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### Deep in the Heart

Deep in the heart, when grace is there,  
Mixed with the truest love,  
Then faith mounts up on wings of prayer  
And reaches God above,  
And brings His blessings down each day  
As nothing else can do,  
To help His pilgrims on their way  
To make the journey through.

Deep in the heart, when grace is there,  
It's great what one can stand,  
As on our Lord we lay our care  
And go at His command;  
Or stay where trials sore oppress  
And duties take our time,  
But here is where our God can bless  
And make our lives sublime.

Deep in the heart, when grace is there,  
Though Satan's all about,  
Who seeks to bring us to despair  
Through dread and fear and doubt,  
Our Lord is there to keep us safe  
Beneath His holy wings,  
And so we do not fret and chafe  
Because of testing things.

—Walter E. Isenhour

### Worship in Spirit and in Truth

When our family met the saints of the Church of God who are teaching the truths of the early reformation in this evening light of time, it was plain to see His marvelous workings in behalf of our hungry souls to bring us into the glorious freedom and fellowship with His chosen people of today. We were affiliated with a group which at one time had known the whole truth and practiced it, but had since allowed worldliness to creep in, thereby turning themselves away from the truth—the only thing that can make free the heart and soul of man. We accepted the teachings

of the Church of God without reserve, having utmost confidence in the faithfulness of God's guiding hand.

Though there were a few teachings that we did not understand right at first, we believed that the humble sainted ministers of old had gleaned these truths from God's Word under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and they were for us to live by today. We noticed that no Scripture was passed over lightly, ignored, or explained away. We asked many questions that, to us, were weighty and serious (which had been referred to as "questions which do gender strife" in the other group). Though our questions may have seemed very simple for the ministers to answer, or even elementary in nature, they answered each one with an interest, an earnestness, a carefulness of attention which at the same time melted and rejoiced our hearts.

It is good to accept the teachings of the church under conditions such as this, but just as it is necessary to have a solid foundation for a structure which is built to last, so must we have a firm basis for our spiritual understanding of the truths we teach. We are told in St. John 16:13 that the Spirit will guide us into all truth. In Psalms 119:130 (a) we find that "the entrance of thy words giveth light." I am thankful that God is true to our souls in giving understanding of His Word when we earnestly seek to know it better.

One of the changes in the church services that was most noticeable to us was not having musical instruments in the chapel. We did feel more of a blessing from the Spirit's presence during the song service. We enjoyed the close harmony of the voices along with the message we could see in every song as we carefully noticed the words of each verse. But just how did the saints feel about instruments? Did they think that it was simply better not to use them? Was it that they couldn't afford a piano or an organ? What was the actual teaching regarding this question? It seems there were so many instances recorded in the Old Testament where use of instruments was approved that there could be some difficulty understanding this teaching without help from the Lord.

There are various scriptures in the New Testament which could be referred to right now and say,

"This is why we don't use instruments in our church services." These references would probably suffice to bring this discussion to a close at this point, but they would present only a negative side of an answer. Perhaps we could compare an answer like this to the eating of a meal when we would partake of the dessert only. We consider the dessert as the finishing of a meal and would doubtless feel dissatisfied if the main course were left off. The meal in completeness is what gives strength and satisfies. In like manner we might find a more satisfying portion of an answer to the question at hand if we will look into the Old as well as the New Testament.

We should first study some about worship; why, how, and where it was instituted. Let's begin by looking into the 3rd chapter of Genesis. At the fall of Adam and Eve, there is recorded the righteous wrath of God, the curse because of disobedience and the awful separation from the presence of God and the tree of life. Yet, underlying all the pronounced judgments, there is a tone in the Scriptures indicating bitter disappointment. Here was a part of His creation, made in His own image with whom He would commune in the cool of the day, yet man had so soon and so carelessly ignored the keeping of but one simple command. Surely there would be a special closeness between the Creator and man—a special part of His creation—and a special hurt when this creation turned to his own way. Though man would never be restored bodily in another paradise as he was in Eden, it was God's plan for him to be restored in heart to such a state.

In the garden, God was with man walking close by his side. Early in the Old Testament, in preparation for Christ's coming, we see God with man abiding in the tabernacle in the wilderness.

While reading about the tabernacle in Exodus 25:8, 9 we notice these words, "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, so shall ye make it." These words, "so shall ye make it," signify a command not to vary one little bit from the pattern. Let us keep this in mind as we continue with our study. Chapters 25 through 31 of Exodus contain many instructions as to how to make the tabernacle. As we read a few that we list here, let us pay close attention to the exactness of detail which God commanded. Why do you suppose God would be so particular? Keep this question in mind as we read. In these instructions the size of various parts of the tabernacle was prescribed. The material to be used in various places was named out. Moses was told the colors of cloth and other hangings to be used and where to use them. The pieces of furniture to go inside it were described with their various sizes, construction details, materials to be used and their location in the tabernacle. The priests who would minister in the services were called by name. Their garments were described with much detail given about the type and color of materials to be used; even the size of the cloth was given

in at least one instance. Ornaments of the priests' vesture were described. Again, the material they were made of was named as well as the design or shape they were to have. The order of their arrangement and where they were to be placed on the robes was designated. Details were given concerning the animals and other items to be offered for sacrifice in consecrating the priests for service. The motions to be used in making the sacrifices were described in detail. The Lord even named the men who would be responsible for the actual work of making all these things the Lord wanted. God specified the direction the tabernacle was to face when erected. (See Num. 3:38. The words "before the tabernacle" indicate in front of the tabernacle entrance which obviously faced east.) He instructed also which three tribes should encamp to the east of the tabernacle, the three tribes to the west, also the three to the north and the south so the tabernacle was in the very midst of His people. (See Num. 2nd chapter.)

After Moses fulfilled all these many detailed commandments, we see in Exodus 40:34 that the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. No doubt it was a glorious sight to behold. God saw that not even one little detail was left undone. His commandments had been obeyed and now He could have pleasure in dwelling in this house with His people.

Why did God command such great detail and expense to be had on such a small structure? (The tabernacle itself measured about 15'x45' and the court surrounding it 75'x150'. One writer estimates the cost to have been one and one-half million dollars.) There is really no wonder why all this was required when we consider the "one that inhabiteth eternity" would condescend to fill with His glory a mere earthly structure. Perhaps just as important was the fact that this was the designated place where the act of worship was to be performed.

Later, God abode with man in the temple Solomon built. It is obvious that He has always wanted to live just as close as possible to a chosen people He could call "His own." Let us study 2 Chron. 5:11-14 to find what happened when the temple was dedicated after being carefully constructed. In this scripture we read that the glory filled the temple when "the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord . . ." When everything was made and put in place as planned, God was pleased to abide in this new house of worship.

In 1 Chron. 23:5 we find where four thousand praised the Lord with instruments. In 1 Chron. 25:1, 6, 7 we read of many Israelites being cunning in worship with instruments of music. 2 Chron. 30:21 tells of the priests and Levites who praised the Lord, singing with loud instruments unto the Lord. David told how he played instruments many times in praising God. Many Old Testament scriptures name several kinds of instruments used in praising God. We would come to an obvious conclusion that God allowed

this to be so and even planned a place for them in the worship of the Israelites of Himself. With consideration for these facts we have reviewed, as well as many other scriptures not referred to here, how will we come to a balanced teaching about this question in the light of the Old and New Testaments?

The Word of God tells us in Galatians 3:24, 25, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." God specified literal things to be used in teaching the Israelites how to approach Him in worship, praise, and honor, because the heart of man was unregenerated. They were only symbols of the better things to come. Only through the coming of Christ could the heart be made new and clean to worship God in a true and spiritual way. The 9th chapter of Hebrews and the 10th chapter down to verse 22 deal with this thought in a very clear manner.

The Samaritan woman at the well had a serious question about worship and was taught a vital truth important to us now. In St. John 4:19-24 we read, "The woman saith to him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Why is the particular reference made to Jerusalem in this scripture? The temple was located there. Why was this so important? It was the Jews' place to worship God. Such importance was attached to the temple by the Jews that when the first temple was dedicated, Solomon asked God this special request:—If one, even in a far country, who was in need and feared Him and would just pray with his face toward Jerusalem, would God please answer that prayer? (1 Kings 8:29-52) God told Solomon He would do as he asked. He had heard his prayer and supplication and had hallowed the temple as a choice place of His care and attention. (1 Kings 9:3.)

In 1 Cor. 3:16, 17 the Word reads, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." The act of worship is fulfilled now within the regenerated heart of the born again believer. Our regular church services are often called worship services, and rightly so, because the time is set aside for worshipping God. The act of true worship, however, is not determined by a time of day, the day of a week, the gathering together of a group, the singing of songs, the playing of instruments, the preaching of the Word, nor any other outward act in itself. "God that made the world

and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands as though he needed anything seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." Acts 17:24, 25.

What is the question we are discussing? Is it right or wrong to use musical instruments in worship? The answer is: It is impossible to use any kind of instrument in true worship, because worship is a state or condition of God abiding in man, thereby each communing with the other as it has been intended to be from the beginning of time!

It would be possible, over a period of time, for a soul to starve to death just going through the motions or form of worship. A good moral life will not satisfy the heart's hunger for God. The rich young ruler found that out. Read Mark 10:17-22. Good works can't take the place of living for Him and close communion with God. Read 2 Tim. 1:9. Giving large sums of money, tithing or paying the preacher doesn't impress God. When Jesus saw the widow cast the small amount of two mites into the treasury, He said she had given more than all the rest. Read Mark 12:41-44. God looks on the heart to see if it is right. Read Heb. 4:12, 13. God commanded the tabernacle to be made exactly according to plan. He saw that it was done and what glory filled the place! God expects the same carefulness of attention on our part to make sure the inward temple is clean through His atonement and fit for His abiding. By His help we must strip ourselves of all hindering weights and have on hand all the good graces His Word commands.

Note this wonderful truth expressed by D. S. Warner in the following poem:

Not in the temples made with hands,  
Though beautiful by art;  
But God in mercy condescends  
To dwell within my heart.

How wonderful that He would take  
This poor abode of sin,  
And wash me in His precious blood,  
And now abide within!

No more I think of God afar,  
But see Thee, Lord, within;  
Oh, shine in me, Thou morningstar,  
And keep Thy temple clean.

Oh Lord, enshrined within my breast,  
My constant joy and peace,  
My soul can now forever rest  
Secure in Thy embrace.

Oh glory to Jesus so sweet in me;  
My body, Thy temple shall forever be.

—Ralph E. (Gene) Beisly

When I think about another,  
Lord, remind me he's my brother;  
Help my thoughts of others be  
Thoughts I'd have them think of me.

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**EDITORIALS**

This month of June ushers in the campmeeting season, and we trust and pray that during this summer we will see a further advance of the cause of Christ—the salvation of souls, the sanctification of believers, the divine physical healing of the sick and afflicted, and a greater demonstration of the unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed and gave His life's blood. The season presents wonderful opportunities on every hand for the saints and gospel workers to be consecrated channels through which the Spirit of God can reach many souls with the gospel invitation and convict them of the need of Bible salvation.



On the 6th day of June, 1918—50 years ago—a Model T Ford touring car with its top down arrived in Guthrie, Okla. after three days of traveling over dirt roads from Clovis, N. Mexico. In the front seat of this Ford, which was originally equipped with a kerosene tail light and kerosene side clearance lamps, were Fred and Mary Pruitt with their 14-month-old daughter, Mary Lola. In the back seat were their three older children, of whom this writer was the second to the oldest and Marie the third, plus all the baggage and camping equipment that could be stacked or hung on. That was an eventful and memorable trip—camping out at nights and crossing the Canadian Rivers on ferry boats on account of high water from spring rains.

That nice day in June marked the beginning of a half century of continuous residence in Guthrie for this writer in connection with the printing trade and the publication of the gospel. Needless to say that during those years many changes have taken place in every phase of life. We truly recognize God's hand of mercy in preserving our lives down to the present. In Him we live, and move, and have our being. Whether our time be long or short, it is entirely dedicated to the service of the Master in spreading the good news of salvation by the printed page. All honor and praise is due unto Christ my Savior for His matchless love in offering Himself a sacrifice for my sins and of the whole world.

My precious mother, Mary Ann Pruitt, departed this life to be with the Lord about 14 years ago. Then five years ago this June my loving father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, after many years as a minister of the gospel from the pulpit and press, finished his course and laid down the cross to receive that never-fading crown. All of their six children—three boys and three girls—remain to await the final call. Our fervent prayer is that the circle will be unbroken in Heaven.



Ruthie Gaines, six-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sister Clayton Gaines, has been moved by the authorities from the State Hospital at Columbia, Mo. to the hospital at West Plains, Mo. which is about twenty miles from the parents' home at Thayer, Mo. They go back and forth to the hospital. Seemingly unconscious with a brain tumor, Ruthie has been real

sick since the transfer. Continue to agree in prayer for her and the parents that the Lord will overrule and work out this situation to His glory.

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Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson are now (May 15) in a revival meeting with the Church at Shreveport, La. Previously, they had held services at Dayton and Akron, Ohio and Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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Those within driving distance are invited to these work days (June 1, June 15, June 29, July 4, July 13) on the Monark Springs, Mo. campground. Mark these dates on your calendar and remember to come. Much preparation must be made for the large attendance expected at the coming National camp-meeting to be held July 19 to 28.

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A reprint edition of the excellent book, **"Around Old Bethany,"** by R. L. Berry is just off the press. The main characters of this true-to-life narrative are led to Bible salvation, and then step by step into the various Bible doctrines. In the meantime, the snares of false doctrines which surrounded them were exposed and they were guided unerringly in the truth of God's Word. Consisting of 83 pages in an attractive paper cover, this book is priced at 40c per copy or 3 copies for \$1.00, postpaid. Order TODAY!

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Another book, **"Availing Prayer"** by Fay C. Martin, consisting of 116 pages with attractive paper cover, is expected off the press and available by June 15. Price—60c each, or two for \$1.00, postpaid.

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able. The plain truth expressed therein will help every Christian to get and keep the victory over the accusations of the devil. No doubt every saint has experienced the attacks of the enemy on this line. Price, 5c each, or 25 for \$1.00, postpaid. Order several copies and pass on to others.

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A reader would like to purchase a copy of an early edition of the book, **"Revelation Explained"** by F. G. Smith. It was first published in 1908 with preface written in 1906, then followed ten editions. This reader would prefer a copy from one of the first three editions. If you have one for sale, please write to this office stating price and condition of book.

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Our Bro. Darius Gibson, faithful minister of the gospel, departed this life on April 23 to be with the Lord after a fiery trial of affliction. He is at rest—suffering over forever. This writer sat up with him the night before he passed, and then he seemed to be more in the other world than this one. He died in the triumphs of a living faith, and his life of service and sacrifice has left a challenge to the church.

May the "God of all comfort" sustain Sis. Evelyn Gibson, the children, and relatives with the truth that gracious Divine provisions have been made that all of them can go, if they will, where he is—in the paradise of God.

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**Tent Meeting in West Virginia**

Bro. Mart Samons of Kentucky writes that they plan, Lord willing, to take the evangelistic tent and equipment out some this summer. They would like to start the first meeting at Cass, W. Va. around the 21st of June. The exact date has not been set, so all those in that area who want to attend that meeting should keep in contact with Bro. Mart Samons, Rt. 2, Box 156, Danville, Ky. 40422. We urge our readers in the East to attend that meeting if possible. Let the church at large pray earnestly for the success of these evangelistic efforts, as well as support the National Missionary Fund in order to keep this gospel work going in new fields.

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Another significant event in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy of the gathering together of "Gog and Magog" (Rev. 20:8; 16:13, 14) was this nation's largest church merger on April 23 when the United Methodist Church was brought into being, composed of the 10.3 million members of the Methodist Church and the 747,000 members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The ecumenical movement through the Consultation on Church Union has been working energetically to unite 10 major Protestant denominations with a total of 25.5 million members. These rapid strides toward a "one world church" are bringing the Church closer to the final conflict in the spiritual battle of Armageddon—truth versus error.

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The professing Christian world is continuing to lower its standard of conduct (if it had any at all) in flagrant violation of the principles of holy living

taught and laid down by Jesus Christ in the New Testament for His Church. Recent headlines in the newspaper announced that the United Methodist Church (about 11 million in membership) has dropped its ban on its ministers using tobacco and liquor. Now they say it is all right. The Scripture that will judge all mankind at the last day reads: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:17. Sad but true, these false religious systems are taking the multitudes down to destruction. No wonder "hell hath enlarged herself." The denominations and cults are nothing more than social clubs. The Spirit of Christ has no part in their gatherings. They make a great pretense of Christianity, but we are made to believe that they are about to drop all pretense. Just how far will they go from Christ and His truth?

These conditions should be a solemn warning to the true Church of the great danger of drifting from the true Spirit and life of Christ into a mere form. When "the glory is departed" from a congregation, then the name "Ichabod" is the appropriate title over the door. (1 Sam. 4:21, 22.)

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Several thousand Spanish tracts of various titles have been printed and recently mailed to the several missionaries working in Mexico. More Spanish literature needs to be made available to these workers for free distribution. Pray that the Lord will enable us to supply this urgent need.

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We want to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have and are standing by this gospel publishing work with their prayers and financial support. Without the Lord's special blessings and your co-operation this phase of His work in spreading the soul-saving gospel could not continue. May the Lord bless and reward each one many fold. —L. D. Pruitt

## The Power of a Bad Book

Some time ago there was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison a man by the name of Martin Thorn. He paid the extreme penalty for the murder of a man. A little time before his death he said to the minister who had been coming to see him:

"I was not always bad; I was a good boy and a good man at first. I believed in the Bible, in God, and in the future life. I liked the company of good people. The fatal mistake of my life was the reading of a book written by the atheist, Ingersoll. I am sorry that that atheist ever lived. I am sorry that I ever read a line of his. The reading of that book was the first step away from God and heaven. My course has been downward ever since, till I have come to a black crime and am now to face a most shameful disgrace."

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This is the definition in the draft law. Membership in a particular church—or in any church—is not a requirement, though most conscientious objectors are members of some religious organization. Members of one hundred or more different religious denominations or sects have obtained recognition in recent years. And some are not members of any religious organization. But they have all claimed recognition as religious persons, men whose religious principles prevent them from participation in war and military service.

### What Happens to Conscientious Objectors?

Every conscientious objector goes through the same registration and classification process as others who are required to register under the draft act. At age 18 he registers with his local board. Shortly after this his local board will send him their Form 100, the General Classification Questionnaire. On this form he completes Series VIII, declaring that he is a conscientious objector.

Then the local board sends him their Form 150, the Special Form for Conscientious Objectors. By completing and returning this form he submits the information by which he may be classified in Class I-A-O, if he objects to combatant military duty only, or in Class I-O, if his objection is to all military training and service.

If he is a student, or a father, or physically handicapped, or otherwise eligible for special consideration, he submits this information also, in addition to his claim as a conscientious objector. His local board is under obligation to consider him for any deferment or exemption for which he may be eligible. He may appeal from any classification which he believes to be improper. Finally, if classified in Class I-A-O as an objector to combatant military service he will be inducted for noncombatant

duty only. If classified I-O as an objector to all military service he will be ordered by his local board to perform some appropriate form of civilian work in lieu of induction into the armed services.

Selective Service regulations require that a registrant be placed in the lowest class for which he is determined to be eligible, with I-A considered the highest and I-C the lowest.

#### Civilian Work in Lieu of Induction

He will serve in such civilian work for two years. While in this work he will be classified I-W. Over the last fifteen years more than 17,000 conscientious objectors have received this classification. More than 8,000 are in such service now. They are working in hospitals, welfare services, relief agencies, services for the mentally and physically handicapped, in war sufferers' relief and in other works of mercy in the United States and its possessions and in other countries around the world.

#### Where to Get Help

If you are a C.O. needing counselling service, write or telephone to the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, 604 Washington Building, 15th and New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005. Telephone 393-4868—area code 202.

The National Service Board for Religious Objectors is a service agency for individual conscientious objectors and for churches and other religious organizations interested in conscientious objectors. The Board was established in 1940 to provide a common channel for dealing with the government in matters concerning registrants who are conscientiously opposed to participation in war and military service. NSBRO does not itself advocate any particular expression of conscientious objection, but it attempts to represent faithfully the concerns of each of the constituent groups and of all individual conscientious objectors who desire its services. The policies of the organization are determined by a Board of Directors, and a Consultative Council from more than 40 different religious bodies shares in the concerns and problems of its work.

The NSBRO offers a carefully selected list of literature of interest to conscientious objectors facing conscription. A current complete list will be sent free on request sent directly to the board. The following is a partial list:

#### Civilian Work Agency List

How to Fill in Form 150 for Conscientious Objectors

Questions and Answers on the Classification and Assignment of Conscientious Objectors

Sample Selective Service Forms

Statements of Religious Bodies on the Conscientious Objector.

The foregoing information is published for the benefit of those registrants who are conscientiously opposed to participation in war by reason of their religious training and belief, and for ministers who counsel C.O.'s. —Editor

#### PROFITABLE MEETING AT AKRON, OHIO

We were graciously blessed when Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson were with us in a few nights' meeting, starting Sunday, April 25, continuing through the 30th here at Akron, Ohio. The meeting was blessed with spiritual inspiration. Some of our isolated saints had an opportunity to attend, which proved a blessing to all.

We are now making preparation for our campmeeting which will be from July 5 to 14, and expecting a large attendance. All are welcome. We solicit your prayers.

—Sister Hazel Clark.

## OBITUARIES



Our dear mother, Lillie May (Minter) Beisly, was born March 25, 1880 in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri to James Thomas and Lucy Ellen Minter. She departed this life May 4, 1968 in Nowata, Okla. at the age of 88 years, 1 month, and 9 days.

She was united in marriage to Reuben W. Beisly on Oct. 25, 1896 at Nevada, Mo. This union was blessed with twelve children, two of whom preceded her in death. Those left to mourn her passing are: four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Crain and Mrs. Pauline Tucker, of Vinita, Okla., Mrs. Lorene Gaut, Hillsboro, Ore., Mrs. Amy Imel, Beaverton, Ore.; six sons, Tom of Tyro, Kansas, P. J. of Nowata, Okla., Ralph of Coffeyville, Kansas, Rufus of Welch, Okla., Jim of Vinita, Okla., and Edward of Nampa, Idaho; one sister, Margaret; 36 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death June 4, 1962.

At a young age she and her husband moved to Kingfisher, Okla., and later homesteaded at Roll, Roger Mills County, Okla. In 1912 they moved to Metlaton, Ark. Later they settled at Vinita, Okla. They retired and made their home in Nowata, Okla. After the death of her husband, she made her home with her son, Rufus, at Welch, Okla.

Beneath our eyes she slowly faded,  
Getting weaker day by day,  
Till God in His heavenly wisdom  
Called her peacefully away.

Mother, you are not forgotten,  
Though on earth you are no more;  
Still in memory you are with us  
As you always were before.

All is over, hands are folded  
On a quiet and peaceful breast;  
All is over, pains are ended—  
Now dear Mother is at rest.

For she's dwelling with the angels,  
And with Father gone before,  
And they are beckoning us to meet them  
On that far-off peaceful shore.

Darius Albert Gibson, son of Samuel and Minnie (Chambers) Gibson, was born near Pender, Neb., on Dec. 15, 1897. He departed this life on April 23, 1968, at 4:00 p. m. in the home of his wife's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Audney Davis, west of Guthrie, Okla., at the age of 70 years, 4 months, and 8 days.

On August 12, 1933 he was united in marriage to Evelyn Davis. To this union were born two sons and one daughter.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, Evelyn (Davis) Gibson; one daughter, Esther Olive (Gibson) Cogley, of Taylor Ridge, Ill.; two sons, Reuel D. Gibson and Samuel B. Gibson of Seymour, Mo.; two grandsons and seven granddaughters; six brothers, Ira of Rich Hill, Mo., Roy of Oceanside, Calif., Asa and Silas of Joplin, Mo., Noah and Ezra of Springfield, Mo., many nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends, saints, and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Gibson; one sister, Edith (Gibson, Parrell) Solid; two brothers, Eli and Paul Gibson.

He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at about the age of 22. He felt and accepted the call to the min-



istry of the Church of God at about the age of 26. He remained true to that call from God until Jesus called him Home to his eternal reward.

His special call was as a hunter and fisher, gathering souls for the kingdom of God, traveling thousands of miles throughout the country. Many looked to him as their pastor in many isolated places, calling him for prayer and advice at any time of the day or night.

He was greatly respected and admired for his steadfastness in the faith and the love which he manifested in administering the doctrines and the principles of Christianity.

He proved in his severe affliction, which he bore so patiently, that God will never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him. He was an outstanding example as a minister, a true soldier of the cross, a loving and thoughtful husband, father, grandfather, friend, and neighbor.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Murphy Allen, Bro. Willie Murphey, and Bro. Archie Souder at the Church of God chapel in Guthrie, Okla. Interment was in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, to await the general resurrection.

#### Note of Appreciation

I want to take this means of thanking everyone for your prayers, words of comfort, sympathy, the love offerings, lovely flowers, and tenderness shown to me and mine during the long illness and passing of my dear companion, Darius Gibson, on April 23. Our hearts are lonely, but we realize God has been very good to us. Our husband and father has left us a rich heritage. His sweet, patient, kind, and faithful life linger with us and will live on in our memory. On account of my eyes I am unable to answer everyone. I am now back home at Rt. 3, Seymour, Mo. 65746. I have no phone, but receive calls from my two sons' phones who live on either side of me. Reuel Gibson, phone No. 935-4871; Samuel Gibson, phone No. 935-4405. I still need your prayers, as the days are so lonely.

—Sister Evelyn Gibson

Miss Theresa Mae Quave, born in Madisonville, La. on Feb. 8, 1938, departed this life on May 8, 1968 at the age of 30 years and 3 months.

She is survived by her mother, Sister Ruby Quave Signorelli of Shawnee, Okla., formerly of Hammond, La.; four sisters, Mrs. August McLain, Covington, La., Mrs. Byron E. Johnson, Zachary, La., Mrs. Billy W. Little, Hammond, La., Mrs. Garland Little, Baton Rouge, La.; four brothers, Victor L., Abita Springs, La., Jerry L., Hammond, La., Roger H., Bedico, La., and Frank W. of Baton Rouge, La.; also twelve nieces, six nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.

Theresa had a desire to serve God and we feel that she did to the best of her understanding. Even though she had suffered from a diabetic condition, her sudden death was a shock to all.

Funeral services were held at the Thomas Memorial Chapel, Hammond, La. Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery, Loranger, La. Ministers taking part in the services were: Bros. T. H. Coffey, M. F. Williamson, and Herbert Probst. Scripture texts used were: Titus 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:4; Rom. 8:17; and 1 Pet. 5:4.

—M. F. Williamson

One has not made a Christian will unless he has made provision in it to aid the cause of Christ. Have you left Christ out of your will?

## Campmeeting Dates for 1968

Following are the campmeetings dates for this year. More complete notices for the June and July meetings appear in this issue, and all the others will be published in the July paper:

Holly Hill, S. Carolina—June 7 to 16.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 21 to 30.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 28 to July 7

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—July 5 to 14.

Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 14.

National Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo.

(Monark Springs)—July 19 to 28.

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—August 2 to 11.

Boley, Okla.—August 16 to 25.

Myrtle, Mo.—August 16 to 25.

Fresno, Calif.—Aug. 16 to 25.

Dover, Okla.—Aug. 30 to Sept. 8.

## Campmeeting Notices

### HOLLY HILL, S. CAROLINA

The Church of God campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. Carolina will start on June 7 and continue through June 16, 1968. Everybody is welcome to attend these services.

For further information write or call Bro. Hutson Crummie, Rt. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059. Phone 496-5231.

### GENERAL SOUTHERN AT HAMMOND, LA.

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Friday, June 28, on the General Southern campgrounds at Hammond, La. and will continue through Sunday, July 7.

We are looking forward to another refreshing shower from the Lord. We are looking to the Lord to send in ministers of His choosing who will come with a burden upon their souls for the meeting.

As in the past, meals and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We urge everyone who possibly can to be here for this meeting. We and the church are praying and expecting an outpouring of God's Spirit in our midst.

For further information write or call Bro. T. H. Coffey, P. O. Box 1177, Hammond, La. 70401. Tel. area code 504-345-2412.

### JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, Lord willing, June 21 through 30, 1968. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual. Cabins and bedding are furnished. God has always blessed in all our previous meetings and we are looking to Him for another feast at Father's table. We urge everyone to attend this meeting. Those who are in the Northwest—far, near, and isolated—we urge you to come. This is a pressing time and we need to sacrifice to be with the children of God. For every effort that is made, God will reward us.

We are expecting the dear Lord to send His Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to be with us to preach the truth of His precious Word. For further information, write Sister Hilda Neilson, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Oregon, or Sister Beatrice Spaur, Pastor, P. O.



Box 368, Jefferson, Oregon 97352. The phone number is 503-327-2855. —Margaret Cable

### AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING

The Akron, Ohio campmeeting will be held July 5 through July 14, 1968. The first service will be at 7:30 p. m. of July 5, and thereafter there will be four services daily with meals served on the premises.

All nationalities are welcome. We will have sleeping quarters for all, also ground for parking trailers and campers. You are cordially invited. "Whosoever will" may come, for salvation and sanctification for the soul, healing for the body, inspiration, encouragement or whatever your need may be. Feel free to come. We are expecting Spirit-filled ministers and workers in all capacities to be here in a unified group to carry on the work of the Lord. Our meetings are run on the free-will offering plan, expecting the Lord to supply both spiritual and temporal needs.

The Lord's chapel is located at 419 and 421 W. Thornton St., three blocks west of Roads Avenue. Call Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor, at 762-4432, or 376-3501, or Bro. Adolph Robinson at TE 6-6948. —Sister Hazel Clark

### CALIFORNIA STATE AT PACOIMA

The California State Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene on the saints' campground located at 12312 Osborne Place in Pacoima, Calif. on July 5 to 14, 1968, Lord willing.

Pacoima is a suburb of Los Angeles in the northwest part of the city near the town of San Fernando. If you come by car from the east or south, take the Golden State Freeway (it will be marked "Bakersfield" where you leave either of the freeways coming from those directions) and follow it to Osborne Street which is about 20 miles out from where you hit this freeway. When you come to Osborne Street, turn right and follow it straight ahead across the railroad tracks and about a half-mile farther to a "Y." At this "Y" go straight ahead instead of taking the left curve and soon you will come to our sign over the entrance to the campground on your right. If you come from the north by car, follow the freeway which will be marked "Los Angeles" to Osborne Street, turn left and proceed as outlined above.

The phone number on the campground is A. C. 213-899-2022. If you arrive by bus or train, give us a call and someone will come to get you.

We hope that all of the saints throughout the West will be able to attend this meeting, as well as all others who may need help in soul or body. Pray earnestly for a victorious meeting and for a precious visitation from God.

We will be looking to see you at the campmeeting. Remember the date—July 5 to 14—and plan for it.

Yours and His in the Master's service, —O. B. Wilson

### NATIONAL CAMPMEETING AT NEOSHO, MO.

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' campground at Monark Springs (Neosho) Mo. on July 19 through 28, 1968.

We are again extending a very sincere and cordial invitation to everyone who may read or hear about this campmeeting, to attend if possible. God has been faithful to us in the past, and He will not fail us now. He has promised to supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory.

As in previous years, lodging and meals will be furnished on the grounds. The usual fee of \$5.00 is

charged for camp tents, with an additional \$1.00 for cot and mattress. Space in dormitories will be \$2.00 per person. All who come will be taken care of. If you can, please bring your sheets and covers. It would also be advisable to bring wraps, as the weather turns very cool at times. All meals are served on free-will offering plan.

Let us all come with a soul-burden and in a prayerful, humble attitude with a desire to please the Lord in every capacity, allowing God to lead and direct in all things. God will send His Spirit-filled ministers to bring the Word. Let us pray much for the ministers, for they surely need to cry aloud against the sin and wickedness of the world today.

There will be five services daily. Early morning prayer service, 6:30 a. m.; morning worship, 10:00 a. m.; afternoon service, 2:00 p. m.; young peoples' meeting, 6:30 p. m.; evening worship service, 7:30 p. m.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees it was discussed and decided that a proper thing to do would be to establish rules for all who attend the campmeeting to abide by.

First of all, we, the trustees, would like for everyone to know that we are burdened for the spiritual welfare of everyone concerned. We want to be of spiritual help to all that attend.

We would like to ask everyone to please be considerate, and to show respect to the premises, and to each service. It is also asked that each of us will be in our tent, dormitory, or cabin by 11:00 p. m. Exceptions will be made for those at the altar and the ministers working with them, or praying for the sick on the grounds.

Please do not bring musical instruments on the grounds.

Those coming by bus will come to Neosho, Mo. as the campground is five miles east of Neosho. It will be necessary to take a cab to the grounds or call GRover 472-6427, which is a Granby, Mo. number, and someone will come after you.

We would appreciate receiving your tent and dormitory space orders as soon as possible.

### Work Days on National Campground

June 1, June 15, June 29, July 4, and July 18

Come prepared to paint and for general clean-up work. All help will be appreciated.

Please send orders and offerings to Bro. H. A. McMillian, Route 5, Box 54, Neosho, Mo. 64850, or Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

### HOFFMAN, OKLA. MEETING NOTICE

The saints at Hoffman, Okla. decided not to have a campmeeting here this year. However, Lord willing, we plan to have a ten nights' meeting from June 21 to 30.

We are looking for God to send ministers of His choosing to labor in this meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend these services. Pray for us and the meeting.

For further information, contact Bro. Woodrow Warren, pastor, 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447.

—Sister Lorene Payne, Sec.

### TULSA, OKLA. SPRING REVIVAL

The Church of God spring revival meeting in Tulsa, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, at Pine Place and Norfolk Sts., beginning June 7 and continuing through the 16th. There will be all-day services on Saturdays and Sundays. Everyone is welcome.

For further information contact Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor, 1536 Piatt, Wichita, Kansas. Phone AM 4-8481.

—Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

## REVIVAL AT SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

There will be a revival meeting at the Church of God chapel, 2902 Franklin Ave., San Diego, Calif., beginning June 21, 1968, and ending June 30. We ask your fervent prayers that the Holy Spirit will be manifested in each service, that saints may be fed, edified, and encouraged, and that sinners may be saved and believers sanctified.

Bro. Lewis Williams of Wichita, Kansas and other able ministers will be with us. We extend a very hearty welcome to all.

For further information write Bro. Z. E. Francisco, 5508 Geneva, Phone 264-1522, or call Sister Tora Mae Jensen, phone 233-3659. Church phone, 239-8750.

## OREGON EASTER MEETING REPORT

Our annual Easter meeting at Jefferson, Oregon has come and gone. We had good attendance and God blessed His Word to the edification of souls. Bro. Francis Doolittle and Bro. Pat Huskey were the ministers, and twice the Lord richly anointed Sister Spaur. Souls were helped and edified. We appreciated all who were present.

We were shocked and saddened by the death of Sister Beulah Harmon. She and Bro. Gene were on their way to Jefferson to help administer to the needs here when God in His great love and wisdom called Sister Beulah to come up higher. Some things we do not understand, but still God's way is best. His ways and thoughts are far above ours.

Sister Beulah was faithful at her post of duty. There were times when her feet hurt so badly that she could hardly take the next step. At times she has been close to tears from pain, still she saw that everyone had plenty to eat. Now she has laid down her work. But God still provides and three sisters, Sister Keiser, Sister Olson, and Sister Watkins picked up the responsibility and carried on.

Bro. Gene, the Jefferson congregation can still see the handprints of your labors here. One does not labor for nearly twenty years without leaving handprints that can be seen. Even though you may feel this is the end, it is only the beginning. God has a purpose for everything and the accident did not occur unnoticed by the Lord. He had power to prevent it, but it was time for her to go. Lift up your tear-stained face, the heart that is broken, and look straight to Jesus and He will comfort you. He knows, because as He looked at His mother in His dying hour, He felt heartache.

Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor

—By Margaret Cable

(Editor's note:— Bro. Gene Harmon wrote: "I wish to thank all those who sent me sympathy cards." The flowers, letters, love offerings, and words of comfort were also appreciated by him, the children, and relatives. Bro. Gene has tentative plans to go to Oregon for the Jefferson campmeeting.)

Okla.—Dear young saints: I want to thank the Lord for being saved at the age of 13. I would like to tell you about a miracle He worked for me. Yesterday evening while collecting on my paper route, I lost a twenty-dollar bill. I went back and tried to find it, but couldn't. Different ones were praying about it. Last night it rained and the wind blew very hard. Early this morning while running my route, as I turned the corner it seemed as if something touched me on the side, directing my attention to the folded twenty-dollar bill lying on the slope of the ditch. I know that was God.

Pray for me that I continue to love the Lord.

—Myron Leo Johnson

## Prayer Requests

Miss.—"I have palsy. Pray for me. I am trusting God." —A Sister.

Miss.—"Pray for a son and wife to be reunited and live right so they can rear their children for God." —A Mother.

Kansas—"... Injured at work and need healing. Pray that those in authority will change their minds as I cannot receive help unless I have surgery." —A Sister.

Minn.—Bro. Kirchner still needs prayer.

Mo.—Sister Carrie McMillian's mother fell and is not able to walk. She is failing and has lost much weight. Pray for her, soul and body.

La.—"Headaches and nervous condition ... grandchild born with eye and ear trouble. ... other relatives need help both soul and body." —Beulah Johnson.

Okla.—"Pray for my eyes." —H. J. Killen.

Ind.—Bro. and Sister Lowell Wilson for the healing of their afflictions and the salvation of their children.

Texas—Bro. and Sister Lee Whitley's son, Bennie, fell from an oil well rig and was injured seriously. Pray for him, soul and body.

Dear Sister Marie, greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. ... Today finds me very sad and lonely and in much need of prayer. My husband left for Taiwan Thursday evening. Please pray for God to watch over him, save him and comfort him. Pray that He'll give me strength and faith that I'll live the way He would have me to. ... —Nancy Wagoner.

La.—"... I'm so thankful to report victory in my soul. As I write this letter my body is sorely afflicted. I am looking to the dear Lord for deliverance. I know He is able and I intend to trust in Him whatever the cost might be. I have requested prayer many times and I feel it is through the saints' prayers that I have been spared this long. I do appreciate your prayers. Please pray for me as I have been having a great deal of pain recently. ... —Viva LaCroix.

Mo.—"A young man is being held for murder. His wife and three children need him. He declares he is innocent, but so much evidence is against him. His folks think he was given dope and is being used to cover the guilty one. His trial is set for June 10. ... He has been reading the Bible and said he knew some good people were praying for him. ... —Zella Dollins.

Ky.—"... My sister, Dovie Abbott, is quite poorly. She suffered another spell in meeting one night and was unconscious longer than she had ever been before. Several thought she was gone. She has tumor and it seems to be pushing against her heart and makes her short of breath. She needs prayer. ... —Armilda Abbott.

I visited Sister Etta Williamson and Sister G. A. Nichols at Loranger, La. recently. They both are in very much need of prayer. Sister Williamson had the mumps and also had a fall which has been very hard on her at her elderly age, but her trust and hope in God are bright. Sister Nichols, with tears, asked us to pray that she could walk again. So, dear ones, do remember these two dear mothers in Israel in your prayers.

Sis. Myrtis Flynn and other adult saints at Loranger, La. have the mumps.

Bro. Richard Madden of Tulsa, Oklahoma has serious stomach trouble. He's lost weight and is very weak.

Bro. Sam Barton uses a cane to get around now and has much pain. They both need prayer.

We need to remember the different ones who have lost their loved ones that God will comfort and sustain them as they make great adjustments in life. I know the

Lord will heal the heartache. May God bless each one is our prayer.

We read of Stephen who was "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." Acts 6:5. How can we be "full of faith"? The Apostle Paul tells us the answer. He said, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17. It is by our reading of God's Word and believing it. Then through prayer we become acquainted with God and our confidence and faith are built up. As we stand upon the Word of God we can say as Jesus said, "It is written."

—Sister A. Marie Miles

### NIGERIAN MINISTER'S REPORT

Midwest Nigeria, W. Africa (April 27)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints abroad, greetings of love in the Savior's precious name, unto Him who hath loved us and washed us from sin; unto Him be the glory forever, amen. In a little while we shall cross the billow's foam into the brightness of day to join the saints gone on before us.

We thank you for your letter dated April 9, 1968, and its enclosures. Nothing is more acceptable in it than the advice to remain faithful at our post of duty, persecutions notwithstanding.

We thank the good Lord for extending fellowship to the born-again brethren of Abbi congregation. It was welcomed with exceeding great joy and further acknowledged with lifting of holy hands to glorify the Holy One of Israel—the Creator of all.

Signs have been seen of provision and we rely hard upon Him to supply the means for building a chapel to worship Him in on the plot of land given out for that purpose at Abbi.

I worshipped with the Abbi congregation on Sunday, the 21st of April, 1968, and preached the sermon taken from 2 Cor. 6:14-17, calling them out of the devil's world to give the Holy Spirit glad admission into their hearts. Testimonies from nearly all in acceptance of the message were most encouraging. Bro. Joseph was appointed a teacher for the group.

The civil war in Nigeria threatens the town of Abak which is only six miles away from Asana. Should the claim be correct, our brethren of Church of God missions around that area will surely be in danger. I request daily remembrance of them in prayer for God's protection.

Yours in Him, —Titus U. E. Enu

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (April 23)—Beloved Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and all the saints of the Lord, greetings in the precious name of Jesus who is both Lord and Christ:

Thank you very much for your good letter dated April 9, 1968. After my return from the trip to the North, I found urgent calls from certain new places waiting for me. Hence, I had to set off to those parts immediately. I was amazed to see the eager interest of the listeners to the "Evening Light" truth. I am all the more convinced and I have greatly felt the dire need of a public-address system. It has become an unavoidable necessity for sounding the gospel trumpet. It costs a lot to hire such mike sets. Hence, we ardently pray the Lord that this need be supplied.

The Lord is augmenting our passion for souls. It is agonizing to see that huge numbers of precious souls are passing away to a Godless eternity, and our concern is how to reach souls with the salvation of Jesus. We can't expect the denominational world to accomplish this end. We feel sure the Lord has entrusted us, the Church of God, to

carry out the will of God in this generation. Hence, we plead for your earnest prayers and timely help.

The Calicut brethren are again and again writing impelling letters to help them in purchasing a site for a place of worship. They are very firm in standing for the "Evening Light" messages. Kindly pray for them.

There are some women workers who have dedicated their lives to the Lord. Their interest and devotion to the Lord has given a challenge to us to open a center for them to work among women that are entirely neglected in regard to salvation. A few of them have volunteered their services which is an immense help to the promotion of the work of the Kingdom of God. This, of course, involves us in a further venture of faith as we have to provide shelter and other necessities of life for them. We are praying about this. Kindly pray over this new venture. May God give a clear vision of this need to some praying company or groups of believers to sponsor this very important phase of the work. It is our earnest wish that a sister who has a call from the Lord may be sent to India for the uplift of the women here by reaching them and teaching them in the way of the Lord. Who will see this need?

Yes, I handed over to my son, John Verghese, your letter. He is very thankful to you for the same. He is of much use to me in the Lord's work. He is coming to know that the Lord wants him to work for Him in His vineyard. Please pray for him and other young men to come forward with faith. . . .

I was very sorry to hear about the sad accident of our fellow-minister's wife. May God console and comfort the bereaved ones. Yes, we may learn and know the meaning of all these things in the great hereafter. Now the patience of the saints is required here. God is love and He loves us all. We pray for that brother. Thank you for all your help.

Yours in His grace,

—C. M. Verghese

### MEXICO (BAJA) MISSIONS REPORT

Dear Saints of God everywhere: Greetings of Christian love from the harvest field in B. C. Mexico. It is a real privilege to report that souls are being saved in every area of the work. Believers are being established deeper in the Lord and the workers are all much encouraged.

At Patzcuaro, Mexicali, Sister Edith Cole reports that Bro. Angel Rodriguez was very, very ill with asthma, throbbing headache, and could not sleep, with his breathing very difficult. When anointed and prayed for in service, God healed him and the following day he was a well man. Bro. Tomas Mendoza's baby girl was ill with bronchial pneumonia and it seemed she was going. Through prayer she seemed to be better but could not take food and keep it even a short while. Bro. Tomas sent word to Pomona for prayer and requested an anointed handkerchief. This was carried out and when the cloth was laid on the baby's head, one more prayer was prayed and the child was completely healed that instant and began eating normally. Praise our God! How this has blessed and encouraged all the brethren!

James and Charlotte Huskey have been through a real test also with measles in their family. Rosa was first to take them, but was up and about Saturday. This sickness has been accompanied with vomiting and very high fever. Their trust is wholly in God.

Sister Carrie Sheppard was overjoyed last Sunday night as Bro. Jim Kutra and I came through Rosarito. The Lord is blessing her with messages which get to the

Calif. (May 5)—You will find . . . for the "Beautiful Way" papers. . . . Perhaps we will need more, as we are expecting the Lord to increase our number when our chapel is completed. Remember us in your prayers. We are nearing the end, but there still remains a number of things to be done. —Olive A. Davenport

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Ind.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name, who died on Calvary to set us free from sin and this world.

I am back to work, but still have pain. They were going to cancel my seniority if I didn't return to work in three days. . . . I am still seeking for the healing of this ulcer. I am standing on His promises and expecting God to heal me completely. He has helped me wonderfully in that I am back to work. Now I am expecting Him to deliver me completely from this affliction. . . .

May God bless and prosper you in His service.

Christian love, —Earl B. Bliss



S. Carolina—Dear Saints and workers at the Print Shop: I feel impressed to write and tell of the Lord's goodness to me through these last eight months. I find it very lonely at times, but I thank the Lord for what He means to me. It is my desire to be more like the Lord each day that I may be stronger and get closer to Him. I want to be what He would have me to be. I need your prayers. A Sister in the Lord, —Sister J. D. Winter



Kansas—Dear Saints, greetings of love in the name of Jesus, our Savior. We thank the Lord we are His and He is ours. The Lord has surely been good to us and we thank Him for His tender love and care.

We feel led to testify of some of the blessings we have received lately.

First, I want to testify how the Lord healed my body. I had a rash for about a year, but for the last few months it got so bad it bothered me day and night. It got all red and itchy. If I scratched it, it would break open and bleed. It began to spread. This got to be a real trial. But the Lord's way is best, so I trusted in Him for healing. As I continually looked to Him, asking for grace each day to bear it, the Lord healed my body completely. Praise the Lord! Although I never knew what caused the rash, the Lord took care of it all. I am so glad we can trust the Lord for our bodies.

Recently we made a trip to Los Angeles, California, to be in the meeting there. The Lord was with us all the way and kept us safely. We had some car trouble, but the Lord blessed my husband and he was able to fix it. We got much good food to our souls from the messages we heard there. We do thank the Lord for all of His blessings.

Please pray for us. We want to be His faithful children always. —Keith, Janet, and Lori Marsh



Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, and all the saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name. Today finds me still saved with no thought of turning back. The Lord has done so much for me. I'm happy in this way. I think of that song that says, "Hopes are brighter, burdens lighter." Surely, as we yield ourselves more perfectly to God, and our view of heaven grows brighter, then these little things in life we have to suffer will grow lighter.

Truly, the Lord has been good to me and my family in many different ways. Many times He has healed our bodies, some instant healing. They may not have been great afflictions, but what seemed great to me was that the Lord would hear our feeble cries. And it would feel so precious to get a touch from the Master's hand.

I want to tell of a few healings. I had a little scab come between my nose and eye. It would come and

drop off about every week. I had this for eight months or longer. Last November when we had a revival meeting I was anointed and prayed for for this condition. I can truly say the Lord healed it. It is all gone. Also, the Lord truly gave me a real touch to my back in the recent trouble I had. It was the worst back trouble I ever had. But the Lord touched me and I was soon up and going again.

I want to thank all the saints for their prayers, and also the cards and all the love they showed to me. Truly, the saints are wonderful. I felt so unworthy of their driving many miles to see me. Yet I was glad to see each one who came.

Pray for us. We mean to prove faithful until this life is ended.

Yours in the Lord Jesus, —Edwin and Lillian Eck



Oregon—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere, I greet you in Jesus' dear name: I promised the Lord I would send in my testimony of how He touched my left hip and ankle. Yesterday morning (May 2) when I woke up, there was so much pain I could hardly stand to move, and anyone who never had that sciatic nerve trouble can't understand how awful the pain is. So I began to pray. (I had asked the saints Tuesday night to be in agreement with me.) I told the Lord that the saints were praying, too, and almost instantly the Lord touched me and I promised I would tell it. Praise the Lord, He healed it, and by faith I am standing on it and looking to the Lord to touch other afflictions in my body.

He has been my healer all my life and I am past 77 years old now. By His help I mean to trust Him to the end. Pray for me.

Your Sister in Christ, —Emma Busch



Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of the Lord: This leaves us encouraged in the Lord. His blessings are many unto us.

I have felt impressed to write our testimony of some of the Lord's blessings to us. He is still a prayer-answering God. We were privileged to have Ted's dad with us in his last days. The Lord's mercy was surely upon us. I have severe headaches when I am in a nervous strain or lose a lot of sleep, but the Lord surely blessed me and not one time did I have any trouble even though there were some days and nights we didn't get much sleep. Some mentioned it to us and we told them it was the blessings of the Lord. The saints were praying for me, I'm sure. The night after he passed away I was sick for a little while, but the Lord blessed me and didn't allow me to be real sick.

Then we would also like to tell how the Lord had mercy on Dad. Many times Ted requested prayer for his Dad's soul. When we would speak to Dad about his soul, he resented it. He was in the hospital 21 days in January of this year. He was a very sick man. The doctor didn't give us much hope that he would live. We loved him and were very concerned about his soul. Many times when Ted came in from the hospital late at night I could hear him praying, "Lord, give Dad another chance." We thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer. We got to bring him home. We were able to talk to him about the Lord and he didn't resent it. My sister came and helped us. She told Dad that the Lord was good to him to let him come home. On Saturday, after we had had him here eleven days, he told Ted he was going to die. Ted asked him if he was ready to go. He said, "Yes." Ted wanted to make sure he knew. He asked him if he had been praying, and Dad said, "I can hardly get my words out." Ted told him he didn't have to say words

out loud. Ted then asked him if he had ever done anything wrong and if he was sorry, and he said, "Yes." Ted asked if the Lord had forgiven him and he said, "Yes." It was only a few hours after that until the Lord called him Home. He just seemed to go to sleep. He had had such a hard time breathing, but when it came close to the time for him to go, his breath just got shorter and shorter. He knew us right up until the last. We miss him. At times it is so hard, but the hope we have is a great comfort.

We also want to thank the Lord for being in a congregation where the pastor and his wife and all the dear saints stood by us.

Pray for us. We have four children and we desire to teach and train them for God. —Ted and Alta Bock

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Calif.—My dear Sister Marie: I greet you in Jesus' dear name. I received your letter and must say it was a real blessing to me.

I want to thank all the dear saints for their prayers, for I surely was a sick woman from around the first of December until March 21. I was very bad with ulcers of the varicose veins and had such terrible pain. The doctor who came to see me wanted me to take something to ease the pain. I said, "No, Doctor, my God will ease the pain," and He always did when the pain was severe. God was always there to bless and comfort. Glory to God, our Father healed me completely without one scar and the sores were deep. He also blessed me in my soul and I learned many precious lessons.

I want to thank God for all the dear saints' prayers, for I know there were many praying for me. Praise the dear Lord!

—Sister Dessie H. LeMelle

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Kentucky—My dear Sister Marie, greetings: . . .

The meeting at Junction City, Ky. (or Shelby City, as some say) is now history. We only missed two nights' service, made eight trips in all. . . . Bro. Mart Samons was quite hoarse from a cold. . . . One night two raised their hands for prayer. . . . A few new ones came. . . . They heard some straight preaching. It was indeed the Word of God.

We felt, the Lord willing, we'd go May 10 to Holly Hill, S. Carolina. Some down there are not well. Pray for us. . . .

I am reasonably well. God is good to me. Do keep us both on your prayer list. We are not getting younger, but higher up the ladder day by day. My highest aim is to reach the top, for the glory of God is there.

In His sweet service, —Armilda and Sam Abbott

## BIBLE STUDY

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June 2, 1968

### GOD'S SCALES

Printed Portion .... Job 31:5-8; Dan. 5:1, 4-6, 13a, 14, 22, 27

Job 31:5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit,

6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;

8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

Daniel 5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 The king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

13a Then was Daniel brought in before the King.

14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this:

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

Memory Verse: Job was perfect and upright, and one that feared God. Job 1:1b.

Central Thought: It pays to study God's Word and measure our lives by it.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson teaches us that God has scales and each of us will be weighed on them. We think of the old-fashioned scales with weights on one side and the object to be weighed upon the other. It was considered an even balance when they both weighed out evenly. We are to measure our lives according to God's Word. Thus we can say that Job wanted to be weighed in an "even balance" or wanted his life to balance out according to God's demands. He did not want to be weighed in favor of the one who was using the scales.

Job knew that God knew his every thought, intention, attitude, conduct, and all about his life. He was willing to be weighed by God's commandments for every step of his foot, every thought of his heart, for every look of his eyes and for every act of his hands. The Bible teaches us that we should control our eyes and look at the right things so we can live righteously. Job did not want one stain or blot upon his hands caused from deceit or trickery. He was so sure that he had walked uprightly that he made the statement that he wanted to be "weighed" so that "God may know mine integrity."

Job tells God "if" he has not walked uprightly, then let others eat what he has sown. We notice in the old Bible where God said of those who refused to obey Him, that they would sow or plant and others would eat it.

Job weighed out righteously, but we notice that Belshazzar did not weigh out righteously and was punished.

June 9, 1968

### THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Printed Portion ..... Job 38:1-7, 31-33; 42:2

Job 38:1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.



4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

Job 42:2 I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Memory Verse: Then Job answered the Lord, and said, I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Job 42:1, 2.

Central Thought: God, in all His greatness, still loves and cares about "little man."

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the chapter before our lesson begins, Elihu tried to prove that God had afflicted Job because of his sins. Job had already pointed out his life to his friends and felt that he had walked uprightly before God. Job had asked God to show him if he had done wrong, and if he had not, to heal him.

Our first verse tells us that God spoke to Job in a whirlwind. He wanted to ask Job some questions. He wanted Job to be able to see how much he lacked in the knowledge of God's wisdom. Since Job could not answer the questions God put to him, concerning the creation, then he should not be so troubled because he could not understand the mystery of his affliction. He needed to learn to trust God's wisdom in all things. We can only know the secrets of God as they are revealed to us.

Man has learned much about the earth, the heavens, plants, etc., but none of them witnessed God's creation and knows very little about it. We just have to accept the fact that God did it by His great power and might.

When we think of the earth and its position in the solar system, the gravity that holds it there and how it keeps its distance from the sun and the moon, we marvel at God's greatness, and say with the poet, "How great Thou art!"

Pleiades and Orion are stars or constellations and Arcturus is part of the group of stars which we call the "Big Dipper." God called Job's attention to the ordinances of heaven and the rules by which the sky has dominion in the earth. Who can send lightning, rain, etc.? Job could make no reply, but confessed, "I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me." (Job 42:3) Job admitted and accepted the fact that God's wisdom and power were too great for him. He knew then that God had only let come into his life that which was right and just. After Job prayed for his friends, God healed him and restored him to greater riches than before and gave him sons and daughters.

June 16, 1968

### FAITH AND WORKS

Printed Portion ..... James 2:14-26

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though

a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Memory Verse: But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22.

Central Thought: We are not saved by works alone but we work because we are saved and have faith.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson is about faith and works. You might have works and have performed a multitude of good deeds, but it will not count with God unless your faith in Him has cleansed your heart of all sin. Faith is as the motor to a car and works are as the wheels. Faith (the motor) causes the wheels (works) to go. Works are good deeds prompted by a deep love for God which comes from faith.

The apostle James brings it out by comparison to those in need of food. Would you say a person had love in his heart if he watched a poor hungry person stagger away without helping him? If we have faith which has changed our hearts, our deeds or works will show it.

The devil believes that there is just one God and trembles. We must have more than that. We must be "born again" through faith in the cleansing blood of Jesus and faith in God's keeping power. We cannot sin "more or less" every day. Living each day without sinning is works that proves we have faith in God, and have been born again.

God wanted to see if Abraham really loved Him more than his own son. He tested him severely. Abraham proved his love and faith in God by his works. God called Abraham a friend of God.

Rahab hid spies that Joshua sent into Canaan to spy out the land. She believed that God, who had brought the Israelites out of Egypt, would come and take the land where she lived. Her life was spared because of her works which was prompted by her faith in God. Works are the life principles of faith.



June 23, 1968

## MAN'S WAY AND GOD'S WAY

Printed Portion ..... James 3:13-18; Luke 12:17-20

James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Luke 12:17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Memory Verse: I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. Psalm 119:59.

Central Thought: We cannot have heavenly wisdom unless we have Jesus in our hearts to give it to us.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson brings out the fact that there are two kinds of wisdom. There is earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom. The earthly wisdom is sensual and devilish, but the wisdom that comes from God is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good works, without partiality and hypocrisy. What a contrast to bitter envying and strife! When we have the wisdom that comes from God out of heaven we are wise and can show out of our hearts works that are full of God's wisdom. The word "conversation" here means conduct. What kind of fruit are we bearing? Are we bearing the fruit of righteousness which comes from the peace of God in our hearts?

God's ways are different from man's ways. The parable that Jesus taught brings out this fact. The man thought only of material things and God called him a fool. It was very foolish for him to prepare only for this life. This is only a dressing room for us to get ready to live over there. Our souls are more important than the body and earthly things. This earth and all therein will be dissolved and pass away. Only heavenly things will last. Our bodies go back to dust but our soul lives on in the place we have chosen for it. Let us go God's way and not even consider man's ways.

June 30, 1968

## PATIENCE AND PRAYER

Printed Portion ..... James 5:7-16

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 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:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Memory Verse: Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.

Central Thought: We need God for our souls and for our bodies.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As the farmer waits for the harvest of the earth, just so our Lord is waiting for the time when He will pluck His precious fruit. We need to have patience and become settled and established upon the promises of God so we will be ready to meet our Judge who is standing at the door.

If we are Christians we are going to suffer in this life. We have the prophets who have lived before us for examples. They suffered with patience and brought forth good fruit in their lives. Without patience we would go down under the burdens of life. The Apostle James brings Job to our attention. Did he fail or go down under his affliction? No, he was steadfast to the end, trusting God fully.

Not only were the prophets men of patience, but they were also men of prayer. They were men of faith and "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection." Hebrews 11:33-35.

Notice the real meaning of the words "afflicted" and "merry" in verse 13. Afflicted here means trouble, sorrow, or suffering. Merry means cheerfulness or happiness.

Many today are calling for the doctors instead of for the elders of the church. When we have obeyed God's Word we have a right, by faith, to stand upon His promises. God is able to heal all manner of afflictions today as He did when here upon the earth. —Sis. Marie Miles