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Dear Restless Heart



Dear restless heart, be still; don't fret and worry so. God hath a thousand ways His love and help to show; Just trust and trust and trust until His will you know.

Dear restless heart, be still; for peace is God's own smile.

His love can every wrong and sorrow reconcile; Just love and love and love, and wait a while.

Dear restless heart, be brave; don't moan and sorrow so.

He hath a meaning kind in chilly winds that blow; Just hope and hope and hope until you braver grow.

Dear restless heart, be still; don't toil and hurry so. God is the silent One, forever calm and slow; Just wait and wait and wait, and work with Him below.

Dear restless heart, be still; don't struggle to be free. God's life is in your life; to Him you may now flee; Just pray and pray and pray till you have faith to see.

—C. E. Orr

What Is Most Important in Life?



"And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:34-38.

The question is: What is most important in life? Every honest soul, every child of God is concerned

with the answer. We are impressed with the urgency of this question. We can be safe in determining what is important in life if we consider what God considers important. In all His infinite wisdom, love, and knowledge, what God considers important should be made our utmost consideration of what is important.

In the above text Jesus compares what He knows is important with what man considers important. The salvation, the saving of the eternal soul of man, is the primary concern of Christ. In His infinite knowledge, He can see that there is nothing, absolutely nothing, of greater value or importance than the eternal soul of man. For this reason alone God sent His Son to die. For this reason alone the Son gave His life. And unless we pray God to open our spiritual eyes and understanding, we will find ourselves considering something else of more value and importance. Man, in his limited spiritual vision, will consider gaining the whole world of more importance than his soul. And, alas, many are neglecting their souls for so much less than the whole world! It is the number one tactic of the enemy of our souls to distract our minds and eyes from what is eternally important to our spiritual life, and to overcharge our minds and hearts with desires and strivings for the gain, luxuries, and esteem of this world. Luke 21:34 says, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Unless we actually take heed to ourselves, and deliberately and consciously watch and pray lest our hearts be overcharged with what is not eternally important and of value (such as surfeiting or excess in anything, drunkenness or in-sobriety, and the cares of this life), we will lose sight of what is important (keeping our souls clear and ready, walking in the light, obeying the Word, etc.) and that day will come upon us unaware, alas, and find us unprepared!

Christ said that whosoever will come after Him, let that man deny himself and take up his cross and follow Him. Our denying ourselves, our taking up our crosses daily, and our following Christ is of eternal importance. To do less than these things is

to lose our life. If we are not careful, giving place to or indulging our own selves will seem of greater importance than denying ourselves.

Let us pray that God will help us get and keep a clear spiritual vision of what He considers important and not be lost following after what we think is important. Christ is our example, and it is of eternal importance to our souls that we follow Him. He lived a life of complete and utter self-denial. Not one time did He indulge His own whims because of personal desire. Always and uppermost before Him was the will of God, His cross.

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provisions for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Romans 13:14. "This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." Galatians 5:16. Of utmost importance to our spiritual welfare is possessing and walking in the Spirit.

The only reason the five foolish virgins (read Matt. 25) were not prepared to meet the bridegroom was because they neglected to get the extra vessel of oil, which stands for the Holy Spirit. And why did they neglect to get it? Because they did not consider the extra vessel of oil as important and necessary for their gaining entrance. If they had known that the extra vessel of oil was so important that they could not get in unless they had it, perhaps they would not have neglected to get it. Lord, help us to have our spiritual vision enlightened!

Let us pray God to help us see what He considers of eternal value, and that our minds and hearts be not distracted from what is important by considering the cares of this life, the esteem of other men, the gaining of the things of the world as more important than the spiritual welfare of our eternal souls.

—B. L. M.

"Bread Corn Is Bruised"

Kernels of corn are put through a grinder and are ground to make bread for the hungry. Only through the bruising can it give out life. Only through the pressure and pounding can good come from it as bread to preserve life.

Jesus has told us, "I am the bread of life." John 6:48. How could He become that "bread of life"? Only through the bruising and His death on the cross, which came from those around Him. "He came to his own, but his own received him not." Surely this bruising was keenly felt.

Did you ever have a dear friend betray you or turn against you? Did you weep over them as Jesus wept over Jerusalem? Were you ever spit upon, reviled, and rejected? Has the hand of affliction been heavy upon you? Have the bills piled high and there seemed to be no way out? Tangles of life and pressures from all sides cause bruising. Paul brings it out this way, "For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." And then he quickly adds, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rom. 8:36, 37. Jesus became bruised bread corn

so that we might be conquerors even though we are "killed all the day long." He was bruised that through the bruising of life we might have victory and then eternal life in the end. As the perfume flows out from the bruised roses, just so the sweetness and graces of God can flow out from the bruising in our life and we can become bread for the hungry soul who is longing for God.

From the beginning God promised deliverance by the Savior to Adam and Eve and the whole human race after they were plunged into sin. God told Satan, who had talked through the serpent, "her seed, it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Jesus was the Seed of the woman that was to come to this world to die as an atonement for our sins. Through Christ the head of Satan was bruised, and his power broken. Only then could man be "born again" and thus be able to live without sin in this life. But God also said that Satan would bruise Christ's heel. We know that Christ was bruised in many ways and finally died on the cross for our sins, but thank God, He arose with victory over all the power of the devil and gives us that same power as we accept Him as our Savior and let Him live within our souls. Through those bruising He became the "bread of life" to hungry souls. Just as Christ's heel was bruised, just so those who have Christ reigning in their hearts will be bruised, also. Thank God it is only the heel that is to be bruised. Christ broke the power of Satan and has given us power over him. Satan can only touch the heel.

Do you want to be bread for the hungry? Do you want to be an "ambassador for Christ"? (2 Cor. 5:20) Yes, we do want to live for our Savior and serve Him faithfully. We want to be bread for the hungry. Then, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified." (1 Pet. 4:12-14)

Think of those in the Bible who were bruised and became bread for the hungry. Even for us today they are bread. Strength and courage are given to us as we read how God brought them through. Job is one good example. Then we think of Joseph who was bruised. He went through many hard things to get to his throne.

Set your face like a flint toward heaven. Refuse to turn back, but keep pressing on. Heaven is worth everything we might suffer to make it in to those portals whose glory is beyond our greatest imaginations. Take courage, dear soul, and press on. Christ understands and cares. He was bruised and knows how to take care of us in the bruising of life so that we can be bread for the hungry soul here and gain eternal bliss in eternity. "Be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." (Psa. 31:24). —Sister Marie Miles

Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?

By Ostis B. Wilson

(Part I)

(The subject of this article is covered by Bro. O. B. Wilson in several parts. Beginning here with Part I, the series will be continued in each consecutive issue until completed. —Editor).

In Isaiah 14:12 it speaks of Lucifer falling from heaven, etc., and makes mention of his being "cut down to the ground" who DIDST weaken the nations.

To begin in the middle of a thought always does violence to the thought and causes one to miss the proper meaning. The thought here of which this 12th verse is only a part begins with the 4th verse of this chapter and continues through the 23rd verse. This puts the 12th verse down in the middle of the thought.

The 4th verse says, "That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, . . ." This makes it clear that the remarks made here refer to the king of Babylon and to no other. The thoughts concerning the proverb against the king of Babylon are continuous from this 4th verse through the 23rd verse. I request anyone who does not agree with this interpretation of this Scripture to show where the line of thought changes and the remarks are directed to another person other than the king of Babylon. The 4th verse introduces the proverb against the king of Babylon and continues through the succeeding verses to tell of his violent acts in the earth against other nations and peoples for which the judgments of God are pronounced upon him and in the 22nd verse he mentions judgments against Babylon which show clearly that that subject is still under consideration.

Now, let us take a direct look at this 12th verse which mentions Lucifer who is said to have fallen from heaven as being cut down to the ground who DIDST weaken the nations. This, then, was some judgment upon him for something he had done before this came to pass. Could it then refer to the devil? Could he have weakened the nations while he was still in heaven and then later been cast out of heaven for having weakened the nations? Could he have done any evil work in the earth while he was still a pure angel in heaven? Of course not!

But, on the other hand, the king of Babylon did do these things and became so exalted in his heart that he said he had done all these things with his own hand. The Babylonish Kingdom was the first universal kingdom that history records, and her king subdued and weakened and brought under subjection all other nations. Hence the reference to him who DIDST weaken the nations.

The 4th chapter of Daniel, verses 12 and 13, will throw much light on this 14th chapter of Isaiah. In verses 10 to 16 is given a vision that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had. Let us read it: "Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: The leaves thereof

were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; the beast of the field had shade under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; He cried aloud, and said thus, 'Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.' "

In the 19th verse Daniel begins to interpret his vision to him and refers to the tree, etc., and in the 22nd verse he says, "It is thou, O king, that art grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth."

This corresponds exactly with the 13th verse of the 14th chapter of Isaiah, which reads: "For thou has said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God," etc. Nebuchadnezzar was proud in heart and said the same thing in different words in the 30th verse of the 4th chapter of Daniel after he had subjected all the kingdoms of the world to himself. Listen to him: "The king spake and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of MY power, and for the honour of MY majesty."

In Daniel 4:25 Daniel proclaims unto the king what is the decree of the most high concerning him. "That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will."

In Daniel 4:31-33 we find that this judgment actually came on Nebuchadnezzar and just how serious it was because that in his heart he was lifted up with pride and exalted himself in his heart even unto heaven to the exclusion of the God of heaven and did not acknowledge Him but said he had done all this with HIS OWN HAND, etc. Thus he fell from heaven (the exalted position he held and attributed this unto himself in his heart) and was cut down to the earth and humiliated beyond any other man that we have any record of.

—O. B. Wilson

(To be continued in next issue)

The statistician, Roger W. Babson, said, "We are striving and even slaving to lay up property for our children, when statistics clearly show that the more we lay up for them, the worse off they are going to be. If statistics demonstrate any one thing, they demonstrate that the less money we leave our children, the better off they will be."

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EDITORIALS

Happy greetings to all our readers: As you already know, the August issue was omitted as usual, in order that our faithful co-workers could have a few weeks off to return to their homes or attend the campmeetings. In the meantime, some of us have remained at the office to take care of the mail, fill the orders for gospel literature, answer letters and maintain necessary operations.

Much gospel literature was sent or taken to various campmeetings for free distribution. We pray that the gospel seed will germinate and grow in many honest hungry hearts.

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From the first campmeeting held here at Guthrie, Okla., in June, right on through those held in S. Carolina, Louisiana, Oregon, Mexico, Ohio, Missouri, California, and more in Oklahoma, the season has passed swiftly and in a short time it will all be a part of history. From all directions—north, south, east and west—come reports from these meetings of the outpouring of the presence of the Lord in the services. The Word was preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Conviction rested heavily on the unsaved. Many souls heeded the call of God, sought and found peace and pardon at the altar of prayer. Believers consecrated their lives completely and were sanctified by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Numbers received physical healing through the prayer of faith. Believers followed the example of our Lord in the ordinance of water baptism. Also the other ordinances of the Lord's House—the Lord's Supper and Feet-washing—were observed at the various campmeetings. Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17.

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This writer and his wife have been privileged to attend three campmeetings so far this summer—the Oklahoma State at Guthrie, the General Southern at Hammond, La., and the National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. The presence of the Lord and the fellowship of the saints, some of whom we had never met before, was precious to our souls.

The Hammond, La., campmeeting was well attended, souls were saved, and the church edified in the faith. Bro. H. P. Effinger, colored minister from Alabama, was present and preached the Word along with a number of other out-of-state and local ministers. For more than sixty years the saints have held annual meetings on this spacious campground with its tall pines. May it ever be dedicated to the promulgation of the "old-time" truth which, if believed, will set people free from sin and the world.

For the 32nd time we attended the annual National campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., where saints from many states were present to mingle their voices in praise and worship to the King of kings and Lord of lords. A number of hungry souls, who were tired of religious confusion and modernism, came for their first time and rejoiced in

the precious truth which they found. The Spirit of conviction accompanied the preached Word and many souls received forgiveness at the foot of the cross. The Word of God went forth with authority for correction, reproof, and instruction in righteousness.

On the night of June 23 a tornado struck the campground, destroying several large shade trees, twisting limbs off others, taking a strip of shingles off the dining hall roof and moving the north end of the tabernacle to the east about one foot. The saints rallied with a mind to work, and before the campmeeting began on July 18 most of the damage had been repaired and replaced except the shade trees which were surely missed. God has good purposes in all that He does or permits, though we may not fully know or understand.

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As this issue goes to press, the California State campmeeting at Pacoima and the Dover, Okla. campmeeting will be in progress—Aug. 22 to 31. These will end the 1969 campmeeting season, and how sad to think of the many who will neglect their soul's salvation, refuse the call of God and have to say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Not to be saved is to be lost, and how awful the cost!

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When the astronauts set their feet on the moon—about 240,000 miles from the earth—on July 20, 1969, that was one of man's greatest achievements as far as worldly wisdom is concerned. But the Scripture says that "the world by wisdom knew not God." 1 Cor. 1:21. With all the marvelous inventions and technological skill by which man attempts to explore the moon and probe the planets in the immense space beyond, he is getting no closer to knowing the one true God, the Creator of this vast universe. On the contrary, the pathetic situation is that the multitudes are going farther away from the pure and holy moral state in which man was originally created. The pride of man's heart has deceived him, and he has worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator. The Apostle Paul wrote: "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; . . . that no flesh should glory in his presence." 1 Cor. 1:27, 29.

Man has learned to fly to the moon, but he has never learned, generally speaking, to live together in peace on earth. The Prince of Peace has opened the way to real soul rest and peace, but the multitudes have stumbled over its simplicity, and are going on in their own ways, many with a "form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." Jesus Christ proclaimed the way when He said, "Ye must be born again!" The Apostle Peter preached: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out . . ." Heaven is a holy place and sin can never enter there.

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Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist of Clearfield, Ky., writes that, Lord willing, he plans to hold a tent

meeting at Prattsville [Sheridan], Ark., on Aug. 22 through the 31st. As this issue goes to press, that tent meeting will be in progress, and we pray that it may redound to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Bro. Williams also announced that Tanya Charlene was born to them on August 10, that "both mother and baby are doing fine—thanks to the good Lord."

This latest addition is Bro. and Sister Williams' seventh child, and the house trailer in which they have been living for several years is too small for the family. For some time Bro. Williams has desired to build a house before winter on land which he has there, and I understand that some preparations have already been made. Some saints have offered their labor to help build it. In addition, it will take considerable money to buy material and build a house adequate for the family, and since Bro. Williams is giving his full time to the evangelistic work, it would seem to be in God's will for the saints to divide with and co-operate with him liberally in providing this needed home for his family. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; . . . for God loveth a cheerful giver." Please send your free-will offering specified for the house to Bro. and Sister Curtis Williams, Box 60, Clearfield, Ky. 40313, and you will be laying up treasures in heaven.

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Tapes Cannot Be Sent to La. State Prison

Permission has been revoked for "security reasons" by the warden of Louisiana State Prison at Angola for Bro. Wayne Turner to have a tape recorder and receive tapes. Of course, this is a disappointment to him, but he is taking the right Christian attitude that what God permits is always best for his life. Consequently, no tapes should be sent to this office to be forwarded to him. Your continued prayers for him and his future will be appreciated.

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Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Sister Lowell Wilson of Paoli, Ind., whose husband passed away on July 2, 1969, after a long illness. May the Lord comfort her and the family in a special way. They are isolated from a congregation, but have been reading the literature from this office for many years.

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"1913 Campmeeting Sermons" Wanted

If you have for sale the book entitled, "1913 Campmeeting Sermons," please contact this office, stating condition and price. A correspondent desires a copy.

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"Songs of Zion" Songbooks Requested

A reader would like to obtain several (up to 50) "Songs of Zion" songbooks. If you have any for sale, write this office, giving condition and price.

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Sister Opal Kelly, who had been helping with the proofreading and Spanish literature here at the office, felt a call to return to the Mexico mission field. She attended the Mexico campmeeting in July at

Ojos Negros, and remained there at that station to carry on the Spanish mission work amidst hardships and deprivations in a new field. Let us pray that her trials will result in triumphs of faith, and that these trying experiences will work for her welfare.

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Sister Ruby Marken, our faithful helper in the subscription and mailing department for several years, has been with her parents in Twin Falls, Idaho, since June. Because of the serious illness of her mother, she will not be returning to the office until the Lord undertakes for her mother. An agreement of prayer is requested for all of them.

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The Lord has impressed Sister Virginia Wittenborn of the Guthrie congregation to help in the subscription and proofreading departments. We certainly do appreciate Sister Virginia and her husband, Bro. Byron Wittenborn, in their desire to do all they possibly can to advance the gospel work. They had formerly spent much time, effort, and money on the Mexico mission field, and still carry a burden for the Spanish-speaking people. Sister Virginia is not strong in body. Pray that the Lord will give her special strength for the work.

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This writer's 18-year-old nephew, Gary Pruitt, from Phoenix, Ariz., is with us now to help with the work and to learn the printing trade. We trust that a mutual benefit will be derived during the time that he is with us. It seems the Pruitts incline to printing.

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Our other faithful volunteer co-workers—Bro. Clifford and Sister Dorothy Wilson, Bro. Gene and Sister Dora Lela Beisly, and Sister Marie Miles—are back in their respective departments of service for the Lord. Surely our God is not unrighteous to forget their work of faith and labor of love in their co-operative efforts to rescue the perishing and care for the dying by means of the printed gospel messages to all the world.

My good wife, Maybelle, who helps with the bookkeeping and other work, has been suffering from an anemic condition and not able to be up very long at a time. In answer to prayer the Lord has helped her, but she needs complete restoration to health for the service of the Lord. Also, both of us take this means to thank each one for their prayers, words of encouragement, letters, cards, phone calls and visits during this time of illness. It is true in the family of God that when one member suffers all the members suffer with it. May God bless each member.

In regard to the growths on my face, the Lord has not seen fit to remove them, but they are under His control and my faith and trust is steadfast in Him. I am assured that God's grace is sufficient, and that He has a right to do what He will with His own. My all is in His hands for time and eternity.

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Questions and problems are confronting us in regard to purchasing additional type-setting and printing equipment for the purpose of increasing the

production of gospel literature. Truly, in God are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and the Apostle exhorts, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . ." We certainly want to be led by the unerring Spirit of God, and desire your prayers that the Lord will lead us clearly in all these business affairs for the greater spread of the pure gospel literature to this perishing world.

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Thanks to our readers and correspondents who have been standing by the Lord's publishing work here through the summer months with your prayers, offerings, additional subscriptions and orders for gospel literature. We solicit your continued prayers and co-operation as we endeavor to extend the light and truth of God's Word. —Lawrence Pruitt

OBITUARIES



Mark Ellison Hargrave, son of Elder H. and Sister Mary E. Hargrave, was born Nov. 30, 1967, at Homestead, Fla., and about 17 months later, on May 21, 1969, he departed this life at Goulds, Fla.

This was a special child. Before the age of 17 months God enabled him to sing the songs of Zion and lift his holy hands. Perhaps the most outstanding of all is how God used this child to bring a grown man to repentance. While this little body lay burning with fever, the sinner's heart was melted by God's presence. As the soul confessed to salvation, Mark raised his hand, bearing witness to this soul being saved. When his work was completed, God desired Mark back with Him. He leaves the saints rejoicing that God's will was done.

Mark is survived by his parents, one sister, two grandmothers, one grandfather, seven uncles, seven aunts, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Sister Mattie B. Savage at Goulds, Fla.

In Memory of Mark Hargrave

Florida (June 19)—Dear Sister Miles and Brother Pruitt, greetings of love in the name of Jesus, who saved us from sin:

In going over the events of the past month we are able to see the mighty hand of God working to our soul's good. The Scriptures teach us to give thanks in all things. How we do thank God for His love and tender mercy! We are grateful for the love of the saints and for how they got under our burden with us. We felt their prayers, and appreciated hearing from all those who sent cards, letters, telegrams, and those who called.

We feel assured that the Lord's will was done in the death of our little son, Mark. Therefore, we are not at all discouraged at his passing. We certainly do miss him, for he was a very active child and did many things to gladden our hearts. In his short illness and death the saints here were brought closer to God and one another. Thank the Lord for being a very present help in the time of trouble. When I called Oklahoma during the Guthrie campmeeting, the enemy was raging on every hand. Praises be to God for the precious promises contained in the Word of God; for the Scripture says that when the enemy comes in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord would lift up a standard against him. We are living witnesses that God is true to His Word.

When Mark first became ill we went before the Lord with fastings and prayer for his healing. However, the Lord led us to pray that His will be done and to work in the way He would get the most glory, whether it was in healing or in death. We feel confident that He did both, for the coroner's report said he had laryngitis and meningitis. This meningitis is the type that stops the motor functions of the brain and incapacitates body functions. But, glory to God, Mark talked, sang, and scrambled up in bed. The morning he passed away he sang, "I've got the joy, joy, joy, down in my heart." He lifted his hand and sang, "I know my name is there." Then he looked at me (I was holding him in my arms) and said, "Mama," and then he called his father, "Da Da." Then he said, "Pray, pray." Brother and Sister, that exhortation lingers still, for we are living in the last of the last days and it will take strict obedience to the Word and much prayer to see us safely home to heaven.

There are many more rich experiences we desire to share with the saints. Perhaps another time the Lord will permit us to do so.

We were contacted by Bro. C. C. Carver and are looking forward to having him here with us. It is our determination to walk in the old paths. Everyone who can shed more light on our path will be greatly appreciated. We have received much good from the writings of the pioneer saints that we received from the Publishing House. These things help us to stand true to that which we have purposed in our hearts, and that is to stand clear from Babel, old and new. God has given us deep convictions about certain things. We ask your prayers that we stay in the middle of the road with God, as I have heard Bro. Chandler say several times that there are two extremes that the people of God must avoid—compromise and fanaticism.

We are grateful to God for allowing us to attend the Alabama meeting in June. The Lord gave us a safe trip there and back home. On our return trip we were able to see two souls saved. One precious soul saved in Camilla, Ga., was Sister Lucy B. Caldwell. As far as we know there are no other saints there to encourage and be with her. We have purposed in our hearts to write her and encourage her to stand. We are praying for her and desire the saints to bear her up, also.

We also stopped in Tallahassee to see the son of one of the saints in Oklahoma. Word was sent by Bro. Chandler asking us to do so. We arrived in Tallahassee early in the morning, but the Lord made it possible for Herschel and two of the others to visit with David. They came out rejoicing, saying that this soul had been saved during the visit. The Lord is yet in the soul-saving business. Three souls have been saved here in the congregation during the past few weeks. I'm asking special prayer for my brother, Joseph. Pray that the Lord will save him.

We endeavored to answer every card that we received. Perhaps we missed some. We are asking that you would receive our sincere thanks through the "Faith and Victory" paper for all the prayers, cards, letters, donations, calls, and telegrams sent to us during our loss. They were a great blessing to us.

We are asking the prayers of the saints for us here. We will soon, unless the Lord intervenes, have to find another place for worship services. Pray that we prove faithful servants for the Master.

Love, —Bro. and Sister Hershel Hargrave

Bro. Lindsey Shelton was born July 10, 1882, in Hale County, Alabama, and departed this life on June 20, 1969, at his home in Northport, Ala., in his 87th year.

He and his first wife, Mrs. Esther Shelton, were the parents of five children, four boys and one girl. His wife, two sons, and daughter preceded him in death.

Bro. Shelton was called to the ministry some years ago and worked faithfully until God called him up Higher.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruth Shelton, of the home; two sons, two step-sons, three step-daughters, 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted at Northport, Ala., by Bro. I. C. Chandler, assisted by Bro. Lewis Williams and Bro. H. P. Effinger. Interment was in the Cedar Oak Memorial Park.

In Memory of Bro. Lindsey Shelton as We Knew Him

We were very thankful for getting to meet Brother Shelton and for the short time we were privileged to labor with him in the gospel. He was quite a missionary and carried a heavy burden for the lost, the sick, and the work of God there in Alabama. He was very kind and compassionate toward the sick and suffering ones. He manifested a very humble spirit.

At different times when we have gone to Alabama to help in the work there, Bro. and Sister Shelton would take us in their car and we would go from house to house, visiting the sick, praying with them and dealing with the lost. We witnessed souls weeping their way to the cross and getting saved in their homes on these missions. Praise the Lord.

There were times Bro. Shelton would visit the dear ones he formerly labored with (before finding the saints) and with joy he would tell them how he had found the old time truth of the Evening Light saints and with tears he would plead with them to come and take their stand for the truth. A few heeded the warning, thank the Lord, and are standing in the truth today.

It was Bro. Shelton's desire to see the work of God established in Alabama before he took his heavenly flight. The Lord granted his heart's desire to see the work of God established in Alabama and in good working order. Praise the Lord! He testified in the Alabama meeting in June that he was ready to go to heaven. We surely will miss him, but our dear Lord wanted him Home.

"In God's great Home they are so safe,
Without a pain, toil, or care,
And in God's good time we will surely find
Our dear Bro. Shelton waiting over there."

—Katherine Williams

Emma Lena Luehring was born March 3, 1879 at Elgin, Ill., and departed this life June 29, 1969, at Pacoima, California, at the age of 90 years, 3 months, and 26 days.

She was united in marriage with Dietrich Luehring and to this union nine children were born, four daughters and five sons.

The family lived in New Mexico for a time in the early days and later made their home in Oregon for many years. Sister Luehring lived in California for the past several years and spent almost three years (the last years of her life) in the Church of God Senior Citizens' Home located on the saints' camp ground in Pacoima, California. She moved from there on June 29 to go and live with Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, and one son.

She was converted to Christ in the early part of her life, heard and embraced the truth as taught by the Church of God, Evening Light Saints. Her testimony was that she had trusted God for soul and body for 60

years, which is a very good record. She sometimes related some miraculous answers to prayer and some outstanding healings in her testimonies.

She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Pomona, Calif., Mrs. Bertha Kelley, Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Elsie Morford, Lebanon, Oregon; four sons: August Luehring of Corvallis, Ore., John Luehring of Pomona, Calif., Ernest Luehring, Lebanon, Oregon, and Edwin Luehring, Sweet Home, Oregon; 32 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and some great, great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the saints' chapel in Pacoima, Calif., with O. B. Wilson officiating. Then the body was flown to Oregon for interment by the side of her husband in the Lebanon Cemetery at Lebanon, Oregon.

AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING REPORT

We are magnifying our Lord today for His gracious dealings with us at all times, but especially during our recent campmeeting of July 5 through 13. We appreciated and were thankful for the working of the Spirit of God in the ministerial help the Lord sent here. We appreciated the fellowship of Bro. and Sister Woodrow Warren of Okmulgee, Okla., Bro. and Sister Lewis Williams of Wichita, Kansas, Bro. and Sister Ira Stover of Tulsa, Okla., Bro. Samons of Danville, Ky., Bro. M. Gaines of Tulsa, Okla., Sister Annie Bell Allen of Okmulgee, Okla., Bro. Ray Key from Kalamazoo, Mich., Bro. McCoy from Dayton, Ohio, Sister Gladys Williams of Wichita, Kansas, and many other visiting saints from many localities. We appreciated each one.

There were fifty who took part in the ordinances. Ten went into the watery grave in baptism, some just before our meeting began, and others during this meeting.

We again thank our Lord and all who made possible this campmeeting, as it was done by faith. Surely all needs were graciously met.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from August 11 through August 15. We regret that Sister Annie Bell Allen was not able to be with us this year. The Lord supplied workers as He saw best. At our last school there was an enrollment of 136 children. Please pray for us, because without the help of the Lord we can do nothing.

—Sister Lavern Shaw, Secy.

—Sister H. Clark, Pastor

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING REPORT

The campmeeting season is past, leaving outstanding memories of the Myrtle, Mo., meeting. This is about the twentieth year the saints have gathered there. People from twelve different states were represented, some from as far away as Oregon, California, Ohio, and Michigan.

It was good to hear many express their feelings in testimony as follows: "I have noted the example seen in the young people, middle aged, and old."

"The sweet spirit that prevailed in the meeting even among the children has been noticed."

"Oh, the preaching we heard, how precious! If we obey it, we will surely make it to heaven."

"I've enjoyed the love and sweet hospitality in this meeting. The greater the love shown, the more I feel at home."

Each of the sixteen ministers was greatly appreciated. The messages were timely.

The number of souls at the altar seeking salvation and a closer walk with God and desiring more power in their lives was evidence of the Holy Spirit working.

Some followed the Lord in water baptism and a goodly number observed the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's supper.

A most encouraging sight was to behold our young people who are living for God. There were between thirty and forty young people in attendance. They conducted themselves nicely and enjoyed being together. They were willing to help in many ways to make the meeting a success. The special singing was a blessing. They took time to visit homes in the neighborhood which proved a great blessing and brought new ones out to the night service. One elderly couple remarked that they sit at home day after day until they almost feel "moss-grown over" because of not being able to get out. The gospel in song was a blessing to these dear ones.

It was uplifting to our souls to have some of our missionaries from Mexico. Their lives were a challenge to us to live a more dedicated life and work harder to bring in every soul possible.

With the larger attendance this year the new 16'x100' building, which has eight units to accommodate families, was much appreciated. They are not finished, but we thank the Lord for the progress this far and are looking to Him by faith to have them finished and free of debt.

New cooking utensils were provided for use in the kitchen and fourteen new quilts were made for use in the dormitories. How grateful we are to those who had a part in this. When we serve as unto the Lord and unto His people, we have a rich reward.

Any offerings sent toward the cost of the cabin units may be mailed to Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

We wish to say to one and all, come again next year and bring others with you. —Evodna Marler, Secy.

EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING HELD AT BOGATA, TEXAS

Texas—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, greetings of love in the name of Jesus: This leaves me still saved and sanctified, and encouraged to go all the way with the good Lord.

The tent meeting which Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Lloyd Eck held here at Bogata in June was wonderful. We all enjoyed the Word preached in the purity of holiness. So far as we know, no one was saved, but the truth was planted. We will look for the results later on. The bread was cast upon the waters.

It was the first meeting my little granddaughter ever attended. She said that her mother and father just don't know what they are missing. And I say the people of Bogata just don't know what they are missing. She didn't even know what she has been missing, not being saved, but she really enjoyed the singing and everything.

I am looking forward to the tent meeting at Sheridan, Ark., to begin about August 20. Lord willing, I plan to be there.

We surely did appreciate everyone who came to help us in the tent meeting here in Bogata. Several came from the congregations at Shreveport, La., Oklahoma City, and Guthrie, Oklahoma. Their presence and prayers causes me to desire to help other places. Mr. Ward, a neighbor, furnished the land, electricity, and water for the two trailers and the tent, and wouldn't take any pay at all. Will you each one pray the Lord to save their souls and lead them into the truth?

The Glover boy, who was sick and the ministers went to pray for, is able to be up and drive the car. Thanks to the good Lord!

My brother-in-law, Chalmer Moore, and his wife tried to bring someone to services every night. Keep praying for his salvation.

Also pray for the Lord to send some saints here to live and raise up a congregation.

May God bless each one is my prayer.

Christian love, —Nellie Lovell

ALL-DAY SERVICES IN DAYTON, OHIO

The all-day services at the Church of God in Dayton, Ohio, will be resumed in September. The first one will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14, and the second Sunday of each month as in previous times. —Bro. Wm. McCoy

24 Belpre Place, Dayton, Ohio 45403

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT SENATH, MO.

There will be all-day meeting at the chapel near Senath, Mo., on the first Sunday in Sept., which is Sept. 7. All are welcome. —Murphy Allen, Pastor

Rt. 1, Box 161, Senath, Mo. Tel. 738-2551

ALL-DAY SERVICES AT DECATUR, ILL.

There will be all-day services at Decatur, Ill. at the Y.M.C.A. building on the third Sunday in September and each third Sunday of each month thereafter until further notice. All in this locality are urged to attend these services. —Murphy Allen

Prayer Requests



Calif.—“Please pray for restored strength. I continually lose weight and am so weak.” —Sister G. Zinn

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and Christians: I request prayer for Sister Randles who has arthritis in her right wrist and cannot move her hand. Also, my husband has swollen feet and limbs. I have dimness of eyes and need strength in them so I can see clearly to read.

A Christian Friend, —Mattie Lee

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am still saved and more encouraged than ever to press on with our dear Lord.

I want to thank the dear saints for their prayers in behalf of the request I sent in. The Lord heard and answered, for which I am very thankful. I still desire prayer that I have a closer walk with the Lord, also for my husband's body that he may be healed. Also pray for my unsaved children. I have a special unspoken request. —L. M. Payne.

Ala.—My sister is sick and desires the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will heal her body. She is saved and trusting the Lord. . . . Pray for my husband that God will save and heal him. . . . Continue to pray for me . . . that I may go through the trials with victory. —Sister Irene Richardson.

Ill.—Sister Truman Pitts still needs prayer for her body. She thanks the Lord for all He has done.

Mich.—“Please pray earnestly for the inflammation in Bro. Dornhofer's limb. . . . It has now moved to his lower stomach. God is able to rebuke that thing and drive it out of his system so that it will not return.” —Sister H. Dornhofer.

Ala.—“Thank you for the prayers in behalf of my son and husband. . . . Son felt better this past week than

he has for seven months. . . . Keep on praying.” —Sister Omah L. Jones.

Okla.—We still need to remember dear Sister Jessie Taylor. She is suffering again and is expecting deliverance. Let us hold on daily for her.

Ohio.—“The swelling in my body is not as bad as it was, but I have weak spells. I am looking for good results. Please pray with me.” —Sister Wm. McCoy. (She has other requests.)

Okla.—Bro. Sam Barton suffers severely and still needs prayer. Also remember dear Sister Barton.

Okla.—Maybelle Pruitt has been sick and doesn't have strength to be up very long at a time. She is extremely anemic. She has a loss of appetite, swelling of ankles, and sore places on her limbs. She has been helping us in the office and her help is needed. We appreciate those who have been praying for her, but continue to remember her.

Okla.—Sister Dorothy Wilson, who also helps us in the office, has not been well. She needs a definite touch to her body and healing of a condition.

Idaho.—“Mother's head hurts her badly night and day. . . . We covet your prayers.” —Sister Ruby Marken. Sister Ruby feels she needs to stay with her mother a few more months before returning to the office. She is needed here, so pray for her and her mother.

Okla.—“My niece and her mother desire prayer that they be delivered from the cigarette habit.” —M. B. Williams.

Mo.—“We are in need of a touch from the Lord for our bodies. We are trusting in the Lord. Also pray for our two grandsons who have been inducted into the service.” —Bro. and Sister E. C. Tombleson.

Neb.—“My husband has a serious affliction. . . . My eyes have been hurting. My friend wanted me to put a request in the paper for the return of her husband to her and their two children. . . . I want to give the Lord praise for healing Lisa when I called Monark Springs campmeeting for prayer. . . . The Lord has again healed both of the children since we returned from the campmeeting.” —Carolyn Holland.

I am thankful that the Lord has blessed me in my body. I had been fighting a weakness, but thank God for all He has done for me. I am sure that we each one individually know all that the Lord does for us. I appreciate all the prayers that have gone up for me. I feel unworthy of them, but I am glad the Lord is our Healer, Helper, and all that we have need of.

Saints, let us not be surprised in these last days that we have to suffer in various ways for Christ's sake. But remember that the Lord's mercies “are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good to them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.” (Lam. 3:22-26) —Sister Marie Miles

MINISTERS IN THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO

Bro. James Huskey, missionary at La Mision, Mexico, and Bro. Leslie Busbee, pastor at Springfield, Mo., left the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting on Aug. 4 in a van truck bound for the interior of Mexico, even beyond Mexico City, to make certain contacts and hold services to advance the Mexico mission work in general. Reports to their families indicate that they are having a safe and profitable trip. They are expected, by the blessings of God, to return to Missouri about August 28, and then Bro.

Huskey and family will return to their mission station at La Mision. Their mailing address is James Huskey, P. O. Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073.

Following are a few lines from Bro. Busbee written Aug. 18 from Michoacan, Mexico which is west of Mexico City in the mountainous area:

"Dear Ones, greetings! We have just arrived at Bro. Irineo's house not far from Uruapan. We have had a good trip, spent nearly a week near Valle de Santiago at Rancho Martinez, visiting and having services. We find much poverty, backwardness and gross ignorance that sits in sullen repose in this land. The multitudes in the cities give evidence of spiritual darkness and lack of spiritual knowledge. This Brother and his wife gave us a warm welcome this morning, and after being stuck in the mountains last night, we feel very grateful to be here. Love and best wishes to all,

—Bros. Leslie Busbee and James Huskey."

BRO. TOMAS MENDOZA, NATIVE MISSIONARY, REPORTS FROM MEXICO

El Valle de la Trinidad, Mexico (Aug. 6)—Dear publishers of "Faith and Victory": It seemed good to me to write to you and tell you what God is doing for us. He is so good and His mercy is so great. We are all well, thank the Lord. My wife is stronger in her body and in her faith. We are looking to God to give us the victory in this trial.

Sister Opal Kelly is in Ojos Negros and she seems to have the victory. She has had many trials, but is encouraged in her soul. The people in Ojos Negros are becoming better acquainted with her, and are having services in that place. . . . We are hoping that you will all pray that God will give her the grace she needs in her soul. I know that it is very hard for her; for this reason I'm asking that you pray for her.

Bro. David Rosas is getting married the 9th of this month (August) and is desiring and praying that God will be able to use them both in the work. Please pray for them. God needs workers full of the Holy Spirit.

Bro. Chon is very encouraged and he wrote a little for the "Faith and Victory." He says that he is very happy in the salvation that God has given him, and even though he has had many trials, the dear Lord has kept him. He has suffered much persecution, but God has given the needed grace in his soul. Pray for him that he continue faithful unto the end, and that the people may see the grace of God in this brother. Pray for all the workers that they may be able to work each day to spread the knowledge of the great truth of the gospel.

God is blessing greatly in the work here at El Valle de la Trinidad. More people are recognizing that God is with us, and are watching our lives and seem to have much confidence in us. Pray that many souls will be convinced and convicted of their sins.

We had a new family in services in Valle Trinidad Sunday. Their name is Chon. Pray for them that they continue following God until they are all saved.

Those who desire to write to me may write to this address: Box 3979, San Ysidro, Calif. 92072.

May God show His holy will each day. Pray that God give a vision of His will, because where there is no vision the people perish and souls are lost.

Pray for me that God use me according to His will. Pray for my wife and my children.

Your Brother,

—Tomas Mendoza

(Editor's Note: Bro. Tomas wrote the foregoing letter to this office in Spanish after his return from the

National Campmeeting and it was translated for publication by Sister Virginia Wittenborn. It was a pleasure to have Bro. Tomas at the National Campmeeting and his message through an interpreter was very inspiring and encouraging to the church. When Bro. and Sister Wittenborn returned from the Mexico campmeeting at Ojos Negros, they brought Bro. Tomas to the Monark meeting. This native gospel worker is faithfully laboring with a burden for souls in Mexico and is worthy of your prayers and support.)

MISSION REPORT FROM EJIDO PATZCURO, MEX.

Mexico (Aug. 6)—Dear Ones: I begin this letter with heartfelt love and gratitude to the Lord for all the many, many blessings He has permitted to come my way. Many times even troubles are only blessings in disguise.

The Lord has blessed the congregation here in Ejido Patzcuro. In February we held a special meeting here and there was good interest. The house was filled at each service. Several came to the altar to be saved and since that time a number of them have been sanctified. Some are really zealous in the things of the Lord and we are praying that the Lord will call them into His service.

Bro. Raul Gonzales, who has had severe trouble with his eyes, is much better. He can read a small lettered Bible fairly well now. He also found work as a carpenter's helper after being forced by poverty through the winter to close the doors of his little store. The Lord has manifested Himself strong to these little ones and they are an encouragement to us.

The campmeeting held in July at Ojos Negros also proved a blessing to the congregation here. We had some trouble getting all there who wanted to go, but the Lord rewarded our efforts. Several young people were saved. Also, a man named Pablo got saved. He gave the land for the chapel here, and has been saved several times, but had never gone on to sanctification, thus went back into sin again. He testifies that he has hit the Rock now. Please pray for him. Pablo and his wife Esperanza were baptized during the meeting.

My car had been giving trouble all along, but the trip to the campmeeting only made it worse. We found that it needed to be completely overhauled. Rather than purchase another used car, not knowing what condition one is in, we felt it best to get a new one. We got a white, six-cylinder, half-ton Chevrolet pickup. I have had so much trouble with used cars and since I am alone so much of the time in my travels, I felt it would be better to have something dependable. When the salesman told the price to pay each month, the Lord gave me the assurance that He would help me meet the payments.

I want to thank each of you who had part in the offering that was sent from the Monark National campmeeting. I do appreciate it and the new pickup. My desire is to use this vehicle, and my entire life as well, to the honor and glory of God. They are both dedicated to Him and His service. The workers are very few in Mexico and I want to be completely yielded in His hands and do my part and all I can for the cause of eternity-bound souls.

May God bless and reward you for your sacrifice, love, and concern.

In Christian love,

—Edith Cole

The secret of finding sunbeams in everything is simply letting God have His own way, and making your will the sounding board and echo of His.

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NATIVE NIGERIAN MISSIONARY REPORT

Southeastern State, Nigeria, (July 17)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: "Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from Him cometh my salvation" Psalm 62:1.

Greetings to you and all dear saints in the blessed name of our Redeemer and Lord Jesus Christ. I acknowledge with immense thanks the receipt of your communication of June 21 and the enclosure of . . . draft. Every love gift from you to me, no matter how small, is a big help to me all of the time. I really appreciate your effort and love. May God richly bless and reward you much more than you can imagine. . . .

God is blessing, and the work in the entire Mission stations is going on as usual. We are facing heavy rainfall now which will last till the middle of October. Pray that the present civil war should come to an end. We are facing difficult situations now, but with God we shall surely surmount them, and come out smiling on top. God is leading.

Hope to read from you again. Praying for you and all the dear saints in the States, I am

Your saved Brother in Christ,

—J. U. Etuk

REPORT FROM PASTOR OF UYO DISTRICT, NIGERIA

S. E. State, Nigeria (Aug. 1)—Dear Bro. L. Pruitt and all the saints in U.S.A.: Thank you for your spiritual letter dated 17-7-69, which was received 30-7-69. Whenever we hear from you and are able to share the light, a great quickening of spiritual blessings follows us. Praise our God!

Thank you for the copies of "Faith and Victory," dated May, June, and July, sent by airmail.

We find it very hard to cross the rivers to attend monthly meetings at Asana under Opobo area.

Communion was held at Ikot Obio Inyang 27-7-69. Evangelist F. U. Ufort was the conductor. Elder A. T. Udofia led the Sunday School successfully with 228 souls present. Pastor A. J. Ubaha preached the sermon. Bro. E. E. Udo read the first lesson, Isa. 4:1-6, and Elder E. A. Udo read the second lesson, Eph. 4:23-32. After this, Pastor M. U. Ekpene conducted the Holy Communion service in John 6:50-56. The sermon enlightened the communicants to be like Him. General attendance was 438. Communicants were 392 souls.

Uyo members asked me to thank and greet you and the saints in the home mission. Thank you, dear sisters and brothers in the Lord.

—Pastor M. U. Ekpene, for Uyo District

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Aug. 5)—Dear Brother Lawrence Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings again in the great name of Jesus Christ who said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.

Thank you, brother, for your loving letter dated July 14, and I acknowledge receipt of the contents with thanks and praises to God. We are very glad to see that you are quite busy with campmeetings, and I know you will be away from your press and printing. . . . I hope the National Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., was very profitable and victorious, as well as the other meetings. May He shower on you His choicest gifts and blessings as you distribute your printed leaflets and tracts. Our God is One who turns "Marah" into sweet and water into wine.

Our earnest prayers are with your labors in the campmeetings.

Man is thirsting to fly from planet to planet to capture them and to establish his power and authority in them. All these show the quick coming of our Lord, and we know our citizenship is in Heaven. Praise the Lord! The time is short, and as the four lepers said, "This day is a day of good tidings for us also." (2 Kings 7:9.) We have to share the Bread of Life with as many people as possible because the night comes when no one can work.

The monsoon rains are becoming lighter day by day, yet there are unexpected and intermittent rains.

God willing, I plan to visit Calicut and other northern parts next week. August 15 is the independence day of our nation, and as usual we have special meetings on that day. Our brethren at Calicut have no place of worship for Sunday services except a hired small room. . . . They deserve encouragement. Will you please help them to construct a small chapel? I request your prayers for the success of my northern trip.

Sorry to note that our Nigerian brothers are suffering a lot from the civil war, but our Lord will never leave His children comfortless. We are really praying for their safety, and we trust the postal services will be in order in the near future.

Let me remind you brethren in America once again of our urgent needs for the progress and furtherance of our Lord's work here: (1) a gospel van, (2) a small chapel at Calicut, (3) at least ten full-time workers, (4) aid to start a monthly paper by name, "Church of God Messenger," (5) a school to instruct our youngsters in the true doctrines of Church of God.

I believe our living Lord is always faithful toward His wonderful promises. We can pray together to expect great things from God, and I hope you will have much concern and feelings for us—the members of the same Body and co-workers in the same vineyard. Our prayers are for you all.

Yours in the Master's service,

—John Varghese

From The Mail Box . . .

La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family, saints, and workers: Just a line to say that I am still saved and enjoying the presence of our God. It is wonderful! . . .

Be encouraged to press on. I trust all are well. . . . Love to all.

—Bro. J. M. Mitchell

Kansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I do thank God for this opportunity to write to you and send in my offering. I am glad to report victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil.

I enjoyed the National campmeeting very much this summer, despite the intense heat. However, it was very pleasant at the Guthrie meeting. . . .

The Lord has blessed me recently in my body. My brother, who is helplessly crippled from an auto wreck about ten years ago, needs prayer. . . . The doctors gave him about seven or eight years to live and he's stayed here ten years already.

We are still praying for the publishing work, and also the radio work. We desire the prayers of the saints for all our personal needs.

Your Brother for the truth,

—Homer W. Fee

Miss.—To the dear saints at the office and abroad: Greetings in Jesus' name. I think about you and pray for you. I am in such a strain with the work and don't get to sleep or rest much. Please continue to pray for

us. . . I enjoy hearing from you very much. I praise God for your good letters.

In Christian love, —Dorothy Bridges

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La.—Greetings of love in Jesus' name: Today finds me saved and encouraged to press on. I live alone and would get lonesome if I did not have Jesus for a companion. My husband has been dead nearly two years. The Lord is so good to me. Pray for me.

Yours in Christ, —Mary Bush

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am over my arthritis. It hit me hard in April. God has healed me. I surely appreciated the privilege of calling the saints at Orland, Calif., for prayer. I had another ailment so I believed the Lord for victory for that also. I am so glad for His mercy to us all.

Here is a little to help where you see best. I surely enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper.

Love to all God's children, —Bro. Guy Littrell

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Oklahoma.—Dear Ones, greetings to you each one. . . Oh, how I thank God for His love for His children! I'm so glad I'm one of them.

Husband has had a real suffering time all summer, but the Lord has not neglected us yet. Husband feels he is on the last mile of the way. May God help him.

Then I got down with an infected place on my limb just above the ankle. I surely had a real problem. Some thought I had a spider bite . . . but anyway, I aimed to trust my God for I'm His and He is mine. He did help me. I never got so I couldn't walk about the house and I suffered very little from the sore, so I want to say God has healed me; not much to see yet, but I'm not going by sight. I praise God for healing virtue. My only concern was I desired Husband's healing very much. That is committed to God and I'm sure God will do the very best in his case.

Our niece came and stayed a whole week while I had the worst time, so she could wait on Husband. Our Frances Perkins was in Kentucky with Sister Williams, as she needed care. We were glad to share her.

Dear ones, keep heaven ever in view. Just learn that song until it becomes a part of your life, and you will be able to pull every grade in life. Don't forget that life has many grades to go over, and you will need God's help, so ever keep heaven in view.

Thanks for the offerings, flowers, and your love and prayers. —The Sam Bartons

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La.—Dear ones, we greet you in Jesus' dear name: Hope this finds you encouraged and feeling better in body. We were sorry to hear of Sister Maybelle's condition, and have been looking to the Lord in her behalf and trust she is greatly improved.

My wife's condition is about the same. If there is any change, she is some better and we are thankful for every blessing from the Lord.

Well, the terrible hurricane is past. They report it was the worst to ever hit the U. S. mainland. Winds of 190 miles per hour hit the Gulfport-Biloxi area last night about midnight [Aug. 17]. We are so thankful to be spared. The damage here [Loranger, La.] was light. Winds about 65 to 75 miles per hour came through here.

Will you please send the book, "Highways and Hedges." Find enclosed check . . . Use the balance as you see best. Give our love to all the workers.

Our love and prayers, —Bro. and Sis. G. A. Nichols

Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. How is everyone there at the print shop? We trust all are well. We are all well here, and I am thankful to be able to say that I love the Lord and want to live pleasing in His sight. I want His approval on my life that I might be a help to others to want to be saved.

I am thankful to the dear Lord for making it possible for me to attend all of the campmeeting in Jefferson, Oregon, again this year. We had a wonderful meeting. Surely it was a feast at Father's table. Several out-of-state ministers and saints were there.

I am sending . . . to help wherever needed. May the dear Lord richly bless all His dear children.

Remember us in prayer. I pray for all there and also for the work.

Christian love, —Sister D. T. Thomas

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Oklahoma.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in our Lord's most wonderful name! We are fine at the present. Thank the Lord. I have worked a year and four months at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla., but feel the Lord is now through with me here. It has been wonderful living in Okla., and I met so many wonderful saints. I'll soon be 63. I guess the Lord would have me rest some as I have worked hard all my life. Pray God to send help to Sister Malinda Penner. She has worked faithfully at her post of duty.

I'll leave Labor Day. Please send my paper to . . . Hammond, La. Pray for me and mine. We pray for the work there.

Our love and prayers, —Sister Rubye Quave

THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS

I'd like to see the Bible placed

Where the Bible used to be,
Upon the top of the teacher's desk
For every child to see.

I'd like to hear the teacher say,
As my teacher used to do:
"Before we work or play, dear
Ones, I want to read to you."

I'd like to see the teacher stand
Before the class again
And lift with reverent care the Book
That makes God's purpose plain.

And ere the youngsters went to work
I'd like to hear her voice
Repeat those words of truth and faith
That makes one's soul rejoice.

I'd like to see her face light up
At each resplendent word,
And watch the children's souls shine out
At the message they had heard.

I'd like to see the sweet content
Fill that dear room, each nook,
And know that joy had come to each
When teacher read the Book.

Yes, I'd like to see the Bible placed
Where the Bible used to be,
I'd like to hear it read aloud
In the classroom of the free.

I want my children taught to know
God's matchless gift of love.
The Book of books is wisdom's gate
To that bright Home above.

—Anon.

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

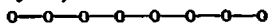


Mo.—Dear Saints, greetings in the precious love of Jesus who is good to us all: By the Lord's help I want to let you know how we are and to thank all the saints for their prayers in our behalf. We appreciated all the cards, phone calls, and all the interest shown by the saints. . . . I want to thank you for the kind loving words when I called to the office for prayer for Asa, my husband, who suffered so badly. . . . He is about normal again, though he is not as strong as he was and has lost some weight. . . .

The dear Lord has always been so good to me. I know I can never repay Him, but I do want to keep courage to press on and do what I can for Him. I am much better in body but still need prayer. Asa does, too. He has been working hard. . . .

I do want to thank all of you again for everything.

Love and prayers, —Katie and Asa Gibson



Pa.—Dear Saints everywhere, greeting you in the name of Jesus: Oh, how I truly thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I have been healed of much of this breathing trouble. I don't suffer as much with it as I did. Also my chest condition has improved greatly. My heart would act up so I didn't know whether I was going to live or not. I am much better of an inward infection that has been upon my body for over 21 years. Truly we are serving a mighty God. The Lord has done great things for me. I am looking to Him for complete deliverance of everything, and I desire your prayers for a normal life to the glory of God.

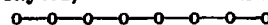
I can never repay the Lord for what He has done for me, both soul and body. I want to please Him above everything else in this life.

It was wonderful to have met Bro. Ira and Sister Ruby Stover of Tulsa, Okla., at the Akron, Ohio, campmeeting and to have them in our home one night.

Enclosed is an offering. . . . Use wherever directed. The other dollar is for sending the "Faith and Victory" paper to the enclosed names and addresses.

May God bless you each one, and keep you faithful and true to Him in His service.

Love and prayers, —Sister Avis Tinsley



Ohio—My dear Sister Marie and co-workers at the printshop: Greetings of very much Christian love in Jesus' dear and most precious name. Surely He is the source of my very life. I want to express my many, many thanks to my dear Lord for the marvelous way He has brought me through, up to the present time. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5, 6.

I surely thank the Lord for the great plan of salvation and when the great "whosoever" was sent throughout the whole world that it included me. I'm so glad there is no respecter of persons with God. If there had been, I surely would have been left out.

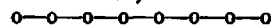
When my children went on their vacation, I was moved to my grandson's in Fairborn, Ohio, for the month of July. The trip was indeed a very tiresome one, but I just had to marvel at the goodness of God which helped me get there and back. I truly thank Him for it. I want to extend my many thanks also to the dear saints who sent up prayers in my behalf. It was the first time I had been out of my room for 28 months. God has proved once again to be a very present help in time of need.

I had trouble with my kidneys after I got to my grandson's home. It is some better but I still need prayer for complete healing.

May the dear Lord richly bless your labors there at the print shop. We surely do appreciate the truth of the Word of God. I, for one, desire to be the true light that will prove to a lost world that God is real and is dwelling in the hearts of the truly born again souls. The invitation is to whosoever will forsake the sins of their lives and take up their cross, that can have a share in this great plan of salvation.

In much Christian love,

—Maudie Sharp



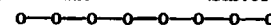
S. Dakota—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the name of our precious Jesus. He is so good to us all. "If I gained the whole world and lost my Saviour, life were not worth living for a day." We can indeed find all we need in Jesus. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103:2-5.

Forgive my long delay in writing. It was such a blessing to my soul to read your good encouraging letter. The Lord undertook while I was at my daughter's at Ann Arbor and removed a large growth from my face before I hardly realized it was gone. . . .

It is so very hot and humid here and we have had hail storms. Yet the Lord is so very merciful, in the face of the awful wickedness which people are committing. . . . This nation is beginning to reap the whirlwind since substituting atheistic evolutionary theories in place of God in our schools. Oh, how sad!

I am with you in spirit at the campmeetings. I long so much to be there. Please thank all of the dear saints for their prayers. The Lord is gradually removing the sores. All praise to Him. May His sweet blessing be upon all of you. Pray for us.

—Sister C. A. McFarling



Ark.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' great and wonderful name, the only name under heaven given whereby we must be saved. Oh, what a great and mighty God we serve! I'm so thankful we have learned to serve the true and living God, the only God that can and does forgive sin and helps us to live clean and holy lives right here in this present world. Praise the Lord forever!

He sustains me each day to live for Him, even in this hot weather. So many say, "I'm just burning up!" I ask some, "What will it be like in eternal torment? There will not be any cool water there, no fans, and no cooling breeze." Oh, how I thank God for saving me from a life of sin and shame! This great salvation and this peace we can have in our heart right here and now.

I don't get to go to meetings regularly. I am so weak at times, but I am glad to be alone with God. He comforts and helps me in every test.

I am enclosing an offering to help in the Lord's great work. It takes God and money to carry the gospel to all the world, and I want to help, too.

Your Sister in God's family, —Sister N. E. Adams



Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and fellow-saints of the most high God: I send greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I want to report victory in Jesus. It is precious to know that He is in every battle with us and will bring us out safely if we will be patient and trust in God. He

makes us stronger for the next test or trial. God will have a tried people. He can only work for us and through us if we are yielded completely to Him. I am encouraged and determined to see the end of this Christian race with victory.

God is so good to me and heals me when I am sick or afflicted. I do have need often of His healing touch and He never fails me. I am now recovering from a complication of dizziness, chest pains, and kidney infection. It has left me very weak, but not discouraged. Praise His holy name!

Pray for me as I do each and all of you. Whether I know your name or not, God does. May God bless your work of labor and love there at the print shop. I'm so glad I was there one time to lend a hand, so let us labor on and press on and pray for each other until He says it is enough, come up Higher.

Yours to love and serve in His blessed name,

—Sister Georgia Zinn

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Oklahoma.—Greetings to all saints in the name of our Lord Jesus: The campmeeting season is closing and we praise God for its benefits. However, there should be no slackening of our pace in the study of the Word of the Lord. After much study, prayer, and meditation during the summer months of 1969, I am fully persuaded that there is a great need of giving more diligent study and heed to the underlying principles that undergird the "Evening Light" truth. One very important principle is "trust." The Bible contains many texts that reveal how deep and beautiful a life of trust can be. As New Testament saints, many of us need to be awakened to the need of Bible study. All of us need to keep stirred to avail ourselves of every opportunity and method of acquainting ourselves with the Word of God. In short, I wish to say, let us study the word "trust" as found in Psa. 71:1 during the month of September. Study the word from every angle, memorize verses with the word "trust" therein. I intend, by the help of the Lord, to do just what I am suggesting that you do. Now do not neglect other Bible study and reading, but add this to the rest. And may the Lord bless as we pray and study together (though miles apart) and, the Lord leading, we will say more about this subject at a later date.

—Sister Ethel K. Miles

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Missouri.—Dear Saints: This letter is long overdue, but I just realized tonight that I should write it. Not many months ago I had a small growth on my thumb at the joint. I don't know when it got there, but it began to be quite bothersome. It would crack and bleed and then the top would peel off time and again. It kept enlarging and it looked like another one was starting close to it. I prayed for it to be removed. Finally I decided not to touch it anymore and asked God to remove it. Tonight I happened to think of it and it isn't there, neither is the small one nor any trace of either. God completely removed them as soon as I put it wholly into His hands. Praise God! He has power to take care of anything, little or big, if we submit it to Him.

Almost two years ago He healed me of hepatitis when I had been very ill. I've never had any recurring symptoms of it and I do praise Him. The doctor who examined me at the request of the school authorities warned me that it could mean death if I didn't take medication, and cited cases where it had resulted in death. But praise God, instead of letting me die, He raised me up in a very short time and has made me realize His power and mercy more from the experience. Truly I thank Him.

—Emily Cole

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie Miles and the faithful workers there at the Publishing House: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus, our Saviour. I am praising God for the victory I have over sin and the flesh. I am encouraged to press on, fighting sin and the flesh until Jesus calls me from time into eternity. At that time I hope to hear those words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Words will never be able to express my thanks to the Almighty God of heaven for the dear saints who hear and share our burdens and sorrows and call on Him in our behalf.

I felt impressed to let you know how, in answer to prayer, God looked down from His throne on High, saw the anguish of one of His little wee lambs in this earth, saw my sorrows and the burden of my soul. I ran to Him for help and called on my beloved sisters and brothers for prayer. Oh, how wonderfully God heard and answered prayer and gave my daughter back to us as though she had never been disturbed.

I thank you for the card and tracts. They were just what I needed. I will pass them on to some other soul to read.

My decision is deeper and my faith is encouraged in God. I mean to go all the way with my Savior. Thank you for your prayers. Keep me ever before the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Shawnee Little

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Ill.—Please find enclosed a money order. Mrs. Irene Selle has given me \$5.00 to send you. I will also enclose \$5.00 and these are to be used in the gospel work.

I think it should be a strong subject of prayer that God prepare many workers to go forth filled with the Holy Spirit to bring the truth to the world. If ever the pure gospel is needed, it surely is now. Jesus said, "When the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" There is not the active faith there was during the time of Bros. Byrum and Warner, and we need it so badly. I, for one, do ask you to pray for me. We do need to step out boldly backed by the Word and Spirit of God and pull down the strongholds of Satan. We can get in a rut, thinking when people measure to the outward appearance that they are doing the whole will of God, but it is still the heart God works through and it is still the circumcision of the heart that brings holiness to the soul and outward life. If we are to be ambassadors for Christ, we must let Christ be the center of our life and we thus become His workmanship. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, but we can let our experience become threadbare and we must therefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees, making straight paths for our feet, lest we fail of the grace of God. For we have not come to the mount that burned, but to the Mt. Zion of the living God, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant. . . . These may be strong words, but they are truth. I do desire to walk with God. Let us pray for one another that God would be pleased to say, "This is my little flock."

Very sincerely,

—Mrs. Ethel Redmon

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Pa.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the dear and precious name of Jesus! We do love Him today and want to be all He wants us to be. We strive to serve Him faithfully each hour of the day so that our lives may tell for Him.

Mother almost left us on Friday. She said she thought it was the end. She was in such pain near the pit of her stomach. The growth in her abdomen seems to be getting larger. But on Saturday she got up and asked my sister when the family gathering was. She

told her, "today," and she said, "I'm going." She rallied. My sister washed Mother's hair and got her ready. She stayed the three hours we were there. The rain came and chased us into my brother's big basement. Then Mother was real good yesterday. Today she is back in bed, very weak. God is so good to let her stay with us. Some folks came in on Saturday night. She gave them the Word of God. They stared in amazement at how good her mind is. My sister still can't believe it.

Please pray for me. When I got out of bed this morning my leg and hip would hardly go. I could hardly walk. I remember the verses in Psalms where David wrote, "They called on the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them out of their distresses." Praise His name! He touched me, but I know He can heal, and I will give Him all the glory and praise. . . .

We stay around the clock with Mother. It keeps me very tense. Please pray for me. Also pray for the family that they may turn to God. Mother will keep telling them to turn to God as long as He keeps her here.

May God bless all you do for Him and give you the very things to write in the Sunday school lessons. We do enjoy them very much, also the "Faith and Victory" paper.

Your Sisters in His service,
—Dona Campbell and Eva Cox

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Our Refuge in God

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord. . . ." Deut. 33:27-29.

Everywhere men are looking in vain for refuge and security, but in vain because they are looking, not unto the living God from whom cometh all help, but unto the works of their own hands, or what they might gain without first seeking the kingdom of heaven with the promise that all these things shall be added unto them. In vain do they worship God, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. David said that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The writer of the Hebrew letter said we have a strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. That hope is an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast. What is our hope? Is it not Christ in you, the hope of glory? Col. 1:27. Paul said, "If ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel" This hope is an anchor to the soul. This is Christ in you, and not to be moved away from. That faith in that hope is a sure refuge with a strong consolation, a true conviction, an inner witness of salvation, an assurance of eternal life, a sure knowledge of Christ in us, the hope of glory.

If there were no faith, where would we look for help in affliction or where could we send? Would it not be in vain if there were no refuge in the living

God? It is vain to rise up early to add a little labor to our hands or trust in a dead god. The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God (Psa. 14:1), but the righteous trust in the living God.

How do we know about God? The heavens declare His handiwork. Oh, slow of heart, look at the heavens for a little, look at nature for awhile, look at life all around us. Look how uniformly everything of nature works. Can you not see the great hand of God in everything? Fear God and keep His commandments and you shall know of a truth of the living God, and His care of His children. Be not slow of heart to believe there is a Master mind that oversees all our lives and everything that goes on in this world.

The knowledge of God comes from a personal touch of the Master's hand, the re-creation to the soul or the inner man, giving it a personal knowledge of an everlasting life within that has a sure testimony of things present and things to come, giving that inner conscience a true knowledge of a life eternal.

There is further witness of an everlasting refuge. Jesus asked Peter, Whom do men say that I am? He answered, Some say this or that one. But whom do you say that I am? Peter made a bold answer without hesitation, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Where did Peter get that knowledge? Jesus said, You are blessed, flesh and blood didn't reveal this to you, but my Father which is in heaven. "I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter [a stone] and upon this rock I will build my church . . ." Matt. 16:18. What rock? That great confession, Thou art the Christ, that assurance that He is the Christ, that revelation from God, who said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Upon this rock, upon this confession of faith—not on Peter, but on the teachings of Christ—upon that firsthand knowledge, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Praise God for a refuge that you and I can run into and be safe. It also has walls about it to keep out the evil spirits. "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Isa. 26:1. You see, we may run into the city and be hid away. The Scripture says that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him. Christ, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, said that the spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach good tidings to the meek, to bind up the broken-hearted, to give liberty to the captive, to open the prison to those who are bound, to tell of an acceptable time, to take away mourning, and to take away heaviness of heart. It would seem that most everyone would want to run into that shelter. All have been invited, but would you rather be bound in sin or would you like liberty? Oh, precious soul, seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. He is not far from all who will seek after Him. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. He is the rest-giver. He is the only one who can give real soul rest. People are pining

away in their grief, sorrow, and heavy hearts, when Jesus says, Come unto Me, all the ends of the earth. What a pity to see souls lost when there is a Saviour at hand to save them!

Please listen. God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." That will be a tragic time when God withdraws His Spirit from mankind, saying, it is enough, and sends destruction upon the whole world. There is a refuge for all who will bow at Jesus' feet, confess their sins, and turn away from them. Amen.

Yours in Him,

—A. E. Harmon

"God Will Know You"

A little girl, poorly dressed, said that she would like to have the orange that she saw in the store window. A gentleman passing heard the remark and was touched as he saw her pinched face, and bought her a bag of fruit.

"What is your name, Sir?" asked the girl.

"Why do you want to know?" asked the gentleman.

"I want to pray for you," was the unusual reply. The gentleman turned to leave, when the little one added: "Well, it doesn't matter; I suppose God will know who you are."

How true this is, for "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." We can't hide our good, nor can we hide our evil. Some day we will stand before God and the "books will be opened" and we will be judged by what is written in them. The Bible says, "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." 1 Tim. 5:24. We open our sins before the judgment by confessing them to Jesus with godly sorrow and receiving forgiveness, and they are blotted off the books or the record in heaven. But if we do not come to God through Christ, then our sins will follow us and be there in the Judgment to condemn us to eternal damnation. Remember God sees all things in our lives. Nothing is hid, but thank God, He has made a way out for us so we can enter eternal bliss with Jesus forever. Be sure to come to God through Christ and receive forgiveness.

—Sister M. Miles

MORNING OR EVENING STAR?

Question: Why was Christ called the Bright and Morning Star, not an evening star? Rev. 22:16.

Answer: We, as Christians, strive to attain to eternal life, but something that has no ending is so completely foreign to anything we have ever known that it seems we are hardly able to comprehend the idea of perpetual duration. Everything about us in a material sense has had a beginning and either has had or will have an end! Days begin and end, seasons come and go, crops spring up, produce and vanish, animals are born, mature and die, governments develop, flourish, then crumble, entire civilizations rise and fall, sometimes leaving hardly a trace that they ever existed. Even the world upon which we live is already doomed. (2 Peter 3:10.) This process of

beginning and ending applies only to this time world which we know in the flesh, and does not extend over into that which is to come.

Now let us consider a day, which consists of morning, or dawning, mid-day, or noon, and afternoon, or evening. Then comes night. The gospel era, from Christ's advent to the end of time, is called the gospel day. We are living in the evening of that day, which, I suspect, prompts the question, Why is He not the Star of the evening, also? The fact is that the entire gospel era is the morning of the "perfect day" which is to come (Prov. 4:18). Christ came to introduce us to that day. He taught in John 8:23, "I am not of this world." In John 18:36, He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Daniel foresaw a perpetual kingdom. (Dan. 2:44)

While the illustration of a day applies very well to the gospel era, it will not fit the perfect day. Jesus is the Day-spring that provides the light of life for every man. (John 1:9) That life is the dawning of a man's eternal life. (1 Thess. 5:5) Every conversion is the dawning of an eternal day for that individual, but the work of soul-saving will end at the last trump.

The gospel dispensation is the "morning" that precedes the perfect day, but there the comparison ends, for 1 John 1:5 says, "God is light and in him is no darkness at all." Without darkness, there can be no night; therefore there is no evening to point to a darkness. Perfect or perpetual day would never progress toward an ending or night. Search the Scriptures; you will find no place where it alludes to even a possibility of that day progressing through evening to termination in night. There is nothing but the fullness of day, always and forever, perpetual duration! See how unfitting it would have been to have called Jesus an "evening star"? There is not, nor will there ever be an "evening" in His Kingdom, not for Him, nor for any who accept Him and prepare themselves to dwell with Him in His Kingdom. —C. W. Wilson

THE "BAR" DOOR

A bar to heaven, a door to hell.
Whoever named it, named it well!
A bar to manliness and wealth,
A door to want and broken health;
A bar to honor, a bar to good name,
A door to sin and grief and shame;
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,
A door to darkness and despair;
A bar to honored useful life,
A door to brawling, senseless strife;
A bar to all that's true and brave,
A door to every drunkard's grave;
A bar to joy that home imparts,
A door to tears and aching hearts;
A bar to heaven, a door to hell—
Whoever named it, named it well!

—Anon.

"Lo, I am with you alway" is more than a promise; it is a fact for the child of God.

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