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Do You Hear Them Crying?

Don't you hear the millions crying
In their need across the sea,
"Send the Gospel to us faster,
Haste, oh, haste to set us free."

They are dying in their anguish
Souls for whom the Saviour died.
Oh, why don't you haste the message
Of the Christ once crucified!

Jesus saw the teeming millions
Without shepherd, friend, or guide;
And He wept with deepest sorrow
For the throngs for whom He died.

There are lost ones all around you
Who are sinking down to hell
Whom you've never said a word to
Of that Friend you love so well.

Oh, my dear one, let's be busy,
There are millions that are lost;
Jesus gave His life to save them
At a most tremendous cost.

Can you say you tried to save them?
They are passing to their doom;
Every day brings millions nearer
To eternal night and gloom.

Jesus gave to us the Gospel
And their blood is on our hands;
Their souls are worth far more than
Houses, bank accounts and lands.

Help us spread the blessed story,
Help us o'er lost souls to yearn,
Winning souls to Jesus daily
Keeping true till His return.

—Unknown

A Tool the Devil Wants to Keep

It was once announced (as was supposed) that the devil was going out of business, and would offer all his tools for sale to anyone who would pay the price. On the night of the sale, they were all attractively displayed, and a bad-looking lot they were.

Malice, hatred, envy, jealousy, sensuality and deceit, and all other implements of evil were spread out, each one marked with its price.

Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking and wedge-shaped tool, much worn, and priced higher than any of them.

Someone asked the devil what it was.

"That's Discouragement," was the reply.

"Why have you priced it so high?"

"Because," replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that—when I could not get near him with any of the others—and when once inside, I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is much worn because I've used it with nearly everybody, and very few yet know it belongs to me!"

It hardly need be added that the devil's price for Discouragement was so high that it was never sold.

He still owns it—and is still using it!

"Faith Cometh by Hearing"

That "Faith cometh by hearing—and hearing by the Word" is true, and today there is a great famine in the world—and this famine is caused by a lack of the knowledge of God's full plan for the care of His children. One thing that ought to be convincing is a statement made in 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. It reads thus: "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: [even the precious blood of Christ] therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Yes, if we are His children, we

have been bought by Christ's sacrifice—both soul and body. Then knowing that we have been bought definitely, and that He owns us, should we not be able to believe that He wants to care for us, both soul and body? Yes, His plan covers all, and if we can grasp this truth, it will be a stay to us all along life's pathway.

The lack of knowledge of God's full plan for us is the basic cause for the unbelief there is in the world today. My earnest prayer is that the dear Lord may awaken His true ministers to a very definite realization of their responsibility, and that there may be more manifestation of the old time confidence and faith in the promises of God. And to those of God's dear children who are not where they can have their faith built up by the preaching of God's Word on these lines, I am happy to say that you are not left without hope—for thank God, we still have today the privilege of searching the Scriptures for ourselves. By thus searching out God's divine plan, and His promises for ourselves, we may build up our own souls in the most holy faith, and keep the fire of faith burning within our hearts daily. In the Bible we have an abundance of examples of what God has done in ages past for those who have trusted Him, and if we do believe that He is just the same today—and will be the same forever, then we need not go on suffering for the lack of His divine care, whether that is to be manifested in the healing of our bodies, or the supply of our temporal needs, or His divine protection, or His guidance in all the various conditions of life.

In Acts 17:11, we read of some who were counted more noble than others in that they searched the Scriptures daily to find out if the things they heard reported were true. They believed the Scriptures and took time daily to search out the great truths of God for themselves. And it is true today that anyone who will do the same things, will be convinced of the Truth, and will be built up in the faith, and be able to see marvelous things done in the name of the Holy Child Jesus. We only need to exercise faith in the promises of God and we shall receive. But since the promises of God are **conditional** we need to carefully study the condition of each promise and then see to it that we do meet these conditions, and **then** faith will become active and will take hold of God and get the answer.

In James 5:16 we read, "Confess your faults one to another, that ye may be healed." If there is ought in our lives that does not please God, we **must** do our part to remove this—to get it out of the way, and then prayer can be effective. Sometimes confession only needs to be made to God, but there are times when we need to clear something out of the way that hinders the confidence of others, and this can only be done by confessing to the person concerned.

If there has been carelessness in our life in any way, or slackness in our devotional life, this must be definitely settled between us and God if we want His divine healing touch on our bodies, or His help in

other ways. In John 15:7 we read, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you [then] ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The condition—definitely abiding in the Lord, just living a settled, solid life for His glory.

In James 4:3 we read, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lusts." Selfish praying does not bring us in touch with the throne of God, and therefore does not bring the answer down. What is the object of your desire to have prayer answered? That God may be glorified? That Christ may be exalted? Is it that the cause of Christ and His gospel may be advanced? Do you want to be healed so you can enjoy the pleasures of the world, or so you may serve the Lord Jesus better? Let us examine well our motives in coming to the Lord for His help, and then with pure hearts and right desires let us approach Him in faith to receive **all** He has promised in His Holy Word. May God bless and inspire active faith in each reader, is my fervent prayer.

—E. Faith Stewart

The Soul's Life Sustained by Prayer

The soul that has found Jesus has found life. "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." 1 John 5:11. This life is a heavenly life, because it comes from God. It is heavenly not only in its purity, but also in its peacefulness.

This life of the soul is a hidden life. "Your life is hid with Christ in God." Christianity is not an exterior, visible something. As the fruit of a tree is not the life of the tree so holy action is not the life of the soul but is the fruit of that life; and as the bearing of fruit does not sustain the life of the tree, so the doing of good deeds does not keep the soul alive. Its life is sustained from an unseen hidden source. If a man's religion consists in his doing and his talking, he has not the true Christian religion. If he loves to talk about the things of God more than he loves to talk with God; if he has more animation in public prayer than in secret prayer, it is to be feared that his religion is only an external thing and not that true religion which has its source in God. If a person can talk out more than he experiences in his heart; if he has more outward thought than inward feeling, his religion is gleaned from an outside source, and not breathed into his soul by the Spirit of God. If he has a religion that is fed through the intellect, a religion that is borrowed or learned from others, and not that which comes along as a hidden stream from God, his religion is vain. True spiritual life comes from God to man's soul and then flows out in holy living. This life is both gained and sustained through believing prayer. The reading of the Scriptures is listening to the voice of God and is the listening side of prayer.

All true spiritual life and holy living comes by the soul's life being hid with Christ in God. "In him is life, and this life is the light of men." The

good deed, in order to be of full value, needs to have the stamp of the divine life; a coin must bear the government stamp in order to pass current. Our acts of kindness should have their origin farther back than in us. If they proceed from us, they will leave our imprint on others; if they have their rise in God they will engrave His image on the character of others. "All my springs are in thee," said one who had all his expectations from God. "There is a river [or spring] whose stream makes glad the city of God." Our stream of life must have its spring in God.

Achsah was leaving her father's home to go and dwell with her husband. Taking advantage of a father's feeling, she asked him for a blessing. He had given her a south land, and now she desired a spring of water. He gave her the upper and nether springs. Too many, we fear, have only the upper, or surface springs, whose waters fail in a dry time, and dry times will come. We should have the nether (underneath) springs, whose waters never fail. If our outward life has its rise in our own human sympathy, compassion, and kindness, it will be feeble in a dry time. Oh! let your life be hid with Christ in God, that the spring of every act, word, and thought may be in him. If a man's life has its rise in himself, it may bind man to him; but if it has its rise in God, it will bind men to God. The cultivation of gentleness, kindness, and love is excellent; but let it be the cultivation of that gentleness, kindness, and love that comes from God, and not the cultivation of merely our own qualities. If you desire to be kind, go into the presence of Jesus. Draw near that He may breathe His Spirit upon you. A kind, tender feeling will begin to thrill your heart, and then as you go out among men, the vibration of that thrill will strike upon the hearts of men and win them to Jesus. If you would have more love, look with steadfast eye to Calvary. See the pierced hands and side, the thorn-crowned brow, and hear the "Eli! Eli! lama sabachthani," and there will begin to kindle in your soul a love that will make men feel the warmth of its flame.

It is by prayer that the soul's life is sustained. The intellect may feed upon the external perceptions of God, but the soul feeds and lives upon God himself. Live each moment under the cover of His feathers. Hide beneath the shadow of His wing. When the angry storm-clouds of life are gathering, oh, how blessed to feel the soft down of God's feathers covering us and when the heat of trial is kindling upon us, to feel the cooling shadow of His wing! Let thy spirit, O pilgrim saint, closely entwine with the Spirit of thy God. Let thy life be hid in the secret of His pavilion, and there in the closest intimacy commune with Him. Thus shalt thy daily life be like the peaceful flowing of the river whose banks are ever verdant as the springtime.

—C. E. Orr, from "Odors From Golden Vials"

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Interpretations of the Holy Spirit

In II Peter we read that "No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." I thought maybe I could clear up something here that seems to be puzzling many people who claim to be saved but they say that they are not living without sin and do not believe any one can do so in this world, yet at the same time they claim to be able to interpret God's Word. The Bible says that no one can do that only by the Holy Spirit. I fail to see how one can still be in sin and at the same time have the Holy Spirit. I believe this is where many people are getting into something that they do not understand. When they read something in God's Word that they do not want to obey, they begin trying to use their own private interpretation to satisfy their own selfish desires rather than trying to please the Lord. When one does this, he is not living true to the Scriptures.

I once heard a preacher say that the Bible meant what it said and said what it meant, and if people would quit trying to put their own private interpretations on the Word of God they wouldn't get into so much confusion as to what God expected us to do.

You will read these words in Galatians 5:16, "This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." So let us all as Christians do what we do in the spirit to please our Lord, instead of doing it in the flesh to please ourselves.

In Proverbs 16:25 it reads, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." So we will do well to consider our interpretations to see that we are not trying to have our way instead of letting God have His way in our life.

There is one thing that is very important for every one of us to know and that is, Jesus said that we are either for Him or against Him. We cannot serve two masters. So if we walk in the light as He reveals it to us, we will some day make heaven our home.

We may not have so many friends in this world if we live like the Lord wants us to, but there is one thing that we can all know—we will have at least One who can do more for us than all the rest put together.

—William R. White

GOSPEL SINGING AT GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

The saints are having a gospel singing at the chapel in Guthrie, Okla., on Friday, November 1, at 8 p. m. We invite all to come. Let us worship the Lord in song and praise. Bring your song books and come. Bring a friend.

—The Guthrie Congregation

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A TRANSLATOR'S INSIGHT

A missionary in translating the Gospels into one of the dialects of China was seeking a word to express the name "Comforter." One day a native Christian said to him, "A neighbor of mine has died. I must go to comfort his wife." The exact phrase in Chinese was "to bring her around the corner." At once the translator grasped the thought of the Comforter as the one who brings us around the corners of life. Life is full of corners, but the Holy Spirit will lead us safely around them if we but trust Him.

The Church of God Chapel at Guthrie, Oklahoma is located on the corner of Sixth and W. Warner. The congregation welcomes you. —Bro. Ira D. Stover, Pastor
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EDITORIALS

Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35. Divine love in the heart of man is the crowning grace of Christianity. That is the only heavenly element sufficient to convince the world that God has a people or church in the world. Unity, which is the fruit of love, is that attribute for which Jesus prayed to be exhibited in His disciples in His prayer as recorded in the 17th chapter of St. John. The burden of that prayer was "that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me." When one is born from above he is then and there inducted into the Church of God and brought into the unity of the Spirit with all the children of God, "for by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." As we walk in the light of God's Word we continue to have fellowship one with another. And through the work of the prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, it is God's plan that His people be brought into the "unity of the faith" or doctrine. But it is most essential that the unity of the Spirit be maintained while one is in the process of coming to the unity of the faith. The Apostle Paul earnestly exhorts us in these words, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3. He shows how this can be done in the preceding verse, "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love." The unity of the Spirit is most important, for one might be able to split hairs on doctrine with theological precision and at the same time be void of the Spirit of God.

The many hundreds of new names and addresses for the special three-month subscriptions which we have received since the last issue was placed in the mail indicates that the saints are sincerely concerned about the spiritual welfare of their neighbors, friends, and relatives. Please keep up the good work, send in all the names you can, and the Lord will certainly reward you for this service in His vineyard. Write us for more subscription order blank envelopes to fill out with names, or type or write plainly the lists of names on a sheet of paper and mail them in. With the Lord's blessing we anticipate having several thousand new readers in January, February, and March of next year, and may those issues especially be laden with messages from God to this generation. Send in all the names and addresses by Dec. 8, please!

Whenever you move or change your address, please write us at once, giving your old and new address, and include your Zip Code number. The post office charges 10c to notify us of each change of address.

Recent word from Louisiana relates that Bro. Pinkerton of Hammond had a very good visit on Oct. 3 with Bro. Wayne Turner, who is in the state prison at Angola. He said he went to encourage Bro.

Turner, but left feeling more encouraged himself. Bro. Turner is doing a wonderful work there in death row by letting his Christian light shine and having devotional services every afternoon with the boys. Continue to pray for him.

Two new booklets are just off the press. One is entitled, "The Heavenly Footman," written by John Bunyan, author of "Pilgrim's Progress." It consists of 32 pages in heavy paper binding, and describes the road on which one must travel to reach Heaven. The author especially endeavors to persuade the unsaved to get on the way now that leads to the Celestial City. The small price is 20c each, 6 for \$1.00 postpaid, or it will be sent free of charge to you if you request it.

The other booklet entitled, "A Letter to Youth," was written by Bro. Wayne Turner who is now in "death row" in Louisiana. It consists of 12 pages, particularly warning youth away from the path of crime, how that in his own life the first ventures of stealing pop and milk bottles led step by step to greater offenses and finally to the crime that placed him where he is today. It should be in the hands of every young person. Order your copy or copies today, and if possible, enclose postage or an offering for handling and mailing.

Our step-mother, Mother Nettie Pruitt, who is 80 years of age, is badly afflicted with heart dropsy and gradually getting worse. Her children are caring for her in her home in Tulsa, Okla. Please pray the Lord to take away the pain and suffering and make her last days comfortable.

The Lord has certainly verified His promises again to me on the line of divine physical healing which is the "children's bread" and a benefit derived from believing the gospel—the same gospel that Jesus and His disciples taught and practiced. About two weeks ago, on September 28, a paralysis began developing on the right side of my face and head. There was no pain, but a numbness on that side. Within two or three days, the muscles on the affected side relaxed and my face drooped. I could not move my eyebrows, eyelids, or the right half of my lips, which affected my speech considerably. It was rather difficult to eat or drink. Of course, I looked to the Lord who has been my Physician all the years of my life, and the One who has healed me many times in answer to the prayer of faith. On the following Wednesday night, I was anointed and prayed for at the prayer-meeting, and I stood by faith upon the promise, claiming healing in spite of symptoms. The Lord touched me with healing virtue and now (Oct. 13th) the paralysis is disappearing and the muscle function in my face is returning. Praise God, the One who said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee!" (Ex. 15:26). I thank all the saints for your prayers and words of encouragement during this trial of faith, and continue to pray that complete deliverance will come from this affliction. "What a mighty God

we serve! Reigning now above, on His throne of love, what a mighty God we serve!"

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Obituary

William R. Jenkins was born August 6, 1878 in Preble County, Ohio, and departed this life Sept. 8, 1963 at his home near New Paris, Ohio, at the age of 85 years, 1 month and 2 days. He was united in marriage to Leoni Epps April 15, 1902, who has walked and stood by him for over 61 years. Bro. Jenkins was saved approximately 40 years ago and was devoted and faithful. He leaves to mourn his passing, his devoted wife, one brother, Art Jenkins of Richmond, Indiana, and nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all who knew him. The funeral was conducted by Bro. S. E. Abbott. Interment was made in New Paris, Ohio.

REPORT OF FRESNO, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

We are happy to report that the campmeeting at Fresno, California was a success for God. Oh, how the Word of the Lord did go forth, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit! It was deep and searching and did stir the hearts of His people. Many received help. Some souls were saved. Others sought for a deeper walk with God. We had a very precious baptismal service.

We surely did appreciate the cooperation of all in every way, including the workers at the Print Shop for the bills printed for the meeting. We pray God's rich blessings upon each one of you.

We are asking your prayers for the blessings of God to be upon our meeting here next year. The date will be in the "Faith and Victory" paper, Lord willing.

The out-of-town ministers who brought forth the Word were: Bro. H. P. Huskey, Bro. Clyde Smith, Bro. I. C. Chandler, Bro. J. T. Johnson, and Bro. Ostis Wilson.

—E. J. Trotter, Pastor

OKLAHOMA CITY FALL REVIVAL NOTICE (Corner of Third and N. Phillips Sts.)

The saints in Oklahoma City will hold their fall revival meeting, November 8 through November 17, if it

be the Lord's will. We are looking forward to Bro. Clarence Hattley being with us during our meeting, also other ministers, saints and friends or whoever the Lord leads to come. Everyone is invited. If you need help of any kind, come, praying, and God will surely bless your soul. This meeting will be held on a freewill-offering plan.

For further information write Bro. Herman D. Kelley, Pastor, 2304 N. Everest, Oklahoma City, Okla., or phone GA 7-7314.

Assembly Meeting Notices

HAMMOND, LA. ASSEMBLY MEETING

The assembly meeting at Hammond, La. will be held on the General Southern Camp Grounds located in the southwest part of town. The meeting will begin Sunday, November 24 and last eight days, through Dec. 1. We expect competent ministers to be on hand to administer the Word of God.

An invitation is extended to everyone to attend this meeting. We are expecting the Lord to bless by His presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in His everlasting kingdom, M. F. Williamson.

JEFFERSON, OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, Lord willing, November 8 to 17, inclusive, 1963. For further information write Bro. Noah White, Rt. 1, Box 225, Jefferson, Oregon, or Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon, Phone FA 7-2855.

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting at Guthrie, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, during the Christmas holidays—December 20 to 29, inclusive. Further information will appear in the next issue.

PASSING OF MOTHER NETTIE PRUITT

That part of this issue containing the prayer request for Mother Nettie Pruitt was printed before she passed away on Saturday, October 19th, about 5:30 p.m., at her home in Tulsa, Okla. She had been afflicted several weeks with heart dropsy and trusted the Lord to the end. Her funeral was held today (Oct. 21) at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Tulsa with Bro. Richard Madden officiating. The obituary will appear in the next issue.

—Editor

PRAYER REQUEST

Our young Bro. Clifford Smith, who is helping us here in the printing work, accidentally got the middle finger of his right hand caught in the printing press which badly crushed the finger. His decision was to fully trust the Lord to heal and restore it to normal use again. It was dressed and bandaged, and the saints here are praying with faith that the desired healing will be accomplished. We request an agreement of all the saints in earnest prayer that the work will be done.

—Editor

PSALM 46

(The author was impressed to write the following after the passing of Bro. Fred Pruitt.)

God is our refuge to defend
Our spirit from the stormy blast
When troubles heap without an end
Upon our life be cast.
He is our strength, He will sustain
Our mortal passage o'er life's sea;
Through Him the vict'ry we shall gain
Though earth shall cease to be.

A present help He proves to be,
His promise true can never fail
And though the end we may not see
Through Him we shall prevail.
Through changes of this mortal sphere
He'll guide unerring all the way,
And keep from danger, harm, and fear
Unto eternal day.

Therefore shall not our souls despair
When earthly garlands are removed,
When that which we esteem most fair
But fleeting mists are proved;
And life's most cherished grace and charm
Will take its march into the night—
We'll lean upon His gracious arm
And keep His face in sight.

Yes, let it fall: our nature's sway—
The bands that hold our spirit's flight,
Be loosed the silver cord, decay
Our mortal strength and might.
Our mountains of expectancy,
Our hopes, resolves, and quiet dread
May all be carried to the sea
And sink as molten lead.

These things shall pass, but flowing still
There is a river crystal, clear,
The streams whereof shall gladness fill
The saints of God so dear.
Through Zion's city shall it flow,
Enrich'ning all with keeping grace;
God in her midst shall onward go,
And paths of peace shall trace.

Lift up thy head, O trembling soul,
Be not dismayed when crosses press,
Oh, forward look to life's bright goal
Of hope and righteousness.
The glimmer of earth's fleeting day,
Shall fade as stars before the sun,
Forgotten will be toils of day
To know the prize is won.

—Leslie Busbee

AN ANGEL VISIT

On April 4, 1963, my father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, took the flu that was going around at that time. Several had it and it seemed to be contagious. I believe they thought it was the Asiatic flu. I had it, and so did my brother and his wife and several others. My father had visited my brother and his wife and prayed for them. He came down with it just after I took it. But the Lord healed him and he was only sick about two days. He was in bed most of one day. When I was able to be up and

came out here to the office for the first time, I sat down in the chair by his desk and we were talking. I was thanking the Lord for healing me and that I was able to be back out here to the office and of course, he was thankful also. We talked about the good things of the Lord and how good God had been to us both. I was so glad the Lord healed him and he didn't have to suffer very long. He then told me something. He said that the day he was in bed he had a strange vision. He said that when he would close his eyes, his room would be full of angels. He said that every once in a while all of them would just nod toward him. Then he said that one came real close to him. I asked him what he thought it meant—did he think the Lord was going to take him? He said, "I don't know what it means but I am praying the Lord to show me what it means." I asked him what the angels were doing and he said that they were just sitting around in the room. He said that it was such a heavenly atmosphere and he enjoyed it so much. He also said that when he would open his eyes he couldn't see them, so he just lay there for a long time with his eyes closed and enjoyed it.

This of course, troubled me greatly at the time. But then I just thanked the Lord that he had healed him and that he did not take him as I thought possibly that was what it meant. I never discussed it again with him. But the Lord took him on the 6th of June, just two months later. He is now enjoying that experience continually. He is in the presence of the angels and is at rest. He has fought his last battle and won. We have the battle of life to fight and we, too, can receive a crown if we prove faithful to the last. He trusted God to the very end. He never even thought of looking to man for help, but looked to God to the end. His heart was still in this work. A couple of hours before he passed away, he asked me to put a marker in his Bible at the place where he had left it the day before on his desk. He had some thoughts on his heart that he wanted to continue to look up. We thank God for his godly life. He fearlessly stood for what the Lord revealed to him at the cost of some who were very dear to him. He loved his Lord and the truths of the Bible more than anything else in this world. Each one of us will have to do that to make it into God's heaven. But as the poet has said, "It will matter but little [at last] what we have passed through." The glories of heaven will more than repay us for our suffering here in this life.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

TESTIMONIES

Ind.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: I want to give my testimony of healing. I had been afflicted with arthritis in my shoulder for several months. I could hardly comb my hair and had trouble dressing myself. I was anointed and prayed for at the campmeeting in Hammond, La., but didn't get any relief then. I didn't feel led to be prayed for at the Monark Springs Campmeeting. After coming home, I was anointed and prayed for again. In a few weeks I was much improved. I want to thank the Lord for the help. I am glad we have a great Physician who knows our needs. All praise to Him. Your sister in Christ,

—Lovie Davis

North Ireland—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints at the Faith Publishing House: Greetings in the great name of Jesus Christ the Lord. I just found a letter of yours and read it and found it in my heart to write you a few lines. First, I may say, I need the prayers of the

Lord's people among you. You know it is written that the prayer of a righteous man availeth much. That goes for women also, as there is no male or female in Christ. When you are together, please remember your sister over here in Ireland.

I like to witness wherever I am, about the Lord and His goodness in saving me at the age of 16. I was invited to a wedding yesterday, of my only granddaughter, Florence Grace, age 20. Yesterday was Monday, September 16, and Grace came down to see me. She knew I was a praying Granny. She came over close to me and said earnestly, "Granny, pray that it will be a good day tomorrow." I said, "Yes, Grace, I have already prayed for one." She looked so happy. We had had a spell of a few days free of rain and we were so glad for it to get the rest of the harvest in.

The next morning the woman who helps me each day came, and said that it was spitting rain. I was a bit scared, but I looked up to God, our loving Father in heaven, and I said, "Father, if it be thy will, do let the sun shine out that Grace may believe on Thee, that Thou dost care and answer prayer." The sky looked cloudy, but I still trusted. Again later, the housekeeper came in and said it was still raining a little. I just looked to God again and believed. I kept on believing. Later, when I looked out, the sun was shining in a wonderful way. It was glorious. I got ready and at 12:30 the taxi came to take us to the wedding. When we got to the hall and I got a chance, I spoke to the minister alone. I told him I'd been led to the Saviour at the age of 16 and now I am going on 82 years of age. I told him about Grace, and my prayer, and I said I was so glad God sent such a lovely day as it would strengthen Grace's faith. It might lead her to prayer and salvation.

Later in the dining room, the minister got up to make a speech, after asking God's blessing on all, and then he looked over at me. Then he turned to the big gathering and said, waving his hand over to me, "Granny here was asked by Grace yesterday to pray for a good day that was dry and sunny, and Granny said she had already prayed and that she would keep on praying." And he waved his hands for all to look out the windows, and said, "See the answer to prayer. Such a glorious day!" I was pleased because it honored my Father in heaven. It let them see that there was one there who looked to God and Him alone for the blessing of life and I hope and pray it led them to see what it means for one to put his whole trust in God. As you know, one with God is a majority, and a great majority at that. I gave the day over to God; not only the weather, but also all and I asked him to be with us and take full control. Oh, He did! The weather was perfect! The sun shone brightly and the grass was like a velvet green lawn and the sea was blue. All the people seemed so loving and kind. I was so happy. My friend who came with me said, "One would think you had got wine or something, the way you sang all the way." I said, "I can't help singing." The Lord was so good and kept back the rain and sent the sunshine. If we sing the songs of Zion, they think we are out of our heads, but praise God, we are in the right when we praise our good Lord and Saviour. The birds even sing praises and why should we remain silent! May the Lord bless you. —Sis. Margaret Dundas

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Okla.—Greetings to the saints of the most high God everywhere: I am glad to say that I am saved from my sins and also sanctified. Jesus prayed for me when he prayed for his disciples. Read St. John 17:17. Jesus' prayers got through, because he lived the life when he was here on earth. Before he left this earth, Jesus

said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." (Matt. 5:14.)

My beloved Brother Fred Pruitt crossed the river not long ago. It is our loss, but heaven's gain. He was a light for Jesus for over forty years. All we saints loved him.

Dear workers in the field for Jesus, when our life is over it will be time for us to go to heaven. I say to all, watch. The end is close. Jesus warned us to be ready, for his coming is at an hour when we know not. "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." —Rev. 22:20.

Your blood-washed brother, —R. Walters

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Ohio—To the dear saints everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of our God. I am still saved, sanctified, and satisfied with the keeping power of God. I am still living where my conscience is clear. The Lord has been richly blessing us in our souls and in prayer for the sick. It is His power that causes the sick to be healed, so all power and glory belong to Him. Some that were prayed for in the past have testified to the healing power of God. The doctors took a tumor from one man's spine but left him with paralysis from the waist down. The place where he worked decided to put him on a disability pension. When he asked for prayer, we asked him if he had faith. His answer was, "yes." Another brother and I prayed for him and then left him. He called some time later and said that the Lord had healed him and that he was back to work. Truly we gave God the glory.

Your saved brother in Christ, —W. T. Tomlin

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Oklahoma—I feel impressed this morning to send in my testimony, telling of the goodness of God. I am still thanking and praising God for salvation, the greatest gift to mankind. I am also thankful for other blessings.

The Lord promised that "these signs shall follow them that believe. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." I am a witness to that. In May I became severely ill and went through great suffering, but I thank God for the test. I have received a blessing in my soul. The love of God was manifested in my behalf, seemingly beyond measure. I am very appreciative to each one for the love that was shown in numerous ways; for the cards with such inspirational words, letters, money, food, telephone calls, and the many prayers. I thank God for them all. Different ones came in and did service, to help lift the load from my parents, (Mr. and Mrs. Boley Spears), and my husband, who cared for me with such gentle care, for I could do nothing for myself, and couldn't walk for several weeks. Sister Katherine Williams came in our home and stayed with us through the battle. One morning Sister Katherine, moved by the Holy Spirit, laid hands on me and prayed. I felt the healing virtue of God go through my body. I got up and began to walk. Praise God! Day by day the Lord continued to bless.

The campmeeting here at Boley, Oklahoma is now a thing of the past. We feel thankful to God for a good meeting. We wish to thank all who came and helped in the meeting. The Lord wonderfully supplied the needs of the meeting. Quite a number of young souls were saved, for which we thank God. —Anna Mae Thompson

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Tenn.—Greetings to the household of faith and our dear ones who aren't saved that might read the "Faith and Victory" paper: It's been a long time since I've sent in a testimony, but I've not gone back on the Lord. I have been witnessing for Him everywhere I go, with

my life and the fruits of my lips. I love the dear Saviour this morning with all my heart, soul, and strength.

It was so good of the Lord to make a way for me to attend the Myrtle, Mo., Campmeeting. The precious time that we enjoyed in the meeting will long be remembered. Many new faces we were so pleased to see, as well as many whom we had met before.

I'm very grateful unto the Lord for healing an infection in my body that kept me so weak for several years. I believe it's all well now. I'm glad I fully trusted the Lord for it, and to know that He is all that anyone needs. Oh, if everyone would become acquainted with Him! But God's people have always been few and always will be.

I want to tell for the glory of God, about my daughter-in-law's sister's baby who cried so very much after they brought it home from the hospital. They didn't know what was wrong with it, so its mother took the baby to the doctor and found that one of its little feet was out of place in two places. My daughter-in-law and family were up here telling about the baby, so before we went to bed I had prayer, as I always do. I was so burdened for it. I prayed for the baby that night. After that, I was talking to my daughter-in-law and she said the baby's little foot was back in place and its crying had stopped, but the doctor didn't do anything for the baby. I was out there at the baby's grandparents' place a while after that, and that grandmother began to say in a thrilled way, "Look at the baby you prayed for!" It was lying in its bed. The mother had been up only once that night, I believe, to give it food. I do believe the Lord got glory out of that. Those dear grandparents, both of them, drink and live bad lives. Pray that the goodness of God will lead them to repentance.

A blood-washed sister, —Nora Clayton

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Kansas—Dear Sister Marie, greetings to you in Jesus' name: I do thank the Lord that I am still saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord. I do thank Him for His mercy to us.

I want to thank the Lord for answering prayer concerning a very special request. I would also like to tell how He healed my children of some terrible sores on their tongues. My little boy had these sores first. He had them so badly that he could not eat anything except a little milk and he would cry when he drank milk. Bro. Williams anointed and prayed for him and the Lord completely healed him. Then when my little girl got them I was worried because my little boy's sores lasted so long. I started praying and looking to the Lord by faith as she was going to school and the school officials might decide she would have to go to the doctor or else stay at home. I prayed earnestly one night. The next day they looked better when she came from school and even better the day after that. I could hardly tell she had had any. I surely did thank the Lord.

Remember me in your prayers that I will keep faithful and be led by the Spirit of God. I also have a very special request for prayer.

Your Sister in Christ, —Sister B. J. Gracey

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B. C., Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints everywhere: It is with peace in my heart that I write these few lines, as I realize what a wonderful privilege it is to have such a wonderful Redeemer and Friend!

I surely enjoy the little paper and really wouldn't know what to do if I didn't have that contact with the saints every month.

Fifteen months ago, my mother-in-law, four daughters and I were in an auto accident. I awoke some time

later in a hospital, unable to even turn in bed without the aid of nurses. I had two cracked vertebra in my back. After twelve days, I was allowed to go home. However, I'm glad it happened, for God was preparing me for a far greater trial. I was able to see my dear husband for the last time while I was there. One week from the time I arrived home from the hospital, they came to tell me that my husband, Albert, was lost at sea. At that time I had only been out of bed two hours each day, but God gave me the strength I had to carry on. I have never gone to bed in the daytime since. It seemed for awhile as though I couldn't make myself go on, but with four little girls that God had blessed us with, I had to try to make a home for them. Now my one desire is to bring them up in the fear of the Lord that they may all meet their father in heaven someday.

This past August, we were able to attend three days of the campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif. I received so much help to my soul while I was there. There was so much bitterness in my heart because God had called Albert Home, and yet so many wicked people are left to a ripe old age. Through it all, I've learned that we can't lean so heavily on our companions, but must look higher yet for our strength from day to day. I know that God in His own wisdom has reason for it all and some day we'll understand.

Pray for me that I might be a help to souls in darkness all around me and also that He will show me what I should do in the future.

A Sister in Christ, —Grace Nielsen and girls

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Testimonies at Guthrie, Okla. Prayer Meeting

"I was not well. My heart had been bothering me and I told my daughter if the Lord did not touch me, we would not be able to come to prayer meeting, but the Lord touched me and I am glad to be here. I take everything to the Lord in prayer. Tonight our cow got out of the place that we had put her to keep her away from her calf. When I noticed that she was gone, I just felt like I didn't have the strength to go down the road and get her, so I just knelt down in the barn and prayed to the Lord to cause the cow to come back home. When I finished with my chores I went out and there the cow was coming up the road toward home just like someone was leading her. I do thank the Lord for that because He was so good to me and helped me. I love the Lord and desire to please Him."

—Sister Thelma Busbee

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"My little girl rides to school with my neighbor since we have moved, as it is hard for me to take her and take care of the babies also, so early in the morning. She came home one day and said that the woman had said she would have to find another way to school. This of course, troubled me greatly, and the more I thought about it, the worse I felt. The devil brought many thoughts to my mind, which I resisted. I thought about how hard it would be for me to take her to school, and that the woman had asked her in the first place, and that she should have told me instead of the child. I finally just looked to the Lord about it and the Lord brought it to my mind to call her and to offer to take her little girl and mine both to school in the mornings. Of course, if I had not been saved, I would have just been upset and never mentioned it to the woman and she would not have known what had happened. But when I called her and told her, she said, "I can still take the girls in the mornings as I have my time arranged so that it doesn't bother me at all." I told her then what my little girl had said. She explained that she had picked up her little

girl at school in the afternoon and only had fifteen minutes to get her boy at another school and get him to an appointment. She said she told my little girl that her mother would have to show her the way home from school so she could walk home by herself instead of having to have her girl walk with her. So it was all a misunderstanding. That is the way a lot of things happen and cause misunderstandings. It's best to talk things over and get an understanding about them."

—Sister Bonnie Johnson

Submit to God

God tells us in James 4:7, 8 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." Dear ones, let us do that. Let us obey the Lord. "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Dear ones, he giveth grace, but do you need some more? It says He giveth more grace. Just be encouraged now. It seems as if the burden of my heart ever since the Lord saved me has been to encourage the saints of God to be encouraged! I want to encourage them to stay encouraged and to keep encouraged, and to know that God is real, and He is a great big God. He is not a puny God as the pagans have. They carry their gods around in their pockets. Some wear them around their necks. But we have a great big God! He created the universe! He created everything that is in it. He holds all the powers that be in His hand. People can't do one thing unless God permits them to do it. Different ones say, "Well, this or that is going to happen," but it can't happen unless God says it can happen. Let us have our faith and our confidence anchored in God! God will take care of us. He will bless and help us if we will only hold our faith steady in Him.

The Lord wants us to know that when we need more grace, he is going to give it to us. He has offered us grace, but sometimes we need more grace. He says here that He giveth more grace. "Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud." Oh, dear ones, that proud and haughty person will not receive grace from God. We must break down and humble ourselves. You know, as we receive light, so we must walk in it. Dear ones, a child of God who has been saved 40 years is going to have to walk just as humbly in that fortieth year as he did in that first year! He cannot become exalted. God will not walk with the proud and haughty, but he only walks with the humble.

God says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God." Submit to God. "Oh," you say, "this trial is so hard, and these circumstances are so great, and they are so against me." Dear ones, he didn't say to submit to the circumstances. He said submit to God. When you are looking at how great the circumstances are, you are submitting to them, not God! God did not tell us to look at how mighty the circumstances are, and say, "Well, I guess it just can't be any other way." He said, "Submit yourselves therefore to God."

Oh, let's look at God! Say in your heart, "God, I know that You are greater than any of these circumstances. I know that you are greater than anything the devil can bring against us." "Oh," you say, "but this one or that one is so mean to me. I just cannot live for God around them." But you can live for God! Don't let that thing affect your experience, dear ones. God can give you grace over that thing. He can stand by you. He can help you to love them right on, and to treat them nice when you are mistreated. I've often told different individuals that the Lord will give grace whenever someone real close to the heart is mistreating you. The devil surely knows where to work, and where to tempt us. He knows those things that touch our hearts, those things real close to us; he'll work there. Maybe your husband, wife, or children or someone else is just giving it to you most severely. Try to think of some nice thing you can say to them when they get through with it. You get your mind on that, and you won't even hear half of what they say! And dear ones, it won't affect you so much.

The Lord has much grace for us. We need to outwit the devil. Let us not allow him to put something over on us. If you will just return a good word or do something nice, the first thing you know, it's all right, and they will cool off. God is able to help us and give us grace. We can't do this within ourselves. It is God. Let us have faith in God. He is able to help us and give us more grace.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God." Submit yourself to Him, and not to the thing that is coming against you. Say, "God, now you take care of this thing." It says that whenever you have submitted to God, then He's going to give you power. But if you submit to circumstances, then you're not going to have power. When you have submitted to God, then you can resist the devil, and he will flee from you. You will have some power! But if you are looking at the circumstances or the disease and saying, "Oh, I've got cancer, and I know there's no hope for me," then you are submitting to the disease and not to God. Whenever problems get so great, and so hard, and you just complain and murmur and look at that thing, then you're submitting to that thing and not to God. Then you don't have power to resist the devil. He'll just push you down and pull you around, and get you into all kinds of trouble.

Oh, I know the Lord is able to help us! God has healed me of so many things. It's just precious when I think of how He has healed me. About 20 years ago I had a goiter, and I suffered with it greatly. Sometimes it would choke me, and I would just have a lot of trouble. I went to the Lord for healing. I believe there's a time when God will inspire our hearts for those things for which we have a special need. One night in prayer meeting, I had a real inspiration that if I would be anointed and prayed for, God would heal me. So I went up and asked them to anoint me and pray for me, and I obeyed the Word of God. I had never been anointed for that before, and I knew that now I had obeyed God's Word. I

had done all that God required me to do. I went home, and it wasn't long until I had one of the worst attacks that I had ever had. But, dear ones, I didn't submit to that thing! I talked to the Lord, and said, "Lord, you've healed me, and the devil is a conquered foe. I've obeyed your Word, I'm standing on the Word, I refuse to accept this thing! This is from the devil, because You have healed me. I refuse to let this thing affect me. This is not the same old thing; you have healed me and the devil is trying to put it back on me, and I won't accept it!" I refused to accept it. I fought that thing, and it lifted, and I've never had a touch of it since. God will help us. God will heal us, but let's not submit to the thing that's coming our way. We don't have to give in and say, "Well, I guess I wasn't healed; here it is again." When we obey God's Word, we have a right to stand upon it. —Sister A. Marie Miles

Forgiveness

There is a thought that has been on my mind of late. I've been meditating on forgiveness. What is true forgiveness? In Luke 6:37 Jesus said, "Forgive and ye shall be forgiven." In Matt. 6:14, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

I wonder today how many of us truly forgive when someone may offend us? What if someone came up to you and said, "I told a lie on you. Will you please forgive me? I'm sorry." And what they had said hurt you very deeply.

"Oh," you would say, "Yes, I forgive you." Then if you go to someone else and say, "I forgave him, but I'm not having any more to do with him," is that true forgiveness?

Now if someone who is saved would be overcome with temptation and sin against God, then see that he did wrong, and in tears would plead to God for forgiveness, would He say, "I forgive you, but I'm not going to have any more to do with you?" Oh, where would we be if He had no more to do with us?

In 1 John 1:9 we read, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us from all sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We read of our dear Lord, Jesus, when he went through this life here on earth, that he was falsely accused, spit upon, whipped, and finally nailed to the cross. Yet in the face of all the terrible things which were done to Him, we hear Him say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He did not say, "Forgive them, but don't have any more to do with them." No, our precious Lord went through all of this and in the hour of agony and death, He had true forgiveness.

Dear ones, He died for you and me. He forgives us when we come to Him. He cast our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. May our precious Father bless and help each one of us to humble our hearts and have a more forgiving attitude is my prayer. He said for us to love one another as He has loved us. John 15:12. —Joy Mannon

A Challenge to Youth

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" Gal. 6:7.

Young people, you are in the morning of life. The seed you are sowing now, you will reap in the evening of life.

Your youthful face is a map. The things you are etching on it will some day be read by all men. The artist's conception of Satan shows an evil countenance, not to be denied, while on the other hand, the picture of Christ, bears a hallowed look and kindness is radiated in every line. One cannot mistake a godly face any more than he can the ungodly.

Sometimes I visit the Gospel Mission and look upon the faces of the passing transient. I am stunned to see the mark sin has stamped upon their countenance. Some have a beaten, hopeless look, placed there by their wasted life. Few want religious counsel. They only want the temporal things, such as a meal, a bed for the night and they pass away like ships in the night. Many are very young but already their faces are marked with hard lines.

The sands of time run quickly. God can beautify the young with salvation, a beauty that the world cannot imitate in any way. The Christian youth does not need the paint pots of the world, they drop away like barnacles off a ship when God comes in the heart. When young Daniel and his three friends of the Bible purposed in their heart they would not defile themselves with the king's meat or with the wine which he drank they were highly commended when they stood in the presence of the king. Their countenance appeared fairer than any of the other young men and in all matters of wisdom, they were 10 times wiser than the magicians and astrologers. (Daniel 1). God can give more knowledge to the young Christian than all the colleges of the world.

The life you have lived will be reflected on your face in old age. I have visited the old peoples' home and there you can see the kind of lives they have lived. Their face is a well-written page. Some have become so cranky their own children cannot have them in their home. Others have a soft sweet look and the nurses say they are a joy to care for.

The weeds in a garden are easily pulled when tender and young, but if left until maturity, they must be dug and hacked out of the earth. So it is with the habits you are forming. Good habits will go with you through life and bless all who pass your way. Bad ones are hard to be broken and as you grow older, only the power of God can break them. Every seed you are sowing now must be reaped. If they are good, in later years you will reap a bountiful harvest, but if they are bad, you will look with anguish on your past life and hardly be able to believe you could have been so careless.

Young man! Young lady! Choose this day whom you will serve, for the choice you make will determine the course for your future for now and eternity.

The influence you are having now will live on after you are gone.

Rejoice O young man in thy youth and walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes; but know for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Eccl. 11:9. —Grace Jones

"I Die Daily"

Paul's statement, "I die daily," is probably one of the most misinterpreted statements in the New Testament. Yet its meaning is so plain that no one should miss it. The difficulty comes in taking the statement out of its context and trying to understand it without knowing what Paul was discussing when he wrote these words.

But all the speculations are needless when we turn to the passage and read it in its context. The statement occurs in 1 Corinthians 15:31. It is in the midst of the great chapter on the resurrection, which Paul opens with a re-statement of the Christian message of the resurrection as based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He then emphasizes the fact that Christ did, in actual fact, rise from the dead. The next step is to show the inconsistency of those who deny the resurrection: "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily" (vs. 29-31).

First he points out the inconsistency of some heretics in Corinth who denied the resurrection, yet observed a ceremony of being baptized for One who had died. They showed by this ceremony, that in spite of their denial, they believed, or hoped there would be a resurrection.

The second illustration is more personal and applies to both Paul and the Christians to whom he writes. He points out that both he and they are willing to serve Christ in spite of constant danger because they know that even if they are put to death, they will rise again in triumph. He speaks first of their own dangerous living for Christ, and then states, simply, "I die daily." By this he means, "I face death daily." So Verkuyl translates it: "Every day I face death." Moffat: "Not a day but I am at death's door!"

This daily danger of persecution was a grim reality in the lives of pioneers such as Paul. Paul was not using a casual figure of speech when he spoke of his daily brush with death. He was describing a phase of his life as a Christian missionary when he said, "I die daily." —Selected

What Paul found at Athens is strikingly true of so many today, even among Christians—spending their time "telling or hearing (or seeing) some new thing" at the tragic expense of a knowledge of God through a knowledge of His living immutable Word of life.

No Contradiction

We were once asked to harmonize the teaching of the Gospel of John with that of Matthew, Mark and Luke concerning Christ's immediate action after His baptism. Matthew speaks of Christ's baptism and then says He "was led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." Mark says, "And immediately the spirit driveth Him into the wilderness." Luke says, "Was led by the Spirit into the wilderness." John says, after speaking of the baptism of Jesus (John 1:28-32), that the next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming and said, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. Then the next day after this, which would be the second day after Christ's baptism, John the Baptist standing with two of his disciples and seeing Jesus said, "Behold the Lamb of God." Ver. 36. Then on the third day after the baptism John says Jesus was at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. John 1:1, 2. John's record seems to contradict the other three. The truth is this, Matthew does not say how soon after the baptism that Jesus was led into the wilderness, neither does Luke. Mark says "immediately," but if you will read Mark 1:28 you will see he says, "And immediately His fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee." He does not mean that this was done over night or even in three or four days, but very soon. It is also true when he speaks of Christ being led "immediately" into the wilderness does not mean that same afternoon or the next day even, but in a short time. John says nothing about the temptation in the wilderness, and the other three say nothing about the conversation of John the Baptist with the two disciples, nor of the marriage in Cana. John, the writer of the Gospel, very naturally records this because he was one of two that John the Baptist spoke unto. There is no contradiction between these writers, but some have made an apparent contradiction by having Christ led into the wilderness as the very next event in His life after His baptism, which it was not, but He spent some days as John records and was then led into the wilderness.

Then some see a contradiction between John and the others about the call of Andrew and Peter. Matthew says that Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw Simon and Andrew fishing and said to them, "Follow me," and they left their nets and followed Him. This was after Christ's forty days in the wilderness. John in his record says that one of those disciples that followed Jesus that second day after His baptism was Andrew and that Andrew after talking with Jesus went and found Peter and brought him to Jesus. They both had a talk with Christ the second day after His baptism while Matthew says that He called Peter and Andrew after his forty days in the wilderness when they were fishing in Galilee. Both records are true. When Christ saw them fishing, it was not the first time he had seen them, nor the first time they had seen Him. They had seen Him the second day after His baptism and talked

with Him and were persuaded He was the Messiah. John does not say that they followed Jesus. They went back to their fishing, and Jesus went to His temptation. The second time He sees them He calls them to follow Him, and they were ready because they had talked with Him before and were persuaded that He was the Christ. There is no contradiction between these writers nor between any others when all is understood. There is no more apparent contradiction in the King James version than in any other.

—G. E. Harmon in "The Path of Life"

As A Man Thinketh So Is He

We make ourselves; each day's thinking does the work. Environments do not affect us so much as our thinking. Conditions in which we daily find ourselves have a bearing upon our temperaments, but they need not overpower our wills. We can, by putting our resting moments into calm, careful thinking, overcome all the injurious effects of unfavorable conditions and environments. There is no circumstance nor anybody that can hold you down, but your thinking can hold you down. Forget some things.

We are as great as our mind's training. If we would be great we must think great thoughts. We become what we aim to be, what we strive for, what we set our hearts upon. Faith without works is dead. "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law are justified." Rom. 2:13. "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James 1:25.

My life has been a repeated failure because I looked at things. Were there not enough men who lived and left valuable examples and lessons for me to be guided by? Yes, but it was not until I became a Christian and a worshipper of God that I began to see things as they are. We have to put out works to make faith a reality. To try to understand the will of God is works. It often is accomplished by right thinking. A careful study of God's way in doing things will aid us in our doing. All things are now about finished down here. There is just a little gleaning left to be done and this is mostly in gathering the backslider to God. Since we know that the end is near, let us make sure we have oil in our vessels and we are letting our lights shine that some one adrift on life's sea might find the harbor. Will there be any stars in our crown? There will be if we gather lost souls to that Celestial Shore. Thinking upon the work of God and the rescuing of souls will lift us up into a noble manhood. As we think, so we are.

God has given life to each one of us, but life is only a blank page. It is left to us as to what shall be written thereon.

—John Fleitas

Some swallow a bushel of error because it contains a grain of truth.

Your Conscience

Webster defines conscience. Moral conscience is a moral consciousness in general; the activity or faculty by which distinction is made between right and wrong in conduct and character; conviction of right or duty.

Conscience is not the soul. It is the faculty of the soul. It is God-given; every person has a conscience regardless of race, or color, or whether one is educated or illiterate. It is very valuable. The conscience normally functions according to the will of God.

What is meant by conscience? It is the testimony and secret judgment. It is similar to one of our judicial courts, such as the arrangements made for a trial to take place. There is a certain location or place, a judge who has charge of the trial, and a knowledge of laws. Then there are witnesses, and sometimes a jury to hear the case. There is then a verdict rendered, and a sentence finally announced. At that time there is an awakening or afflicting, good or bad sensation; the verdict, either innocent or guilty, making the client feel good or bad.

Conscience is also predictive many times, or an advisory to do so and so or not to do so and so before the deed is done.

Conscience is very active; never dormant. Romans 2:15, "Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another."

The conscience is very sensitive. It does function, and this is automatic; one cannot stifle it. Christians have a good conscience. Paul said in Acts 23:1, "And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." 1 Tim. 1:19, "Holding faith and a good conscience."

Sinners have a bad conscience. Cain, who killed his brother, said (Genesis 4:13) unto the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." John 8:9, "And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest even unto the last." Judas, after he had betrayed Jesus Christ, felt convicted by his conscience of the terrible wrong, cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, departed and went and hanged himself. (Matt. 27:5).

The conscience may become seared by one not obeying its leadings to do right from time to time. 1 Tim. 4:2, "Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron." That reminds me of a time when I witnessed a scene where they were branding cattle with a red hot iron brand. The animal was thrown down and tied with ropes, so it had to lie still on the ground and could not get away. Then the red hot iron brand was placed on the animal, and immediately the animal began to howl under the awful pain, and it tried to get away. But as the iron remained, the animal became quiet and seemed not to suffer.

The conscience can become so hardened or seared that one may kill a person, thinking he is doing right. John 16:2, "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."

The conscience may not be enlightened. "I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." Acts 26:9.

By having the blood of Jesus applied, one can have a pure heart and conscience. Hebrews 9:14, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

How to keep a pure conscience. Acts 24:16, "And herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men." Romans 9:1, "I say the truth in Christ: I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost." 2 Cor. 1:12, "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience."

Blessed is the person who at all times, under all circumstances, is faithful to maintain a good conscience toward God and man. By maintaining a good conscience, its effects bring peace, joy and happiness in this life, and affords great peace when death occurs and one meets his Creator, God, Jesus Christ, and a happy eternity.

—E. H. Ahrendt

DYING WORDS OF SINNERS

"I am suffering the pangs of the damned."
—Talleyrand Perigord

"Give me laudanum that I may not think of eternity." —Mirabeau

"I am abandoned by God and man! I shall go to hell! O Christ! O Jesus Christ!" —Voltaire

"What blood, what murders, what evil counsels have I followed! I am lost; I see it well!"
—Charles IX, King of France

"I would give worlds, if I had them, if the 'Age of Reason' had never been published. O Lord, help me! Christ help me! Stay with me! It is hell to be left alone!" —Tom Paine

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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Printed Portion 1 Cor. 14:6-12, 26-33, 40

1 Cor. 14:6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Memory Verse: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3:16.

Practical Truth: God wants order in the services in the Church of God and no gift of the spirit should be used in a wrong way.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Notice that the word "unknown" in our lesson has been supplied by the translators. For this reason it is printed in italics. It was not found in the original text. In chapter 12 we notice that the "gift of tongues" is one of the gifts, among other gifts, given by the Holy Spirit, to individuals in the church. The Diaglott Translation from the original Greek says in the interlinear part in 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, "kinds of tongues." Then in our lesson, the word is translated "tongue" (of course, the word "unknown" is not supplied) as "one speaking with a tongue." This would, in other words, mean a language. In reading our lesson today, use the words "foreign language" where it says "unknown tongue" and it will be readily understandable what the Apostle Paul is trying to teach. According to the Word of God it is not the evidence of having received the Holy Spirit or that it is some unintelligible utterance from God. (Acts 4:31; 8:14-18; 9:17, 18.) The gift of tongues is a foreign language given to edify others when it is needed.

The Corinthian church seemed to believe that the gift of tongues, or a foreign language, was a superior endowment of grace and it should be exercised in the church. This caused confusion and disorder. He compared it to the discord from the flute or harp. On the day of Pentecost it says they "heard them speak in his own language." Acts 2:6, 11. There were 17 different nationalities there that day.

November 10, 1963

CHRISTIAN VICTORY

Printed Portion 1 Cor. 15:20-26, 51-58

1 Cor. 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Memory Verse: But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57.

Central Thought: If Christ had not arisen we would have no hope for eternal life after death.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

What a sad state we would be in if Christ had not risen from the grave. Just the thought that death might have conquered our Lord and Saviour makes us tremble; but, thank God, He did arise. He arose with power in His wings. Today He is sitting on the right hand of God interceding for us. Since He did arise then, we too, shall arise in that last day. It is a great mystery how all this will come to pass, but it shall come. All will not sleep, because there will be some here at His coming, but they will be changed at the last trump, in the twinkling of an eye, from mortality to immortality. Those who are in the graves at that very time will arise and corruption will put on incorruption. This will all happen at once. The end of time will come and this world will be on fire. How wonderful it will be to be standing on the Word of God at that time. (Matt. 24:35) It alone will stand. The resurrection has swallowed up death and it causeth us to rejoice.

At this time in the "end" Christ will deliver up the "kingdom to God." It doesn't say a thousand years later, but in the end, at the resurrection. We that are in the kingdom and have the kingdom of God within us shall be given to the Father. (Luke 17:20, 21) "Knowing

that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with him" 2 Cor. 4:14. To have victory in death, we must have victory in life.

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THE POWER OF A DEDICATED LIFE

Printed Portion 2 Cor. 2:14-17; 3:1-6

2 Cor. 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

2 Cor. 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to Godward:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Memory Verse: Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Practical Truth: There is a great influence over others through the life of a truly dedicated child of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Only through Christ are we anything, or can do anything that will have eternal value. We first must give ourselves completely over to God and be filled with the Holy Spirit to triumph in this life and be a sweet odor or fragrance unto Christ and to others. Self must be crucified and only Christ be seen and felt. Then the power of Christ can work in us. Our lesson begins with thanksgiving unto Christ for this. If those with whom we come in contact love the odor of Christ in us, it will mean salvation or life to them but if they reject it, it will mean eternal death to them. It is the duty of every child of God to make Christ known and the knowledge of Christ to every person that he can. Only those who are filled with the Holy Spirit are sufficient for these things. Not those false prophets who corrupt the Word of God, but those who in sincerity and honesty give out the Word of God.

God will write His laws in the fleshly tables of that heart that has surrendered to Him. The law of Moses was written on stone and it was hard to keep because there was no grace of God or power from God given to each person to keep them. But since Jesus came and the Holy Spirit dwells within our hearts, we can keep His commandments. He now does not command us to love our neighbor without first putting love in our hearts.

November 24, 1963

GOD WORKS THROUGH US

Printed Portion 2 Cor. 5:11-21

2 Cor. 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 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.

21 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.

Memory Verse: God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:19.

Practical Truth: We want to be good ambassadors for Christ here in this world.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The theme of our lesson is being reconciled with God. The word "reconcile" means "to make friendly again; to settle or bring together." Our sins separated us from God. Sin has separated the world from God. Paul said we know the "terror of the Lord" and therefore "we persuade men." This terror is the fear of God. Since we know that all men will stand before God, we know it is important that they stand without sin. Only through Christ can this sin be erased. Christ was made sin for us "who knew no sin." Only through Christ can man stand on a friendly basis with God. Through Christ, man can be brought back to God and become a "new creature."

We are given the ministry of reconciliation. We are ambassadors for God. We are here to tell the gospel story instead of Christ being here. We are helping God discharge His responsibility to every soul. In that great Judgment Day, He can say, "You rejected my servant when he brought you the message or when I pointed him out to you through his godly life." We are to lift up Christ and then Christ will draw all men unto himself.

"Know no man after the flesh." Look at men as souls—souls that will be in heaven or hell after death. Regardless of how high they might be or how low in the degradation of sin, they have a soul. Know souls as souls to whom we have a responsibility and not as after the flesh.
(Mrs.) Marie Miles