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### What Is Time?

I asked an aged man with hoary hairs,  
Wrinkled, old, and curved with worldly cares:  
"Time is the warp of life," he said, "O tell  
The young, and tender ones to weave it well!"

I asked the ancient, venerable dead,  
Sages who wrote, and warriors who bled;  
From the cold grave a hollow murmur flowed,  
"Time sowed the seed we reap in this abode!"

I asked a dying sinner, ere the tide  
Of life had left his veins; "Time," he replied,  
"Is just for now, but will not long abide.  
I've lost the great treasure!"—and he died.

I asked the seasons in their annual round  
Which beautify or desolate the ground;  
And they replied (no oracle more wise),  
"Tis Folly's bank, and Wisdom's highest prize!"

I asked a spirit lost,—but oh! the shriek  
That pierced my soul! I shudder while I speak—  
It cried, "A particle, a speck, a mite  
Of endless years, duration infinite!"

Of things inanimate, my dial I  
Consulted, and it gave me this reply,—  
"Time is a season fair of living well,  
The path to Glory or the path to HELL."

I asked my Bible and methinks it said,  
"Time is the present Hour; the past has fled;  
Be saved today! Tomorrow never yet  
On any human being rose or set!"

I asked the mighty Angel, who shall stand  
One foot on sea, and one on solid land;  
"Mortal!" he cried, "the mystery now is o'er;  
Time was—Time is—but Time shall be no more!"

—Selected

### "Son, Give Me Thine Heart"

"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways" Prov. 23:26. The heart is defined as the seat of affections, passions, conscience, innermost soul, the vital or chief part. The heart of man, without being wholly given to God's control, is deceitfully wicked, and in opposition to God and His Word. But if God can obtain complete control of our heart, He will lead us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

In the beginning God created man that He might have, and enjoy companionship with Him, and that man would glorify God with his life in this world. But Adam and Eve failed God in the garden of Eden. They transgressed his law and sinned, for which God drove them out of the garden. God said, in speaking of the wickedness of man, that every imagination of his heart was only evil continually, and it grieved him at his heart. God created man in His own image, pure and holy, but when they sinned they lost God's image out of their heart. Consequently, their offspring were born with the fallen, depraved and sinful nature. The Apostle Paul also says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Please read Rom. 5:12, and note carefully that the apostle does NOT say, "all are sinning." Praise the Lord!

God loved his people, though they had grieved Him. From the early dawn of creation, all down through the ages, God revealed to his prophets His plan to bring man back into peace and harmony with Him. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time CHRIST died for the ungodly. . . . God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST died for us." Rom. 5:6-8.

Oh, dear soul, if there is sin in your heart, you are separated from God. So says the prophet in Isaiah 59:1-3. Also Jesus, in teaching the people in the 8th chapter of St. John, said, "If you die in your SINS, where I am you cannot come." Jesus went to heaven when he left this old wicked world. All of us should want to go there, too, but we must

make preparation according to His Word and see to it that all sin is eradicated out of our **heart** before death calls us to meet God. Jesus said again, "Blessed are the pure in **heart**: for they shall see God" Matt. 5:8.

The latter clause of our text says, "and let thine eyes observe my ways." Observe means to watch closely; to comply with; to keep. Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Please read in St. John, the third chapter, an account of the conversation between Jesus and this ruler of the Jews. This man had a religion, but he needed to be born of the Spirit of God, and give the Lord his **HEART**. Many people today have a religion, and yet are living in sin; therefore they cannot see the spiritual blessings in the kingdom of God.

Are you willing to give God your heart, and turn from sin and everything that is unlike God? He wants to cleanse your heart from all unrighteousness, set you free from the bondage of sin, and fill your heart with **His divine love**. Then, and only then, will you be able to behold the beauties and benefits He has for you in the kingdom of God. We read in Rom. 6:17, 18, "But God be thanked, that ye **were** the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the **heart** that form of doctrine delivered you. Being then made **free** from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." These folks were then in a condition to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Praise the Lord! Paul said in Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and **forever**." What he has done for others, dear one, he is ready and willing to do for **YOU**! Call upon him today, humbly and sincerely, repenting and confessing your sins. Give Him your heart and life before it is too late.

Yours, for a clean Christian life,

—Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott

## Blood as an Old Testament Type

When man fell into sin and spiritual death and thus became estranged from his God, a plan for his return to spiritual life and divine fellowship through atonement (which literally means **at-one-ment**) had been preordained by Jehovah (1 Pet. 1:18-20). This atonement as the basis for reconciliation was to be the sacrifice of his own Son Jesus Christ, a vicarious suffering of death for man's salvation. By miraculous conception He would be introduced into the stream of humanity through natural birth, and thus as the sinless God-man would take upon himself the sin of the human race, suffer its penalty and thereby provide the great reconciliation, effective, of course, only on condition of acceptance; for man, being a free moral agent and having transgressed of his own free will, was not to be saved independent of or against his will.

All this, of course, would not be accomplished in a day, for the dispensations of God cover magnificent distances of time. Estrangement from him meant the

most withering blight upon the human soul. The world soon filled with idolatry and the grossest ignorance respecting any proper conception of purity and righteousness. For such an august event as world atonement there would have to be a long series of affairs leading up to it. Since it would be an event profoundly affecting man's spiritual nature it would be foreshadowed by a meaningful series of blood sacrifices and other offerings fittingly designed for preparatory education in the spiritual things of God and made a very part of the religious worship of the people. A code of ten commandments would make sin a statutory offence and make man more acutely sensible of it. A covenant relation would not be established with the whole world but with a particular people whom God would call out from the mass of humanity and win to himself by miraculous deeds of deliverance from oppression as well as by repeated acts of blessing and protection. A prescribed form of worship would make them a people separate and distinct from idolatrous nations surrounding them. A separate and distinct people whom individuals from other nations could join on certain conditions would foreshadow the divine ecclesia which should constitute Jehovah's people in the new and final dispensation which should follow. The divine hand would be manifest also in the destinies of the other nations, so that "in the fulness of time" God could send his Son manifest in the flesh as the promised Savior of the world. Deut. 7:6-8; Gal. 4:4, 5; Eph. 1:10, 11.

The sacred rituals featuring the worship of the covenant people, as just stated, were chiefly a system of animal sacrifices which by the divine prescription were made to point forward as an impressive type to the atoning death of Christ. The blood was chosen as the atoning element for it represented the life of the creature being sacrificed. Lev. 17:11. Its value lay in its symbolism representing the Savior's blood. The blood of animals, however, could never of itself "take away sins." While the individual reverently offering such sacrifice could be "forgiven" of sin, that is, have its condemnation lifted from him, it yet had to be remembered in God's sight as accruing against the atonement of Christ, the actual Sin-Bearer, to which the blood only pointed as a type. Heb. 9:15; 10:3-6, 12. In beautiful contrast to this old system of types and shadows stands the antitype, the promised provision under the new covenant whereby sin, being fully atoned for, would be **REMEMBERED NO MORE**. Jer. 31:33, 34. —A. L. Byers

## Divine Physical Healing

There are many different kinds of healings of the body in the world today. But there is only one divine healing. Divine means "given or inspired of God." (Web. Dic.) "Oh," someone says, "I thought that everyone who got well, received it because God had healed him." But that is not true. Let us turn to God's Word to prove that there is only one divine healing of the body. Divine healing is healing that

God performs upon the body of those who look directly to Him for healing, or are prayed for by those who are God's children through obedience to God's Word.

There are many going forth who are "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his [Satan's] ministers also are transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Cor. 11:13-15. The Bible also tells us that "many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1. Now, what can these false prophets do? Can they work miracles or heal people? Let us again turn to the Word of God to answer this question. We read in the words of Jesus concerning this question, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" Matt. 7:21, 22. So we see and know that all healings and wonderful works are not done by God. The devil has power, too. God lets people go on in their own ways, and if they desire to be a tool for the devil to work through, they can be that. I say that many today are healed by the devil. False prophets go under the cloak of being God's ministers. They are deceived and are deceiving people through healings and other works.

There are three great powers through which the devil works to heal people. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon [the pagan, idolatrous, anti-Christ and anti-God spirit], and out of the mouth of the beast [Roman Catholicism], and out of the mouth of the false prophet [Protestantism or sectism which are void of the spirit of God]. For they are the spirits of devils, [pagan, Catholic, Protestant] WORKING MIRACLES, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" Rev. 16:13, 14.

I am sure that we need not tell you that these three spirits of devils are working miracles today. A missionary from Africa has said that the witch doctors there among the tribes have performed some great miracles of healing. The dragon, anti-God spirit today is working miracles of healing. The Roman Catholics boast of great healings, and also the Protestant movements are full of miracles. But in the fear of God I declare unto you that these miracles of healings are not divine healing. It is not done by God. It is the working power of the devil. Beware, dear ones, that the devil does not deceive you. If God does not heal me, I do not want to be healed. There is a spirit of deception that goes along with these healings.

We read the record of how Jesus healed when He walked the shores of Galilee and among the people. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" Heb. 13:8. He healed then and He is heal-

ing today. Many times Jesus commended the faith of those who came to Him for healing. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" Mark 9:23, 24. Jesus helped his unbelief and healed his child. Another time Jesus said, "Have faith in God." He said to the blind man, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way" Mark 10:52.

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up" James 5:14, 15. We hear from many today who tell us that there are not in their town any ministers who believe in praying for the healing of the sick. Of course, these ministers are not God's ministers, but are false prophets. God's true ministers do pray for the sick and God heals. That is divine healing. Sometimes God heals instantly, and then at other times God has a purpose in waiting. God does all things right. But those who are God's children are healed by the divine power of God.

I have seen different ones healed through the divine power of God of many afflictions in my lifetime. I have seen God heal blind eyes, typhoid fever, kidney stones, diphtheria, chicken pox, measles, smallpox, T. B., the lame made to walk, broken bones, appendicitis, earache, boils, risings in the head, fevers, goiter, cancer, pneumonia, black widow spider bites, poison oak and ivy, high blood pressure, sugar diabetes, polio, female troubles, weak backs, and many other kinds of diseases. All of these that I have mentioned were healed by the divine power of God without the aid of doctors or medicines. God has received all the glory and honor for His matchless love and care that He shows to those who truly are born again and are trusting Him for both soul and body. God doesn't need the aid of man to heal. God made these bodies and it is certain He can heal them. I count it a privilege to trust God for both soul and body. He has healed me and my family of so many things.

Dear suffering one, look unto God. Read God's Word and believe His promises. Read how Jesus healed when He was here and know in your heart that truly He is the "same yesterday, and today and forever." Praise the dear Lord! Have faith in God and trust Him completely for both soul and body. That is what God wants. The Bible says, "Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things" Isa. 44:23. He has formed us and can heal us. Again we read in Jer. 17:5, 7, "Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is." God will bless us if we trust Him with faith for both soul and body.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

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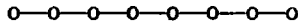
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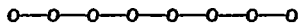
Many letters are coming to our desk expressing sincere appreciation for the spiritual blessings derived from reading the contents of the paper. For this, all honor and praise is due unto God who has made possible the publication of this gospel literature. We are only servants and earthen vessels yielded to the Master's service, and it is our fervent desire and prayer that this office and its activities will remain a clear channel through which the pure gospel of Christ may be carried to this lost world. The prayers and co-operation of all of our readers in this effort will be appreciated, as the unity of co-operation is a vital factor in the success of God's cause.



We are pleased to report that the Lord has answered prayer in regard to the payment of the 2 3/4-ton order of paper which was received in January. God has again graciously verified the promise, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. May the Lord bless all the "workers together" with Him, as each one continues to fill his place in the Body of Christ—the Church.



Just off the press is the second edition of the small heavy paper-bound song book for children or juniors, entitled "Beautiful Way Songs." It contains 32 songs in words only—no music, but it is very suitable to use in Sunday schools and children's meetings. The price is 10c per copy, or one dozen for \$1.00, postpaid.



The January and February issues of the new four-page Spanish paper, entitled, "La Luz de Esperanza" (The Light of Hope), have been printed and mailed to the mission workers for use in Mexico. Our Bro. Clifford Smith has faithfully translated, written the copy and set the Spanish type for these issues, and we will continue to publish this Spanish paper free of charge as long as the Lord permits. The mission workers heartily appreciate the assistance of this Spanish paper in presenting the gospel message to

the Spanish-speaking people. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will water the gospel seed that is sown by those faithful workers on the mission field.

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The response to the proposal to publish a new 2-page leaflet for primary pupils in Sunday schools has been overwhelmingly in favor of it, and many orders have already been received. It will be entitled "Beautiful Way for Primaries," suitable for ages up to eight years. The price for a single set to one address is 40c per year, mailed out in sets four times a year. Five or more sets to one address is 25c per year for each set. One set means one paper for each Sunday of the year.

As usual, the "Beautiful Way for Juniors" will be for ages 9 to 12 years. The two papers for both classes will be mailed out together in March for the second quarter which begins with April. Please send in your orders promptly if you want these papers for the second quarter.

Pictures and drawings are especially needed in teaching children and young people. Therefore, we are praying that the Lord will provide His printshop with an offset press and equipment in order to produce pictures at a more reasonable cost. We already have floor space in our shop building for this type of equipment, just waiting to be occupied. We are trusting Him who "works all things after the counsel of his own will."

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A very striking parallel exists in regard to the history of the church of the morning era and that of the evening time. History indicates that within thirty years after the day of Pentecost in A. D. 33, problems of serious departure from the original standards of truth such as factions, heresy, legalism and worldliness began to infect the church. Losing its pristine power and glory, the so-called church went from bad to worse.

In a like period of time, about thirty years from 1880 A. D. to 1910 A. D., the Church of God reformation movement of the "evening light" shone forth in divine power and glory, until at the latter date it began its infamous spiritual decline and apostasy. Though the compromise and "landslide" of 1910-17 carried the great majority of the movement with it, yet God in His infinite wisdom and power has preserved from those early days a continuous "remnant"—a true church of the "evening light"—which is today maintaining, teaching and practicing those same precious truths which brought forth this glorious reformation. (For a further record on this subject, write to this office for the tract, "Eighty Years in the Evening Light.")

The tragic fact is that many of the people who are affiliated with the several so-called Church of God groups do not know the truth as it was taught and practiced fifty years ago, prior to 1910. What was truth then is still truth today, and will be the truth when the Judgment Day comes. In fact, the light is shining brighter, according to the Scripture,

but it will not obscure or hide the truth that has already been revealed to the Church.

The trouble is that in the attempt of the various groups to restore the obvious lost power and glory, they have not gone back far enough. Some have gone back part of the way, but why not go back all the way to the point where the pure river of life will again flow directly from under the throne of God, imparting all its life-giving freshness to the soul? Let each one seek God for that spiritual vision, holy boldness and courage to go all the way back to the original pattern of the church as laid down in the New Testament.

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Word has been received that Bro. Clyde Stroud of Missouri passed from this life on Feb. 10, 1964, after having suffered intensely for several weeks. He had testified to this writer on Jan. 18 that all was clear between him and his Creator. May the "God of all comfort" be very near the bereaved relatives. He was a former worker here at the Lord's Printshop in the years of 1946 and 1947. The obituary will appear in a later issue.

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Joseph Erle Busbee, son of Leslie and Sylvia Busbee, was born August 9, 1961 in Anthony, Kansas. Jesus took him from this life January 30, 1964, at Guthrie, Okla. at the age of two years, five months and 21 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, one brother, Jonathan Ray, aged 14 months, a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Vera M. Forbes of Pacoima, Calif., and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Busbee of Guthrie, Okla., besides a host of other relatives, saints, and friends.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." We are sure that little Joseph is safe in the arms of Jesus. He frequently asked for prayer during his sickness. Before he took sick he had been able to say, with a little help, the 23rd Psalm. He was a very sweet child, and we miss him so much, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were conducted at the saints' chapel, Guthrie, Okla., with Bro. Ira D. Stover officiating, assisted by Bros. O. C. Porter and Archie Souder.

### TO ALL PARENTS

"I'll lend you for a little time a child of mine," He said, "For you to love the while he lives and mourn for when he's dead.

It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three, But will you, till I call him back, take care of him for me? He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and should his stay be brief,

You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief. "I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return, But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.

I've looked the wide world over in My search for teachers true, And from the throngs that crowd life's lane I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain,

Nor hate me when I come to take him back again?" I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done;

For all the joy the child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run.

We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may,

And for all the happiness we've known forever grateful stay;

But should the angels call for him much sooner than we've planned,

We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand."

### Note of Sincere Appreciation

We want to thank each one of all the dear saints for their love and prayers in our behalf in this time of trial. Your lovely sympathy cards, offerings and kind expressions of love are all greatly appreciated. God has wonderfully comforted us, and we know that His will has been done. Pray for us that we continue on for the Lord.

—Leslie and Sylvia Busbee

Beatrice LaFlora Johnson, the daughter of Anderson and Effie Mae Jennings, was born Sept. 15, 1903 at LeFlore, Mississippi and departed this life Jan. 18, 1964 at Bakersfield, Calif. at the age of 60 years, four months, and three days.

In 1923 she was united in holy matrimony to Rosevelt Weldon. To this union two boys and four girls were born.

In 1924 she fully understood what it meant to be a Christian. She consecrated her life to the Lord and strove thereafter to live for Him.

In 1942 she, with her husband and family, moved to Bakersfield, Calif. On Nov. 23, 1958 her husband, Bro. Rosevelt Weldon, passed away. On August 30, 1962 she was united in marriage to Bro. J. T. Johnson.

She leaves a faithful husband, two sons, Willie Ray Weldon and Charles Weldon, Bakersfield, Calif., four daughters, Anna Lois Weldon, Mae Frances Powell, Los Angeles, Calif., Nela Jewell Railsback, Bakersfield, Calif., and Doris Maxine Weldon, Tokyo, Japan, three brothers, one sister, seven grandchildren, many other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in the saints' chapel, Bakersfield, conducted by Bros. I. C. Chandler, E. J. Trotter, Z. E. Francisco, and others. —Hazel Davis

Leroy Master McCray was born to Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCray on May 25, 1924 at Blythe, California and departed this life January 19, 1964 in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 39.

On Sept. 4, 1945 he was united in marriage to Ardelia Emaline House at Wichita, Kansas. In 1946 Leroy and Ardelia settled in Dover, Okla., later moving to Wichita in 1951 where he remained until his death. To this union four children were born, two girls and two boys.

He was a devoted husband and loving father, with his family always foremost in his mind. He was converted into the Church of God, and was a faithful trustee for the past two years. As an active Christian, he will be greatly missed by his brothers and sisters in Christ.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ardelia; four children, Theodore, Mary, Beatrice, and Henry, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. Ivory McCray, of Oklahoma City; four sisters, Mrs. Delores House, Mrs. Barbara Bell and Mrs. Ida House, all of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Opal Hardy, Kansas City, Mo.; three brothers, Billy, and Johnnie of Wichita, and Donald of Oklahoma City, and a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

"As he traveled through this troubled world,  
Sorrow and afflictions were to him known,  
But he found sustaining peace in knowing  
That it is better farther on."

The funeral services were conducted at Wichita by Bro. Lewis Williams (text, Job 14:5), assisted by Bros. Ira Stover and Herman Kelly.

## Prayer Requests

"Pray that the Lord heal me of palsy."—Bro. Lowell Wilson.

"Pray for my unsaved children."—Sister Roberts.

"Pray that the Lord will heal me of high blood pressure and arthritis."—Sister Gills.

"Pray for the healing of a very serious affliction on my body."—Sister M. Brant.

"Pray for my afflicted boy."—Sis. Rabaush.

"Pray for us as we labor for the Lord in South Carolina."—Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott.

"Pray for some souls who have recently been saved and others that I am burdened for."—Bro. Curtis Williams

Pray for three ministers who are having trouble with their throats. Pray for all of the true ministers of God as the devil would like to stop this truth from going forth.

"Pray for my wife who is suing for a divorce."

"Pray that the Lord will send conviction on my wife and me that we might be saved."

"Pray that I might be saved."

"Pray that I might get a permanent job."

"Pray for a girl who has emotional problems."

"Pray for the salvation of my husband and me."

"Pray for my unsaved children." This request comes from a number of burdened parents.

"Pray that I will get the spiritual help I need and can overcome all temptations."

Please remember these in prayer and many other requests that have come in here to the office. God has answered the many prayers of the saints for different ones who have written in and we are thankful to the Lord.

## JANUARY MISSIONARY REPORT FROM NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

Bro. B. U. Etuk, native minister in Nigeria, has sent in his report of their mission activities for the month of January. It being too long to print in detail, we will give only a short summary at this time.

Bro. Etuk writes that the Lord is blessing all of them and His work throughout the whole field of labor. At the moment they are having no difficulty in expanding the work except for lack of accommodations in nearly all of their present chapels in the outlying stations. He writes that the enlarging of the headquarters' chapel is most essential in order to accommodate the large general meetings, and they have decided to start the building of this chapel forthwith.

They are also appealing to the Church here in the States to share with them the financial responsibility in enlarging the headquarters' chapel and the building of new chapels at the stations where they do not have the necessary buildings. He states that "no offering will be too small nor too big that we would not receive with all pleasure, and none will be used for any other purpose."

He also mentions the need of a tape recorder to use in extending the gospel of Christ.

From all the detailed reports and personal experiences related, it is evident that this is a very needy field for the gospel.

Just today we received a letter from a native evangelist who stated that he had a small holiness church in Port Harcourt, Nigeria and was urgently appealing for a supply of Bibles, books, papers and tracts to use in his evangelistic work there. We will be mailing him a box of literature promptly. A few months ago this native evangelist was highly recommended to us by letter from an American missionary stationed in that area.

Surely the time is overdue when missionaries from the Church here should answer this "Macedonian" call. The door to this needy field is open now, but for one reason or another it may close if a definite move is not made in that direction very soon.

"Though your home and friends you cherish,

Will you not regard the cries

From the lips of those who perish,

As they rend the vaulted skies?

Many come with sect confusion

Who themselves are in the night,

Bringing only more delusion:

Who will bring the gospel light?"

—Lawrence Pruitt

If you find a subscription remittance envelope in your paper, please fill out the form and return NOW!



## Meeting Notices

### EASTER MEETING AT JEFFERSON, OREGON

The saints at Jefferson, Oregon expect to have a meeting there beginning on Easter Sunday, March 29, and to continue as long as the Lord leads. They are expecting the Lord to send in ministerial help. For further information, write to the pastor, Sister Beatrice Spaur, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon.

### ALL-DAY EASTER MEETING AT GUTHRIE

The annual Easter meeting here at Guthrie, Okla. will begin, Lord willing, on Easter Sunday, March 29, and continue as long as the Lord leads.

There will be all-day meeting on Easter Sunday, with a basket dinner in the dining hall nearby. Come and worship the Lord with us. We are looking to the Lord to send in ministers of His choosing to be with us. All are welcome.

In Christian love,

—Ira D. Stover

### GOSPEL SINGING AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The congregation at Tulsa, Okla. invites everyone to come and sing with them Friday night, March 13, 1964. The chapel is located on Norfolk and Pine Pl. We will be expecting to see you there. For further information write Sam Barton, 2262 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa 10, Okla.

### MEETING CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Green Pastures, Oklahoma Spring Meeting which was to have been held at 3rd and Phillips, Okla. City chapel on March 13 to 22 has been cancelled.

—E. W. Sanders, Pastor.

### BOLEY, OKLA. SPRING MEETING

The annual Spring meeting of the Church of God at Boley, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, on April 17 to 26. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His own choosing. All are welcome to come.

—Sister Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Box 108, Boley

## Campmeeting Dates for 1964

Following are some of the Church of God campmeeting dates for the coming summer. The others have not been sent in. The complete notices will be printed in later issues.

Tulsa, Okla. Campmeeting at Pine Place and Norfolk Ave.  
—June 5 to 14.

Holly Hill, S. C. Campmeeting — June 5 to 14. Oneal Pratt, Rt. 1, Box 38, Holly Hill, S. C.

General Southern Campmeeting at Hammond, Louisiana.  
—June 26 to July 5.

Oregon Campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon. — June 26 to July 5.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.  
—July 24 to Aug. 2.

Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma.  
—August 7 to 16.

California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, California.  
—August 28 to Sept. 6.

Dover, Okla. Campmeeting — Sept. 4 to 14.

## NATIONAL MISSIONARY FUND REPORT

Dear Saints scattered abroad: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, who is mighty to save and able to keep us from falling. Praise be to His holy name!

We have felt impressed for some time to report on the National Missionary effort. We will not be able to tell you in this writing alone; only eternity will tell the blessing that has come through this fund. It will bless your souls to know that you who have supported this fund are sending joy and gladness to those who are in need. One of our dear ministers who is very faithful to administer to the souls in distress and need had just borrowed money to meet some bills, and that very day they received a missionary check and were able to pay back the borrowed money. What a joy it brought to their heart! In this way each one who has had a part may feel they, too, had a part in helping them to help others.

I have been thinking on gospel giving. The Scripture in 2 Cor. 9:7 reads thus, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." I have pondered over the phrase, "of necessity." As I began to meditate, it seemed the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "Just don't always wait until you see a need for God loveth a cheerful giver." That was a real blessing to me, as I thought there is always a need for the gospel to go forth. The Lord has richly blessed, and made me to enjoy our giving whether we saw the need or not. We do want to be led by the Spirit of God. So often we heard there was a need after giving. It is a pleasure to lay up treasures in heaven. The Communists won't be able to touch our bank account there.

Soon spring will be here and we do want to see the gospel tent go out. We feel there is a real great need for a house trailer to be bought. We have enough in a fund set aside for this purpose to make the down payment as soon as we are able to locate a suitable trailer to buy. You pray the Lord to direct in this very urgent need. When you make your offerings to the National Missionary Fund, indicate for what purpose you desire it to be used.

Our ministers and families will have to be cared for, besides the many other expenses that come in traveling and holding meetings here and there. Jesus made this request, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Would you be willing to leave your homes and jobs and go?

While I was working, making a good monthly salary, the Lord gave me a vision and burden about the great harvest of souls being lost and I thought of those who had talents and abilities and thought, "Why, oh, why don't they go?" But they, too, like myself, were holding jobs. The Lord turned the search light on me and said, "Why don't you go?" Me? Leave my good income and go? Say, those few dollars I had freely given looked mighty little then. It caused me to dig deeper and become willing to give all and leave if God so desired.

Lord, help us to keep yielded to His will. We are still interested in this effort, for the gospel to be preached to every hungry soul. That is why we want to encourage everyone who has Christ abiding in him to help us in trying to reach the poor and needy.

We are going home to heaven by the Bible and want everyone else to go with us. Pray for us.

Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ, —Ralph and Inez Beisley  
407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas

(Please send your offerings for the National Missionary Fund direct to Bro. Ralph M. Beisley who is the secretary and treasurer of this fund.—Editor)



## TESTIMONIES

Mexico—Dear Ones, I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. Here in the village of Santa Catarina and round about we are encouraged in the interest that some are taking. Last Wednesday in service we had an inspiring message from God by Bro. Tomas taken from Acts where the disciples were beaten and told not to preach again in the name of Jesus. After the message a young married man said he had a scripture to read. He read it and explained its meaning. It was real good and his first time to do this. Then a woman read a verse. A girl of 14 gave a memory verse and then a young mother in tears of joy testified that God wondrously saved her baby boy from choking to death. How rich this meeting was! We are thankful for those who are responding to the truth. There are many who have heard the gospel five years or more now and still go on in their sins, seeming to care so little about God's precious Word. How we would love to see others that we have been teaching and praying for give their hearts to God. We must work on, pray on, and obey God in every phase of our life here. If we, as the body of Christ on the field, and you as His body back on the back lines, will keep ourselves in subjection to the Captain of this warfare, then we can be sure that He will bless us each one in our labors for Him.

Bro. Tomas and family, Shirley Stice, Virginia Wittenborn, Carrie Sheppard and I took a new road last week and went to a place that we had never been before. The only road went around a very sharp hairpin curve that went upgrade and it was washed out. As we went around, the left rear wheel of the pickup fell in and nearly turned us over. After working for almost two hours we got out. We had several things almost as bad happen plus getting stuck in the sand many times. The country was high and dry, and very pretty, but very "backwoods," rarely traveled. But indeed the Lord's great hand of love and protection was about us!

As dusk neared, we reached a grade that we were unable to get the truck over, no matter how hard we tried. So we built a fire and stayed all night out in the open.

The next day we reached our destination. We visited only one home but they seemed very receptive to the gospel and asked that we come again and have services. Oh, how our hearts filled with joy as we saw another open field for services. There are no churches or services of any kind there, and no school. We hope someone can go back, for we counted 19 houses with people in them and some vacant ones. Another place about 30 miles from here has no services but an empty church house waiting for someone to come. There is much to do in the Master's harvest. Let us all be faithful and obey, whether our part be little or much, far or near.

In Christian love,

—Edith Cole

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Okla.—To all the dear saints, greetings of love in the name of our precious Saviour who hath done so much for us. Today we are saved, encouraged, and rejoicing in the Lord for salvation and other blessings of life. I can say with the Psalmist of old, "Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."

We wish to thank all of the dear saints who so kindly administered to our needs when our house burned last January, 1963. We will not be able to find words to express our gratitude to each and everyone of you. We are praying that the Lord's richest blessings continually be on each of you. The Lord has blessed us to buy a home

at 810 North Porter Street here in Okmulgee, for which we truly thank the Lord and all of His people who have held us up before the Lord with their prayers, offerings of love, and other much needed provisions. We trust that each one will feel that this is the Lord's property and we welcome you to stop in at any time.

Continue to remember us to the Lord in prayer that what we say and do will be to the glory of God.

With Christian love, —Bro. and Sis. Woodrow Warren

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Ind.—Dear ones in Christ Jesus: I am sending you \$2.00 for my "Faith and Victory" paper. I can't thank you folks enough for that paper—it is food for my soul. I can hardly wait until the month is over so I can get the paper again.

Dear ones, please pray for me. I had a light stroke and can hardly walk around. I get very dizzy if I try to walk.

I am staying at my daughter's home. Her husband died last May. She has to work, but I am here at her home. I am thankful to be with some of my own people, and she is very good to me.

Please pray for me and thanks for everything.

—Christena Weiss

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Mo.—Dear saints and readers, greetings of much love in the name of Jesus our Lord: I feel the Lord would have me write a few lines for this little paper which we all enjoy so much. It surely would be sad to fail to get the "Faith and Victory" paper as often as we do. Its contents are certainly uplifting and food for the soul. I can hardly wait sometimes for it to arrive.

Now I want to say that the Lord is still my all and all. He's been so good to me. He gives me grace and strength for each day. I need help for my body so often, but the Lord is a present help in time of need. Praise His dear name!

Last Wednesday was my 70th birthday and I got a nice shower of cards. I take this opportunity to thank each one who sent me a card, as some didn't give their address and there were so many that it would be hard to answer each one by letter or thank-you notes. I got 30 cards and I think it is the most I have ever received. I just don't feel worthy, but I do appreciate each one. I pray the dear Lord will bless and reward each sender. I also received twelve dollars in money, some nice material for a dress, besides other gifts and good letters.

I want to say that I am encouraged to press on for the Lord to the end. I know I don't have much farther to go, but I want to keep the victory and make my life count for the Lord as never before. I want to keep in the battle and fight the good fight of faith to the last. We know that all who make it through will have a crown of life waiting up there.

We were so glad to read about Bro. Clyde Stroud getting cleared up in his soul before too late. That was a burden lifted from the hearts of all that knew him.

I was also glad to hear how the dear Lord healed so many of the saints during the Guthrie Assembly Meeting.

May the Lord bless all the workers at the print shop is my prayer, and we pray for all that write in for prayer.

—Sister Katie Marler

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California—Dear Sister Marie: We were more than thrilled to receive "The Light of Hope" (the new Spanish paper). We could almost see HOPE light up in their eyes when they read the paper. I know Bro. Clifford would have been blessed to have seen the people when they received the papers. How great our God is and how

much He loves the people of all lands! James, my husband, has some testimonies from the Mexicans but he has not found time to get them ready to send to you. Some of their testimonies in services are really wonderful, but they aren't able to put these thoughts on paper very well.

There were two saved in Santa Catarina two weeks ago. God healed Grandma Esquires after the doctor said she wouldn't live more than a few days. God sent the two older boys of the Torres family home after being gone for two years. These are some of the ways God is blessing the people since Christmas, besides the ways He has blessed in other places.

We trust to get some of these testimonies to you before very long. Bro. Tomas also tells us that there is a young man who is moving out in the work of the Lord. Remember him in prayer.

God called us to go to Rosarita last week. It was raining very hard here and the children had bad colds so you know the devil did everything possible to keep us from going, but we went any way. Praise His name, the closer we got to Mexico, the better the children were and by the time we got there, they were WELL. Praise His name! How much He blesses us cannot be told.

Your sister in Christ, —Charlotte Huskey

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I was glad to get a letter from you, and also the tracts. I received the papers and enjoy reading them. I would like to have more tracts and some of the "Beautiful Way" papers to give to children. I gave one to a little boy living near us. He read it and gave it to his sister's little girl, and her grandmother said she had her mother to read it over and over to her until she nearly knew it by memory.

I want to do what I can for the Lord, but it seems I do so little for Him compared to what He is doing for me. I pray that I can help someone to see this true way.

Please pray for all my children out in sin. Pray for me that I can live for the Lord and do His will. I am still feeling better, for which I am so thankful to the Lord. I still need help, as I have sinus trouble and other afflictions.

I suppose you remember seeing me at the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting last summer.

—Sister Myrtle Niswanger

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Following is a portion of a letter received from Bro. Wayne Turner on Jan. 24, 1964, who is in death row at the State Prison of Louisiana:

"My will in life is no more. These past few days have seen it implanted into the will of God and this will of God does lead me in this writing. My life is changed and by this change we are changed in God for the better if we only look to Him as He has looked upon us.

"I guess the case goes back many, many years to the time I was a young boy. At that time I was given an insight into God's truths and in a way shown a sanctified life. I took it as being my own conviction of God's Word, but still I never lived up to it. I sinned all the more. But tucked away in me was the conviction of a sanctified life in Christ, although I didn't know the first thing about it—not, that is, until I met the saints and was led into the fullness of people living not only with Christ but also living in Christ—the sanctified life. Upon meeting all of you and seeing your lives, I came in touch for the first time with a sanctified life in Christ and slowly I started to see more and more this purity that God wants in us all. Many talked to me on sanctification, also gave me a bit to read on the subject. As a basic under-

standing, I believe I came into the light of God's will. This is what I wanted in life and this is what I prayed for daily, but still I never felt right within my heart and soul. I had no perfect walk with God as I had been led and felt sanctification to be. Bro. Pinkerton and Bro. Carver spoke to me about it several times, but it always remained that I knew what sanctification was and what it meant but I just couldn't seem to grasp it within me.

"Among the books sent was 'The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life.' I picked it up and started reading, and as I did, it was like a revelation to me and to my soul—doors that had before been closed suddenly flew open and I could see God's plan as plain as day. I would read a few pages, and as my spiritual eyes opened, the tears would stream down my face, and I would exclaim within me, 'Yes! Yes, Lord, I see! I believe! I want this, and I give you my will. I will walk in you forever.' I would read, I would cry and I would pray and call on God. I'd put the book down, and during the day I would feel the shout within me and more tears would come, tears and thanksgiving and praise. I'd look to heaven, and literally within me cry out for God to come. I wanted off this earth. I wanted to die and go to Him right then and there. But more important to me was the fact that I had finally found the way to sanctification. The thing I had longed for for so long had finally made its way home, and believe me, I just kissed this book over and over and thanked God. It was God speaking to me through this book, and for the first time I heard. A person doesn't know what peace, contentment and joy are until he meets God on these terms—His way. Praise the Lord!"

—E. B. Pinkerton

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Los Angeles—Dear saints of God: One of the saints is having the "Faith and Victory" paper sent to me. I do not know who it is, but one thing I know is that I enjoy reading every word. I enjoy the testimonies most of all.

God has healed my body so many times in answer to prayer. I am 62 years old, and my grandmother and mother were saved under the ministry of Bro. Henry Robinson years ago in Wewoka, Okla. He lived then in Oklahoma City. I was saved in 1940 in Texas.

All four of my children are unsaved and have bad habits. I desire the prayers of the saints for them, both soul and body. My body is afflicted. Please join me in asking God to heal my body.

Yours in Christ Jesus, —Sister Isabell Brown

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Okla.—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name: I am yet saved and living for the dear Lord to all I know and understand. By the grace of God I am determined to press on until the crown is won.

I need your prayers, because if it wasn't for the Lord I don't know what I would do. I am sick in body, but I thank the dear Lord that I feel rich in my soul. I am giving Him all the praises for it.

May God ever bless all of you is my prayer.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Sarah F. Brown

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Arkansas—Love to all the dear saints of God: Oh, how wonderful it is to be a child of God!

I promised God that if He would heal my daughter of these awful headaches and my baby boy of the flu, I would gladly tell it to the world by sending in my testimony. We are so thankful that we have a Healer in sickness.

Please pray for my daughter that she will be completely healed; also pray for my other children that they may all be saved and live for God. My husband is ser-

iously ill, not saved and the doctors say that he won't live long, so pray that he will be saved before it is too late.

Your Sister in Christ, —Anna Conley

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Ohio—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love to you and all the dear saints everywhere: My heart is greatly encouraged to follow the dear Lord all the way. He has been so good to me. The Lord has just healed me of a very bad throat ailment. We had a very heavy snow here last Sunday night. Our schools here in Akron were closed because of the heavy snow. I woke up with a slight sore throat. I went outside and helped to shovel snow for about an hour and my feet got very cold. By supper time my throat was getting worse. By the next morning it was in a bad shape. At times it seemed as though it was closing. Almost every swallow was with pain.

The saints were faithful in holding on to God in prayer and fasting for my healing. Our pastor, Sister Hazel Clark, called me that day to see if I wanted her to come over. She came later that afternoon and was a source of encouragement to me. I was thankful she was here. I walked into the kitchen to get something and it seemed as though I would pass out. I had so much fever in my body. It seemed so hard for me to exercise faith to claim my healing with my throat so very sore. I had pains in my lung area, also. God removed those, also. On Wednesday night I decided to just step out by faith and claim my healing even with all the soreness. I was so hungry. I got up and went downstairs to eat a little soup. My sister had brought supper over to my family. I looked on the stove and there was sauerkraut and ribs. Sister Clark had told me how sick she had been with her throat and when Bro. Chandler prayed for her, God healed her and she ate ham and tomatoes. So I stepped out on faith and I started to eat that sauerkraut and ribs. It was burning my throat and hurting, but I kept right on eating. As soon as I finished the devil told me that I was going to die. I went upstairs and prayed and went to bed. When I woke up I wanted some water. I hated to swallow, it hurt so badly. But the Lord had removed some of the soreness when I had stepped out on faith. Praise His name! From then on, the Lord began to touch me more and more. I wanted instant healing, but I got it day by day. Even today, seven days later, I have received another touch from the Saviour's hand. I love Him more than ever before.

I trusted the Lord all the way. It was by faith in God. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever! He is still the great Physician. I praise Him for His mercy to me.

The saints came here tonight and had a good little song and prayer service with me.

Pray for us here. —Sister Junie Stills

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Mo.—Dear Saints, greetings of love to all of you in the name of Jesus who gave His life that we may live: Praise His holy name forever! I wouldn't want to be without Him dwelling in my soul, especially in these trying times. It's wonderful to go to sleep with Jesus on our minds and awake the same. When people fail us here, then we do realize how wonderful it is to take our burdens to God. We can have Him anywhere we go if we go where He wants us to.

We are so thankful God permitted us to meet Bro. Fred Pruitt. We never knew him long, but to know him was to love him. It's so wonderful to have his true Christian life left as an example for us, also his books of

Christian truth. I think it good for us to re-read them, especially his book "God's Gracious Dealings." It is food for our souls. It gives us more determination to hold on to the truth and to always keep the truth. John 8:32. I think how sad it would be, when the older saints pass on, if the standard would not be taught the same, and then I think again that there will be a few as God will always have a "remnant."

We are also thankful for Sister Marie Miles and Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and all their wonderful co-workers at the print shop. Our prayers are with you. We look forward for the "Faith and Victory" to come our way. It gives us encouragement and strength to press on.

We are also thankful that we were blessed again this last summer in getting to attend two campmeetings at Neosho and Myrtle, Mo. I'm thanking God for sparing our lives on our way to Myrtle. We came up over a hill. A young girl on a horse was driving a large herd of cattle across the highway. It looked as though we didn't have time and length to avoid a bad wreck, but God was with us and husband got the car stopped just before we hit them. I pray that if there are any readers reading this who haven't prepared their souls for eternity, they will think and consider it seriously. We are here today and gone tomorrow.

I truly believe that if people would read the Bible as much as they watch television there would be more people saved. I realize that many won't go along with me on that but nevertheless television is of the world and we have Scripture against it. Psalm 101:3; 1st John 2:15; James 4:4. Radio is sinful, too, if we listen to the worldly, ungodly programs. This Christian life is a careful life, but it is a peaceful life.

I also think how false teachers and false preachers are keeping people from getting saved from sin. We must have the born-again experience to be in the Kingdom of God. It's more than joining a denomination or attending services every Sunday. We must have a change of heart, a newness of life, throwing off the old sinful robe and putting on a new clean one. People will see a change in us. We will act differently. We will dress modestly and not follow the worldly fashions. We cannot serve two masters. This may sound plain to some, but praise the Lord, when we are born into the Kingdom of God and accept the whole truth of God's Word, we can talk plain. I love the truth of God's Word.

I have a heavy burden which I want to ask the saints to pray about. Also pray for me, that I will stay in this one way.

May God bless all. —Mrs. Hettie Clements

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Okla.—Dear Saints everywhere: greetings to you in Jesus' sweet name. I thank God for salvation. I can say with the poet, "Salvation is the sweetest thing that mortal ever found."

A few weeks ago an affliction came upon my body and my nerves got in bad condition. Our pastor and the saints prayed for me and did all they could to help me. Thanks be to God who has given me the victory. I am still weak but God will give me strength.

Please remember this request that God will help me to sell my house; pray that God will send someone to buy it. I am not able to work, and if I can sell my place, it will help me very much.

I believe in the old-time way. I trust God fully for my soul and body. —May Bell Williams

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Ky.—Dear saints of God, greetings in Jesus' name: I want to testify to the goodness of the Lord to me and tell what He has done for me. He saved my soul from

a life of sin and keeps me sweet in my soul, and heals me when I get sick, for which I praise His holy name. I don't have any desire for the things of the world. I expect to press the battle on and win a home in Heaven. Bless His dear name!

I am eighty years old and I have a deeper desire to live for the Lord than ever. Pray for me as I need your prayers.

May the Lord bless all of you for your good work.  
Your sister in Christ, —Alice Miracle

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Mo.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: I want to say that 1964 has brought a new experience to my life, and has opened up my understanding more. I have labored some thirty years in the work of the Lord, having been saved in 1931, and I have tried to help bear others' burdens in sickness and sorrow, but I have never known what it meant to have death come directly home to me, until the recent death of my dear father. I did not realize what it fully meant to have the sympathy of others, but now I better understand. The kindness and love shown has been marvelous. To see the faces of the dear saints as they came to us in this needy time (others would have come but couldn't, and I understand), to have the different congregations send beautiful flowers and bring food; and individuals sending sympathy cards, it meant so much to me.

I am amazed at the great love of God manifested through His people, and if others have been benefitted even a portion like this from my labors, I am rewarded over and over again. My personal experience with the Lord has been so precious that I am left in wonderment.

When my father was so sick, one day the Lord visited me with the song, "The Upper Window," the part that says, "when through the upper window you'll see me standing by." I grasped what the dear Lord was getting to my soul; that He would stand by me, and He did not fail me. Praise His name!

One of the greatest desires of my life had been to help my father find the Lord as His Saviour and I tried, but seemed to fail in the effort, but the Lord held me up with amazing strength and help that I can't even explain. How I thank Him!

I have preached that Jesus did astonishing things. Now I am even more convinced of that.

I was so grateful to get to have the saints mostly take care of the funeral services. I want to thank you each one for everything you did.

In Christ, —Ruth Murphey

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name:

I am not very well. My throat is giving me much trouble. Please pray for my complete healing.

I visited Bro. Wayne Turner at State Prison on Jan. 15, and found him well and enjoying salvation. He seems to be digging deep in the Bible. I had a very interesting visit with him. Also, I visited Bobby McAlister in death row. Pray earnestly for him. He has begun to realize that he needs help. Pray that we may be able to get the help to him that he has need of.

We want to thank you for the nice box of papers, books and tracts to be used in the Lord's work.

The jail services at Amite, La. are still going good. Some are getting help. Pray for the work, both at Amite and Angola, La.

Love to all. —Bro. and Sister E. B. Pinkerton

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere: With greetings in the holy name of Jesus I am sending in my

testimony to what the dear Lord has done for me. I wrote you to pray for me when I fell and hurt my foot and to pray for my back, also. In a few days my foot quit swelling and my back is much better. I mean to hold on to my dear Lord who has done so much for me.

The other morning when I had that kidney stone attack and called you, I was in so much misery, but I knelt down by a chair and agreed in prayer. I couldn't stay knelt long but in less than five minutes the stone passed. Praise the Lord! What a relief! I went ahead and got breakfast and ate. I have felt good ever since in that way. Oh, praise our good Lord for His mercies to us! The Lord has been so good to me in many ways. I know the Lord can work when there seems no way.

I do desire greater faith and a closer walk with God. I want to thank everyone who had a part in praying for me. The saints are the best people on earth.

I was down home last week and went to see my brother who is in a pitiful condition. He needs help in soul, body, and mind. Please pray for him.

The devil has given me a rough time. He did not want me to write my testimony, but if we look to the blessed Lord He will help us to be an overcomer.

I also need prayer for a place on the side of my head and on my neck. I know God is not slack concerning His promises.

May the dear Lord bless one and all is my prayer.  
—Berniece Rumpfelt

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## "The Battle of That Great Day"

(Rev. 16:14)

Since the dawn of creation a warfare has been in progress between good and evil, God and the devil. Each is in conquest of the affections of the human heart or soul.

In the beginning God created man holy in nature like Himself. The devil appeared on the scene, tempted and persuaded mankind to turn his love and loyalty away from God. Man transgressed God's law, and his posterity followed the road of sin and spiritual death as the servants of Satan. The Apostle Paul clearly states that "death reigned from Adam to Moses" Rom. 5:14. This death was a spiritual separation from God as a result of sin. Moses' law was given "that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful" Rom. 7:13. Through all the weary centuries the devil held sway over the lives of most all the human family.

In due time Jesus Christ, the Son of God, appeared on the world scene and began preaching a way of deliverance from sin and Satan. Jesus sent His disciples out to preach the way of salvation, and the devil was dethroned in the hearts of all who believed the gospel. Jesus, Himself, testified: "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" John 12:31. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil in the human heart. Through Christ's atoning death and triumphant resurrection, he was victorious over death, hell, and the grave. The binding chains of sin were broken, and the universal invitation had gone out that every guilty soul could, if he willed to do so, be saved from sin and be brought back in favor and fellowship with His Creator. Jesus set up His kingdom, built His

church, and placed it in full operation by the agency of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost in opposition to the devil's kingdom.

The devil's first agent against the infant church was pagan Rome which instituted a reign of physical persecution. Thousands of Christians were martyred, but Jesus and his army increased and prevailed. Eventually Pagan Rome crumbled and fell before the power of Christianity. Yet the devil was not through. His next agent took the cloak or false form of Christianity under the name of Papal Rome which was also a persecuting power, and millions of saints sealed their testimony with their blood. Though God still had a church which preserved the gospel, yet for a long period its visibility on the earth was largely obscured. Catholicism and Protestantism have been and are continuing to wage unrelenting opposition to true Christianity. The lines of demarcation between the true and the false are being drawn more distinctly as time moves closer to the end.

The Prophet Zechariah foretold: "... that at evening time it shall be light," with reference to the Church of God in the evening time of the gospel day. In fulfillment of this prophecy the "evening light" began to shine forth about 1880 A. D. on Bible holiness and the one true Church free from the creeds of men. The three-fold message of this reformation is that of the first three angels of Rev. 14:6-13. Read them. The second angel declared that "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city." Read also Rev. 18:2. Then in Rev. 18:4 we read, "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her [Babylon], my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Just as God's people, the Jews, were taken captive into ancient Babylon, even so God's people during "the cloudy and dark day" were scattered in spiritual Babylon which is Protestant confusion. Even as ancient literal Israel returned to Jerusalem, the city of God, so in this evening time God is calling and leading His people out of spiritual Babylon to "their own land" on the heights of Mount Zion. The gathering of God's people (a small remnant in comparison to the multitude of opposing forces) is in preparation for that great and final battle of Armageddon—a conflict between good and evil, right and wrong.

The New Testament Church, the saints of God, do not fight with carnal weapons. The Apostle Paul says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" 2 Cor. 10:4. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" Eph. 6:12. Read of the Christian's armor in Eph. 6:13-18. The armor is spiritual, so the battle is spiritual.

Solomon, with prophetic vision, saw God's glorious Church and exclaimed, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners" Song of Sol. 6:10.

Not only is God gathering His people into one true fold, but also the devil is gathering and marshaling his forces of false religions in opposition to the true. Perhaps more steps have been made in that direction in the past two or three years than ever before. Nominal Christianity is hailing the mergers of the various denominations as fulfilling Christian unity, looking toward that golden day of one world church. In reality, this is not the nature of the unity for which Jesus prayed. The union or an amalgamation of all religions is not Christian unity in any sense of its meaning. The move is merely increasing the size of the false systems—a movement which is spearheaded by the World Council of Churches. Even Pope Paul has aided the ecumenical union movement last year by continuing the work of the Second Vatican Council of the Catholic Church to promote Christian unity, so-called. In its closing session, he spoke of its efforts of "finding ways and expressions capable of closing the gap between our separated brethren and ourselves." A meeting of the World Council of Churches last July adopted a message affirming that the ecumenical movement is advancing "faster than we can understand or express it." It was announced in December that a Roman Catholic edition of the Protestant Revised Standard Version of the Bible would be published in England in 1964. This was a major step in the movement for a common Catholic-Protestant Bible as a spur to Christian unity, so-called. During last year many ecumenical contacts at the grassroots level were reported in the United States, as Catholic theologians spoke at Protestant gatherings, and vice versa. Leaders of both faiths appeared together on radio and television programs, and even exchanged pulpits to expound and support the cause of unity (?).

The recent meeting between the two leaders of Catholicism and Greek Orthodoxy on the Mount of Olives in the Holy Land was the first in 500 years. They have been in schism for about 1000 years. In a climactic speech from Bethlehem, where Christ was born, Pope Paul called on Christians to unite. Is this union effort for good or for ill?

By taking a realistic look at the religious world in the light of the Scriptures and a bit of spiritual discernment, one cannot fail to see the "signs of the times," and the "handwriting on the world's wall" that its days are numbered. Let John the Revelator describe in symbolic language the momentous events which are unfolding before our eyes, and those which are yet to come. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Rev. 16:13, 14. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as

the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20:7, 8, 9.

In that final battle Christ and His army will be victorious. Are you in the camp of the saints, clothed in that white raiment which shall shine before God's throne?  
—Lawrence D. Pruitt

What have I done with this life of mine,  
This life God gave to me?  
What have I done with His gift of speech,  
These eyes with which I see?

What have I heard with these ears of mine  
Of good and set it free?  
What have I done as I've gone my way,  
What have I done with me?

How have I succored the ones in need,  
How have I spent the years?  
How many times have I brought home smiles,  
How many times caused tears?

Father, forgive me when I have failed,  
Help me to set things right;  
And let me leave the record clean  
My heart might stop tonight.

—Herbert Parker

## BIBLE STUDY

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March 1, 1964

### MARY, MARTHA, AND LAZARUS

Printed Portion ..... Luke 10:38-42, John 11:20-27, 12:1-3

Luke 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

John 11:20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

12:1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

Memory Verse: She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. John 11:27.

Practical Truth: We learn from Jesus that nothing is impossible for God to do.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There is not a home as great as the home where Jesus is a constant guest. That home will be a shelter for the weary and a comfort for the broken hearted. The hungry will be fed and the lonely given courage. Jesus loved to go to the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. There was a close relationship between them. Our lesson brings out a scene in the home. Martha was interested in seeing that Jesus was fed but felt disturbed because she did not have the cooperation of her sister, Mary. She tried to get Jesus to help her to get Mary to see this. But Jesus rebuked Martha for being so interested in earthly things. She seemed to be more interested in serving her family and guest than serving the Lord. Jesus told her that "one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part." The cares of this life will crowd in and crowd Jesus out of the life if we let them. There truly is just "one needful thing."

Death struck this home but we find that Mary was more fortified to face it than Martha. She had been sitting at Jesus' feet. Mary had faith while Martha battled doubts. Jesus encouraged Martha by telling her that He was the life and the resurrection. Lazarus being brought forth from the dead was one of Jesus' last deeds. Mary showed her great love by anointing Jesus' feet. She came to give and not to ask. Jesus wants us to give him our love.

March 8, 1964

### THE MAN BORN BLIND

Printed Portion ..... John 9:13-17, 24-25, 33-38

John 9:13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.



34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Memory Verse: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

Practical Truth: Jesus loves those who are in trouble and desires to help them.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Jesus could have waited until another day besides the Sabbath, which the Pharisees strictly kept, to heal the blind man. It might have saved a big discussion but he wanted to help people see that they were only following traditions. Truth must triumph before souls could be saved from sin. In the discussion, the blind man and his parents got a chance to see the wrong in the Pharisees' lives. They cast the once-blind man out of the synagogue because he confessed Christ. After the word got around, Jesus sought him out. What a wonderful Saviour we have! When trouble arises, Jesus cares and is ready to help us. The man was cautious in saying whether he believed Jesus was the "Son of God." He wanted to be sure, but when he was assured, he worshipped his Lord and Saviour. What a joy filled his heart! His troubles were brushed aside by the joy in finding Jesus. I am sure this joy was greater than his physical eyes being opened. The soul receiving an insight into the deep spiritual things of God is greater than the eyes seeing the beauties of this life or having a physical touch. It is wonderful to be transformed from darkness into the kingdom of God where the light never grows dim to the child of God.

March 15, 1964

#### PILATE JUDGED BY JESUS

Printed Portion ..... John 18:28-38

John 18:28 Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

Memory Verse: Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. John 18:37.

Practical Truth: We will be falsely accused in this world, like Jesus.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Jews took Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane and passed judgment upon him. They brought him to Pilate. The Jews were keeping the passover and would not go into the hall because it would defile them according to their laws. The very passover they were keeping was a type of Jesus, the lamb that was to be slain for the sins of the world. All that believed on him would be saved from eternal death.

That night after Pilate left, his wife had a dream. She sent word for him not to have anything to do with Jesus. (Matt. 27:19) Pilate was forced to face Jesus alone. He would go out into the street and talk to the Jews and then come back and talk to Jesus. He knew there was no legal reason why Jesus should be put to death. He tried to get out of it. He was concerned about his position and his future in the Roman empire. Jesus forced Pilate to think of his future position before the judgment bar of God. Now Jesus was being judged by Pilate, but there was coming a day when Pilate would be judged by Jesus. "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." "And hath given him [Jesus] authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." John 5:22, 29. Jesus let him know he was dealing with a king of a kingdom that was not of this world. He washed his hands but that did not do away with his guilt.

March 22, 1964

#### THE TWO THIEVES

Printed Portion ..... Luke 23:32-43

Luke 23:32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers



also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

**Memory Verse:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

**Practical Truth:** Those who believe on Jesus will be with Jesus in heaven.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We have a real sad lesson today and it would be sad indeed if we thought our precious Lord had suffered in vain. As you study this lesson, be sure to think that Jesus went through all of this that you and I might be saved; that we might live in heaven in eternity. How we ought to love our precious Lord and Saviour. He proved his great love for us. We are the ones who had sinned but Jesus bore our sins for us; took our punishment that we might go free. They lifted the cross up and let it fall with a thud into the hole, tearing his precious hands and feet that were already bleeding. He was innocent and only came to do good in this world. He was in the fleshly body and had feelings as you and I. He willingly laid down his life for us. Out of his side gushed blood and water. Through that blood we are saved.

Two thieves who had lived wicked lives were put beside him. The devil gets people into lots of trouble but never helps them out. One of the thieves joined in with the sneering crowd who mocked and made fun of our precious Saviour. The other one saw the sweet forgiving spirit of Jesus when he said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," and his heart was touched. He humbled himself and asked for mercy. Jesus forgave him. The thieves parted that day. One went to be with Jesus, the other went to be with the devil and all those who reject God.

March 29, 1964  
(Easter Sunday)

#### MARY MAGDALENE AND THOMAS

Printed Portion ..... John 20:11-18; 24-29

John 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?

She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails; and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

**Memory Verse:** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29.

**Practical Truth:** We are serving a living Christ.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lessons have been about people who have been with Jesus. Some were friends and others were his enemies. He was true to the soul of each one. He finished the work that his Father had given him to do. He died on the cross and was put in the grave. Mary felt that they had done away with him but they soon found out that they were wrong.

Mary Magdalene wanted to be sure that Jesus had arisen. Bewildered, she stood weeping at the tomb. Jesus will always be found of those who seek after him with an earnest heart. Jesus asked her why she was weeping. When he, in the tenderest tones, spoke her name, she knew him and how happy she was. She had found Jesus.

Thomas also wanted to be sure that Jesus had arisen. Others told him that they had seen him but he wanted to know for himself. One day Jesus appeared to him and told him to touch him and be not faithless but believing. Thomas was overjoyed and said, "My Lord and my God." Because he saw with his eyes he believed, but Jesus said that we are blessed today because we have not seen with our eyes but we believe in a risen Saviour. Rejoice today because our Lord and Saviour is alive forevermore. He is sitting at the right hand of God interceding for you and me.

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