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Have You Taken It to Jesus?

Have you taken it to Jesus?

Have you left your burden there?
Does He tenderly support you?

Have you rolled on Him your care?
Oh, the sweet unfailing refuge
Of the everlasting arms;
In their loving clasp enfolded
Nothing worries or alarms.

Have you taken it to Jesus,
Just the thing that's pressing now?
Are you trusting Him completely
With the when, and where and how?
Oh, the joy of full surrender
Of our life, our plans, our all;
Proving, far above our asking
That God answers when we call.

Have you taken it to Jesus?
'Tis the only place to go
If you want the burden lifted
And a solace for your woe.
Oh, the blessedness to nestle
Like a child upon His breast;
Finding ever, as He promised
Perfect comfort, peace and rest.

—Mrs. E. L. Hennessay

Deeper Devotion

Deeper devotion to God is the craving of every Christian heart. In true devotion to God there is a craving, a longing, an intense desire to do something for Him. It is more, it is a craving, a yearning, a desire to do all that is done purposely and lovingly for God's sake. The devoted soul gives its very best to God. The devout man is not thinking about himself, of doing for himself, of living for himself, but he is thinking of God and doing all he does out of love to Him. He is satisfied only when giving his best.

Jesus said of the woman, "She hath done what she could." Jesus here sets up the measure of true devotion. Devotion goes to the limit—it does all it can. This woman had but one alabaster box. She broke all she had. She did all she could. She did not have two boxes, breaking one for Jesus and keeping one for herself. She broke all she had for Christ. This is devout conduct.

Those truly devoted to God are not only doing something for God, they are doing their best for Him. Devotion is not an emotion, it is not having glowing thoughts about God, or talking eloquently about Him, but it is doing something for Him. It is a fixed habit of the mind. It permeates the whole life and shapes every action. It consists in a readiness to do all it can, not heeding the cost. The disciples rebuked the woman for the waste. Devotion knows no waste when done to Jesus. All that is done for self appears as waste, but that which is done for Christ is expended in the best manner and to the best purpose possible.

The devoted soul loves and sees the object of its love in everything. This is the measure of our devotion. If you do not have thought of God in all you see and enjoy, you need be more devoted to Him. In all blessings and afflictions you will see the hand of God. You will find a joy in suffering and sacrificing for His sake. Those who are devoted to God are much given to prayer. To be alone with God is their highest enjoyment. They abhor all formality. They seek greater depth of heart in prayer. Oh, God, give thy people greater depth of heart in prayer.

—By C. E. Orr from "The Path of Life"

"Played the Fool"

A boy bragged that he could drive the skyline road in the Colorado mountains at ninety miles an hour at night. The boys with him dared him to do it. He went off the cliff going 75 miles an hour. The car plunged 200 feet into the bottom of the canyon below. One of them was killed, two of them were not expected to live and the others were thrown clear of the car and severely injured. But he played the fool.

Incidents such as this cause our hearts to be grieved because we see souls throwing their lives away in such a careless manner. This boy had nothing to gain but he had everything to lose. His soul and the souls of others were at stake.

King Saul took 3000 men and went into the wilderness of Ziph to hunt for David to kill him. While the king and his men were sound asleep, David and one of his men slipped into their camp and took King Saul's spear and cruse of water from his side. David went out on the hillside and then called to King Saul. Saul knew the voice of his son-in-law, and he answered him. When Saul realized that David had been close enough to have killed him and yet did not, he said, "I have played the fool." He knew that David was a much better man than he, himself, and that God was with him. He knew that he was fighting against God's man. It is exceedingly foolish to try to fight against God. Even the devils in hell know that they cannot touch one of God's children, unless God permits it. Satan pointed this out to God when God pointed him to Job. Satan said that God had a hedge around about Job (Job 1). It is foolish to fight against God.

Today many are acting as if they are going to live on in this life forever. They try to disregard God in everything. They go right on day after day playing the fool. When there are dangers all around and the brittle thread of life is so easy to break, souls should be aware of their eternal destiny. God is going to bring every soul into judgment. No one shall escape. It is foolish to act and live in this world as if we will not live again somewhere in eternity. Heaven and hell are the only places that the soul will live in eternity. Today is the day to choose the destiny of one's soul. "Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart."

Jesus told the parable of the rich man whose ground brought forth plentifully. (Luke 12:16-20). He had so much fruits that he did not know what to do with them. He said within himself that he would tear down his barns and build larger barns and there he would bestow all of his goods and fruits. He felt so secure in this decision. He felt satisfied with himself. He had accomplished much now and would not have to worry about how he would live in the future. All was well, now. He said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But God spoke to him. Oh, the horror that took hold of him! Throwing up his hands as if he would push God away, he heard those words, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Your time is up. Have you taken care of your soul or have you just thought about your body and this world? He played the fool. He was ushered into the presence of God unprepared. He had lived a selfish life. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." (Luke 12:15b) Jesus tells us that "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4).

"Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. It is important that we put first things first. We are playing the fool if we do not live by God's word. We will meet it in that great day when the world is on fire. It is said that "he who builds below the stars, builds too low."

With the anti-Christ spirit sweeping the land, many are saying in their hearts that there is no God. The Bible says such an one is a fool. (Psa. 14:1). Some teach that there is no hell. Thousands are flocking to such teachings. They are playing the fool. Just as sure as there is a heaven, there is a hell. The scriptures describe a future state of everlasting punishment and of conscious pain, suffering, torment and wretchedness in hell. Some want to rest in a thought that God is too good to send anyone to hell. This is a foolish thought. God is giving each one plenty of time to choose if he wants to go to heaven. God could not be a God of love if He did not show justice and it would not be justice to take the vile of the earth to a clean, holy heaven. Only in this life can a person get cleaned up and ready for heaven. There is no cleansing in death or immediately afterwards. As death finds a soul, so will they be in eternity. It is foolish to listen to false teachers or rest in some theory of our own. We must take "thus saith the Lord." A person is playing the fool to live carelessly in this life when he knows that "it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment" Heb. 11:17. Awake, and arise from your carelessness and seek God. Your soul is at stake. Eternity is looming in sight. Don't play the fool and let death find you unprepared to meet your God. Confess your sins today with godly sorrow. Turn away from them with your whole heart and get ready to meet God.

—(Mrs.) A. Marie Miles

A "LITTLE" THING?

"Love not the world neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" 1 John 2:15.

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel" 1 Peter 3:3.

I know the subject of this article is a very unpopular one, and that, even among holiness professors. However, it is as much a part of the sacred text as any of the rest of the Bible.

In the beginning, I would like to call attention to the last phrase in the latter verse quoted above. It says, "putting on of apparel," and I believe all of us will agree in the light of scripture and reason that the only logical interpretation of this is "excess or unnecessary apparel." (Apparel — "adorn," Webster.) An article of dress used merely for show or style.

Lately, I have seen at least two articles, written, more or less, with reference to the above scriptures, but completely silent on the main subject of this message. I believe I know why, and I think you do,

too. There are just too many high holiness professors who are guilty.

I would like to quote a part of 1 Peter 3:3 as it stands translated literally from the Greek text of Stevens, dated 1550. "Or putting on of garments adorning."

In all sincerity I would like to ask a question. Why criticize the women for wearing worldly, gaudy apparel, etc., (and I am in no way saying that is right, either) but not include the man's adornment under the chin, the necktie, in the list? Remember our text, "the putting on of apparel," (excess clothing).

There is nothing immodest, vulgar, or indecent about a man's shirt front that needs to be covered or hidden in any way.

I could name several holiness denominations that held a line against wearing the tie in the beginning of the movement and later compromised on it, and where are they today? I am not saying that putting on the tie caused them to lose the power, but I do believe pride entered their heart and that was merely an exhibit of the lack of inner spirituality. In other words, pride in the heart, FIRST, manifested itself on the outside, LATER. (With a woman it might be lace, a feather or flower on a hat, etc.)

There is one thing I have noticed over the years, and that is, generally the proponents of the tie, expect the opponents of it to yield the point to them, rather than vice versa. Why? Certainly they would not be so audacious as to say it was worldly, immodest or un-Christ-like not to wear one, would they?

There is a Scripture which says, "That which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God" Luke 16:15.

Certainly, the tie is very highly esteemed by the world as a very necessary part of fashionable dress. Some may say it is such a "small" thing; however, sometimes small things tell which way the wind is blowing better than the larger ones. The star on a policeman's uniform is a small thing, but who would say it didn't represent anything? The attitude of many tie wearers would indicate it is a very large thing as far as they are concerned.

I would like to quote here from "Little Things" by T. S. LaDue.

"What 'little business' is echoed from every side, meddling with so little a matter as dress.' We might reply that Paul meddled quite seriously with the little matter of the mode in which women should wear their hair. Now this contempt poured on this thing of contending for plain attire to the exclusion of all jewelry and artificial flowers, and costly array, is a proof, to our minds, of its importance. If so unimportant, as they aver, why not yield it as such, and be on the sure side—the side which is certainly safe—that of denial, and in accordance with the plain reading of the scripture?"

And again the same writer says, "Judas sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. How pitiable a sum—the price of a common slave—for the Son of God! How mean, how contemptible, the covetous, traitor

spirit, which could do this! But thousands are selling their Lord for a smaller sum than thirty pieces of silver—for some paltry bauble of pride. Think of it! The Lord of Glory, a kingdom, a crown—all heaven—sold for a bit of jewelry, a piece of ribbon, a painted rag!"

The experience of holiness, or sanctification, eradicates pride along with all other evil propensities in the individual and the heart says "Amen" to God's will, whatever it might be. There is no use for people to profess or preach holiness without possessing it.

I wonder if the tie wearers are ashamed to appear in public without it. See Luke 9:26.

A love for the souls of men alone prompts me to raise a voice against this tide of evil. It is always easier to follow the path of least resistance, but that is what makes rivers and men crooked.

It is my humble prayer that these thoughts will be considered seriously by the reader and acted upon in the light of eternity. —Irvin McMurrin

THE BLOOD OF OUR REDEEMER

The blood of our Redeemer,
The Father's only Son,
'Twas shed upon Mount Calvary
For me and everyone.
This precious blood of Jesus,
That flowed from His dear side,
Still has power to heal us—
This cleansing fountain wide.

He went into the garden,
So weary, so sad and so worn,
Our Saviour and matchless Redeemer,
The sins of this world must be borne,
"Oh, Father," He prayed in the garden,
"May this cup pass from Me;
Not my will, but Thine only, Father!"
The world from all sin to free.

They took him to the Sanhedrin,
And pronounced upon Him there
The sentence which brought salvation,
That we His life might share.
It's nothing that we have done
To gain this cleansing flood,
But only through our Saviour
Who shed His precious blood.

They made a cruel crown of thorns
To put upon His brow.
They nailed Him to the rugged cross.
Oh, sinner, look on Him now!
Look on His bleeding side and brow,
His nail-pierced hands and feet.
Oh, see what it cost our Saviour
To purchase our freedom complete!

We have no gift to offer.
There's nothing in our hands to bring,
But the blood of our Redeemer
Can make the sad heart sing.
Our righteousness is but filthy rags,
The things we have gained but dross,
But Jesus shed His blood for us
When He hung on the cruel cross.

—Mabel M. Hightower

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The clock of Time is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop—
At late or early hour—
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

Editorials



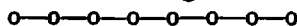
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One of the sacred writers recorded these solemn words "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul." Psa. 142:4. The margin of the Bible reads: "No man sought after my soul." The writer seemed to be keenly disappointed when he looked to the human for help and comfort. In man he could find no sincere interest or concern for the welfare of his soul.

The story is told of the village blacksmith, a very ungodly man, who came to the end of his life on earth, and he said that no one had ever spoken to him about the salvation of his soul which had been provided for him through Jesus Christ. Seemingly he could say, "No man sought after my soul!" How tragic for a soul to leave this time world without preparation to meet God because no one told him of the free gift of redemption!

Yet, no doubt, today there are many also who have never been brought face to face with a special invitation to accept the free gift of salvation through Christ's blood. The message was left with the church and the command to "go into all the world and preach the gospel." The debt that we owe to the world is this good news of God's salvation.

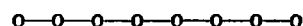
The Apostle Paul felt the responsibility of the "word of reconciliation" and wrote that God "hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself. . . . Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

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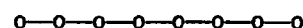


A reader sends in the following question:—Does the Bible teach that Jesus went to hell, or that the grave is hell?

Answer—The prophet David wrote of Christ, "that his soul was not left in hell [Hades], neither his flesh did see corruption." Acts 2:27, 31. While Christ's body was in the sepulchre, his soul was in Hades. His body in the tomb was not permitted to see corruption (decomposition), neither was his soul left in Hades. But Jesus and the converted thief were together in Paradise. So Paradise must be in Hades. In the common version Hades is very improperly translated "hell." The literal meaning of the word Hades is "invisible." It is defined, "The unseen world; the unseen state." In fact, it is the world of all departed spirits, the place where they go at the death of the body. Hades was a general term among the Greek writers, by which they referred to the spirit world, and Hades, or the "lowest hell," was Tartarus to the wicked, and Elysium or Paradise to the saved.



A letter from Bro. Ostis Wilson reports that the California State Campmeeting which closed September 1 at Pacoima was a very good and precious meeting with the blessings of God upon it all the way through. He writes: "The meeting was better attended all the way through and, I think, a better meeting than for a few years now. We are surely thankful to God for it."



Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Martin Samons of Dayton, Ohio returned home on Sept. 10th with the truck, tent and equipment after holding a tent meeting at Durham, N. Carolina. They reported a successful meeting, though the weather was rather cool in that area.

These brethren have quit their good-paying secular employment to devote their full time to the preaching of the gospel wherever the Lord may lead. Each has a family to support, so let us pray for and help them with our means in order that they will be able to continue to give themselves fully to the ministry of the Word.

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Bro. Max Williamson of Hammond, La. and Bro. Ray Key of Loranger, La. just closed a ten-day tent meeting on Sept. 15 at Dumas, Texas. This meeting was a special blessing and benefit to the few saints there, and it was a time of sowing gospel seed in a new field. We pray that the Word will not return void but may accomplish that whereunto the Lord has sent it. May the Lord bless and encourage the ministers to "sow beside all waters."

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Bro. Pinkerton, minister from Hammond, La., and several other saints from that area, held services on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, at the parish jail at Amite, La. Right after that service they went on to Angola, La. and held services that evening with about 125 inmates of the State prison who seemed to enjoy the gospel meeting.

The saints were not permitted to see Bro. Wayne Turner who is confined there in "death row." However, the chaplain spoke well of Bro. Turner, and we trust that the Lord will see fit to release him. Bro. Turner desires the Lord's will to be done in his case. At this time he is passing through some very hard trials, and we are requesting the earnest prayers of God's people in his behalf—that the Holy Spirit will comfort him in a special way.

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Bro. and Sister Ira D. Stover, pastors here at Guthrie, returned on September 15 after attending the California State Campmeeting at Pacoima and visiting saints at other points in that state.

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She was united in marriage to Royal R. Taylor and to this union one son was born.

The family home was at Dinuba, California for a good many years and it was there that we first knew them.

Sister Taylor sought and found God a good many years ago. Some 15 years or more ago, Bro. and Sister Taylor attended the saints' campmeeting in Oregon and, seeing how God was blessing His true, humble saints and how He was working in His church, and, being honest in their hearts toward God and hungry for a deeper experience and fellowship with Him, they accepted the Evening Light saints as their people and the truth they were teaching and practicing and have worshipped with that people from that time on until now.

Sister Taylor was very industrious and active in her own work and also in the things of the work of God and was much interested in helping to make things go in the campmeetings and in making suggestions and in helping to promote and carry out improvements on the camp ground property. She always helped much in the kitchen and dining hall during the campmeetings and sought out and helped to obtain different ways and means to make things more convenient and efficient there. She and the little group of saints with her at Dinuba always had a good supply of corn, peas and fruit prepared and frozen to supply the campmeeting. Even this summer when she was so frail she could hardly be out of bed and had to do nearly all of her work sitting in her reclining chair with things being brought to her, she and her husband prepared and froze thirty-three half-gallon cartons of peaches for the campmeeting. She had hoped the Lord would heal her in time for her to come down to the meeting and help enjoy them with the saints, but on Tuesday night before the campmeeting started, she went to the Big Meeting.

The saints who were at her bedside the last two nights and days that she lived, said she gave good witness of the presence of the Lord with her and His blessings upon her soul. That is surely much comfort to her loved ones and to all of us now.

Funeral services were conducted by Opal Wilson, assisted by A. E. Harmon, at the Dopkins Funeral chapel in Dinuba, California on Friday morning, August 23. Bro. I. D. Stover had charge of the committal service at the grave side. Interment was in Smith Mountain Cemetery at Dinuba.

She is survived by her husband, Royal R. Taylor, of Dinuba, one son, Lawrence, and one granddaughter, Gwenda Taylor, of Cutler, California, her mother, Sister Emma Luehring of Oregon, five brothers and three sisters, a host of nieces and nephews, as well as other relatives and friends.

—Ostis and Opal Wilson

Meeting Reports

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING AT MYRTLE, MO.

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Myrtle, Missouri has come and gone, but we trust that the good spiritual blessings which came down from heaven will live on and on in the hearts and lives of every one who was permitted to attend.

The Lord blessed by sending seventeen ministers of His choosing to be in this meeting. Thirteen states were represented there also.

The ordinances of the Lord's supper and feet-washing were observed by seventy-two.

Several were at the altar for help at various times and one followed the Lord in baptism. Others claimed healing of the body.

It was decided in the business meeting that the kitchen and accessories would be rearranged for the convenience of the cooks. Also new showers are to be provided for the men and a public address system is to be installed. There is a need for a tabernacle to be built since the meetings are growing and the chapel is not large enough to accommodate the attendance. These projects can be taken care of only as the Lord provides the means. Any one wishing to donate some of the Lord's money may send it to the treasurer, Brother A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Missouri. We are sure the Lord will see to it that you are blessed for helping to make this meeting a success.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in providing for the meeting, yet there is an indebtedness of \$510.00. We are

expecting the Lord to provide means to take care of this debt.

In the announcement of this meeting in the July issue, there was a mistake about it being a state campmeeting, but it was voted to that effect in the business meeting of August 22, 1963. So this is to inform all in this state that this is their meeting and responsibility.

We are thankful for the good attendance and the wonderful workings of the Holy Spirit, and trust every one will come again next year.

—Sister Evodna Marler, Secretary

DOVER, OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING

Greetings to the saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: May God bless every one. This is to say that the Dover, Okla. campmeeting is numbered with the events of the past. The Lord's presence was felt and acknowledged throughout the entire meeting. The early morning prayer meetings proved to be a source of inspiration, and good interest was manifested in each service, day and night.

There were twenty or twenty-two ministers at the meeting, coming and going. We were blessed to have the services and presence of four out-of-state ministers, namely, Bro. Lewis Williams from Kansas, Bro. Henry Chaney, Ohio, Bro. Mack Francisco, California, and Sister Ruth Murphey from Missouri. We were thankful for, and appreciated the services of all the other ministers who attended the meeting here. We were made to rejoice when Bro. and Sister Crawley of Okemah appeared on the ground—old veterans of the cross.

The Word of God went forth straight and plain, sometimes like gentle showers of rain, and sometimes like thunder and hail, and the hearers were made to sit up and take notice.

On the last Sunday of the meeting two followed the Lord in water baptism; namely, Bro. James Scott and Sister Emma Taylor. The ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper were observed Saturday evening as usual.

We wish to thank all the saints and friends for their liberality in helping with means, food, and supplies to support the meeting and pray God's blessings upon each donor. Some of you expressed a desire to meet with us here next year if it be the Lord's will. We are striving for the goal, but we feel sure that we will not all meet again here as we did this year, but trust we shall all meet around the great white Throne to praise our God and Saviour in a never-ending day. Brethren, pray for us. Yours in His service,

—Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell

Meeting Notices

REVIVAL MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

We, the saints here at Wichita, Kansas, expect to have a revival meeting, beginning on October 18. We have contacted able ministers who are expected to be here for this meeting. All who have relatives in this area should do all you can to get them to attend this meeting. We would like for all nations and people—unbelievers and believers—to come and hear the Word of God. We are praying that the power of God will come down until people will fall at the altar of prayer, repenting and confessing: their sins.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. For further information, write Bro. Lewis Williams, 1536 Piatt St., Wichita, Kans. Phone AM 4-8481.

JEFFERSON, OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, the Lord willing, November 8 to November 17, 1963, inclusive. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual. All are welcome to come. Cabins and bedding are furnished.

God blessed here in our campmeeting this summer, and we are looking to God for another feast at Father's table. We urge everyone to attend this meeting.

We are expecting God to send His Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to be with us to preach the truth of His precious Word.

For further information, write Bro. Noah White, Rt. 1, Box 225, Jefferson, Oregon, or Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon, Ph. FA 7-2855.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Miss.—Dear Ones, greetings to all: I think of you and have you on my prayer list. I wanted to write to the ones I have been writing to, but my mother has been worse almost ever since the Hammond, La. campmeeting, so I do not have a chance to write much to anyone. She needs prayer and the rest of us do, too. I had a piece of a wisdom tooth pulled over a week ago. It is still so painful that I do not get much sleep. God is good to me, for which I praise Him.

In Christian love, —Dorothy Bridges

"Please pray for my unsaved parents and family."
—A child of God.

BUILDING OF NEW CHAPEL PROPOSED

We, the saints at Green Pastures, Okla., feel led of the Lord to build a new chapel. The old building we now have is beyond repair. We are planning on starting this building this month of September, making it the size of 40 by 60 feet.

The cost is estimated at around \$8,000.00. We are asking all the saints, who feel led of the Lord, to help us, and it would really be appreciated. You can send your donation to Vernon Butler, Route 1, Box 68, Choctaw, Okla., or to Icylee Tillman, Route 2, Box 282, Spencer, Okla.

—Bro. E. W. Sanders, Pastor
Rt. 2, Box 79, Spencer, Okla.

REPORT OF TENT EVANGELISTIC WORK

Dear Saints scattered abroad: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, from whom all blessings flow. We enjoy His love abiding in our hearts today, and wonder how people away from Him can go on and on in their own ways. It is precious to submit our future into His hands and know beyond a shadow of doubt that He will take us through any circumstance. To know He loves us and daily cares for us is such a deep-seated comfort, and our vocabulary is inadequate to express it.

We have truly enjoyed the campmeetings we were privileged to attend this summer. We had been earnestly looking to the Lord to let the holy fire from heaven fall upon the camp of the saints and feel surely the Lord heard and answered prayer. We were stirred within our own souls to greater diligence and the messages were food for our souls. We have a burden on our hearts today concerning the work of the Lord, and we are looking to the Lord to bless in every needed way.

We feel impressed to report in behalf of the National Missionary tent work. You will notice in the last issue

of the "Faith and Victory" paper, that Bro. Curtis Williams felt led of the Lord to keep the tent busy, for which we humbly thank the Lord. We have before us a letter received from Bro. Williams telling of the success of the meeting held in Vanceburg, Kentucky. Souls were saved and others came for spiritual help. He also states that they had opposition, but the Lord did work and bless. The meeting there closed August 18. We were sorry to hear of the misfortune that befell him on his journey home when his car was wrecked, but our hearts swell in thanksgiving that our brother's life was spared, and also young Tony Samons who was riding with him. Neither was hurt seriously. Let us pray that the Lord will keep His hands over them as they continue in the service of the Lord.

The truck that hauls the tent and equipment has been giving them some trouble and expense. We do trust that by now the cause has been found and corrected.

Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Martin Samons, whom many of you know, had a meeting scheduled before starting a meeting in North Carolina on September 1. Let us hold our brethren up in our earnest prayers and with our financial support. We pray that God, who is rich in mercy and love, will bless them and make them a real blessing wherever they may go. We are nearing the end of time and souls are fast going into gross darkness because of the lack of hearing the Word of the Lord in its purity. Lord, help us that we will not fail in our duty toward sending forth those who have consecrated all to go as lambs among wolves. Lord, help us to see the teeming millions dying and going to an everlasting torment which was prepared for the devil and his angels, lest we be counted among the number whom, because they are neither hot nor cold, God will spew out of his mouth.

Much grain now is falling ungathered

While many stand idle and wait:

The harvest time soon will be ended,

For garnering then 'tis too late.

O soul, prove thy love to the Savior,

For what he has done unto thee,

By sending the tidings of mercy

To lost ones o'er land and o'er sea.

They perish! They perish!

Yet Jesus to save them has died.

Go, pay them the debt that we owe them—

Those souls who in darkness abide.

We desire to say that we have other brethren among us who are devoting all their time to the gospel work. These also we want to help support through the means of this National Missionary Fund. May the Lord bless all our combined efforts in reaching lost and hungry souls. Pray for us.

We remain yours in His service, with Christian love,

—Ralph and Inez Beisly

407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas

REPORT FROM CHURCH OF GOD MISSION IN NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

August 31, 1963

Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: I send my greetings to you and to all the saints through this Holy Name!

I am moved to invite you to join this team of the soldiers of the cross who are going the way of St. Mark 16:15. "Go ye into all the world and preach the GOSPEL to every creature." May I assure you that countless numbers of my fellow Nigerians have never heard the true teaching of the Gospel of the Lord, being heathens

His people! It was such a beautiful sight to see the saints, young and old, on their knees praying for us.

During the baby's suffering, I remembered a promise I had made the Lord, and when I renewed my covenant with Him, He assured me He was on the scene. How comforting it was, for I have never felt the presence of the Lord more!

The Lord gave us our son in a special way. After twelve years of waiting and praying for a child, we adopted Jeffrey when he was only five days old, and he has brought us much happiness. We promised God if He would give us a child we would dedicate him to the Lord and raise him to know this truth. We feel this has been a reminder for us to draw closer to God.

About two hours after the baby was hurt, a State patrolman came and strongly advised us to take him to a hospital to be checked. Jeffrey seemed much better and was resting some, although his breathing was rather difficult and he cried when I moved him. The patrolman took us to the hospital and went in with us to admit the baby. He told the attendants that Jeffrey had been badly hurt and was probably suffering from broken ribs, a perforated lung and internal injuries.

The doctor came and checked and checked and checked. Finally he said, "This baby seems to have been badly hurt because of his breathing, but I can't find anything conclusive." He kept the baby 24 hours for observation. Jeffrey rested that night and his breathing became normal by morning. X-rays were taken from front to back. Tests and blood samples were taken. The doctor seemed puzzled and kept coming back to check him again. There wasn't a broken bone or a perforation anywhere. He had a soreness in his side, but only complained when I touched it.

Jeffrey was released as they couldn't find anything. Oh, praise our God! He didn't receive any treatment! We believe God answered prayer before we went to the hospital. We put Jeff's clothes on him and he ran down the hall and outside to go home.

Some are skeptical of God's power today. All who saw this miracle should believe. We truly believe!

We thank all the dear ones for their prayers. Still remember us that we will ever be seeking God to know His will at all times. —Mary and Lloyd Dunavan

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Ala.—Dear Sister Marie and co-workers: My heart was made sad as I read about the passing of dear Bro. Pruitt. I had never been privileged to meet him, but he had been an encouragement to me through reading about his life. He sent me three books on May 30th, I think it was, only a few days before he died. One was "God's Gracious Dealings." I know he will be missed by all the workers of the Faith Pub. House and by all the readers.

The "Faith and Victory" paper has really been a blessing to us. We are both old and not able to go to church as we once did; and too, there is so much compromise. They preach so differently to what we were taught; but I try by God's help to live true and be an old-time Christian. I want to let my little light shine so others may be blessed by my life. We have a little prayer meeting that has been held for over five years. There are only a few of us, but God blesses in every service. Bro. and Sister Abbott came by and spent one night in January with us. They were a real blessing to have in the home. We would be glad to have anyone that feels led by God to stop by and be with us. My husband is eighty years old, and I am seventy-two.

I wrote to you dear ones to pray for me over a year ago for cancer. I thank God that He healed me, but I

still need your prayers that I will live a life of faith and be faithful until He comes or calls me home.

A friend and sister in Christ, —Mrs. J. H. Cain

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence: May the dear Lord bless and prosper you in your service for Him and in all your lives.

I have wanted for a long time to send in my testimony of how our great and loving heavenly Father has blessed and kept me for 50 years. There have been trying and testing times, sickness and deaths, but I thank God for His strong arm, and His mighty power to keep. Even when it seemed He had hidden His precious face, I knew He was watching, and nothing could come on me except as He permitted. When we keep humble and obedient unto His precious will, we can know He knows and He cares. Praise His great name forever.

I am so thankful I am saved, sanctified, healed and kept by His great power. Oh, what a mighty God we serve! How wonderful just to trust Him and rest.

This past winter and spring, husband and I have had a real testing time again. But thank God for His Holy Spirit sent to comfort, bless and encourage our hearts. While I was so sick, husband had a very bad foot, with swelling in his leg, and both looked bad. Some wanted so much to take him to a doctor but he trusted the Lord. We both had the flu, and I had something terrible in my head—such a bad discharge. Several of the dear saints from around Myrtle, Mo. (whom we met and learned to love) came to visit us, to pray and sing. We did enjoy it all so very much. Bro. Charles Smith came by one day. He had heard that we had been sick but that we were better. We were not better, but worse. He anointed and prayed for us. I got relief, but was not healed. I was able to be up after some time, but could not do my house work. I just kept telling the Lord that my head belonged to Him, and kept a rebuke on the enemy. I just kept claiming victory in Jesus' name, but I wasn't completely healed.

At that time the National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. was drawing near. Sister Opal Bradley wanted to go, but her husband couldn't go, and he didn't want her to go alone, so she wanted me to go. I decided to go. My husband wasn't feeling well at the time, but he wanted me to go. It was my first time to be in one of those campmeetings. My head was still badly afflicted. I had to carry tissues with me to spit on, then put them in a little plastic bag. I was happy when they set the day for fasting and prayer. It was on Friday. I was anointed and prayed for, and how I do thank God for His blessed healing power! There is yet a trace of the discharge on this day, Sept. 8, but the pain is all gone, and I still claim healing and victory in Jesus' great name.

I want all the dear saints to keep praying for me. I want my life to tell for the glory of God. We visit the sick, talk, sing and pray with all who want us to. It is a most wonderful life to live for God—the only life that is worthwhile.

I do love God and praise Him for His Holy Spirit, and for the precious blood that cleanses from all sin.

I pray God to bless and keep all His dear saints.
Yours in the Lord, —N. E. and Ida Adams

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Ind.—Dear Saints at the Print Shop: Truly, I have gained a lot of soul food from reading your "Faith and Victory" paper. I was so sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Pruitt, but we all know that God knows best.

I thank and praise His name over and over for how He did answer prayer for me in a mighty way today. My son was severely injured and I couldn't get the

sister minister on the phone and the Lord let me know that He wanted me to have faith and trust in Him and Him alone. When I decided not to doubt and not to call the saints, the Lord miraculously healed the child. What a wonderful, blessed, living God we are serving today!

I do know He will lead, guide and bless you in your work at the print shop. Pray for us, and we will pray for you, and I know God will answer prayer in His own will and time.

Your Sister in Christ, —Hester Murray

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Calif.—Dear Faith Publishers: I thank God for His great mercy to all mankind. Surely He is merciful to all. I thank God for the new birth through Jesus Christ, and having our name written in heaven. We know that old things have passed away and all things have become new. The faith He gives us for all things is wonderful, and we have no fear of anything. Simply trusting in the Lord brings happiness, peace, and joy.

My heart's desire is to be like Jesus, doing what I can for others. I thank God for the many times He healed me. I mean to be faithful to the end. I am now 77 years old. Dear saints, I have nothing to complain about. I take everything to God in prayer. We must have more confidence in God and not put it in man. I thank the Lord for the good reading in your paper. God bless you all is my prayer.

Find an offering enclosed. —Sister Julia Roark

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Wash.—Dear saints, greetings to you in Jesus' dear name: I surely do praise and thank the Lord this morning for His goodness and mercy to me. I thank Him for saving my soul, and the many times He has healed my body, and for many other things. I pray for the work at the print shop, and all the saints everywhere.

The Lord made it possible recently for me to attend meetings in Jefferson, Oregon. Our souls truly were fed on the good Word of God. I am isolated here, so pray for me, also for my unsaved family.

I would like to have a one-year subscription sent to each of the following addresses, and thank you.

—Mrs. D. T. Thomas

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Okla.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus name: Today I am encouraged to press the battle on and live faithful to God. He has given me a healing touch to my body during this past week for which I am very thankful. About 18 years ago I was healed of severe stomach trouble and those who saw the change in my body after this healing were made to marvel at the mighty work of God. In three months' time I gained about 70 pounds, having become very thin and weak in body.

In later years I was not in good health and began to have some trouble with my stomach again. At times I would realize that the devil must be imposing the same affliction back on me (though not as severe) and I would pray until God gave victory. I would be free from it for a while, then would suffer again with it. Of late I have been suffering a lot with it and at times was quite weak in body, not being able to eat much food, nor to digest what I did eat. Thank the Lord, one night this week He inspired faith in answer to prayer that healing again was mine. Since then I have been able to eat more and digest the food properly. Surely all the glory belongs to God.

As many of you know, I have been trusting God for a long time to heal my ears, as my hearing is poor. God has witnessed that prayer has been heard. I am standing on God's Word, expecting this deafness to soon take its

flight. I feel that it is no longer necessary to keep asking God to heal my ears, but it is time to stand on the witness God has already given definitely and thank Him for healing (even though the reality has not come).

Remember the work at Enid in your prayers. Also continue to pray for us.

Christian love,

—Fern Stubblefield

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Pa.—Greetings to all in the blessed name of Jesus: May the blessing of the Most High rest upon you and all the children of God upon the earth.

Today finds me saved from all known sin and sanctified by the blessed Holy Spirit. I thank the Lord for helping me to surrender my life to Him. I mean to go on and go through with Jesus and those who endure. The Lord is very good to me. He sends countless and numberless blessings upon me. I feel like I cannot praise Him enough. Oh, I love the truth laid down in the Word of God. He is all and all to me.

Please remember the Lord's work here in New Kensington. We need your prayers. We are praying for all of you. Yours in Christian fellowship,

—Sister Olive Harris

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Mich.—Dear readers: I am saved, sanctified and thankful for salvation.

I felt impressed to write my testimony to the glory of God and tell how the dear Lord so wonderfully healed me of the poison ivy. I went to the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting this summer and got saved. I was the only one who got the poison ivy when I went to the baptizing at the river. I was very sick with it, and after I got home I had quite a test with it. The devil and others wanted me to go to the doctor but I didn't. The Lord witnessed to me that He had healed me and from that hour on I was better. Even my own daughter didn't want me as she was afraid of catching it. Praise the dear Lord for His healing power for soul, body, and mind. I am fully satisfied. I have no thought of turning back and there is nothing to turn back to.

I love all the dear saints and appreciate everyone who prayed for me. By the grace and help of God I am determined to stay in the straight and narrow way.

I earnestly covet your prayers that I stay faithful and true.

—Irene Grover

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La.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. I wanted to send in a testimony of how the Lord healed me on the 29th of May. I was turning some meat in a skillet, and it slipped and fell back, splattering grease on my right hand and arm. It wasn't such a bad burn, but it burned in four big places besides some little places. It began to blister. The devil tempted me to put something on the burn, but I rebuked him and went to praying that the Lord would not let it blister and get sore. Oh, how it burned, but the Lord made me know that He wanted me to call Sister Dorrall Forbes and my sister-in-law (Lorene Lea) for prayer. I did call them, and the pain was soon gone and the burns dried up. It has not given me one bit of trouble. Praise God! The scars are still there but no soreness. We serve a wonderful God.

We are so thankful that we can call on the saints to help us out in time of need. I think this pleases God. We need to pray for one another more and be burdened for lost souls. We are living in perilous times, and God is the only one who can help. He will not forget us if we obey Him.

The fashions, pride, and ways of this world are not pleasing to God. They are leading souls to destruction.

Souls are passing into eternity every day, young and old. Some of them are ready to meet God and some are not.

Dear unsaved soul, do call for mercy while you have the opportunity. Give your heart to God and come and be saved. He will help you to be able to make your wrongs right and to abstain from all the sinful things of the world. May God bless all.

—Sister Maurie Lea

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Mo.—Dear Saints of God, greetings to all of you in the love of Jesus: I am surely thankful to God for all His love and mercy to me. I can truly say we serve a mighty God and one who loves and cares for His children.

I am glad to say I can be around some on crutches now, although I can't stand or be on my feet very long, but can be up in a wheel chair, and surely do praise the good Lord for His mercy. For three months I was not even able to feed myself, raise up or help myself at all, and we knew it would only be the Lord if I ever was able to be on my feet or walk again. So you see how far the Lord has brought me. It has been five months since I got down this time, but the Lord has been so near and precious to us.

We want to take this way of thanking the Saints for all their prayers and love shown to us during this trying time. All who have sent offerings and letters of encouragement and helped in any way, we want you to know, we thank you and cannot put into words our appreciation, so may God bless and reward each of you.

I desire for you to continue to pray for my complete healing, so I can again be out in the work of the Lord.

In Christian love,
—Lloyd and Zella Dollins
1825 N. Oak Grove, Springfield, Mo.

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Mich.—Dear Saints scattered abroad: Praise God for victory in my soul this morn'g. I truly love the Lord with all my heart and soul and my constant desire is to live close to Him in every way.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to have been in two campmeetings this summer. The Lord surely did bless us in every way, spiritually and many other ways. It seems that the devil was trying to defeat us in going, by making our car not work right and so many things happening to it. But the Lord triumphed in all that too.

I want to take this way to thank all the saints for helping us financially. If it had not been for them, we would have had to come home sooner than we did because of the car. May the Lord richly bless every one for helping us. I know the Lord will bless you that your cup will be full and running over.

Please pray for us that we will be worthy of all the Lord has done, and is doing for us, both spiritually, physically, and temporally. The Lord has touched Ralph's body so much that he is getting along very well. Oh, praise His name! What a mighty God we serve! He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Oh dear ones, keep looking to Jesus for help and never give up the good fight of faith. Truly heaven will be worth all that we have to go through here.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
—Ralph and Dorothy Wilkins

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and children of God: This finds me much encouraged and more determined than ever to press on to the crown of eternal life that is waiting for every soul that proves faithful to the end. (Rev. 2:10). I thank the Lord so much that He has placed a great desire in my heart to follow Him. If I know myself, there is nothing that I would rather do than please my blessed

Lord. He is the only thing bright that we have to look forward to in this sin-cursed world. Just one glimpse of Him in glory will repay us many, many times for our toils in this world.

While driving home from the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting, I saw a sign by the road with a picture of Jesus hanging on the cross. There was blood dripping from His hands and feet, and the cruel crown of thorns pressed down upon His brow. At the bottom of the picture was the word "THINK." I thought of how much Jesus suffered for this old wicked world that all might come to repentance and have a life filled with peace and happiness. Surely His loving heart is grieved to see the way people are living today. I know that I can't begin to pay back what the Lord has done for me, but by my life I can show Him that I love and thank Him.

I thank the Lord so much for His healing power. A couple of weeks before I got married, a soreness developed in my wrist. One Wednesday it got so bad that I could hardly move my hand without being in pain. Right away the devil told me that I was getting a bone felon. That night at prayer meeting I requested prayer and I promised the Lord that if He would heal me, I would testify for Him. By the next morning the soreness was almost completely gone. Praise the Lord! Since then there hasn't been the least bit of soreness. Some things may seem small, but they can develop into big things. I am thankful that we are serving a God that can heal all manner of diseases. (Matt. 9:35). Thank the Lord—He is just the same today!

We desire your prayers that we keep humble at the feet of Jesus. We have some burdens that we desire your prayers for, that the Lord will reveal His will concerning us.

Yours in Christ,
—Randall Flynn

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' dear sweet name: I feel so dependent on our dear Lord and Master. He is so good to unworthy me. I surely don't feel worthy of all the many blessings He bestows upon us from day to day.

I was pretty sick Monday night and Tuesday morning. I felt impressed to call you dear ones for prayer. It was so good to hear your sweet, kind, encouraging voice over the phone. I just felt the presence of the Lord while talking to you and He came to my rescue and healed me instantly as I didn't have any more of that trouble all that day. The next day I had a few symptoms of the affliction, but it didn't last long and I've felt good the rest of the week. Praise the dear Lord. Surely it is a mighty God we serve. I do thank all you dear saints for your earnest prayers. May the dear Lord reward each one with His many blessings is my prayer.

We still have some problems we desire the dear Lord to work out to His glory and our good.

Enclosed is an offering for the renewal of the "Faith and Victory" and also the "Beautiful Way."

May the Lord bless the work there and each one that is laboring to get the printed gospel out to precious souls. Pray for us that we keep humble at Jesus' feet and be faithful unto death.

With Christian love,
—Mrs. Effie Miller

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Okl.—Dear Saints: I wish to add my testimony with all the others.

I am happy to write of God's goodness to me. What a mighty God we serve! I thank God for saving my soul. I love Jesus with all my heart. Some blessed day I shall ever be with Him.

I want to thank the Lord for healing my body. I fell a year ago on my knee and pushed the knee cap to the side of my leg. It was very swollen. I couldn't bend it at all. But the Lord put it back in place just like the other one.

My neckbone was out of place, too, but it is in place again. I have been walking around all morning praising my Lord for healing me. Saturday night, August 17, the ministers laid hands on me and prayed, and the Lord touched my body and healed me. This I will never forget as long as I live.

Pray for me that I will not fail Him in any way, but stand true to God until He calls me home. God is still on the throne. Prayer changes things.

—Rachel Hiebert

Television on Trial

Scripture texts: Psalm 101:1-4; 1 Corinthians 6:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22.

There has been such a tremendous change for the worse in morals and standards of conduct in recent years that there has to be a cause. We are more convinced as we notice the morals of the unbelievers sagging and as crimes of all description have increased. We, the people of God, should locate the cause and cry aloud and spare not, lifting up our voices like a trumpet against the evils of this generation.

I would like to put television on trial as one of the main causes for this degeneration. As prosecuting attorney I shall endeavor to prove television guilty on all offenses. With 1 Corinthians 6:2-4 in mind, you serve as judge and jury in this trial. If television is found innocent, let us talk it up and testify of its blessings and the way it has helped our spirituality. Let us try to get it in every home and parsonage. Let us pray God's blessings on it. BUT if it is found guilty of the charges, let us lift our voices against its evil and warn God's people to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thess. 5:21, 22; and "To set no wicked thing before mine eyes," Psalm 101:3.

The first charge that I desire to bring against television is MURDER. I am well able to prove that TV is one of the world's NUMBER ONE KILLERS. As so many have twisted the true meaning of God's Holy Word, I would like to refer you to some clippings from newspapers for evidence against Killer TV. Though Satan has closed the lips of many ministers of today and they are as dumb dogs and cannot bark, listen to the words of a Catholic priest taken from a New Orleans newspaper. "Gerald L. Frey, pastor of St. Frances Cabrini church, attributed three factors to the shocking murder of one girl and stabbing of another by a 13-year-old honor student. One of the three factors was "the atmosphere of sex sadism which has been created by television." He went on to say, "Children have sex flung at them on every side from the time they are old enough to sit in front of a TV set." Shame on Church of God ministers who are afraid to speak up

against today's evils, when there are those that don't even have a born-again experience who dare to cry out against them.

But let us produce more evidence for your consideration. Listen to the words of two murderers, ages 11 and 13, taken from another newspaper clipping— The youngsters told the Detective Captain that they were "mad" at their dad and had learned on television "how to kill people and dispose of the body." There are other clippings proving the fact that television causes murder. A number of children have been known to be killed trying to imitate films they viewed on television; others have been badly injured while leaping from a building in an attempt to imitate Superman. There is no way to number its victims; only eternity will reveal how many deaths, heartaches, tears, and sorrows can be attributed to this deadly form of entertainment. It is a killer not only in the natural sense, but in the spiritual realm also. It is a killer of the church's influence, for we once told our friends in the denominations that it was wrong to attend the movies down town and declared Hollywood to be a hell hole. Now what would they think of you and me if they saw us with an even more vile show in our homes? In many homes the family altar has been destroyed by this evil entertainment; no longer is there time to read the Word of God to little Susie and Johnny, nor do they hear their parents pray as they once did. Television has destroyed the fellowship between families. What happened to hours of time once spent in Bible discussion and prayer as families visited one another? TV has taken the place of these vital treasures. Many children know more actors than Bible characters; imitating them is a scene in almost every community by our youth — they scream like Tarzan, twist like Elvis, etc.

Another charge I would like to bring against television is ROBBERY. With the fact in mind that we have 168 hours per week, how many are spent in prayer and Bible reading, and how many are spent in watching television? Time must be spent on jobs and time must be spent in rest, but the hours that were once in between are now taken up with time-consuming TV. Hours that once were spent in worship are no longer spent thus. The attendance on Wednesday night prayer meeting has diminished and in many places it exists no longer. A thief of money can also be charged against television. Many dollars have been wasted on television. Estimate the thousands of dollars spent on TV sets today that could have been used in the winning of souls. Many local churches have been robbed of their spirituality due to this menace. Sometimes we wonder what is wrong with the services, but if we could see in the living rooms and dens of the people late at night, we could find the answer.

Another charge to be brought against television is the sin of LUST. Titus 2:12 teaches us that we are to deny ungodliness and worldly lust. On the TV screen there is a world record of lust and ungodliness. One sinner man said he had been hanging

around burlesque shows for over 50 years without seeing as much female anatomy as he had observed on TV shows. Indecency such as two actresses seeing who could come the nearest to stripping themselves to the waist before the TV cameras is only one example. By this means lust and indecency has been deliberately thrust into the living rooms of millions of American homes with displays of near nudity that would result in arrest for indecent exposure on the streets where the law is being enforced. Adding to the lust of the flesh is the ungodly twist and modern dance. There are those who never saw inside a saloon or a theater and never went to a dance, but are allowing it to come into their homes and corrupt their children. Many more hours are spent with television than in the local movie house. Films that were once banned from the theater are now seen in the living rooms.

I also wish to charge television with advocating VILE LANGUAGE. Cursing and taking God's holy name in vain is often heard on TV. I declare it to be even worse than the movies we have opposed all these years. While visiting for Sunday School we came to a home where the television was on and remained on. After several minutes, some of the vile language was heard; language that would be expected to be heard anywhere except within a Christian's home was being broadcast right into this living room. Then the knob was turned, but the children had already heard and seen too much. Another speciality is the dirty joke with the double meaning, that was once confined to the saloon and gutter.

Another charge to be brought against this low form of entertainment is the aid given to BREAKING DOWN OUR MORALS. I believe the condition of our world today can be charged to television. Never did you hear of so many Sinners Clubs, Non-Virgin Clubs, and Teen-Age Gangs until the popularity of TV; never have there been so many broken homes, scattered children, divorces and unwed mothers as in this day when such ungodly practices are portrayed on the screen in such a way as to make heroes and heroines of their characters. Isn't it sound evidence when we can see the finished product of this filth every day before our very eyes? Never has there been juvenile delinquency as today. No wonder prison and reform schools are full; TV has succeeded in corrupting our youth far more than the theater ever did. It is no wonder that these conditions exist, for in the corner of almost every living room we find a school of crime. Have we not compromised too long now? Isn't it time to speak our piece? The Church must take a stand before any more of the world creeps in!

I further charge television with bringing into so-called Church of God homes UNGODLY PRACTICES that the church teaches against. Drinking, smoking, gambling, killing, dancing, robbing, cheating, lying, and adultery are considered just innocent entertainment. Things that Church of God parents would not allow in any other form, but being deceived by the popularity of TV and the idea that everyone

is watching it, are allowed in their homes VIA TV. Why not dare to be different and let the world know whose side you are on?

The last charge I present against this malicious imposter, is DIVIDING GOD'S PEOPLE. There are pulpits where one would be unwelcome who preached against TV. Anything that divides God's people is wrong for Jesus prayed for the unity of the believers. Hitler's philosophy was to divide and conquer. Could this be one of the devil's purposes in television? There are many who will speak against the indecency of it; there are others who say it is all right, and still others that won't say it is evil and are afraid to say it is good. Ministers who once stood together now stand divided.

These are only seven of the many charges that should be brought against this evil. But let us hear some witnesses FOR TELEVISION. Brother Compromise and Brother Liberal look a little angry; perhaps they love TV and this trial has them upset. We now turn the trial over to them.

Bro. Compromise says it is EDUCATIONAL. Remember — that is the same lie the devil told Eve in the beginning — it will make you wise. Its education consists of sin and ungodliness!

Another argument in favor of this menace is that there is a LITTLE GOOD on it. There's a little good in garbage cans, poison, and on a mouse trap. A mouse trap would never get the mouse without that little bit of good. Anyway when anyone is on trial, saying there is a little good in them will not result in acquittal. May we conclude: the little good is only bait.

According to Bro. Liberal it could be a BLESSING. Yes, and Khrushchev could be a blessing also, but he isn't. It isn't what television could be; it's what it is that counts! He also thinks there is NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TV AND RADIO. To make this statement is the same as saying there isn't any difference between the ear and the eye. The fact remains that 80% of what you see is remembered while only 20% of what you hear. One look is worth 10,000 words. If no difference — why did you look at your automobile before buying, why would you pay 10 times the price of radio for television. Someone is trying to deceive himself!

I'm quite sure you will find Bro. Compromise and Bro. Liberal's defense much too weak and television guilty of all the charges presented. I am certain you will also find that they are guilty of upholding filth and obscenity. Let us be honest and face the facts and evidence. What was leading you when you once opposed TV and what is leading you now? Is the same spirit leading you differently? Does God change? Let us have a TV BURNING and stand by the old land mark!

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October 6, 1963

AN APPEAL TO HARMONY

Printed Portion 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 3:5-11

1 Cor. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

3:5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth there upon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9.

Practical Truth: God in His wisdom gives different gifts to different ones.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lessons this quarter will be some letters that Paul wrote instructing the members of some of the churches that he had founded. Those instructions are good for us today. Our lesson today is about the church at Corinth. It seems, according to our reading, that there were four different opinions being followed in this church. Some were of Paul, some of Apollos, some of Cephas (Peter) and some true followers of Jesus. Someone from the "house of Chloe" had informed Paul about this condition. He was very grieved about it. Paul knew that the progress of the gospel and the salvation of souls was being hindered by this condition. In the name of Jesus, he pled that they speak the same things. These instructions were to those who were carnal (ch. 3:1-4). The "babe in Christ" who has not been filled with the Holy Spirit should wait and learn. They should not be so ready to declare their feelings as they might not be spirit-led. This will cause trouble. Even when a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, the Bible teaches us that he will "grow in knowledge and grace." On essential doctrines of the Bible all Holy Spirit-filled persons do agree, but on some minor points there might be a difference in light and understanding. Therefore, there is a need to bear and forbear with one another. Paul insisted that the Corinthian church give God all the glory for what had been done and not man. Man was just a vessel that God used.

October 13, 1963

CHRISTIAN PURITY

Printed Portion 1 Cor. 6:9-20

1 Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Memory Verse: What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Practical Truth: The wrong use of natural urges constitutes sin.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the first part of our lesson Paul lists ten classes of transgressions which will exclude one from the kingdom of God. Some will not bear to be explained, but are sufficiently plain in themselves. This shows what God had saved the Corinthian church from. They are now clean. They have been washed in the precious blood of Jesus and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Clarke seems to think Paul is telling some of the Corinthians who are pleading that according to the law as it stood it was all right for one to marry his father's wife. Paul allows that all things might be lawful but not expedient. Expedient means "based on what is of personal use or advantage rather than what is right or just; guided by self-interest." (Web. Dic.) All things might be lawful, but is it best or wise? Will it build up the kingdom of God? Is it selfishly done? Will it harm others in any way? These are some of the questions we can ask ourselves about things that might be lawful. Paul says he would not be brought under the power of anything that was not a good example.

We are to take care of our bodies which are the temple of God. God requires purity of mind, body, and soul. He will raise us up some day to dwell with him in glory as he raised up Jesus. We cannot sin against the body

without sinning against Christ. We are bought with a price.

October 20, 1963

CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

Printed Portion 1 Cor. 10:23-33; 11:1

1 Cor. 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:

26 For the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof:

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I am also of Christ.

Memory Verse: All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. 1 Cor. 10:23; 11:1.

Practical Truth: Some activities should not be indulged in because it will offend a weak brother.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the markets of Corinth, the flesh of animals was brought to be sold, whose blood had been poured out in sacrifice to an idol. Or, sometimes just part of an animal that belonged to the priest was taken to the market to be sold. The part that was offered and was to be eaten by the sacrificer to an idol, Paul says not to eat of. This would be partaking.

It seems that the Jews would come to a feast and ask if the flesh was torn by a beast, or strangled, or if it was offered to idols; if the fruits or herbs were tithed according to custom, etc. Paul did not feel it necessary to torture others and oneself with such questions. The earth and everything in it is the Lord's and is for man's use. Paul also cautions us to be careful about wounding another's conscience and thus causing a weak brother to stumble and fall. But if a person "by grace" partakes of anything allowed by the gospel and gives thanks for it, no one else should condemn such a person. Be careful not to give an offense to any, and if we do all to the glory of God, in those things where there has not been given express commands, we will keep clear before God and others. Paul instructs us to do as he does. He forgot himself and his own interests, comfort and convenience and labored only for the welfare of others and to the up-building of the kingdom of God in the earth.

October 27, 1963

CHRISTIAN LOVE

Printed Portion 1 Cor. 12:31, 13:1-13

1 Cor. 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Cor. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Memory Verse: Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. 1 Corinthians 13:4, 5.

Practical Truth: Without divine love there is no reward in heaven.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

What an awful world this would be to live in if there were no love. Love is the hub of the wheel of everything that is good. Notice in three verses the words, "and have not love."

"Love is properly the image of God in the soul; for God is love. . . . By love we resemble God; and by it alone are we qualified to enjoy heaven, and be one with him throughout eternity." (Clarke) We are born of love. Love is what broke our hearts and brought godly sorrow, which worked repentance in the soul. Love caused us to fully surrender to God so he could fill us with the Holy Spirit. Love causes us to continue to sacrifice to work for God and help souls. God is not willing that any perish because he loves every soul and neither are we willing that any perish because we love the souls of men.

There are listed sixteen particulars in which God recommends love to be worked out in our lives. Love is given away. Love is not for sale. Love does not expect a return but appreciates it. Love causes one to love his enemies. When Jesus was on the cross, He prayed for those who put him there. This love comes down from God. Paul says love is the greatest. (Mrs.) Marie Miles