, comforting, encouraging and edifying. They received much instruction on how saints should conduct themselves in this life. They learned the godly way to meet with the trials and burdens of life. If all who had the privilege of hearing the messages of truth will put into practice what they heard, they will surely grow in grace and be blessed of God.

All-day meeting was held April 28th, with seventy-seven present including the children. An ordinance service was held in the afternoon with the ordinances of foot-washing and the Lord's Supper observed. Fourteen women and thirteen men took part in this service of foot-washing. The Lord blessed in the ordinance service.

Saints came in from Plymouth, Ind., Decatur, Ill., Freeland, Mich., LaPorte, Ind., Akron, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. The following Sunday, May 5, there were fifty-five present including children.

May the Lord richly bless Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson and Bro. T. V. McMillian for their efforts in our behalf, and may the Lord richly bless all the saints who contributed money, food, and labor that helped make the meeting possible. —Sister Margaret Brant

## REPORT OF MISSIONARIES IN OLD MEXICO

Old Mexico—Dear Saints and dear ones at the Print shop: This finds us well and encouraged in the work of the Lord. We felt very thankful that we were privileged to visit many of you and the Lord's Print Shop in April. Our Bro. Tomas carried on very well with the work while we were gone the month of April, some were added to the congregation.

The Lord has blessed the Mexican brothers and me in visiting the city hospital and a penitentiary. I will tell of one fellow: We found Cesar in the cell ward of the city hospital in Tijuana. He has a bad throat infection and cannot eat very well. Being a prisoner he doesn't get the attention or the food that he can eat, unless some one pays. When we met him he was so weak he could hardly talk—just skin and bones. All the doctors would do for him was to tell him that he needed a blood transfusion. Cesar begged us to give blood for him. Twice in the next week I took some people to the hospital to give blood but both times none of us could donate blood because it was the wrong type or other reasons. We were very sorry, but we had tried and failed, but felt it was the Lord's will that we could not give blood for him. That evening we went to the saints' chapel in San Diego for Thursday night prayer meeting. We were impressed to request prayer for Cesar that the Lord would give him the strength and blood that he needed. When we realize that we can do nothing, then God can work. On visiting hours Sunday we were in the hospital again and the Lord blessed us in visiting and praying with quite a few men in the men's ward and also the cell ward. But our friend was not there. Praise the Lord he had gained enough strength to be able to go back to the penitentiary. On Monday at the penitentiary no visitors may enter but the Lord opened the doors for Bro. Tomas and me to go in with the prisoners and hold services. Cesar was walking around in the court. He still needs help. We left a little money so that he could get eggs, juice and milk to build him up.

We had a good service with about 40 attending. Serving time in this pen is a brother who got saved in there who was a dope addict for 12 years and almost died because of this, but now he gives Christ all the credit for giving him a new life. This brother holds service every day with his fellow inmates. He gave us much liberty in the service. Four or five fellows came forward for special prayer after service. This brother Hector speaks English very well and welcomes any of the brethren to come visit the pen. He said that a number of different churches wanted him as a member and preacher but he didn't promise them anything. He says he wants to wait and do what the Lord wants him to do. Pray that we will be able to make regular visits to this penitentiary, taking the Word to these poor folks.

Bro. Tomas and I with our families expect to make a trip this week to Santa Catarina to visit the sisters and help in services there.

We do thank all of you so much for your prayers and help.

Yours in His service, James and Charlotte Huskey

(Any offering for the Mexico work should be sent directly to Bro. Harland Smith, 317 E. Cucamonga Ave., Claremont, Calif. He will see that it gets in the work in Mexico to the various stations. —Ed.)

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Old Mexico—Dear Brothers and Sisters in the United States: First I am very thankful for the love of Christ and the hope we have in eternal life also for the many gifts of God that were made possible when Christ died for us on the cross.

My wife and I have known the Lord for a little over a year. I am 24 years old and have two small children. My life has been changed from loving the world, its pleasures and bad habits, to loving Christ and His work.

I wish much to work all the time for the Lord. I am now working at a tomato ranch for \$2.30 a day. The Lord has much love for all his children in all parts of the world. Because of all this I want to be firm to the end. Pray for me that I will have the wisdom and power I need to sow the seed in this part of Mexico. We do believe that this is good ground. But I know that I can do nothing. Christ is the vine, our strength must come from Him.

Your brother in Christ, Tomas Mendosa R.

(A native missionary working with Bro. Huskey at Rosarito.)

## "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."

(Mark 16:15)

The above command known as the Great Commission was given to the Church by its Founder and Head, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. How many of His professed followers will be found obeying this injunction when He comes again? Would He be justified in saying that you have been a "good steward of the manifold grace of God?" The devil would suggest that the challenge before us is so great that it is useless to try. Yet one with a real vision of the value of one soul will be found faithfully laboring and aiding in the gospel work regardless of the obstacles.

In Jesus' ministry, He saw the multitudes and "was moved with compassion on them." Then turning to His disciples He said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38. Are you, His followers, "moved with com-



passion" in seeing the multitudes on the broad way to destruction?

God has called many to the gospel work, but very few are putting their full time in His service. "Sunday" preaching alone will not reach the multitudes. A church or an individual without a missionary spirit will die spiritually. Where there is no vision the people will perish.

The saints with a burden for souls have provided a good tent with chairs and equipment suitable for holding gospel meetings. Also there is a dependable truck to transport this equipment from place to place. The season is here now when this tent should be in constant use. The tent, truck and equipment are in a nice garage at the home of Bro. Ralph M. Beisly, Coffeyville, Kansas, who is the secretary-treasurer of the National Missionary Fund. (The balance in this fund as of this date is \$345.27.) As long as the equipment is left in storage it will never help one soul. Where are those called and qualified gospel workers? Here is your opportunity. If the Lord should speak to you, are you ready to answer with one of old, "Here am I, Lord, send me"?

Please send your contributions for the support of the gospel tent work, or inquiries concerning the use of the tent, direct to the treasurer of the National Missionary Fund, Bro. Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

#### A CARD OF THANKS TO THE SAINTS AND TO GOD

From Ostis and Opal Wilson

In as much as the word got around among the saints pretty well over the country that my wife, Opal Wilson, was having a severe fight of affliction with her stomach; and in as much as the saints in different parts of the country entered into that burden with us and prayed to God in our behalf and some fasted and prayed with us: We feel it good and proper for us to give a report to you through the "Faith and Victory" paper of how the Lord undertook and heard and answered your prayers.

For several years after we were married, Opal had real severe trouble with her stomach. Then about ten or twelve years ago the Lord healed her of that and she had very little trouble for all of that time except just token reminders at times when she would be much overtaxed and worn out in her body. But during the last part of February it just hit her all at once and hit her hard and would not let up. She looked like a sick woman which indeed she was.

Some of those who were in direct contact with her got burdened about that and sent out notices to the different congregations of the saints around the country to agree in fasting and prayer for her healing on Tuesday, March 26th.

On the Saturday before that, Opal and I left home about noon to go out on the desert for a few days of relaxation and rest. She was suffering pretty badly when we left home and did for perhaps a couple of hours and then the Lord just came into the car and lifted the suffering from her and it was gone. We were gone about a week and she just felt real well all the time we were away.

On Tuesday the saints at home had appointed 2:00 o'clock as the time of special prayer when they were to gather at our home and pray. We had gone out for a little drive in the mountains that day and I was watching the time, and when it came that time I just pulled the car off the road and we had our little season of prayer in agreement with the saints at home and other places and thanked God for what He had done and asked

Him to just put the seal on it by making a complete and permanent work of it. We also asked Him to bless and reward all of the saints who had shown such interest in us and to not disappoint them in any way.

We are glad to report that God heard and answered your prayers and healed her of that trouble. She had a little test two or three times after we got back home when she dropped back into the regular duties and responsibilities of the home, but they did not amount to very much and did not last long.

Sister Keiser who lives in our home was much help at this time, and was very considerate and relieved Opal of all of the burden and responsibilities she possibly could. This was very much appreciated and we trust God will bless and reward her for all of her sacrifice and effort in helping us. Sr. LeMelle, who also lives in our home at this time, also helped much in her prayers to God for us and in other ways. God bless her also. Also Sr. Sidener, an invalid lady who is being cared for in our home at present, was much concerned with this burden and helped much with her prayers. Sr. Sidener is an invalid lady physically but is far from being an invalid spiritually and we valued her prayers much.

Opal and I left home on the 18th of April to go to Kalamazoo, Michigan for a meeting. The burdens of the work were heavy upon us there, but only twice did she mention any hurting in her stomach and they were on occasions late at night when the burdens and problems of others who had sought her aid and counsel fell heavily upon her.

We surely thank the Lord for what He has done and thank all of the saints around the country who bore our burden and showed interest in us and love for us in your prayers, fastings, letters and cards and other expressions of love and interest.

#### A SPECIAL NOTE TO THE CALIFORNIA SAINTS

From Ostis and Opal Wilson

On March 31 was our 34th wedding anniversary and we were wonderfully surprised by the saints. To start with, it was all-day meeting at our congregation and a real nice group of the saints from all the congregations around our area came and filled up our chapel. It was a real good day in the Lord, as He poured out His Spirit and power on the meetings and anointed for the preaching of His Word.

Then when we went in to dinner we found a special table set in the center with a big, three-tiered wedding cake on it and wedding bells and then we knew the word was out and they were all helping us celebrate our anniversary.

Then as we stood in front of the cake with the flash cameras going all around us, we were presented with an envelope containing \$265.00 which was labelled for a new rug for our living room in the parsonage. We were told that the money had come from all of the congregations in the State of California so we are just taking this method to express our thanks and appreciation to all of you for this token of your love toward us.

We can only say that things like this cause us to feel very humble and unworthy and that we don't possess words to express our appreciation as we should and would like to, but can only say "Thank you" by serving God and the church a little better as He enables us to do so.

—Ostis and Opal Wilson

There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

## PROPOSED BUILDING ON NATIONAL CAMPGROUND

Last July at the National campmeeting business meeting a motion was made and passed that a building be constructed on the campground at Monark Springs, Mo. to be used by the ministers in dealing with individuals' problems that may be brought before them, also for the children's meetings and possibly the young people's meetings which are held each day during the campmeeting. At that business meeting one minister who is a carpenter by trade offered his services to build such a building. Though this structure is urgently needed during the campmeetings, the lack of funds for this purpose is a limiting factor in getting it built and ready for the coming campmeeting. A notice in regard to this proposed building was printed in this publication last autumn, but the treasurer, Bro. Ralph Beisley, informs me that there was very little response in a financial way.

In order to explore the possibilities of getting this needed facility built and ready by campmeeting time, a trustee meeting was called for Saturday, May 11, on the National campground. The seven trustees were duly notified, and four were present, along with Bro. Sam Barton whose interest in the improvement of the campground has continued unabated over the years. On that day the size and location of this building was considered, and the most suitable site was found west of the tabernacle between the dining hall and the fence. The size was proposed to be 20 by 24 feet. However, no definite action was taken since the other trustees were to be contacted about the matter.

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, this is God's work—ground and buildings—and you and all over which He has made you a steward belong to Him. As "workers together" with God, let each of you ask Him what He would have you to do to help provide for this building which is very essential for the spiritual success of the campmeetings. If you cannot give, you can pray that "fervent prayer" which, according to the Apostle James, "availeth much."

If God's people have a mind to work and send their love offerings promptly, it is very likely that this new building would be ready for use at the campmeeting in July. Please send your contributions to the treasurer, Bro. Ralph M. Beisley, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kans. Do you like great blessings? Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—L. D. Pruitt, Secretary

## TESTIMONIES

Mo.—Dear Ones in Christ: It encourages our hearts to read the good testimonies in the "Faith and Victory."

Sometimes it is difficult for us to exercise faith when we are so concerned about our loved ones who are desperately ill. We know the Lord can heal, but sometimes when they are in so much pain and we think they could go any moment, it is difficult for us to pray as we should. So it was with us recently. Our daughter Vesta Nadine was so ill and in great pain. We had prayed but needed others to pray also. We telephoned quickly to our congregation here at Neosho, Webb City, Tulsa, and Guthrie. We felt that relief must come quickly. Each one we spoke to, promised to pray. They were so touched in our time of trouble as God's people always are. When Sister Meek answered the phone in the Pruitt home she sounded so sure that God would come to our rescue, and a thought came to me that she's just as sure as if she were already witnessing the healing and how I wished that I could feel so sure. It seemed so

dark for awhile. We were all crying and trying to pray and believe, but I don't think we could have gotten along without the help of God's children reassuring us that God would undertake in our behalf.

How it encourages us when God's people rejoice with us when He hears and answers prayer. When Dorothy Barton called later to know how Vesta Nadine was, it encouraged us. Nadine was anointed and prayed for here in our home and others were praying elsewhere. Praise His name for answering prayer!

I enjoyed last month's testimonies and came across names that we haven't seen in print for quite some time—William and Julia Cramer, Robert Longley and others. When I was but a small child at home some of these visited us when meetings were held and how we children enjoyed having the different ones in our home!

It was so good to read the letter from Wayne Turner in last month's issue and should encourage many. So often in our little congregation prayer was requested for him. It is good to know that no matter where we are or under what circumstances, God's people are not forgotten and that someone is praying for us.

How our hearts are touched by the needs of our Christian fellowmen—the ones whose hearing or eyesight are failing them, and others having needs. I always pray that God will increase my burden for them and cause me to feel as concerned about them as though it were I in like circumstances and how we would want others to remember us. Pray that the Lord will help me to be more concerned and have more compassion for others than ever before, that we may not pass off lightly when we hear our brother or sister is in need, and of course for those also who know not God.

We have noticed at different times testimonies by those who have found the Lord through a tract or the "Faith and Victory" paper being passed to them by one method or another. Very often while traveling, we toss out a paper with perhaps a tract inside it. When we drove to the campmeeting in West Virginia a few years ago we threw out so many papers and always prayed that an honest person would find it and get help to their soul. Sometimes it amazed us how the papers we threw out landed where we wanted them to, in the driveway or on the lawn near the walk, and we always prayed that none would get lost or go into the ditch where it might not be found. We didn't want to waste even one, for in it some soul might read how he could find eternal life. At times the wind blew hard and how sad we felt if the paper didn't land where we intended it to and we were so concerned about it that we'd look back and watch it roll just where it could be seen easily and all was well. How our hearts rejoiced! So the Lord had His hand over them and us. Such a thing may seem small, and when we tell how the Lord hears and answers prayer in such small matters some look at us and smile, thinking perhaps that we're a bit foolish to ask for some things. It may seem such a small matter, but often these little things may turn out to be great after all.

We were taught at home to respect the Word of God, no matter if it was in the Bible, a hymn book or in tract form. We were careful not to crush, bend or tear it, and I'm sure the Lord knew how we felt about this and His great hand was over the Word of God printed on the tracts and in the "Faith and Victory." I know many others have passed along papers this way and some honest soul has found them, so we never know how much good we might have done. I hear so many say that they do not know what to do and there is so little they can do, but when I read where someone has been helped by finding a religious writing and we fail

to pass out the Word of God, then some soul may fail to find God. This would be sad indeed!!

We were so very glad to know that Sister Nettie Pruitt was healed. Vesta Nadine knew her long before I met her and learned to love her and told me what a sweet saint she was. It does our hearts good to know that the Lord touched her body.

We are so thankful for all the prayers offered in Vesta Nadine's behalf and please continue to pray that her strength might be increased. —Anna (Hiebert) Severs

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N. Mex.—Dear Brother Pruitt and Saints, greetings of love in Jesus' precious name:

I want to write that your paper, "Faith and Victory" is so much help to me. It has been in the home almost forty years as Mother Doolittle first subscribed to it many years ago. I can say I still love to read everything in it, and feel that it is truth.

I am sorry I haven't written sooner to thank every one who had a part in praying for our son, Kenneth. It was in 1958 he was in a wreck and hurt so badly it is the mercy of God that he is alive and so well today. Praise God! Thank you every one so very much for your prayers, and please pray that my family will be saved before too late.

How I do thank and praise the good Lord for salvation more than anything in this world, for without Him we can do nothing.

Love to all saints, —Sister Ruth Doolittle

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Mo.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: I am so thankful to report that I have victory in my soul today and the desire of my heart is to keep looking upward and pressing on for the Lord. I don't want to look at man, but surely I want to keep my eyes on Jesus. I feel it good to write how the Lord so wonderfully showed His great love, mercy and mighty power to unbelievers who looked upon me when it seemed that death was at hand. I pray this may encourage some dear soul to have a closer walk with God. We must hold on to God's unchanging hand. Different times when I would become unconscious at short intervals, I could hear heavenly music. Then as I began to mend, some of the children sang this song, "Precious Lord, hold my hand, lead me home." Surely, I want to thank Bro. and Sis. Sorrell for their coming and praying for me before Bro. Murphy Allen and Bro. and Sis. Darius Gibson came to anoint me and pray. Sister Leota remained in the home, praying and laboring, doing what she could. Other saints from Myrtle, Mo. also came to see me.

Perhaps I should relate what the affliction was. Myrtle and children came to spend the day with me. Thomas was in a hurry as he was going after feed for a neighbor and had promised to have it for him by noon. When they drove up, they asked me how I was. I told them, "Not so good." But they did not realize until he was gone how serious was my condition. I had taken ill Monday night and lay in bed Tuesday. I was by myself. Phone service was no good, and I knew I should not try to drive as both Tuesday and Wednesday morning, I could hardly make it to the house from the barn after feeding the heifers. Myrtle realized how critical my condition was, but had no way of calling help, so she prayed the Lord would send some one so she could get word to the saints for help. About 7 p. m. Leota, my daughter living in Thayer, came. She was scared, so only stayed a few minutes and went to let others know and they in turn called the Myrtle saints for prayer for me, and also Bro. Allen and Bro. Gibson.

My head was swollen with a real purple ridge over my left eye. The whole top of my head became very dark and it was believed that I had a stroke as my face was swollen and drawn out of shape. The children living near came that night. Then on Thursday I fainted away after asking for prayer and the Lord let me rest a little. I had it settled if God called me home I had sent my sins on before several years ago. If He permitted me to be spared it was all right. I had no fear as I knew I was His, dead or alive. Then when I awakened from the short rest I discovered my fingers were very blue up to the second joint. I would hold them up and move them to get the blood circulating. However, I did not get healing at that time but the Lord did help me. I seemed to be getting better. All 12 children were called and came home, the first time they had been together for 12 years. I count it very precious that none even mentioned that I should have a doctor. They respected the saints and me for the way of life I had chosen. Pray for my unsaved children.

I surely do thank each and everyone for every token of love, remembrances, and the prayer requests given at different places for me.

The following Tuesday after my sickness the Lord permitted me to have another bad day and night. The children again called the Myrtle, Mo. saints for prayer. It was at this time I received the victory and the Lord's healing balm. Such a precious and wonderful soothing sensation went through my body. I immediately thanked God then and there, claiming the promise He had for me. Surely I want to say that God is a wise Physician and can care for all our needs both body and soul. Praise His dear name! I can look back and count the blessings which came to me through this affliction. The children who are not saved have learned to love and respect the saints at Myrtle, Mo. and others they have met.

My soul's desire is to be found doing the Lord's will at all times and being a living example of Christ through the spirit of love to others. My right arm and hand were affected some, but I can use it better now. I covet your prayers in my behalf and want to prove worthy of God's great mercy.

—Sister Marie Gaines

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Wyoming—Dear Brothers and Sisters, greetings to all who are connected with the "Faith and Victory." I first learned of and saw the Pruitts at a campmeeting in Oklahoma which I attended with my folks, the Harry Vinings, when I was a little girl. We also attended a campmeeting with them at Springfield, Mo. Bro. Pruitt visited here overnight twice, and these visits were a blessing. My grandfather, Arthur Vining, used to attend these meetings before he passed away. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isa. 52:7.

Sincerely in Christ,

—Sister Roberta Reese

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: I do hope all is well with you and yours.

I am still praising and thanking our great heavenly Father for His great love He has for us. You remember I wrote you that I had arthritis and requested all of you there to pray for me about six years ago, and you remember that I wrote you that the Lord had healed me? Well, praise His dear name, I am still healed. Some said the arthritis would come back on me. I told them what Jesus did, He did well. I am so thankful to Jesus for His love He has for His children and how He cares for us.

Sister Marie, I still teach the little children at Sunday School, and the children and I all like the "Beautiful Way" paper. Please pray for me that I will teach the children as the good Lord would have me to.

Your sister in Jesus, —Mrs. W. M. Thomas

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S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of our dear Lord: I feel led to send in my testimony today that it may help someone to look up and call on God for His saving grace.

Now, I truly thank my Lord for saving my soul, and I truly thank Him for all others that He has saved up to this present time. I pray that He will save many, many more. I truly thank God for what He means to me. I love my Lord and I mean to do His will by His help.

I want all of the saints to remember me in their prayers. Please pray for my daughter in Michigan because she is real sick and she loves the Lord. Please pray for her healing and for her faith to be increased in God. Pray for her family and mine. Also pray for the meeting here in June that God will bless in His own way. May God bless each and every soul.

Your sister in Christ, —Carrine Russell

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New York—Dear Brother Pruitt: It has been a bright spot in my life getting your "Faith and Victory" paper. How good to know it helps so many! At a time like this it would be a help to the world if people would pray more. The youth of our country needs people like you.

The verse on the front page about Mother's Day is good reading. I suppose many send you their writings for you to edit. You have been doing such good work I want to wish you well. May God bless all those who follow the Lord.

My dear aunt in Ohio is aged, but still finds so much comfort in your gospel work.

Best wishes for health to you and your family.

Gratefully yours, —Mary Boyd

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Texas—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all the dear saints: As I read all the nice letters in "Faith and Victory" paper, I felt impressed to write my appreciation of the good work that is being done there at the print shop of the Lord. I am sure the Lord will and has already richly blessed Bro. and Sis. Pruitt for standing firm for the true and living way of the Lord. I have learned to love them very much, and feel very close to the saints as I think of each one of those whom I have met. Certainly they are a "peculiar people" as God's precious Word says.

Oh, I'm so glad I know I'm a child of God, and thank Him very much for saving me when I was so far away from Him in sin. I wandered so long going from one so-called church to another. I need to say right here how I appreciate my dear Brother and Sister George Abbott and Mother for telling me of the Church of God and sending me the little "Faith and Victory" paper. As I began to read it and the tracts and compare their contents with the Word of God, I decided this was God's Church.

Truly saints, we as people of God should not sleep in these last days, for there are so many poor souls who don't know the true church, and there are those who are listening to false teachers and will be lost if some constant working for God isn't done. We are the light of the world, and need to shine more in this dark age.

I can see the need of God's called ministers scattering out more, to places where there are none. There are several families here, and I know there are more who would like to see the true gospel go forth. Do pray again

that God will send His called servants out our way. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few.

Remember us here when you pray.

—Sister Frances McDonald

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints in Jesus Christ: Now thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph through Jesus Christ. Just a line to say we appreciate your paper very much, especially the testimonies. It gives us a feeling of closeness to each other when we tell our joys and also our weaknesses. We also know more how to pray for each other.

I wish to testify to the healing power of Jesus in our lives. The denomination I was brought up in looked askance at divine healing. In 1954 I was helping Bro. Frank Dietrich build a barn. In the process of driving a spike into a hardwood plank, I hit my thumb and crushed it. I told Bro. Frank I wouldn't be able to work for a few days. Then Sister Dietrich suggested prayer. I agreed, but had no faith myself. God honored the prayer of the Dietrich family and instantly healed my thumb. (Incidentally, I went back to work.) From then on I was a believer in miracles.

Now God has called us to minister to the Indians on Lake of the Woods. He gave us Exodus 25:23 to take along with us. "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and He shall bless thy bread and water, and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." Hallelujah forever! He is still the same.

These Indians here are mostly very poor. They are much in need of used clothing. Perhaps you know of someone who has some to spare, almost any age or size.

The chief's wife has accepted Jesus as Saviour and has real victory. Pray that her testimony may be accepted among her people.

Yours for the salvation of the lost, —Paul Stoll

(Those who have some good used clothes to spare could send them to Bro. Paul Stoll, Oak Island, Minn. for the poor Indians there. To do this would be a good Christian act and according to scripture and will be rewarded by Him who sees all we do.—Editor)

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## THE GOLDEN RULE HOME IN OPERATION

The Home at Shawnee, Okla. for the aged, neglected and handicapped members of the Church of God is now in its initial phases of operation, with the distinction of being the only institution of its kind now serving the Church.

The special burden for this project was expressed to the Church about two and one-half years ago by Bro. Charles Smith, the pastor at Shawnee. Subsequently, with the counsel of a few close associates, the present property of 40 acres near Shawnee on a hill overlooking the lowlands of the North Canadian River was purchased by Bro. and Sister Smith in their own name, since the organization for group control had not yet been set up. Thereafter, the building of the Home was started and carried forward to completion this year. The open house and dedication services were held on Feb. 23 and 24, 1963, attended by representatives from a number of congregations in and out of the State.

In pursuance of Bro. Smith's stated desire that the ownership and management of the Home should be in the hands of a board of trustees, the saints of the State of Oklahoma assembled in a regular business meeting on Dec. 29, 1962 entertained a motion by the undersigned, seconded by Bro. Herbert Probst, that the seven individuals, who had previously been designated by Bro. Smith in his form letter dated April 26, 1962, be ratified and ap-

proved to serve as the board of trustees for the Home. The letter listed the seven as follows: Bro. Willie C. McMakin, Bro. Stanley Lounds, Bro. Orie Young, Bro. Clarence Fry, Sister Ruth Murphey, Bro. and Sr. Charles R. Smith. The motion was passed with no "nay" votes. At that time a nice offering was also taken for the Home.

A few days later, on Jan. 9, 1963, the Articles of Incorporation were signed and filed with the Secretary of State of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City. The Articles were approved, and the Secretary issued the Certificate of Incorporation (Charter) on Jan. 15, 1963 in the name of "The Golden Rule Home," a non-profit religious corporation.

Thereafter, on March 13, 1963 a warranty deed was recorded at the Pottawatomie County courthouse conveying the title to the 40 acres from Charles R. Smith and Betty Smith to the Golden Rule Home for the benefit of the Church of God.

On May 2, 1963 the afore-named and approved seven individuals convened by unanimous agreement at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla. Irvin Owen, attorney for the Home, was present and explained the mechanics of this first or organizational meeting in creating the corporation. A set of By-laws were formulated, and approved by unanimous vote. Charles R. Smith was elected as presiding officer and Betty Jean Smith, his wife, was elected as recording secretary. The other five were elected to offices as follows: Stanley Lounds, vice pres., Clarence Fry, vice pres., Ruth Murphey, assistant secretary, Willie C. McMakin, treasurer, and Orie Young, assistant treasurer. On this date the seven became legal trustees and officers of the Golden Rule Home. Regular meetings of the Board are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Home.

We pray and trust that Divine wisdom will be granted to all those who are made responsible for the management of the Home, and that its operation will fill, at least partially, a long-felt need for the physical and spiritual welfare of the elder members of the Church in their declining years.

Pray and ask the Lord what He would have you to do for this cause, and obey His will. Contributions or inquiries concerning admittance to the Home may be addressed to the president, Bro. Charles Smith, P. O. Box 1853, Shawnee, Oklahoma, or to the treasurer, Bro. W. C. McMakin, 209 S. Philadelphia, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

—The Publishers, by L. D. Pruitt.

## How Can I Get Saved?

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1:15. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners of all kinds. No matter how big a sinner you are, you can be saved. No matter how much wrong you have done in your lifetime, you can be saved if you meet the conditions that the Bible teaches.

Many people try to take a short cut to get saved and at the same time get deceived by the devil in thinking they are saved. They can't live free from sin, but have a profession.

Once I asked a young man if he was saved. He said "yes." I asked, "How do you know you are saved?" He replied, "I am paying my dues." Many people think they can pay their way to heaven. Heaven

is provided by the Lord. You cannot get there by paying your dues in order to have your name on some so-called church book. You must meet the Bible terms in order to get saved.

In Luke 9:23 Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." You have to deny yourself first and be sorry from your heart for all the wrong that you have done and be willing from your heart to walk in all the light of the truth. Rom. 10:8-11, "But what saith it? the word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." This is the way God has made for all souls to be saved, by believing on the name of His only begotten Son, and there is no other way.

Many people believe and teach that a soul can be saved by the water baptism or shaking the preacher's hand. You cannot be saved by water baptism alone. You must believe first. In John 3:5 Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." You must turn to God and plead forgiveness of your sins. Ezek. 18:21, 22, "But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live."

Oh, sinner, God is pleading for you to come unto Him. He is looking and waiting for you to turn to Him. No matter how great a sinner you may be, God is willing to give you full pardon for your sins. Isa. 55:7 says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." God is willing to forgive what you have done and will cleanse you from all of your sins. The promise is unto you. Why will you let the sinful world cheat you out of your soul? The things in the world will fade away sooner or later. Soon the time will come when you can no longer enjoy them, and there is nothing in the world that you can carry out.

Matt. 16:26 says, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Eccl. 8:8 says, "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it." There is only one way out. Come to the Lord today. He will cleanse you from all your sins and give you great treasures in heaven which will never pass away. —Robert McClendon

## A Perfect Life in this World

I have felt moved by the Lord to give what a perfect life is in the sight of God. I feel that if we are living up to all the light we have on God's Word, we are perfect in His eyes. We will never be perfect in man's eyes, for the simple reason man has many different ideas as to what perfection is.

Jesus tells us that if we are to get to heaven we must follow in His footsteps. He says in Matthew 5:48: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." I would like to ask the question, "Is any of us so blind as to think He would ask us to do something that we cannot do?" May God help us all to understand what it means to be perfect in God's eyes. This means that one is walking in all their understanding of God's Word.

There seems to be quite a number of people who do not believe that we can live a life free from sin in this world. If we can't, then God has asked us to do something that we can't do, and I do not believe He is that kind of God.

Jesus says that we are either for Him or we are against Him. The devil is not quite like that. He will let us be for the Lord in as many ways as we like, just as long as we will give him one reason to claim our souls. According to James 2:10 even though we keep the whole law and fail in just one point we are guilty of all.

So may the Lord help us all as saints of God to have a heart and mind open and willing to let God have first place in our lives at all times and endeavor to please Him at all cost. —William R. White

### HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP IN THE GOSPEL WORK

A Brother in the Lord phoned us who was very much burdened about Bro. Darius Gibson being hindered in getting out in meetings and contacting hungry souls in isolated places because of his car being broken down. It has over 200,000 miles on it and would continue to need repairs even if this present repair work was done. This Brother looked it over and says that it should be turned in for another car, which he is planning to do for him. He felt that the saints would like to know about this urgent need so they could ask the Lord if He would want them to help Bro. Gibson pay for the new car.

He informed us, of which we were already aware, that Bro. Gibson has many calls in the work of the Lord, and even some wanting him to come back so he could baptize them. We here at the Office definitely feel that Bro. Gibson should be out in the work, so pray to the Lord for the removal of this hindrance. God's cause and work should be foremost in the lives of His people. If you want to help in this venture of faith, send your offerings direct to Bro. Darius Gibson, Rt. 3, Box 23, Seymour, Mo.

### BIBLE STUDY

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June 2, 1963

### LIGHT FROM GOD'S LAW

Printed Portion ..... Psalms 19:7-14; 119:33-38; 105, 112

Psalms 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

119:33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

Memory Verse: The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:8.

Practical Truth: There is a great reward here and in the life to come if we keep God's laws.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the first part of our lesson we have six words for the Law and six explanations of it. Then the Psalmist sums it up and tells us how important and how precious it is to the soul of man. We can't buy this with money, it is a gift from God. It is what the soul longs for. It is a guide through this dark world to heaven. If we did not have the Word of God and the plan of salvation, as we know it explained to us in the New Testament, we would be in an awful condition. We are so thankful that God loved us so much that He gave us this precious Bible. And we are glad that He is able to write it in our hearts and it will become a part of us. It will be our strength and become the "words of our mouth" and the meditation of our heart.

There is power in the Word of God. Paul said it is the power of God unto salvation to all that will believe it. We read how Paul preached the gospel and he was accused of "turning the world upside down." It wasn't



Paul, just a mere man, but it was the power in the gospel that caused the devil to become enraged. We also read how the power of God was with Paul in this conflict between right and wrong. God helped him to be a light for God and today he will help us to be a light if we will follow in the light of God's word.

June 9, 1963

### GOD'S CARE FOR HIS PEOPLE

Printed Portion ..... Psalms 105:7-11, 37-45

Psalm 105:7 He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

40 The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people.

45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord.

Memory Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 136:1.

Practical Truth: God loves his children today as much as he loved the Israelites.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson tells how God cared for His people thousands of years ago, but today He is caring for them the same. He is the same God today that He was then. He has not changed. He will honor those who will love and serve Him. He will keep His promises today just as He did then. It is precious to have faith and confidence in One who has been tried and tested down through the years and has never failed.

Here is an instance of how God worked things out for one brother. He had moved to another place with a promise of a job. When he appeared for work they wanted him to do something that was against what God had revealed to him. He felt the blow of it all, but called upon the Lord. God heard and gave him another job in the same town that was even better than the one he had first been promised. God is still caring for His people. If we will stand firm for God and His revealed truth He will stand by us.

God remembered His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He brought them into the Canaan land. He fed them, supplied their needs, taught them, gave them power over their enemies, corrected them and showed mercy

to them. What a wonderful, loving heavenly Father we have!

June 16, 1963

### GOD IN COURTS OF JUSTICE

Printed Portion ..... Psalms 11 and 82

Psalm 11:1 In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try the children of men.

5 The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance doth behold the upright.

Psalm 82:1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

Memory Verse: For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright. Psalms 11:7.

Practical Truth: God judges us by His Word, which is written in the Bible.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We do not know the background of this Psalm but we do know that David was hunted by King Saul who wanted to kill him. But his answer would be to them, "In the Lord put I my trust." He knew that there were those who would, not only take his life if possible, but also try to destroy his faith in God. They would work in a deceptive manner. This was a great concern of his. He knew that faith is the very foundation of a child of God. Faith in God is being tried today. There are those who claim to be great preachers and are denying the virgin birth of Christ. Many are following after them. Jesus even asked the question, would He find faith on earth when He returned. But this does not daunt nor move the faith of a child of God. They hold their faith steady in God and His precious Word. The Psalmist goes on in the 4th verse and points us to God. He is still on His throne. He is the judge. He beholds all things. He loves the righteous and hates wickedness. Today we are sitting in the "courts of justice." God will judge righteous judgment.



The Psalmist points out some of the injustice in the world. Today we see it around us continually. Not only do we see it in the court rooms of our land, but there is also injustice in deals made, on the job, even in the home at times. Individually, we want to show justice to all; in large things as well as in small things. This will take time, thought, and the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

June 23, 1963

### GOD IN HIS WORLD

Printed Portion ..... Psalms 19:1-6; 95:1-7

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

95:1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart.

Memory Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Psa. 19:1.

Practical Truth: God created a wonderful world for us to live in.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

What a great world we live in. We have architects who design great buildings and create many, many beautiful and wonderful things, but there is no architect like our God. Just pick up several grains of sand and put them under a magnifying glass, and you will not find one like the other. Every grain of sand, every blade of grass and each leaf is different. There are not any two stars alike. Nothing that God created is exactly like anything else. You can even bring it down to the lines on the hands of people. Every one is different. What a great and mighty God we have. This is truly His world. We are just a few of His creations. We are glad that He is mindful of us.

Our Psalm seems so complete. We should kneel in praise and homage to the Lord. We should recognize His greatness and stand in awe before Him. We should feel our smallness and live in a way that He will be pleased to dwell with us. How humble we should feel

and with all the strength that God gives us we should return it to him in doing His will here in the earth.

To look out over the earth from an airplane is a beautiful sight. One night my husband took me flying out over the ocean. The millions of lights that illuminated the shoreline were breathtaking. Once we flew around Mt. Shasta and up the valley. Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls are other wonderful sights. What a beautiful world God has made!

June 30, 1963

### PRAISE THE LORD!

Printed Portion ..... Psalms 146

Psalm 146:1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

8 The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

9 The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

Memory Verse: Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psa. 150:6.

Practical Truth: We should praise God because he gives us everything we have.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Praise and joy go hand in hand. You can't have one without the other. If you give praise, you bring joy. If you are joyful, you are praising. The joy that is given to us from God is the mark of a Christian. Sinners might taste some pleasure and merriment but they do not have joy. Joy is a spiritual blessing given to those who have a knowledge of sins forgiven. Many have been drawn to Christ because they have seen that joy manifested in the lives of those who have their names written in the Lamb's book of life. They see joy manifested even if hard things come. This convinces them that there is an inner strength and life in the heart of the child of God that they do not know about or have. How important it is that we do as James (1:2) exhorted us, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." The only way he could rejoice is by looking beyond the "divers temptations" and see the result of them. "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." (v. 3). After going through trials victoriously, we can know that we are gaining and not losing.

The Israelites had some hard things to endure. They were in many hard places. But the "God of Jacob" helped them and brought them through. What He did for them He will do for you and me. Let us praise Him more. Praises unto the Lord will bring more of God down into the soul.

—Sister A. Marie Miles