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That Wonderful Man of Galilee!

That wonderful Man of Galilee!
It was settled there at Gethsemane,
He went all the way to the cross for me;
He gave His life to set me free.

He left His place on the Father's throne,
Came down to earth to claim His own;
He gave His all, our all to gain,
For you and me our Lord was slain.

Esteemed no better than a thief,
He became acquainted with sorrow and grief;
He had no place to lay His head,
And rejected, His friends all fled.

'Twas there on the cross He bled and died;
He was mocked and they pierced His side;
That we with Him might ever abide,
'Twas there our Lord was crucified.

Now there shall come a brighter day;
All our tears He will wipe away;
If we will bear the suffering here,
We shall share the glory there.

Then when this fleeting life is o'er,
We will meet Him on that other shore;
Our blessed Saviour to adore,
To be with Him forever more.

Then with our blessed Lord we will be,
Forever there in all eternity;
There'll be no trouble, no sorrow there
But only joy and bliss to share.

There we will walk that street of gold,
Where there will be just one fold;
Where there will never come a night,
Our Lord Himself shall be the light.

So while down here we run this race,
Let us bear our cross each day with grace;
That when we lay this armor down,
We shall, with joy, take up our crown.

—Byron R. Wittenborn

The Lord Seeth Not As Man Seeth

Outward appearances mean much to man, but nothing to God. This profound Bible truth is stated in the Old Testament: "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

While man places great value on things that reflect his material status, God desires that we seek inward purity, an honorable character, and spiritual nobility.

Man may glory in his ancestry and family background. But this does not impress God. Man may delight in his physical prowess, mental skills, or social prestige. Again, God is not impressed.

The finest clothes, the newest automobiles, the most luxuriously furnished homes, and the most beautifully landscaped yards are definite symbols to man of his material success. Yet these contribute nothing to his standing before God.

Human learning, higher education, and higher and higher academic degrees may exalt the wisdom of man. Man's spiritual rank before God, however, is not determined by his intellectual development or amount of formal schooling.

No, the Lord does not see as man sees. The Lord is concerned with man's humility, not pride; his character, not reputation; his sacrifice, not wealth; his service to others, not preeminence over others; his spirituality, not physical attractiveness or strength of body; his brotherly love, not ancestral stock; and his devotion to the teachings of Christ, and not clothes or automobiles or homes or furniture or college degrees or fame.

Pride indeed is the deadliest and most destructive of all sins. The Bible teaches that the "proud in heart" are an abomination to the Lord (Prov. 16:5).

We may impress ourselves and others with material success, but they become mere flimsy veneer before the powerful, penetrating eye of Almighty God, from whom nothing is hidden . . . "for the Lord seeth

not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

—P. G. Mickletz

The Way of Peace

In Romans 3 we find Paul's discourse on what the Scriptures stated concerning the condition of mankind in sin and transgressions against God. In his letter he proved that both Jews and Gentiles were all under sin, "As it is written," he said. And then he quoted quite extensively from the Old Testament writers, giving a precise rendering of the state of sinful man. When he finished with this group of Scriptural quotations, he stated their purpose: "What things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Rom. 3:9-19. When a person owes a debt, a statement is usually sent to him from the firm he owes with a declared itemized bill making legal evidence of the goods in debt. Just so has God in His Word given to mortal man a declared statement of man's transgressions and sinful condition.

One of the items on this statement that we wish to especially notice is Rom. 3:17, "And the way of peace have they not known." One of the great departures from the pleasure of the Almighty God on the part of His human creation is their departure from the way of peace. Having lost sight of the way of peace, man has embarked upon the sea of strife, and fares no better for his pains, but rather has plunged himself into the depths of misery and destruction. Because mankind has departed from the way of peace, much trouble, trial, affliction, death, and destruction have resulted in the course of time. And as long as men forsake and deny the way of peace there will continue to abound these things upon the human race. Wars, debates, arguments, fights, grudges, divorce, rebellion, division, confusion, and moral decay all stem from the departure of man from the way of peace.

Wisdom, which is the fear of God, in her appeal to the sons of men includes in her desirable commodities ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. Prov. 3:17. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, announced that "The dayspring from on high [Christ] hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." The New Testament salvation through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ designs to guide man's feet once more into the way of peace. This He will do to all who will meekly follow His blessed example.

The way of peace is clearly set forth before us in the holy Scriptures. "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue [pursue] it." 1 Pet. 3:10, 11. The way of peace is for one to follow peace with all men. Heb. 12:14. To

follow peace is to obey this divine injunction: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Rom. 12:18. This includes the members of your immediate family, wife, husband, brother, sister, etc.; neighbor, companion, associates, and fellow Christians. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body." Col. 3:15. "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:1, 2. It is a sad thing to behold so much division and strife among professed Christians. There is a depth of the way of peace that would terminate strife and discord if every believer could but grasp it.

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom." James 3:13. If you are truly a deep spiritual person, endued with knowledge and holiness, the ministry of such must be with meekness of wisdom springing from an atmosphere of love, peace, mercy, and truth. How often is this not the case! Perhaps a person becomes endued with certain knowledge of spiritual truth, but how easy it is to become lifted up at this point, and wield such knowledge in strife, and not the way of peace! "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:14-18. Notice especially here that the real fruit of righteousness is sown in peace. It is sown in peace of them that make peace. Any effort to promote righteousness that is attended with contention and strife will not produce the real fruit. It must be sown in peace. The standard of righteousness has too many times been wielded in a harsh unkind manner. Perhaps the one who wields it thus feels strongly that such is blessed and owned of God, but it is not. Such is not the way of peace.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." There is a great and needful lesson of the way of peace in this Scripture. "Be careful for nothing." Is not all the strife and turmoil of this age on the account of too much care? Would there be more prayer and supplication seasoned with thankfulness, gratitude, and praise unto God offered, the way of peace would be plainer. Would there be less use of the tongue to accomplish the desires of the heart, and more "making our requests known unto God" and casting our care upon Him, there would be more peace in the hearts of

men. And what would this peace do for us? "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Notice its expression, "hearts and minds." There would be less fearful hearts and less mind and nerve failure if we could grasp this "peace of God." This peace is for us to use in the battle against depression, doubt, fear, all of which tend to render the powers of the heart and mind less effectual.

Christ's message to His beloved saints whom He left in the midst of a cold, dark and sinful world was this: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." What did He mean by the term, "My peace"? The Savior's peace was His confidence in the Father and the trust that He had to God-ward. This peace sustained Him throughout the course that was His in this world, and enabled Him to lay His life down for us. This peace did not deliver Him from trouble, but it helped Him to triumph over trouble and carried Him victoriously through every encounter. This peace sustained in His heart love for all men, even for those who were His enemies. This same peace, His blessed peace and tranquility of mind and heart, is for us who follow in His steps. Oh, let us receive it and allow it to rule in our hearts!

"The peace of God passeth all understanding." ("Surpasseth all conception"—Greek.) Far beyond the capacity of your human thought, and beyond the extent of your knowledge and understanding, the peace of God is to reign. Peace is to underlie the vast domain of the soul's activity. We will learn in every direction that peace foreruns. Peace fills up the gap in the extent of our knowledge and understanding. Otherwise, there would be strife between souls whose understanding would vary in volume. Such is too often the case. If you are a wise man and endued with knowledge, be sure you tread the way of peace in bestowing your knowledge upon others.

Let us consider these thoughts, and ask God earnestly to direct our feet in the way of peace in all things. —Leslie Busbee

DOUBLED BY SHARING

Is thy cruse of comfort failing?
Rise and share it with another,
And through all the years of famine
It shall serve thee and thy brother.

Love Divine shall fill thy storehouse
Or thy handful still renew.
Scanty fare for one will often
Make a royal feast for two.

For the heart grows rich in giving,
All its wealth is living grain;
Seeds which mildew in the garner,
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.

Is thy burden hard and heavy?
Do thy steps drag wearily?
Help to bear thy brother's burden;
God will bear both it and thee!

The Good Fight

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." 1 Tim. 6:12.

Fight means to "struggle against or battle; to oppose; contend." We each one, who are in the army of the Lord, are in a battle or warfare. The enemy of our souls is a spirit, so we need to use spiritual weapons against him. But remember he is real and he will put up a stiff fight. So we need faith in Jesus Christ to help us. Jesus conquered the devil for us when He arose from the grave and ascended on high. By faith in Him we can overcome the devil.

The devil, who is a spirit, will work through people and through self. He comes to us, who are saved, from without, and that would be by presenting thoughts to our minds. He is persistent. He will come again and again with wrong thoughts. But our weapon is for us through Christ to "resist him steadfast in the faith." Resist again and again every thought in the name of Jesus Christ. We are to do as the Bible tells us which is our guide and counsellor. "Casting down every imagination and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5. Just cast away every thought presented by the devil. But you may say that you do that and it comes again. Well, just cast it away again. Remember you are fighting the "good fight of faith." It is a battle, but never become discouraged because through Christ you will always be a victor and a conqueror over the enemy. Never become discouraged in fighting. If you do, you will lose. Fight, fight, and fight through the power of Christ. Your eternal destiny and the saving of your soul depends on this good fight.

One time I was greatly disturbed by the enemy. He accused me again and again. He came with such a depressing feeling and gloom, trying to make me think I had done a great wrong when I knew clearly that I had not. Remember the devil will tell you a lie and then try to make you believe it. I resisted him and resisted him. One morning I had prayed and the enemy came very hard. I arose from my knees and went over by the window and just out loud told the devil he was a liar and that I was God's child and had not done anything wrong and I would do it again by Jesus' help. The Lord then comforted my heart. God presented a Scripture to my mind so clearly and plainly, "The accuser of the brethren is cast down." (Rev. 12:10) I just thanked the Lord and rejoiced. My faith took it in and my soul rejoiced in the Lord. The devil had to flee and I was not bothered any more about that certain thing. Dear ones, don't give up, but fight the good fight of faith. —Sis. M. Miles

"What I thought was a cloud turned out to be the shadow of the Almighty guiding me."

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The first campmeeting of the season—here at Guthrie, Okla., on May 29 to June 7—will be in progress soon after this paper goes into the mail. Remember the dates and attend these services if possible. A number of saints and ministers are expected from distant places. With the gathering of God's people from all directions, we anticipate a great outpouring and anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the services in convicting the sinners, saving the lost, sanctifying the believers, and healing the sick and afflicted in answer to the prayer of faith. Let us agree in prayer for the advancement of God's cause on the earth. Without His Spirit and power all would fail. (Elsewhere in this issue you will find the dates of all the campmeetings this summer).

Sister Hazel Clark, pastor at Akron, Ohio, reported on May 14 that the special meeting at Massillon, Ohio, was being well attended with good interest. Bro. Mart Samons was preaching the Word, backed up by other ministers and saints from over the state.

"Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17:32.

Jesus spoke these words of warning to His disciples following a word picture of the wicked condition of the people in the days of Noah and Lot. He said that the world conditions preceding His second coming would parallel those of the ancient world. "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." God said to Noah, "... the earth is filled with violence." Have you heard of or seen any violence recently? It is history repeating itself when mankind departs from truth and righteousness. Note the widespread rebellion and violence on campuses, riots, strikes, murders, juvenile crime, burnings, lootings, anarchy, and disrespect for law and order. Very often the cause of juvenile delinquency is a result of delinquent parents who fail to heed the Biblical instruction on how to correct and train the child. They "spare the rod and spoil the child" according to the Scripture. When the child has not learned obedience at home, what else can be expected when he goes out in the world?

With reference to the first text, God had condemned the wicked city of Sodom to destruction by fire. The angel of the Lord said to Lot, his wife and two daughters, "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed." Gen. 19:17. But Lot's wife looked back and she became a pillar of salt. Disobedience always brings punishment.

The main point in Jesus' warning to His disciples and to us is "not to look back" to this wicked world which is reserved unto fire. God has called and is calling His people out of this world of sin, out of sect confusion, called to a holy life, called to be a peculiar people, zealous of good works, called to be saints, called to a high calling, called to Mount Zion, the city

of the living God. His people are in the world, but not of the world, and Jesus prayed that they might be kept from the evil. Our citizenship is in heaven. In this world we are pilgrims and strangers bound for that heavenly country.

It is very important where we look, where our affections are focused, whether we are looking unto Jesus or looking back to this present transitory world. Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62. "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." Prov. 4:25, 27. Jesus exhorts us: "When these things begin to come to pass [the signs of His coming], then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. Peter warns thus: "Beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless." 2 Peter 3:14.

"... Escape to the mountain ..."

The fourth part of the angel's command to Lot was, "Escape to the mountain." A mountain is a high place above the hills and the plain. A mountain represents holiness—the place where God dwells. Hills represent sect confusion, and the plain signifies the low place of sin. The Lord abode upon Mount Sinai, and Moses went up to the mountain to receive God's law. Mount Zion is one of the mountains on which Jerusalem was built. Mount Zion is a metaphor of the New Testament Church, the New Jerusalem. The prophet Isaiah says, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Isa. 2:2, 3. The writer of the Hebrew letter describes the present experience of God's people: "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels." Heb. 12:22. Thank the Lord for the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, to which we have made our escape from the low plains of this present evil world.

"I am dwelling on the mountain,
Where the golden sunlight gleams;
O'er a land whose wondrous beauty
Far exceeds my fondest dreams;
Where the air is pure, ethereal,
Laden with the breath of flowers,
They are blooming by the fountain,
Neath the amaranthine bowers."

Dear reader, if you have not already answered the call, make your escape via the cross of Calvary to the mountain of God's holiness and remain in that safe refuge sheltered by His almighty power.

Restitution and confession to whom confession is due are vital matters with reference to getting and keeping the victory over Satan, and this subject should be taught and preached more often. Cases could be cited where individuals had an "up and down, in and out" experience all because they were not willing to meet God's requirements of restitution and confession. God spoke thus: "Again when I say to the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live, he shall not die." Ezek. 33:14, 15. Without restitution to the extent of one's ability, there is no promise of eternal life, but he must die for his uncorrected sins against his fellowman.

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The reprinting of the excellent out-of-print book, "The Holy Spirit and Other Spirits," by D. O. Teasley, is expected to be completed the last of June, perhaps by June 25. Containing about 192 pages of sound Biblical instructions in a heavy paper cover, the volume is reasonably priced at \$1.00 each, postpaid.

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The calls for gospel literature are increasing, and we are pleased to report that, with the blessings of the Lord, the co-operation of our readers, and the faithful consecrated labors of our co-workers in every department, the production of literature is likewise steadily increasing to meet these demands to a greater extent. The ways and means at our disposal are being utilized in this gospel literature ministry. The entire staff at this office are happy in the Lord and His service—just to have a small part in the worldwide effort to "rescue the perishing and care for the dying." The salvation of one soul is worth more than the combined wealth of the world. Our decision is fixed to be faithful at our post and "despise not the day of small things."

The co-operation of our readers is certainly appreciated, and we pray the Lord to bless and reward each one manifold. Your continued prayers are requested, as we feel our dependence upon the Lord for divine wisdom and grace in dealing out the Word of God through the literature. —Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Jessie Holloman was born October 29, 1882, in Topeka, Ill., and departed this life May 7, 1970, at her home in Columbia, Calif., at the age of 87 years, 6 months, and 9 days.

On April 7, 1901, she was united in marriage to George Holloman. He preceded her in death in June, 1948.

To this union six children were born—four daughters and two sons. One daughter and one son preceded her in death in 1920.

She was converted to Christ in her early youth and met the saints of the Church of God and embraced the truth about 60 years ago and continued in this way unto the time of her death.

The Hollomans moved to California in 1938 from Oklahoma. After the death of her husband, Sister Holloman located in Columbia, Calif., in 1951 and made her home there until her death.

She is survived by three daughters: Alice Dossa of Rawhide, Calif., Mary Wright of Sonora, Calif., and Mildred Kingsley of Columbia, Calif.; one son, Clarence Holloman of Okla. City, Okla., 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted by O. B. Wilson at the Heuton Memorial Chapel in Sonora, Cal., on Sunday afternoon, May 10, 1970. Scriptures used were Prov. 31:10-31 and Romans 8:16-23.

Then the body was removed to Glendale, Calif., where a grave-side service was held for the benefit of her

friends in this area. This service was conducted by O. B. Wilson and A. E. Harmon. The Scriptures used for this service were Rev. 7:9-17 and Psalms 116:15.

She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Grandview Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif.

Albert L. Isaak was born in Hebron, North Dakota, to Lawrence and Elizabeth Isaak on Aug. 31, 1903, and departed this life April 1, 1970, at the age of 66 years, 7 months and 1 day.

He was united in marriage to Mamie Busch on July 15, 1934. Albert and Mamie attended services at the Church of God chapel in Jefferson, Ore.

Albert was ill only a few days. The saints were called for prayer; also he prayed and called on God and gave his heart to Him before he died.

His father preceded him in death several years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mamie; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Houck, Gladstone, Ore.; seven sisters, four brothers, other relatives, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel, Salem, Ore., conducted by Bro. Charles Elwell, assisted by Sister Beatrice Spaur. Text: 1 Thess. 4:13. Interment was in the Restlawn Memory Gardens, Salem, Oregon.

Sister Alpha E. Daniels was born Oct. 9, 1899, in Missouri and moved to Orland, Calif., in 1936, from where she departed this life on May 5, 1970, to be with the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, James; two daughters, Mrs. Velma Paschall, Redding, Calif., and Mrs. Beverly Cardoya, Bayliss, Calif.; one son Lloyd, of Orland, Calif.; one sister, three brothers, eight grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Sister Alpha was a true saint of God, always with a sweet and humble spirit. She loved the Lord and His people. The saints will miss her, and so will her neighbors and friends.

Mr. Daniels said her going was sudden. They had gone to bed and in the night she called him and asked him to get up with her. He did, and they went into the living room. She sat down in her chair, leaned her head back, closed her eyes, and was gone to be with the Lord. Surely death had no sting and the grave no victory. She was faithful unto death.

A Sister in the Lord who will miss her greatly,

—Sister Margaret Olson

Christian, Trial Is A Proof of God's Confidence

Trials are God's trust. Job's trial is the great example. When a man has a trial he is very apt to say, "I wonder what God is angry with me for; I wonder why He is punishing me?" My brother, God knows you can stand that trial; He would not give it to you if you could not. It is His trust in you that explains the trials of life, however bitter they may be. God knows your strength and He measures it to the last inch, and a trial was never given to any man that was greater than that man's strength, through God, to bear it.

A wise old owl lived in an oak;
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;
Why can't we all be like that bird?

"Wisdom is knowledge rightly applied."

Campmeeting Dates for 1970

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1970. More complete announcements of the June and July meetings will appear elsewhere in this issue, and the remainder will be published in the July paper:

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Oklahoma—May 29 to June 7, 1970.

Holly Hill, S. Carolina—June 5 to 14, 1970.

La Mission, Mexico—June 26 to July 5, 1970.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 26 to July 5, 1970.

General Southern at Hammond, Louisiana—June 26 to July 5, 1970.

Akron, Ohio—July 10 to 19, 1970.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 24 to Aug. 2, 1970.

Bakersfield, Calif.—July 31 to Aug. 9, 1970.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—Aug. 7 to 16, 1970.

Boley, Oklahoma—Aug. 7 to 16, 1970.

California State at Pacoima, Cal.—Aug. 14 to 23, 1970.

Dover, Okla.—Aug. 18 to 23, 1970, held only six days.

Fresno, Calif.—Sept. 11 to 20, 1970. (Note this date has been changed).

Campmeeting Notices

HOLLY HILL, S. CAROLINA CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God here at Holly Hill, S. Carolina, will be held June 5 to 14, 1970. Everyone is invited to come. Please pray for this meeting that the Lord will send ministers of His choosing.

Yours for lost souls,

Phone 496-5176

—O'Neal Pratt

JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, Lord willing, on June 26 to July 5, 1970. All are invited and welcome to come.

This meeting will be supported on the free-will offering plan as usual. Cabins and bedding are furnished on the grounds. Meals are served in the dining hall.

God blessed here in our Easter meeting and we are looking to God for another feast at Father's table. We urge everyone to attend this meeting. We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His choosing who will preach the Word of God under the anointing of His Holy Spirit without fear or favor.

For further information, write Sister Hilda Nielson, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Ore., phone 327-2564, or Sister Beatrice Spaur, P. O. Box 348, Jefferson, Oregon, phone 327-2855.

GENERAL SOUTHERN AT HAMMOND, LA.

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Friday, June 26, on the General Southern campgrounds at Hammond, La., and will continue through Sunday, July 5.

We are looking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst with souls being saved and sick bodies healed. We are looking to the Lord to send in ministers of His

choosing who will come with a burden upon their souls for the meeting.

As in the past, meals and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We urge everyone, who possibly can, to be here for this meeting.

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

AKRON, OHIO, CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Akron, Ohio, will be held July 10 to 19 at 419—21 West Thornton St., in Akron. All nations are welcome.

Holy Spirit-filled ministers will be present to preach the Word in each service—daily at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Morning prayer meeting at 6:30 a.m., breakfast at 8 a.m., dinner at 12:30, lunch at 5 p.m., and young people's meeting at 6 p.m. Sleeping quarters and meals are provided by free-will offerings.

All are cordially invited to come for edification, salvation, sanctification and healing of the body.

For further information, contact Bro. Adolph Robinson at phone 836-6948 in Akron, or Sister Hazel Clark, pastor, at phone 762-4432 at parsonage or phone 762-2286 at chapel in Akron. —Hazel Clark

33rd NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' campgrounds at Monark Springs (Neosho), Missouri, July 24 through August 2, 1970, inclusive.

We extend a very sincere and cordial invitation to all who read or hear about this campmeeting to attend, if at all possible. We need the Lord and each other more now than we ever have before.

The campground is located five miles east of Neosho, just off Highway No. 86 about three-fourths mile south.

As in previous years, meals and lodging will be furnished on the grounds. The usual fee of \$5.00 for camp tents and \$1.00 for cot and mattress will be charged. Also, space in dormitories will be \$2.50 per person. With the Lord's help we will try to provide for all who come. All who can, please bring bedding. It would be advisable to bring wraps, as the weather turns very cool at times. Meals will be served on free-will offering plan.

We know God will send His Spirit-filled ministers to bring us His Word. Let us pray earnestly for the ministers and the meeting, that the power of the Holy Spirit will give fresh anointing for every service, convincing sinners of their need to turn to God, that believers will be sanctified, bodies healed, and an overall upbuilding of the Church of God.

Four services will be held daily, in addition to children's meeting in the morning and young peoples' meeting in the early evening.

There will be an 11 P. M. curfew. All are expected to be in their tent, cabin, or dormitory at this time. Allowance is being given to ministers or those working at the altar or praying for the sick. We appreciate the co-operation given and want to commend our precious young people for their consideration.

It will be necessary for those coming by bus or train to come to Neosho, and either take a taxi to the grounds, or call GR 2-6427, which is out of Granby, Mo., and some one will come after you.

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

orders and offerings to Bro. H. A. McMillian, Rt. 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850. Bro. H. A. McMillian is the business manager, being assisted by Bro. Kenneth Probst.

Special Work Days

There will be special work days at Monark Camp Ground on the following dates: June 6 and 20 and July 4. All help will be appreciated. Please remember these dates and come to help, if possible.

—H. A. McMillian
Route 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

TULSA, OKLA. REVIVAL MEETING

The revival meeting at Tulsa, Okla. (Norfolk and Pine Place) will be held June 12 to 21, 1970. We desire the prayers of all the saints for the meeting. For further information, contact Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor, 2643 North Spruce, Wichita, Kansas 67219, phone 264-8481, or Bro. M. D. Gaines, 2232 N. Lewis, Tulsa, Okla. 74106, phone 425-8946. —Maple Littlejohn

Enlarging Project at Tulsa Chapel

The saints at Norfolk and Pine Place in Tulsa, Okla. are planning on enlarging our chapel with the help of the Lord. We believe in praying while planning that the Lord will help us. If you feel led within your heart, we will appreciate any contributions. The sec.-treasurer of the Building Fund is Mayetta West, 1135 E. Pine Place, Tulsa, Okla. 74106.

Prayer Requests

Mo.—"Infection in body, varicose veins, high blood pressure" and other afflictions. —E. Moore.

Ark.—"Arthritis." —Cherry Alba.

Miss.—"Cancer on neck, sore limb, and bad eyes." Pray for a friend who drinks all the time and has a little girl to care for. His wife is in the hospital. Other requests. —Rosa Davis.

Okla.—Pray for my family, also a friend who has ulcers. Pray for her family. —Mary Jones.

Mo.—Pray for healing of kidney trouble. —W. Gutridge.

W. Va.—"Pray for my great grand-daughter. Dr. told my grandson the baby would never walk nor talk. The Dr. said he didn't believe in miracles. . . . I feel like the Lord will work a miracle for somebody's benefit." —Dora Willis.

Calif.—Let us remember Bro. I. C. Chandler in prayer. He has been suffering greatly, but we are expecting God to heal. The devil would like to keep this precious truth from going forth by afflicting God's ministers, but God is our healer. Saints, pray for all our ministers.

Mo.—Adell Stephens requests prayer for healing of a blood clot on her limb.

Okla.—Still remember Bro. and Sis. Sam Barton. God is with them and they are still in the furnace. God knows whom He can trust to be an example to all of us. They are still holding their faith steady in the Lord and Him alone. Continually remember them in prayer.

N. Carolina—Bro. Stacy Biddix is having a battle with afflictions and desires a special agreement of prayer.

Mo.—We thank the Lord for how He answered prayer and healed up the injuries which Bro. Pat Cole suffered in the auto accident. His neck is rather stiff, but he is not in pain.

Pray for God to work in the campmeetings soon to convene.

There is much to pray for. We received letters and requests from different ones. Some are deeply burdened for their unsaved loved ones who are going deeper in sin. Their hearts long for them to say with the prodigal son, "I will arise," and come to the Lord, asking forgiveness and receiving peace. Some mothers are burdened for their children who are separating from their companions. Others are under severe heartaches because of their companions leaving them and becoming ensnared by the enemy. Some have financial problems, and many other problems which are severe. Many have bodily afflictions and need prayer. But thank God for those answered prayers. Some write that their loved ones have gone back together, bodies are healed, problems are worked out, children and loved ones are saved. We don't need to be discouraged, but keep praying with faith.

My little nephew was born with a bone missing in his ankle and a tumor in that place. His parents took him to a specialist who removed the tumor, took a bone from the other leg and grafted it in the ankle, but the bone was so thin they did not expect it to knit. Time passed and it didn't. The doctors wanted to amputate the leg. The child was anointed and prayed for. God did the work. The bone began to knit which amazed the doctors and they admitted it was a higher power that did it. The little fellow is not two years old, but he walks. We thank God for what He has done. We trust this will be the means of the salvation of his loved ones.

—Sister M. Miles

MISSION LETTER FROM INDIA

S. India (May 7)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Loving greetings again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ, "the consolation of Israel." (Luke 2:25) "Blessed be the Lord that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise . . ." (1 Kings 8:56).

Thank you very much for your good letter dated April 7, with the contents. I am especially grateful to you for sending me the booklet, "Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?" by Ostis B. Wilson.

I left home for Calicut to attend the convention there, and after the visits at other northern places I returned home yesterday. I have a lot to write you about this trip. If God allows, I shall write in detail through another letter.

The convention at Calicut started on April 24, evening, and ended on Sunday 26. Brethren from Kottarakara, Porkulam, Trichur, etc., came to Calicut during these days, though it is a long distance. There were night meetings, open air meetings in the day time, young men's meeting, house to house visits, and individual approaches during this limited time. Our heavenly Father supplied each and every one of the needs of the convention miraculously. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Eph. 1:3). Bro. L. K. John and others at Calicut worked hard in one way or another for the success of the meetings. All these efforts were not in vain.

After this convention I took time to visit brethren at Porkulam, Challissery, etc., which are about sixty miles away from Calicut. On the 30th of April all went to Trichur to attend the convention there which ended on the third of May. All these meetings and visits were very profitable which resulted in mutual encouragement.

Now we plan to conduct another three-days' meeting, a special one, at Karikkom chapel next week. This is a very recent decision and the dates are fixed on May 12, 13, and 14. I must make certain arrangements for it immediately. Much prayers from abroad are needed and requested. As you mentioned in your letter, the day comes when our Lord Jesus leaves the mediatorial throne, closing the door of mercy and salvation, bringing the world of mankind to judgment. You see, in countries neighboring India, churches are closed, missionaries are barred from entry, Bibles are destroyed and Christianity is a forbidden religion.

Please extend our most loving greetings to all brethren there near and far who pray for us. Our prayers are with your efforts there and for its success.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

NIGERIAN PASTOR'S LETTER

Southeast State, Nigeria (April 29)—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I send you and all the co-workers in the Print Shop greetings of love and fellowship in that incomparable name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is the only gateway to our blessed hope of eternal life.

Thank you for your recent communication dated April 17, and the enclosures. . . .

Our campmeeting came and went with God's richest blessings throughout. I am glad that God is teaching me how to yield my will to Him because my ways are not His ways. The wonderful thing about it is that as I become obedient to truth I feel a greater bond between my brothers and sisters in the Lord who are being taught His ways. Oh, how I strove to love people when Jesus first came into my life, but now I know that love flows and grows rapidly as we become obedient to the truth.

Though I may sometimes reflect on my own natural desires which may yearn to satisfy the flesh for a time, yet I also crave for that specific bond which is so sweet and most satisfying to the soul. Oh, the bond of perfection which is found only in Christ Jesus!

As a minister, it has been a real burden in my heart, and my whole life to see God use me to win more souls to Him in this jungle, and all loving one another and working and helping each other. I am so glad I was born at this time when so much hatred, nationalism and the like abounds, because in the midst of it all, God has allowed me to have a part in this wonderful work of bringing together the great family of God.

God's richest blessings to you and yours.

Yours for the truth,

—J. U. Etuk

MISSION REPORT FROM NIGERIA

Southeast State, Nigeria (May 11)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: Thanks so very much for your letter of April 13 and the contents which were appreciated.

Enclosed you will find Bro. Nse Umanah's reports on the recent campmeeting in April. [The report is too long to reproduce in full, but the Lord did bless in those services, many were saved and the total attendance numbered 1,647.]

The Uyo branch of the bank is resuming its function. Let's hope and pray that God will work out every problem for us.

We really want your final word in regard to the matter of a missionary to come to us during the time you will be meeting at the National Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo. We pray about the matter.

We thank you for another dispatch of books, and continue to supply them. May God bless you abundantly is our prayer.

Yours for the Lord's cause, —B. U. Etuk

GOSPEL WORK ADVANCES IN NIGERIA

Midwest Nigeria (May 5)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of Jesus who saith, "My people shall never be ashamed": Thank you for your letter dated the 9th of April, 1970, contents of which were noted with many thanks.

We definitely have cause to glorify God for being with us every step of the way. The gospel work is progressing and the church is marching on. Six converted brethren were baptized in River Ethiopie which is 15 miles away from Abbi. We travelled there by a lorry chartered by the congregation.

We have commenced an open air preaching meeting to unfold the scenes of great controversy between truth and error, to reveal the wiles of Satan by the Word of God, and the means by which he may be successfully resisted.

Pray for us as we do for you.

Sincerely yours in Him, —Titus Enu

MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Valle De La Trinidad, Mexico (May 14)—Dear brethren: I thank God that He strengthens me with peace in my soul and gives victory. God, who loves us, has permitted some trials in my life. But He has given grace and now it seems that we have come out. I am happy and contented in my soul, though a little sad because it wasn't possible to go south as I had desired to do. But I am trusting in God, and if He wills, I shall go soon.

All of my brethren continue faithful to God and encouraged in their souls. Pray for all in the valley, and for the campmeeting that we will have this year in La Mision. Pray much, please, and pray for more workers that are so much needed. The work is heavy and great. Please pray for all the workers that they might all, being united in the Son of God, be able to impart a knowledge of the plan of salvation in love. I can see that at this time people are seeking more of the truth of God. So I ask your prayers for us all, that we may with courage present the gift of God, and please pray for me that I might serve God better. Also pray for my body. It seems that I have an ulcer, which at times is very painful, but in my soul I am happy. Pray for Brother David Rosas and his wife who are expecting their first child in two months.

Sister Josephine continues faithful and is hoping to leave, with her husband and family, for the South to work there in the gospel. Please pray that the gospel of God will reach many more of the lost. Anyone who would like to write Bro. David or Sister Josephine may use this address: Box 3979, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073.

Greetings from all the brethren in Mexico. Pray for the workers that the power of the Spirit of God will move them.

—Tomas Mendoza
P. O. Box 3979, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073

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REPORT FROM THE HOME FIELD

Dear Saints and fellow-laborers in the gospel: Greetings of love in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, "who gave Himself a ransom for all." Thank the dear Lord! "That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:74, 75. Oh, what a wonderful Saviour! Praise the Lord! We surely thank the Lord for this great salvation that we enjoy daily. Praise God!

I am thankful how the Lord blessed me to attend various meetings this past winter and spring. We were with the saints in the Bakersfield, Calif., meeting in January. To witness the Word of God going forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, to see a number of souls weep their way to the cross for salvation, and to see the saints measuring up to the Word of God as it was shining on their path was wonderful to behold.

The Wichita, Kansas, meeting in March was a precious meeting. It was on a Saturday in the day service that the saints were travelling in prayer for the lost when it seemed the Holy Spirit was poured out afresh on the saints, and oh! how our hearts were made to rejoice as we felt the presence of God so near and so dear! Oh, bless the Lord!

Leaving Wichita, I felt led of the Lord to go to the Los Angeles, Calif., spring meeting. Again the Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit in its fulness. A number of young people and older ones, too, sought the Lord and got saved. Others consecrated their lives to God to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The singing was especially good, anointed of the Lord. In this meeting was a good deal of "clearing things up." I was reminded of the words of Paul: "What clearing of yourselves." This surely helps to make a good meeting.

We returned home from Los Angeles for a few days and then went to Goulds, Fla., for the meeting held April 10-19. Again we witnessed the mighty working of God. The devils were cast out, souls saved, some sanctified and bodies healed. One precious soul was delivered from the snuff habit, saved, and then she testified how the taste of snuff left her while praying at the altar. She said she hadn't had a taste nor desire for the snuff since. She was baptized in the meeting. Praise the Lord!

Bro. Robert McIntyre of Goulds requested that I write his testimony in this report as follows: Bro. and Sis. McIntyre's two-year-old son took suddenly ill during a service. He had a very high fever and began to vomit. His limbs and arms began to draw. He went into convulsions and his breathing became abnormal, his jaws stiff, and it looked as though he were dying. This was quite a suffering time. Some who witnessed it were convicted, sought the Lord, and got saved—Bro. and Sis. McIntyre's oldest son among others. We do not know what disease the child had, as there was no doctor called to examine it. But this one thing we do know—the great God of heaven in His great love and mercy reached down and touched the child's body and healed it, rasing it from what seemed death's door. "Oh, what a mighty God we serve!" "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." Psalms 103:13. Thank the dear Lord! When we left Goulds the child was running around playing like other children.

Another child five years old was possessed of some foreign spirit of the devil. Through much laboring in prayer of the saints the Lord delivered the child and the mother of the child got saved. Praise the Lord! We met with opposition during the Florida meeting but the Lord took care of it all. The Lord blessed with good lawn services, also. The meeting closed with victory. Praise the Lord!

I returned home for the Boley, Okla., spring meeting and witnessed how wonderfully the Lord worked in it. The Word was precious to our souls. A few souls were saved. We surely thank the Lord for hearing and answering the prayers of the righteous. Pray earnestly for the souls who have been saved that they keep encouraged in the Lord to go all the way with Him. We are grateful to the Lord for all the ministers, workers, and saints who labored in the meeting at Boley.

I received the news May 4 that Sister Ruth Shelton passed away (Bro. L. Shelton's widow). The funeral was to be, Lord willing, on Sunday, May 10, in Mobile, Ala. . . . Do pray for the family.

I wish to thank the saints for their prayers for me as I travel from place to place. I am thankful for the way the Lord blesses me in my body and soul. I desire you to continue to pray for me.

Christian love and prayers, —Katherine Williams

From The Mail Box . . .

Ark.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop, greetings this beautiful morning in Jesus' great and powerful name: I trust all are well, and your needs are being supplied.

Please find our offering enclosed to help keep the gospel going out to help some dear ones to find and serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness. I do enjoy the . . . papers which helps me to hear about some of God's people.

The Lord has healed me again of a cold and much weakness. I had a nice 82nd birthday last month. A light storm came here and put a lot of limbs on my lawn. The Lord gave me strength to gather them up. Oh, the Lord is so good, and greatly to be praised! I want to love and trust Him more. He has been my all in all now for 57 years. He is my stay and my staff, a present help in every trouble and blesses me abundantly.

With love and prayers, —Sister N. E. Adams

La.—Dear Workers at the Print Shop: Please renew my subscription. I have enjoyed the "Faith and Victory" paper for the past three years very much. It is just wonderful that just one dollar can buy so much spiritual food when the food for the flesh is so high. I'm afraid my body couldn't live long on just one dollar's worth of groceries, but thanks to you all, my soul can feast three full years.

May God richly reward you for all you have done and are still doing. The Lord willing, I may get to attend the Hammond Campmeeting and perhaps meet some of you.

Christian love, —Sister W. White

W. Va.—Dear Saints of God: I am sending you some money for the book on Divine Healing. I came upon a two-year-old paper, "Faith and Victory" and I would like to subscribe for it. The Lord really blessed me when I read it many times.

I have only been in God's family for a year. Please pray for me that I will grow stronger in the Lord each

day. I love the Lord more each day I serve Him. I thank Him for saving my soul. May God bless every one of you in your work.

Your Sister in Christ, —Hazel Childress

Kentucky—Find enclosed \$1.00 to renew my subscription to your paper. I do not want to miss one paper. I want to read it as long as I live. I have been going to the Church of God all my life and I am 76 years old. I wish I lived where I could go to a real Church of God. The people from A— have quit preaching the truth and the things of this world have come in and taken over, but there is not much we can do about it except pray, and then pray again and again. . . .

Your Brother in Christ, —L. J. Ruggles

Miss.—Dear Sister Marie: Thank you very much for changing my paper over to my daughter. She is my stand-by now, as I can't see to read or do any kind of work. I will be 90 years old in August, and I've enjoyed this paper for a long, long time. Now I enjoy hearing it read.

Enclosed is a small offering—the Lord's money—to use as you see fit. He is so good to us.

—Mrs. Nettie Perkins

Pa.—Dear Sirs: Please find enclosed . . . , for which please send me one dozen books of "Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer."

This book was the means of my twin brother's and my conversion to the Lord in the fall of 1903 when we were about 11½ years old. We were born May 13, 1892. This coming Wednesday we will be 78 years old. My twin brother, Harvey, lives with me. His wife died in 1957.

—Harry D. Wiles

Fla.—Greetings in the Lord: I have not met you face to face, but I hope to some day while here on this earth. I was given one of your papers and like what I have read in it. Enclosed please find \$1.00 to pay for three years. Please mail to me a sample of the tracts you print. I am a believer in the printed page to win souls for our Lord. Thank you.

—Elmer Davis

Ind.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings again in Jesus' dear name. I thought I had better let you know that I arrived home safely at 8:15 Thursday evening, April 30.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lord and all the saints for their kindness shown me on my trip to Calif. and return. God surely has been good to me, and He is our comfort and strength in times of loneliness and affliction. I am thankful that He saved me from a life of sin and set my feet upon the Solid Rock. God's grace hath set me free. As the song says, "This world has now no charms for me. Creatures no more divide my choice, I bid them all depart; His name, His love, His gracious voice, have fixed my roving heart."

I appreciated the privilege of attending the Assembly meeting at Pacoima, Calif., and meeting with old acquaintances and some new saints. I am thankful to have attended a meeting with the saints at Bakersfield, Calif. I was glad to be able to stay with my niece and her husband at Trona, Calif. I appreciated their kindness to me and accept all these blessings as coming from God. I enjoyed the meeting at Guthrie held by Bro. Coffey and the privilege of visiting with the workers at the Publishing Plant and seeing how they put out the "Faith and Victory" paper. It was all very interesting and they all displayed wonderful cooperation and patience. May God

bless all those who labor there. God has a reward laid up in heaven for everyone who will stand true and faithful till the end.

I am glad to be back home again and for God's protecting hand upon me on the highway. I would appreciate your prayers for my healing and that I will know God's will in my life.

Christian love,

—Earl B. Bliss

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Oklahoma.—To the saints at Faith Pub. House, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This leaves me feeling very well, and trusting the Lord for soul and body. The last request for prayer I sent was for my kidneys. They are healed by the Lord through your prayers.

At times I suffer with shortness of breath. I know God can heal me again. Please pray for me.

A child of God,

—Lizzie Randles

Mo.—Dear Ones: I'm so thankful for the blessings of God to me. I could never praise and thank Him enough. I want to live where He can use me as He wishes. I don't feel worthy of the many favors He sends my way.

Lately I have been thinking of HOPE. One definition of hope is "the expectation of something desired." I am sure all of us have hopes for different things. But above all things we might hope for in this present world I trust we all have that "eternal hope" within our hearts. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." 1 Cor. 15:19. Isn't it wonderful to know that this "eternal hope" is not just for this present life! When God calls this world into judgment, we will have a hope for an eternal Home where there will be no sorrow nor troubles anymore. I truly want to live where I'll always have this hope. Many are seeking happiness in different things in this world. They are hoping they will find something to satisfy their desires. Until they come humbly to the Lord, repent of their sins, and put their hopes in Him, they won't find any lasting happiness.

Of course, we, who are running the Christian race, have trials and persecutions. Aren't we told in II Tim. 3:12, "... all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions"? These trials make us stronger in the Lord. Patience through this troubled world plays a big part in our Christian life. This verse in Romans 8:25 was a real inspiration to me: "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Patience means "calm and uncomplaining endurance." I thought how, when we put a cake into the oven to bake, we are expecting and desiring a nice-looking and tasty dish when we take it out. But we've got to be patient until it is done. We can't turn the temperature up too high, or take it out too soon. So it is with our Christian walk. We are hoping for a great eternal reward at the end, but we must be patient and endure all those trials and temptations that come our way. Let us not become troubled nor begin to murmur or complain when something undesirable befalls our pathway; but let us try to get the good out of it and see how we can profit by it.

I was thinking about those who are so afflicted. I was much impressed with Sister Inez Beisly's statement last winter. She said something similar to this: "I live in expectation every day." My heart is touched to see those carrying afflictions. I know they have a hope to be healed, but if God does not see fit to heal them before

they leave this life they can still have a hope—a far brighter hope—for that life where there will be no suffering or pain.

I desire your prayers that I will be faithful and true to God and learn to be more like Christ each day. I truly want to be consecrated to always do His will. "The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him." Lamentations 3:24.

Christian love,

—Janice Allen

Florida.—Dear Sister Miles and Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: This letter is to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your call, your prayers, and your financial assistance. They were needed and greatly appreciated.

Considering all that has happened to us here in less than a year's time, we are able to see the mighty hand of God holding us up, even though the tests seemingly have been one after another, each with increased pressure, trying to move us from our stand. But God has, and is giving us grace, and we are thankful.

Darkness many times veils His face, but I'm determined to rest on His unchanging grace. I realize that the saints' prayers helps us to stand. I am, therefore, asking special prayer that I will not faint in any test or trial, for Peter says the trying of our faith is more precious than gold.

The meeting here at Goulds was a battle from start to finish. . . .

In many ways last year's events are repeating themselves. . . . But our God is faithful to fulfill His promises. Pray for the Hargrave family and the congregation of Goulds that we prove faithful to God.

We desire to attend the Guthrie campmeeting this year if God makes a way for us. I need help in my body. Pray for me.

Again we thank you for what you did for us during the time we lost our little Faith. The money was an answer to prayer, for we didn't have the money to pay for her burial except to borrow it. The burial fee was \$75.00. Your check came the day we buried her. Thank you again!

—Bro. and Sis. Herschell Hargrave
by Sister Hargrave

Oregon.—Greetings to all precious souls: My motive and desire in sending this testimony is that the most wonderful and holy name of our blessed Lord God be glorified, exalted and lifted up and that praise and honor be given to Him that loves us and keeps us by His great divine power. My heart is full to overflowing with thanksgiving and praise to Him for all of His faithful dealings and His great and many mercies to me and to all men everywhere.

Most of all I thank Him for this great salvation of peace, joy, comfort, and soul rest. He is a wonderful, wonderful Saviour.

We have surely found Him faithful to supply all our needs as we trust in Him, and Him alone, for soul and body. He has brought me through a long and tedious time of illness and healed my body. But best of all, He has blessed my inner being with a renewed consecration to love and serve Him more and more with ALL my heart, ALL my soul, ALL my mind and ALL my strength.

About the first of last November I took sick and went down in my body. I do not know what all was wrong with me but I know it was serious. At times the suffering was severe and I felt I could not live long unless help came from God. It surely was a time of close searching of my heart and soul. My Lord so graciously dealt with me, showing me some things to lay aside and some real

digging I had to do. As I faced death, and felt it was very near at hand, I found a need for more faith to overcome fear and dread of the grave. As I was looking earnestly to Him in prayer, He brought some Scriptures to me on how to build up my faith and helped me to really pray. He has made me to know there is only one way to "contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints," and that is by "building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Jude 20, 21. Nothing less than this kind of building, praying, keeping, and looking will take us through with victory to heaven. The enemy contests every step we take toward that great City, but our God will surely take us through as we seek Him with our whole heart and walk close enough to hold His hand.

I did not feel any special inspiration of faith, but felt led to be anointed and prayed for in obeying His Word, and yielded my whole being into His hand for Him to have His own perfect will and way with me. Then a wonderful peace and calm assurance flooded my soul and He brought me to the place where I can truly say it mattered not if He healed me or took me Home. Praise His dear name! He has become so precious to me that everything else in this world is secondary. After having been anointed, the tests came hard and long, but God stood by me. Bro. Trimble used to say that when we obey and do our part, it puts God on His Word and He will produce and perform His Word. He has made me to know that as long as I am His child and keep my trust in Him, nothing can take my life until He is ready to take me and when He is, nothing can keep me here. Oh, what a blessed resting place!

Recently my dear companion was also very ill. We never knew just what it was, but thought it was flu that went into pneumonia. We are both yet somewhat weak, but the Lord gives us more strength each day. We have both been drawn closer to the dear Lord and our whole heart's desire is to always do that which pleases Him most and to be all that He wants us to be.

We have much interest and burden for the work of the Lord in the earth and feel a burden for precious lost souls, not only for our loved ones, but also for the loved ones of all His people and every lost soul. Pray for the work at Gladstone, Ore., that souls be brought in.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers in our behalf and for the many cards and letters of cheer and encouragement. May God bless all is our prayer.

Christian love, —Virginia Taylor

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Texas—Brethren, I give to the Lord, my heavenly Father, my testimony of how He has answered my prayers and the prayers of my brethren. I now have the answer to my prayers, answered in a marvelous way. I prayed for a long time, with all my heart and faith, that my son and his wife might be re-united. God permitted me to help them some. But only God was able to work this out. They are together now, but my son had to go away for awhile to work to support his family. I am so thankful that we have a Father who sees all, and hears and attends to all the supplications of each one of His children. It is truly wonderful what the Lord does for us. It was a divine thing that He did, and I have felt in my soul that it was a resplendent light, shining in this home where I am.

Brother or Sister, if you have a problem, tell it all to God. He will work it out for you. He will answer our prayers. Have faith in Him! Ask with all your

heart, because God never forsakes us. He is ever close to us to sustain us—our most faithful Friend and loving Father.

I continue asking the Lord to keep on blessing my children. Pray that He will bless me in my work.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, —Magdalena Creswell

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Florida—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love to you and all the saints and workers in the great name of our Lord and Saviour who made the way for us to come out of darkness into this marvelous light in which we stand today. Praise the Lord! I am happy in my soul.

We had a wonderful ten-days meeting at Goulds, Fla. The Lord was present to save souls, heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out devils. Thank the Lord! Surely we appreciate His great love to us. Truly, the meeting had the anointing of God upon it. A child was snatched from the jaws of death, demons were cast out of many, sick bodies were healed, souls were saved, believers were sanctified and the saints were edified through the faithful prayers of believers in God. Praise His great name!

I received your good encouraging letter and appreciate your concern for me. Also I received all the books I ordered, and the anointed cloth which I applied to my feet. They are much better now. . . . I'm looking to the Lord who is yet bearing our grief and carrying our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. (Isa. 53:4, 5) Praise His great name!

I do want to come to the Guthrie campmeeting. Do pray the Lord to work it out for me to come. Remember the work here and at Goulds, Fla., also in Georgia. I thank the Lord for saving my niece in the meeting at Goulds, also for healing my sister and turning on more light to her. Pray that He will keep them and give them complete deliverance from earthly ties. Do pray much for me that the Lord will give much wisdom, understanding, and knowledge in dealing with precious souls who need solid truth.

Now may God bless each of you as you work in getting out the truth that souls may be harvested into the kingdom of God, is my prayer for you. Much love to all the saints.

Yours in the One Body, —Sister Mattie B. Savage

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Oklahoma—To the dear family of God and lovers of the truth as it is in Jesus: Greetings from Oklahoma. Tonight (May 17) finds me still pressing on for the dear Lord. I am not at all discouraged, for truly the Lord has been so good to me. As we do for Him, He will do for us.

We are living in perilous times. The enemy of all good is very busy, working against all righteousness. We as the people of God need to keep awake, be on our guard, lest we be taken captive in some of the snares the devil has set for us to fall into. There are many ways we can be ensnared. One is to be neglectful in our prayer life, or leave off to watch and pray and be sober. There are so many responsibilities to see about, and if we are not very careful, we will neglect the one important part—PRAYER. It is precious just to be able to take the smallest things to Jesus. He will listen and He knows and understands.

There is work for all to do in the Great Harvest Call—Song No. 310. This call is not just for the middle-aged and old in years; God wants to use the little children and the young people. Let us ask the Lord, "Lord, what would you have me to do?" The gospel need is great. Some

may say they cannot preach the gospel, but there is a definite work for all to do. The apostle Paul spoke of helps or helpers in 1 Cor. 12:28, also Romans 16:1 to 4. God does not always call us to the big tasks. Just let us be willing to fill the lowliest place. First, we must be pliable in God's hands, ready for service, be it great or small. We must be measured to the Word of God in our every-day life by the way we dress, plain and saintly in every way, so when the world looks upon us nothing but Christ can be seen.

If pride is in the heart, it is likely to crop out some where on our person, or on our children. The Lord hates a proud look. Six things doth the Lord hate. Prov. 6:16-19. A proud look is one of them. "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly, but the proud he knoweth afar off." Psalm 138:6. I want the Lord to know me close to Him and not afar off. So when He needs my service, I can say out of a pure heart, "Lord, here am I, send me." The Lord asks, "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1 Chron. 29:5. But if we are decked out with the things of this world, we will not be a fit subject for service in His great vineyard.

This is a life of sacrifice. We must give up our ways and the things we hold dear. Psalm 50:5, "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." When the Lord first saved my soul, He saved me from sin, pride, styles, and fashions. Those things I once laid aside, I still keep laid aside for Jesus' sake and for the Kingdom of heaven's sake. Oh, for more pure examples amongst the young and the old! 1 Tim. 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." This is a close life. (Hebrews 10:32, 33) When I was first saved, I had many things to lay aside to keep saved and I still have to keep those things laid aside to keep God's approval upon my life, for I want what I do to count for Him.

I need your prayers, for I mean heaven whatever it takes. Let us ask for the old paths. (Jer. 6:16)

—Sister Evelyn Gibson

Are "Shorts" Becoming to Christians?

The term "shorts" means scant, very brief, not much, unable to cover a large space. When we think of shorts in terms of clothing, we readily recognize that they are worn on the part of the body the Lord called the secrets, and He did not intend for that part of the body to be exposed to common view. When we think of those who wear them we think in terms of respect. Shorts denote little respect for himself or herself. One who has respect for himself will not appear dressed in such a manner as to cause him to be embarrassed in front of other folks. However, some have become so hardened until they do not care where, or in front of whom, they wear shorts, and other improper clothing. The shorter they are the less respect they have for self or others.

Not only does the wearing of shorts denote little or no respect for self, but it also shows no respect for others. Sometimes a person will at least respect others enough never to be seen in such a "garb" of dress as to be embarrassing or cause one to feel out of place. However, it is surprising to see the thousands who have lost respect for self and others, too.

The lack of clothes which expose so much of the body as to produce a lustful desire in the opposite sex began with very base, evil-minded, Satan-possessed characters who practice all sorts of evil. Those who first began to wear such scant clothing in public were quickly branded as prostitutes or of similar character.

Today, how many of the land's fair girls grow up to be accustomed to wearing shorts, and we wonder why there are so many delinquents. When the gates have been opened to fleshly lusts, they bring forth sin, and sin when it is finished brings death. Such practices among professed Christians have killed the pure, holy life of Christ in the heart.

The world is steeped in sin, and when a sinner cannot see any difference in the looks of those professing Christianity and a child of the devil, then where is any desire to want to be one? When lust has been excited and sinful desires bubble over, then what shame and disgrace is caused, sometimes never to be erased! Can the people who see you say that you dress like a Christian? A true Christian will not wear shorts or miniskirts! The Bible says that women should "adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." 1 Tim. 2:9.

—Sel. by Esther Null

The Holy Spirit

There are many spirits in the world who go about for the purpose of doing whatever their nature causes them to do to react against the truth. The one exception is the Holy Spirit who promulgates the truth for the benefit of all God's children and guides them in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. On the other hand, the Spirit of error, of which there are many, fosters great deceptions by the great deceiver of mankind, leading souls down the broad road to hell. For they cannot escape the snares of the devil as long as they are willing to be led by him, whose end is destruction.

Many are seeking unity without a heart change, being more mired in the quicksand with their efforts to get free. Division is the devil's unity of which many are partaking today. The Holy Spirit came to correct that disorder. True unity cannot be obtained except by God giving a new heart, by regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

Power Given of God

Jesus said in Matt. 28:18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." The devil has power, but God has all power. The devil cannot keep you from calling upon God. Jesus said that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. John 1:12 says, "But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God." The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to convict, to give power, and to cleanse.

Acts 1:8 says, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This is

power to witness. John 16:13, 14, "When he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth, . . . receive of mine and show it unto you," thus removing all error. 1 John 3:24, "We know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us," which leads into all truth. —A. E. Harmon

The Bible Tells of Missing Day

The following article was copied from the "Evening World," a newspaper located in Spencer, Ind.

Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called a "myth" in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Md., and a Consultant in the space program, relates the following development:

"I think one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Ind. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to know this so we don't send a satellite up and have it bump into something later on in its orbit. We have to lay out the orbit in terms of the life of the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down! They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either with the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out and they said, 'It's perfect.' The IBM head of operations said, 'What's wrong?' 'Well, we have found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time.' They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer!

"One religious fellow on the team said, 'You know, one time I was in Sunday School and they talked about the sun standing still.' They didn't believe him, but they didn't have any other answer so they said, 'Show us.' So he got a Bible and went back to the book of Joshua where they found a ridiculous [to them] statement for anyone who has common sense. There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, 'Fear them not, I have delivered them into thy hand: there shall not a man of them stand before thee.' Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy and if darkness fell, they would overpower him. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right! 'The sun stood still and the moon stayed . . . and hasted not to go down about a whole day!' The space men said, 'There is the missing day!' Well, they checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough! The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes—not a whole day. They read the Bible and there it said, 'About [approximately] a day.' (Joshua 10:12, 13.)

"These little words in the Bible are important. But they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes you will be in trouble 1,000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits. Well, this religious fellow also remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went BACKWARDS. The space men told him he was out of his mind. But they got out the Book, and read these words in 2 Kings, chapter 20: Hezekiah, on his death-bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him

that he was not going to die. Hezekiah did not believe him and asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said, 'Do you want the sun to go ahead ten degrees?' Hezekiah said, 'It is nothing for the sun to go ahead ten degrees, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.' Isaiah spoke to the Lord and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees BACKWARDS! Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in 2 Kings make the missing 24 hours the space travelers had to go to log in the logbook as being the missing day in the universe! Isn't that amazing?"

(The ten degrees referred to in the Scriptures is a part of a circle. By dividing 10 degrees into 360 degrees (the number of degrees in a complete circle) we would find that a circle could be divided into 36 equal parts of 10 degrees each. One revolution of the earth takes 24 hours or 1440 minutes and describes a circle in doing so. If we will divide 1440 (the minutes in a day) by 36 (as we divided the circle above) we would have an answer of 40 (minutes). During a 40-minute period, the earth moves through a 10 degree part of its rotation in relation to the sun.—Gene Beisly)

Display the Triumphant Life

There are some who are perpetual or periodical invalids for want of a changed attitude and a bit of resistance to the devil.

Please do not quote to me the names of the noble army of the bedridden whose saintly character and sacrificial service are in some cases known the world over. I am not thinking of them, but of those whose infirmities, weaknesses, and disabilities never seem to become in any appreciable way a platform upon which to display the grace of God (2 Cor. 12:9). Such take a passive attitude toward life, fold their arms, and say, "The will of the Lord be done."

Just suppose that had been Paul's attitude when he was pestered by the spirit of divination in the woman at Philippi. It was not, however. The Apostle knew his prerogative in Christ, and he used it. The Scriptures do not record that he cried to the Father, but this is what we are told: "Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the [evil] spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he [the demon] came out the same hour." Acts 16:18.

I contend for a continual renewal and display of the triumphant life of Christ in those who are united to Him, and a constant looking to the Holy Spirit to guide in each case or circumstance. We paralyze ourselves in this realm if we believe that such resistance to Satan is not necessary. And such a viewpoint is tragic both in the light of Scripture and of the abundant evidence around us of souls sinking in a satanic quagmire. The evil one will do anything to silence them or make them helpless. God helping us, let us do what we can to get such persons on solid ground again. Let me repeat it: This is God's work, but it is God in us in the person of the triumphant Christ, who seeks to use us through whom to manifest His authority. —F. J. Perryman