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The Greatest Test

Help me to walk so close to Thee
That those who know me best can see
I live as godly as I pray
And Christ is real from day to day.
I see some once a day, or year,
To them I blameless might appear;
'Tis easy to be kind and sweet
To people whom we seldom meet;
But in my home are those who see
Too many times the worst of me.
My hymns of praise were best unsung
If He does not control my tongue
When I am vexed and sorely tried
And my impatience cannot hide.
May no one stumble over me
Because Thy love they failed to see;
But give me, Lord, a life that sings,
And victory over little things.
Give me Thy calm for every fear,
Thy peace for every falling tear;
Make mine, O Lord, through calm and strife
A gracious and unselfish life:
Help me with those who know me best
For Jesus' sake, to stand the test.

—Barbara C. Ryberg

RUSSIAN DEFINITION OF BIBLE

A new Russian dictionary gives the following definition of the Bible: "The Bible is a collection of fantastic legends without any scientific support. It is full of dark hints, historical mistakes and contradictions. It serves as a factor for gaining power and subjugating the nations." We who have read the Bible, believed it and obeyed it, know this to be false. No greater joy can come to anyone in this world than to experience real Bible salvation. Truly, a person will become a new creature and live a different life than when in sin. How wonderful to have a hope in our soul of a life beyond the grave and this world of turmoil.

—M. Miles

Progress to Improve or to Apostatize

We hear of change on every hand, as if any change is an improvement. Some changes are improvements if the changer knows what he is doing; but just because a thing changes is no sign that the change is good. Much depends upon who is doing the changing. If God is guiding the change we can rest assured that it will turn out right in the end. But if another spirit is engineering the change, we can look for apostasy and destruction. It all depends upon who is guiding the change. We must be sure that it is God who is in the change.

The Bible is the "rod of iron" with which God is ruling the nations. That is, the truth and doctrines of the Bible are fixed and unchanging. "God is not the author of confusion, but the author of peace." (1 Cor. 14:33) God's Word is like the rock in the billows. It stands the dashing waves and violent storms and stands unmoved. The doctrines of the Bible are definite and very plain—that is, the fundamental truths—they do not admit to many interpretations. God's truth does not change, but man changes. If the Christian "goes with God" his progress will be good. But if the believer just goes anywhere or any way with the idea that change is progress, "how great is that darkness" (Jesus). It all depends upon who is guiding the change.

D. S. Warner changed from the Winebrennerian Church of God to a non-sectarian, non-denominational stand of remaining in the Church of God only. We who claim to follow in his footsteps cannot change from this position. Warner began to preach the whole counsel of God to call all believers out of all "places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." He preached against sectism and called Christians to flee from Babylon. Can we make progress (?) to abandon that position and compromise with Babylon and co-operate with them and thus admit that we are nothing more than another sect? If we do that, then we are phony in claiming to be the Church of God, because all denominations claim to be branches of the vine and the Church of God. If we have abandoned preaching the "whole counsel

of God" to please the "False Prophet" and "save him alive," we displease God and will be rejected like King Saul was rejected from being "King over Israel." God departed from Saul, and God will depart from us if we try to improve upon the Lord's will. Saul thought that it was a shame to see all of that livestock destroyed, but Samuel said to him, "To obey is better than to sacrifice and to harken, than the fat of rams." (1 Sam. 15:22)

Saints of God, ministers, writers, teachers, laymen: We will have to answer before God if we are not true to the plain and pure teaching of the Word of God, regardless whether "they" are doing otherwise, or "so and so said" to go easy with such strong preaching or teaching.

In Washington, D. C., there is a Bureau of Standards. The foot and the inch are absolute. All true foot and inch measures must be measured by those absolute standards. There can be no variation. God's Word is absolute—it never changes. He has not repented of exposing sect Babylon, or sin of any kind.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Tim. 4:3, that in the latter days people would not "endure sound doctrine," but would select teachers who would tickle their ears, compromise with sin and all of the enemies of the cause of Christ. Most people today do not want to hear teaching that is "absolute." They fear dogmatism and dictatorship. God's Word is dogmatic, but He is merciful and most wonderfully kind. He leads the sinner to repentance with tenderness and love, but the repentance must be thorough and genuine or he will not receive a satisfactory experience. God cannot receive us if we hold a "lukewarm" attitude. We must die out to sin and go all the way with Jesus. We can get nowhere in the Christian life if we save back some of our pet sins and bad habits. We will miss the blessing and lose our souls. We must die with Christ and let Him raise us to "walk in newness of life." God will accept nothing but holiness. That means that we must be thoroughly honest before Him. We must follow Jesus in all humility.

Now the new convert will "change." This kind of "change" is good. He or she will drop bad habits by calling upon God to deliver him from them. Many habits cling like a leach and will not drop off very easily. We must "fight the good fight of faith." Many will have to discard or remodel their clothing to conform to God's Word. Many will learn, as they go along, that there are still more changes to be made in their clothing. If one feels uneasy and uncomfortable, insecure and exposed, he is out of harmony with the will of God. We cannot cite the South Sea Islanders and dress like them, because we are enlightened and know better. We cannot appear as temptresses or tempters. We cannot put a stumbling block in our brother's way, and still have the "joy bells ringing in our hearts." We cannot go on with arrogant pride and still "walk with God."

So there is still much room for change for the Christian—not to get more and more worldly, but more and more like Christ. A meek and a quiet

spirit is in the sight of heaven of great price. (1 Pet. 3:4) This kind of changing is of God. But to drift with the world, as the river flows, is drifting down to a devil's hell. The river may change like the world, but Christians must be dependable and worthy to be trusted. A person whose word means nothing is not worthy to be trusted, neither a movement which is always changing away from the Word of God. When we change toward the truth, we are safe. Be sure in what direction the change is going, whether toward more light and understanding or toward apostasy.

Dear ones, the Word of God is absolute. God is merciful and forgives sin, but He does not condone sin. We must repent of and forsake sin to find mercy. Many have thought that God would overlook fornication and adultery, only to find out that they were "rejected." "Be sure your sins will find you out."
—Howard G. Hanson

Stop! Look! and Listen!

The slogan of the railroad companies concerning crossings is, "Stop, Look, and Listen." Many times I have seen this printed beside a crossing.

A "slogan" can also be found in the Bible which reads like this: "In the day of adversity, consider." Eccl. 7:14. Adversity means those things that come against you in life, or that hinder or affect you in the normal course of life that you might have chosen. It means those things that bring about a change, or maybe even heartaches. Any kind of problem would be considered, in a sense, as an adversity. These things come to all of us, but what are we to do about them? Are we to act quickly in trying to solve them? Are we to draw rash conclusions about the situations? What about our attitudes, if it involves others? What if someone has lied about you, cheated you, misunderstood you, stolen from you, talked about you, (trying to ruin your reputation) ignored you, betrayed your confidence in them, talked hateful to you, falsely accused you, and many other things that are done to cause trouble, problems, and heartaches? All of these things touch a person deeply. This would be adversity.

What does our text tell us to do? We are to "consider." Think about it in the light of God's Word and His ways of meeting these situations. Your feelings might try to take over and your thoughts will race ahead of your better judgment. Imaginations will blacken the situation. Tears will flow and self-pity will move in upon you. Maybe shock and disappointment will try to master your thoughts. Oh, how much we need to "stop" all of these thoughts and feelings! Get your Bible and "look" into it. Then sit down calmly after telling God all about it and "listen" to Him. After all, it is God we must give an account to for our life and actions. Man does not have a heaven for us to go to. Man cannot keep us out of heaven regardless of how they treat us if we will "stop, look, and listen" to God. If you look

into God's Word and listen to Him, He will say, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:21) "Recompense [repay] to no man evil for evil . . . If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." (verses 17, 18) Jesus said, "Love your enemies . . . pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you . . . That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh the sun to rise on the evil and on the good." Matt. 5:44, 45. If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive you. (Matt. 6:15) "Casting down imaginations, 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) Many more Scriptures are written in which God is talking to us. We must "stop, look, and listen" to God.

Sometimes it is a hard thing for God to get one to stop and consider. The devil is right there to push you into doing or saying something which would be very unwise, and you make the trouble worse and hinder your soul. Later you may have to ask forgiveness of the person and of God, all because you did not "in the day of adversity consider."

In the day of affliction, or maybe a loved one is taken, again you need to consider. The devil might try to bring discouragement, bitterness, resentment, lack of faith and trust, or other feelings. Again we need to just stop all of those thoughts and feelings, pray, and look to God and let Him talk to us. Then obey what He has taught us. You might say that you have tried and don't seem to be able to do what God has told you. Then you need to pray for grace. God doesn't ask us to do anything unless He gives us power to do it if we will humble ourselves before Him and have a deep willingness to die out to self and let God rule our lives. Victory belongs to every child of God.

—Sister Marie Miles

This Reformation Tested

"I saw the Lord standing upon the altar."—Amos 9:1. Sometime over a year ago at the Nishnabotna, Mo. campmeeting while in secret prayer one day the Lord gave me the ninth chapter of Amos to read. This first clause, "I saw the Lord standing upon the altar," was made very real to me by the Spirit. The Lord showed me then that He was going to inspect and examine this work, that He Himself would stand upon the altar and see that none would slip through, so to speak, without a real experience of salvation, and that everything that was light and chaffy would be separated from the work of God. This has truly been the case. We see that the tests that have been brought to bear against the truth, and the true saints of God, have only been a means to purify and bring out more depth in God and humility. Praise His name!

The expression, "And cut them in the head, all of them," was made also very real that those who only had an intellectuality of the truth would be cut by the sword of truth. This harmonizes with the

prophecy in Ezek. 21:1-13. Then coming down to the ninth and tenth verses the Lord showed me this would then be fulfilled—"All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us." He will thoroughly cleanse His sanctuary by sifting His people. God has promised a pure church in this evening time, and He will have it at any cost. "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." Mal. 3:18. "Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings [gospel of unity], that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off." Nahum 1:15. "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean." Isa. 52:1. "So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more." Joel 3:17. "Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: . . . and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts." Zech. 14:21.

We often hear that there are good and bad in all churches—black sheep in all flocks, and so on; but according to these scriptures God has promised (and He will perform it also) a pure and holy church even in this present evil world. He has promised to give discernment to His people so that they would not need to fellowship the unrighteous, that the wicked would pass through her no more.

The "uncircumcised and the unclean should no more come into thee" (the church), and that "there shall no strangers pass through her any more," that there "shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts." Again, "Thy people also shall be all righteous." Isa. 60:21. "My love, my undefiled is but one." S. of Sol. 6:9. "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." S. of Sol. 4:7. "And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem." Isa. 4:2-6. "And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, a city not forsaken." Isa. 62:12. "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time." Isa. 60:22. Praise God for the promises of a holy church and people!

—Emil Kruetz, in "Gospel Trumpet", 1900 A. D.

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EDITORIALS

With arrival of autumn we again make a special effort by the blessings of the Lord and the co-operation of our readers to reach many more thousands of people with the pure gospel message. The summer is ended, the campmeeting season is past, and millions of souls are not saved. Shall we fold our hands and wait for another convenient season to reach the perishing? No! "Every second, sad to tell, counts another soul in hell," the poet wrote. "Dreadful sight to see them bound in sin's dark pall. What in life we all may do, can but save a very few, yet the blessed Savior shed His blood for all."

The urgent need for the salvation of souls is always before us, summer and winter, and in between times. The challenge is much greater because we are in the "gleaning time" of the gospel day, according to the prophecies and the signs of the times. Jesus plainly tells us: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37. Very few indeed, just eight souls, took heed to Noah's warning, though he faithfully preached to them 120 years according to history. Just prior to Jesus' second coming, the same general conditions are prevailing—unconcern and indifference toward the gospel message. Nevertheless, it is the solemn obligation of the Church to carry the gospel to "every creature" and "all nations" right up to His coming. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." God designed that every soul would hear the gospel whether he believes it or not. Jesus said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. The gospel will witness for or against each hearer in the day of Judgment. He will stand there speechless, without an excuse, if he has failed or refused to obey the gospel.

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Our co-workers and all of us here at the office and printshop have been unusually busy, working extra hours, during the month of September in re-printing the many tracts and books which ran out of stock during the summer. In addition, this month we are printing and mailing out three publications—

the fourth quarter "Bible Lessons," "The Beautiful Way" paper for the fourth quarter, and this October issue of "Faith and Victory." The demand for gospel literature is so great that we find no place nor time to slow down, so by the help and grace of God we mean to be faithful at our post of duty. Now we are anticipating several thousand new names and addresses through this special three-months' subscription offer which will have to be processed and typed on wrappers. Your co-operation is appreciated in this special literature extension effort.

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During the month of September, about 10,000 gospel tracts in the Efik language, in addition to Bibles, books, and large bundles of papers, were shipped to the Southeastern State of Nigeria for free distribution and use at the more than twenty Church of God mission stations in that area. Your offerings helped to print and ship this soul-saving gospel literature, and we pray that the gospel seed sown will germinate, grow and produce a bountiful harvest of souls in that thickly-populated jungle. More English tracts have been translated to the Efik language, and by the blessings of the Lord we hope very soon to print these by the thousands and ship to Nigeria. Doors for the gospel are closing fast in foreign countries, so we must redouble our efforts and work fast while the doors are open.

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Recently, through the blessings of the Lord, a commercial-type dish-washer was purchased at a very reasonable price from the Sherman Air Force Base at Clinton, Okla., to be used in the kitchen during the campmeetings on the National campground at Neosho, Mo. We trust that this additional equipment will speed up the dish-washing process to serve the large crowds. At least, the dishes would be more sanitary and meet the health department standards. Much additional expense will be required to install this equipment, and perhaps the kitchen will have to be enlarged. For this purpose you may send your free-will offerings directly to the business manager, Bro. Austin McMillian, Rt. 5, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

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The evangelistic tent meeting, held at the West Cabin Community ground near Vinita, Okla., closed on Sunday, Sept. 6, with reports of a large attendance of new people and good interest. Bro. Curtis Williams, assisted by other ministers, preached the gospel in all its fullness. Those who heard the gospel invitation were left without excuse. We pray that the seeds of truth sown have fallen into good and honest hearts, and will yet produce a hundred fold. The minister at West Cabin, Bro. Kenneth Probst, and his wife were much burdened for this tent meeting, and for the people in that community.

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Bro. Willie Murphey and daughter Kathleen flew from Miami, Fla., to Jamaica, West Indies Island, on Sept. 10. Landing at Kingston, the capital, they were met by Bro. Israel Smalling who had previously invited Bro. Willie to come and be in some services

at his congregation some 60 miles from Kingston. They were in services there and visited other members of the fellowship in the mountains nearby, besides making other contacts in Kingston. Returning to Miami by plane, they drove home via Hammond and Jena, La., thanking the Lord for a safe and profitable round trip back to Guthrie on Sept. 22.

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Bro. Leslie Busbee, pastor at Springfield, Mo., held a week's meeting at Enid, Okla. beginning Sept. 13. Bro. Leslie was greatly blessed in ministering the Word, and the local congregation, as well as other saints in attendance from out-of-town, were certainly edified and strengthened in the faith.

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The scheduled tent meeting in Norman, Okla., got off to a good start on Sept. 19. The Lord was anointing Bro. Mart Samons and Bro. Curtis Williams of Kentucky in preaching the Word, and the interest and attendance was very good over the first weekend. On Tuesday heavy rains flooded the area, and services could not be held at the tent on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. As this goes to press, services have been resumed at the tent, and we pray that many souls will yet be reached with the gospel in that neighborhood.

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The Sunday School "Bible Lessons" booklet for Adults and Young People for the 4th quarter of 1970 (Oct., Nov., Dec.) has been mailed to the subscribers. If you are not now using the "Bible Lessons" in your Sunday School class, write to this office for a free sample copy of the current quarter. The International Uniform Lesson Outlines have been dropped, and the lesson subjects and Scriptures are now used for each Sunday as the Lord directs the writers. It consists of 68 pages with an attractive heavy paper cover. The subscription price is 35c a copy for a quarter of year, or \$1.40 per year, issued quarterly.

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The problems facing the gospel publishing work are still in God's hands, and with your continued agreement of prayer we feel confident that He will take care of His own. Thanks for your concern.

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The prophet Isaiah, referring to Christ, wrote: "... and with His stripes we are healed." This writer is holding fast to the promise, and your continued intercessory prayers are solicited. —L. D. Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Elizabeth (Ratzlaff) Wahl was born at Fairview, Oklahoma, on July 30, 1894. She passed from this life September 17, 1970, at Enid, Okla., at the age of 76 years, 1 month, and 18 days.

She was united in marriage on March 30, 1915, to Robert Wahl, and to this union 7 children were born. Her husband preceded her in death January 26, 1964.

As a child she received Christ as her Saviour, and in later years she deepened her walk with God as the Lord shone light on her pathway. She was a wonderful mother; not only did she teach her children the fear of God, but she also taught them by precept and example the value of work and being content with such as God had blessed them with. Her children testify of her faithful love and care always. Besides the care of her family, she was continually reaching out to help others. God blessed her with good health, and even in her latter years she was able to live alone and carry on the duties of life until her final illness. She was taken suddenly ill while in church services in April and her health slowly declined until the Lord took her to Himself. One of her last expressed desires a few weeks before her death was that she be left in the hands of God. A few days before her passing she gave the testimony that "All is at peace."

She leaves to mourn her passing: three sons, Ervan, Manchester, Okla., Vernon, Miami, Fla., and Leonard, Enid, Okla.; three daughters, Lavina Martens, Anthony, Kansas, Frances Bliss, Enid, Okla., and Juanita Jackson, Enid, Okla.; 30 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren; two sisters, Susie Berg, Fairview, Okla., and Hulda Smith, Seattle, Wash., and one brother, Ben Ratzlaff, Enid, Okla.

The funeral services were conducted at the Church of God chapel in Enid, Okla., by Bros. Leslie Busbee and Lloyd Eck, and interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Enid.

Lawrence Leonard Wildman was born Oct. 20, 1882, at LaBell, Mo., and departed this life on Sept. 14, 1970, at his home in Guthrie, Okla., at the age of 87 years. In 1889 he moved with his parents to an area west of Edmond, Okla., where he lived until he moved to Guthrie in 1966.

For many years Bro. Wildman was active in the gospel work, holding services in jails and other institutions, passing out gospel literature and witnessing for Christ to all he met. Because of failing health in recent years he was confined to his home, but his faithful wife has continued the work of literature evangelism. He will be missed by his many friends in all stations of life.

Survivors include his wife, Irene, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Tom Stark, Perryton, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. William Neptune of Oklahoma City; one brother, J. Ross Wildman of Okla. City, and four grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at the Baggerly Funeral Home Chapel in Edmond, Okla., and interment was in the Gracelawn Cemetery, Edmond.

Jack James Fravel was born June 27, 1936, to Chas. Ross and Margaret Adline Fravel at Willow Springs, Mo., and passed from this life on June 27, 1970, at the age of 34 years.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross Fravel of the home; two brothers, Glen and Ray of Springfield, Mo., besides a number of other relatives, saints, and friends.

While the family resided at Mount Vernon, Mo., Jack, at the infant age of one year, suffered a severe illness. Through faith in God and the prayers of God's people he was healed.

Being in ill health for nearly a year, Jack's heart was tendered toward His maker, and he sought the Lord for salvation and peace. His testimony was that he had given himself to Christ and was committed for Him to have His way. The sweet influence and memory of his quiet and peaceful life will remain with his family and those who knew him.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Leslie Busbee. Text: Hebrews 9:27.

George A. Brown, son of William and Cynthia M. Rodden Brown, was born November 4, 1883, at Brumley, Mo., and passed away July 14, 1970, at Camdenton, Mo.

On May 9, 1917, he was united in marriage with Lula Belle Glover. To this union were born two children, both surviving. His wife preceded him in death in December of 1955.

He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Mrs. Virgie Justice, Kansas City, Mo.; one son, Ernest Brown, Stoutland, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Williams, and Mrs. Becky Barnes, both of Stoutland, and Mrs. Mae Robinson, living in California; two brothers, Carl Brown, Moscow, Idaho, and Fred Brown, Stoutland, Mo.; three grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was well thought of. Near the end he prayed and called upon the Lord. We know God was good and took him from his suffering.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Leslie Busbee. Texts: Hebrews 9:27, Phil. 3:7-11.

OREGON CAMPMEETING REPORT

The campmeeting in Jefferson, Oregon, has come and gone, but we are still enjoying the atmosphere of the meeting—not only enjoying it, but we have also seen and moved up as the Word of God was preached under the anointing of God's Spirit. We are thankful that Bro. Gordon Humphrey was able to come with Bro. and Sis. Ray Key, and also thankful for the presence of Bro. and Sister Ira Stover. We appreciated Bro. and Sis. Clifford Wilson being in the meeting here and with the saints and relatives in Oregon. We were encouraged by Sister Velma Smith testifying how God raised her up from death's door and she was able to travel by bus to Jefferson. We appreciated everyone, ministers and saints, who came from far and near. The meeting was well attended, some having come for their first time.

It seemed to be a continuation of the campmeeting to have Bro. and Sis. Ostis Wilson with us. Bro. Wilson brought some good messages. We all rejoiced in the goodness and mercy of God.

—Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, by Margaret Cable

BOLEY AND DOVER, OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING REPORTS

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18.

We are thankful to report how the dear Lord blessed and worked in the Boley and Dover, Okla., campmeetings. Surely His presence was felt, and the Holy Ghost did His office work in anointing the services, the precious Word of God, and convicting hearts. Only a few souls

yielded to the Spirit of God and sought the Lord at the altar of prayer, but we do thank God for the few.

We were thankful to have a few out-of-state ministers in both meetings. In the Boley meeting were Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons and Bro. H. P. Effinger, and several local ministers. We were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Probst for their first time to come to Boley. We thank the Lord for everyone. Oh, how we did enjoy the sweet fellowship and love of the dear saints, the family of God! We can say with the poet, "Oh, brethren, how this perfect love unites us all in Jesus! One heart, and soul and mind we prove the union heaven gave us." Praise the Lord!

The ordinance service was very sacred and touching. We remember as we knelt to wash our sister's feet, we felt such warm love of God flowing from her heart to mine.

During the Boley meeting one of the saints, Sister Alberta Maloy, departed this life. She got saved a few years ago. She loved the dear Lord, and we believe she went to her heavenly reward.

The Dover meeting only lasted six days, but it was a wonderful meeting from start to finish. Praise the Lord! We had Bible School for the children during the Dover meeting, and the children were greatly impressed with it. The saints appreciated having Bro. Z. Francisco in the Dover meeting, his first time for several years.

We desire to thank all the workers, ministers, and saints who labored in prayer, as well as the offerings, to help make these meetings successful. We give God the praise and glory for it all.

Pray for us that we will ever be faithful to the Lord.
Christian love, —Katherine Williams

AKRON, OHIO, CAMPMEETING REPORT

We praise our Lord for the 7th profitable campmeeting held here in Akron, Ohio, on the Lord's campground, 421 W. Thornton St., on July 10 through the 19th.

We especially appreciated and were thankful for the many isolated ones who attended from ten different cities of Ohio, also Indiana, Michigan, Pa., and W. Va. We trust that all were edified and blessed abundantly. We also rejoiced to have those who sacrificed, and left their congregations to come here to join the battle of upholding the truth of the Word of God, against all sin, including all the ministers, gospel workers, helpers, prayer warriors who came from Fla., Okla., Kansas, Mo., Ky., parts of Ohio, W. Va., and Pa. We are all laborers together with God.

The Lord blessed us with success in our vacation Bible School held at the chapel and campground on Aug. 17 through 21. More than 100 children were in attendance.

We are extending an invitation to all to visit our regular services each Sunday morning and evening, also Tuesday evening prayer services in Akron.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

NOTICE OF ALL-DAY MEETINGS

On Sunday, Oct. 4, there will be all-day meeting at the Church of God chapel in Grubbs, Ark., where Sister Margaret Eck is pastor.

Then on Sunday, November 1, there will be all-day services at the Church of God chapel at Myrtle, Mo., preceded by a gospel singing at Myrtle on Saturday night, Oct. 31. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this gospel singing and these all-day services. A spiritual blessing awaits you. —Information from Sister Eva Lou Gaines

OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

The Assembly meeting at Jefferson, Oregon, will be held, Lord willing, on November 6 through November 15, 1970. We are expecting ministers of the Lord's choosing to be with us to bring the Word in all its fullness.

This meeting will be supported as usual with free-will offerings. Cabins are available for those who come. All who need encouragement or help in soul or body are cordially invited to attend these services, expecting the Lord to be present to supply your need.

For further information, write or phone Sister Hilda Nielsen, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Ore. Phone A. C. 503-327-7569, or Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 348, Jefferson, Ore. 97352. Phone A. C. 503-327-2855.

AUTUMN MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The annual Fall meeting at the Church of God chapel, 1701 N. Ash Street, in Wichita, Kansas, will be held October 23 to November 1, 1970, inclusive.

Everyone is welcomed and urged to attend these services. Saints, please be praying for the meeting, and come and help us in the battle for truth and right, if possible.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Lewis Williams, 2643 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas 67219. Phone No. 264-8481. —Sister Shirley Knight

CONSTRUCTING NEW CHAPEL AT NOWATA, OKLA.

The saints at Nowata, Okla., are in the process of building a new chapel. With volunteer help, they are doing as much of the construction work as possible themselves. The cement block walls are up and the roof trusses are in place. Bro. Burditt of Okla. City, who has been helping on the building, informs us that, Lord willing, they expect to have the roof on by the week ending Sept. 26. However, there will yet be much more work to be done on the inside, building partitions, etc. And if anyone would like to go there and donate time and labor on this worthy project, it would certainly be appreciated and the Lord will bless and reward you.

For further information on this project, contact the pastor, Bro. Clarence Fry, 212 N. Chase, Nowata, Okla. 74048. His phone number is 918-273-3890.

Prayer Requests

Texas—"Something is wrong with my limb and knee. I can hardly walk at times." —Florence Wright.

Okla.—"My neighbor's daughter has been ill for over a year. Her mother asked me to request prayer for her." —Lizzie Randles.

La.—"Both my knees and elbows are far from being well." (She had a serious fall.) —Gladys Cashio.

Ind.—Remember Sister Dessie Wilson's grandson who is afflicted. She is very burdened for him.

La.—"I thank all who prayed for us, but I still need your prayers. . . . I have my trust in God." —Mrs. Roy Guthrie.

Mo.—"I have several chronic ailments." —Mrs. Hazel Rich.

Miss.—"I have arthritis in my knees and feet. . . . I want to be healed to work for God." —Sister Teasie E. Magee.

S. Dak.—"I received a wonderful touch there, [Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting] but later took the virus sickness. The Lord has healed me of that sickness, but the sore on my face has steadily grown in size since my return home. My face is now badly swollen and it pained me so I could sleep but little last night. Please pray that the Lord will undertake for me. My faith is still in the living God." —Sister McFarling.

Kansas—On November 3 the people of Kansas will vote on whether to permit the sale of liquor by the drink in our state. Pray earnestly that the "wets" and liquor interests will be soundly defeated. —A Kansas Teetotaler

Ill.—"I am not getting better, but worse. It may be my heart, as I do have chest pains and extreme shortness of breath. . . . I know God is able to heal. . . . I have the Lord to lean on, and find comfort and grace. Oh, take the world, but give me Jesus! He is the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, the fairest of ten thousand to my soul! I love Him supremely. He is the light of my life. I would rather die than be without Him. How I thank Him for all He has done for me! I want to be a reflector of His love and grace. . . . Would you have a special agreement of prayer for little Bunnie's eyes. . . . We know God can heal those precious eyes. She has started to school now." She wants prayer for her two brothers and others. —Thelma Sprague.

One night we attended the meeting in progress at Enid, Okla. Bro. Leslie Busbee used the text that night in the message from the Lord found in Habakkuk 2:4: "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." Then he turned to the Scripture in Heb. 10:38, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Both Scriptures bring out the same thought. One was spoken hundreds of years before the other in the New Testament by Paul. To "draw back" or to be "lifted up" in heart will hinder faith. Bro. Leslie brought out many examples in the Bible of what results were received by those who had "his faith" anchored in God. "Rahab perished not" in the city of Jericho because of her faith. All others perished. Faith will demand God's attention. It is just like a magnet that has drawing power.

We love the first part of the following Scripture which says, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," but what about the rest of the Scripture which says, "according to the power that worketh in us." How do we get that power or faith to work within us? It is by "His Spirit" that we are "strengthened with might . . . in the inner man" and have the "love of Christ . . . that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:16-20. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17. Paul also speaks about "faith which worketh by love." Gal. 5:6. "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Eph. 6:16.

Not too long ago I visited in a home where a little four-year-old girl said, "Sister Marie, I resisted the devil. Jesus healed me and the devil tried to make me sick again." Then her mother related how the Lord healed her and she was up playing, but became sick again. Her grandmother told her to resist the devil. She immediately knelt down by the divan and prayed. Jesus heard her prayer and she felt fine again. Dear ones, we need the faith of a child. When they ask, they expect it to be done, and it is so. May God help each of you to hold your faith steady in the Lord. He will honor that faith. —M. Miles

SUPPORT THE HOME MISSION WORK

Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We are thankful, first of all, to report that we are saved, sanctified, and on our road to heaven. Thanks be to our God!

This summer the Lord has given us opportunity to be in several meetings which have been a real blessing to us. We attended the first tent meeting in Clearfield, Ky., enjoyed the good Word of God as it went forth, and met the dear ones in that community. We again had the privilege to be at the National meeting at Monark Springs, Mo. The Lord blessed our souls. We are thankful to be a part of the body of the blameless bride of Christ. The Church is pure and clean. A week later we made our way to the Pacoima, Calif., campmeeting and felt richly repaid for going. The Word of God went forth straight, which was real refreshing to our souls. Then we arrived home in time to attend the last part of the tent meeting at West Cabin community. We heard the truth go forth straight, but the thought came to me, they shall know the truth and the truth shall set them free. The Lord also brought to my mind how the Word went forth and some fell by the wayside, some on stony ground, some among thorns, but others fell on good ground and brought forth fruit unto righteousness. Surely we want to have good ground for the Word of God to fall into. Let us not be so quick to cast it aside. It will do us well to pray and give God the opportunity to reveal deep truths to our hearts that will enrich our souls.

I was thinking about the standard set for the ministers, or any leader in the church as well. 1 Tim. 3, also Titus 1. The leaders must first set a standard at home. 1 Tim. 3:4, 5, reads, "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity: for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" As I was musing on this, the Lord revealed to me how, from a babe born in Bethlehem, Jesus was the Son of God, yet He left an example for every age. The Scripture says in Luke 2:42 how at the age of 12 Jesus went with His parents to Jerusalem, and there He went about his heavenly Father's business. Nevertheless, He was still in the care of His earthly parents, so when they found Him they questioned Him concerning His actions, as it had brought sorrow to their hearts. In the 51st verse we read, "And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart, and Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Isn't that a beautiful example for our young people today, as long as they are at home to be subject to their godly parents' teaching? It will lead them to wisdom and favor with God and man. In my growing up, that was the standard set in our home by my father and mother—that as long as they provided us a home, we were to abide by their rules. We were taught this from babyhood on up and understood well that it must be so. I appreciate the example of Jesus, even though He was the Son of God, yet He was subject to His earthly parents.

Let us entreat you young parents, don't wait until your children are eight and nine years old to begin teaching them respect to you and to God and His services. If you do, you've waited too long. You should start when they are babes in your arms. I took the privilege of asking a young mother who in this evil day has her youngsters well under subjection, "When did you start to teach them how to behave themselves in services?" She said, "Oh, I drilled that in them from babyhood on

up." She was faithful to teach them the fear of the Lord around the family altar at home. She told me that at the age of eight, her little boy came down from upstairs crying. He had listened to a message at services that stirred his little soul and he wanted them to pray for him that he would not be lost. She said he has lived a good life even to this day and he is now 16 years old. The Lord will help you with your responsibilities if you will give Him first place.

We were so happy to see how well the saints helped out in the meeting at West Cabin, Okla. The meeting at Norman, Okla., is to start Sept. 19. May the Lord lay it upon hearts to do all possible to support the Missionary work. It will not stop just because cold weather may stop the use of the tent, but our missionary efforts must go on throughout the winter. The Lord bless you.

Pray for us. We are looking to the Lord for complete healing. I haven't been very well lately, but our trust is in Him and we want to be faithful until He says it is enough.

Our Christian love, —Inez and Ralph Beisly

(Editor's Note:— Please continue to send your free-will offerings for the support of the home mission evangelists to the National Missionary Fund which is cared for by Bro. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.)

MEXICO MISSION REPORT

La Mision, Mexico (Sept. 14)—Dear Sister Marie and all, greetings of Christian love: Yes, the times are "close," but you know that the greater the darkness, the brighter our little light will shine.

Bro. Juan Cruz is still here in La Mision. When he comes to services, he always has a little or big message that always seems to be in order. We love him, and we believe he wants to live for the Lord.

Bro. Miguel Gaspar from La Paz came the other day looking for me. It has been about six years since he made a visit. It seems the Lord has sent him here to La Mision now. His family is to come this week. We found a house for them close to the school. He preached a good stirring message last Sunday here in our services.

Also last week Bro. Gaspar went with me to Mexicali and Ejido Patsquaro (Sister Edith Cole's mission station). We found the saints and young people there encouraged, and we had a house full for services. They are moving along, but they do need a pastor.

Sister Carrie Sheppard from Louisiana feels she is in the Lord's will here with us. Then there is Sister Castro from Ensenada who is here with us much of the time. She and Sister Carrie are a team and really get the job done when it comes to prayer and visiting.

Bro. Irineo Rama came yesterday from Michoacan, Mexico, which is far south in the interior. He tells of trying experiences there, and how God is giving them souls. Those that have been hardest against the gospel are now wanting to know about salvation. He came to confide his burdens with me, and perhaps to work a few weeks. Several in his area are real interested in building a small chapel there. Now he is in need of a down payment on the land. The Lord has sent him a young couple who are saved. The young man was reared in a Christian orphanage, and now has left the Mexican army and has felt his call to the army of the Lord. He is taking care of the flock there while Bro. Irineo is here. Pray the Lord to give guidance to these brethren.

Bro. Irineo hopes that Bro. Tomas Mendoza or myself will go back with him to Michoacan. Bro. Tomas has

been coming out to Rosarito and San Ysidro most every Monday morning.

We have only two Mexican boys here with us now. The others went home to work in the cotton, as we have not been able to develop our plans as we wanted to for their training. We are praying for more help and more space, then we will have more boys. Bobby and one boy are going to high school in Ensenada.

We are praying for land and means to make a trade training center. We, by no means, believe that this project would lead us away from our goal of winning souls, but would be a means of multiplying our efforts and work toward mass evangelism. Our training center could work closely with producing tapes and literature that is so needful in getting the truth out.

Charlotte is well and works a lot. We always have a large crowd in the house.

Yours in His service, —James and Charlotte Huskey
P. O. Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073

LETTERS FROM NIGERIAN MISSIONS

Southeast Nigeria (July 31)—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I send you and all the saints in the United States and everywhere greetings of love and sincerity in the precious and most holy name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is able to bless, guide, direct and lead us safely through this life's vicissitudes to that blessed Kingdom prepared only for those who love the Lord.

I am convinced the Lord is blessing in all places of the campmeetings in the States now in session, and that souls are also being blessed and edified.

The gospel work here is flourishing and continuing in spite of heavy rainfall almost every day. . . . Thank you for two rolls of "Faith and Victory" papers for March and June just received. . . . Pray for the expansion of the gospel work in Nigeria. We are praying for you.
Yours for the truth, —Pastor J. U. Etuk

Southeastern State, Nigeria (Sept. 9)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Warm greetings of love to you in Jesus' name. Accept my thanks and that of the entire saints in Abak Division, Nigeria, for supplying us with "Faith and Victory" papers and tracts for distribution.
Yours in Christ, —B. U. Udemé

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Sept. 1)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Warm greetings again in holy Christian love. Jesus is the Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

Thank you for your good letter dated Aug. 12 which contains much impressive news of your campmeetings there. I was glad to know that free literature was being taken or sent to the campmeetings for free distribution. Of course, the wonderful Counsellor is faithful to produce the maximum value out of it and full reward will be kept for all those expenses and efforts. He is the Chief Worker in the vineyard and we are all assistant workers.

Here the rain came to an end temporarily and now the atmosphere is very bright and clear. God willing, next week we wish to have village meetings at different villages and to distribute tracts and other literature. In the epistle of Jude we read, "And others, save with fear, pulling them out of the fire." The time ahead of us is becoming shorter and shorter, and there is much work. Paul said, "Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness,

nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." 2 Cor. 4:1, 2.

My earnest prayer to God is for His help to expand the works which we started here. We have some new workers now to labor in His field. . . . Please pray for that brother's family, which we have to support. . . . Sorry to hear that the fund is becoming shorter. Praise the Lord, our heavenly Father knows the needs of His children.

Looking to our great High Priest we determine to go abroad as a group in the near future preaching and distributing gospel literature at every nook and corner. We plan to tour even to Madras State. We are still praying for the van, and if it does not come in the proper time, we expect means from God to hire a van and go. We trust it is a profitable kind of work to win souls. Whenever we assemble we pray God to enrich your fund and other labors abundantly for the expansion of the Lord's work. Please convey our loving greetings to all saints there.
Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

From The Mail Box . . .

Ark.—To the "Faith and Victory" staff, greetings of love. These few lines come to let you know that I really enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. All of those testimonies of help, healing, and salvation from the Lord I know are true, for I, too, have received fulfillment of these precious promises that God has given to those who love and obey Him. The Lord is precious to me. He is everything I need.

Now you will please find enclosed an offering to help in whatever way is needed most.

Pray for me. I do pray for you and all saints.
Your Sister in Christ, —Cherry R. Alba

S. Dakota—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of tender love to all the dear saints in the sweet name of our lovely Lord Jesus. He is indeed precious to my soul. . . .

I have been informed that moral conditions are at a lower ebb in our nation, and over the world, than at any time in history. Surely the Lord's return is near. Do pray that I will be found faithful.

The campmeeting at Jefferson, Ore., was a great blessing, and afterward the series of meetings by Bro. Ira Stover at Gladstone, Ore., and Bro. Ostis Wilson at Jefferson, Ore., gave us a clearer vision of what the Lord requires of us. Oh, how good the Lord has been to me to provide these wonderful privileges to feed my hungry soul! Bless His holy name! It was with regret that I parted with the dear saints there, who had been so very kind to me.

It is difficult to find words to express the blessing and encouragement my soul has received from the good articles, editorials, and especially the testimonies in the September issue of "Faith and Victory." The Lord had encouraged me to hope for a blessing and I was not disappointed.

Do pray for us all, and that the Lord will save my family. . . . May the dear Lord bless and keep you all in the center of His precious will. Thanks to all the dear saints for their prayers. I still need prayer.

Lovingly and prayerfully, —Sister C. A. McFarling

Arkansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt and everyone at the Print Shop: At this time I'm reading your book, "God's Gracious Dealings," and it is certainly a wonderful book. It brought back memories of old times when I first met

the Church of God people. I was 16 years old then and I am now 75. I love the straight truth and I believe that is what it takes and is needed in this day and time.

I get the "Faith and Victory" paper and receive spiritual help through reading it. I wouldn't want to be without it. At my age I don't get out much. I am home alone so much and do enjoy the good Christian literature and the Bible.

I am alarmed over the world conditions today. Many times I have shed tears and prayed much for God to take over and work things out. I wonder if it may become even worse before Jesus comes to take us Home. The main thing is to be ready. Watch and pray. We see the Bible being fulfilled every day.

I am enclosing a small offering to pay for sending me the following books. . . .

Thank you sincerely, —Belva L. Howard

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Okla.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop and abroad, greetings: May each be abiding in our dear Saviour's love is my prayer.

I am striving to make my life pleasing to Jesus, our Saviour and Healer, who gave His life that we might have eternal life.

Husband and I attended eight days of the campmeeting at Monark Springs near Neosho, Mo., and we did enjoy the rich food from our heavenly Father's table. It was good to see the saints from different places.

This has been an unusually busy summer and I do praise and thank the Lord for the strength He gave me.

Sister Edith Cole and her mother, Sister Eunice Cole, from Granby, Mo., came by and took me to the tent meeting at West Cabin near Vinita, Okla. Bro. Curtis Williams brought a very good message. We drove back home through a storm and very heavy rain, but the Lord protected us. Praise His dear name!

Grace and peace be with you, —Sister Doris Bowers

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: I hope all are well and encouraged in the great work of God. I remember back many years ago before I got saved, a woman in our neighborhood who was unsaved gave us a "Faith and Victory" paper. That is how we got in touch with the truth. Later on we got some tracts from Faith Publishing House. Now the good work is still going on. It encourages our hearts to be at our best for God.

We enjoyed the good messages we were privileged to hear at Monark Springs campmeeting. Also, Bro. Murphy Allen came here and had a few night's meeting. It was rich to our souls.

May the dear Lord bless you as you have need.

Yours in Christ, —Ellen Wilson

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Kansas—Dear Sister Marie: I was happy to get to see you that day at the Monark campmeeting. If all the rest of the sermons were as precious as those two we heard that day it was a wonderful meeting.

The books I bought that day are surely wonderful. I read, "How To Resist The Devil" from cover to cover last night and how I appreciated it! Many things in the little book I never knew. I was glad for the light it shed upon my pathway about the devil. How we must guard against him!

I remember one time at school a girl told us that she knew God talked to us, but she didn't know that the devil did. One of the boys in class answered her, "Yes, the devil talks to us, and every time he talks to me and I listen to him, he gets me into trouble." I'm sure it was more effective for another child her own age to answer

as he did than it would have been for me. My school starts soon. Pray that God will help me to live a Christian life before the children.

Find enclosed the offering for the Nigerian missionaries. With love, —Mamie Norcutt

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Missouri—Dear Sirs: I am sending \$2.00 to continue receiving the "Faith and Victory" magazine. I feel this paper is truly the inspired Word of God.

Yours respectfully, —Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers, greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ: We received the "Faith and Victory" paper on Sept. 11. It was 16 days getting here. [The mailing date at Guthrie was Aug. 26.]

You asked what day we were married. It was on Sept. 22, 1920. We are about the same as we were the last time we wrote to you. We have been busy for a few weeks canning and freezing food, also painting on the house. I do not have the strength I used to have for lifting things. . . .

Our prayers are that each of you there will receive many blessings from the good Lord for your faithful labors.

—Floyd and Ether Hines

(Editor's note:— Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Bro. and Sister Hines on the recent observance of their Golden Wedding anniversary. May God grant them many more years together.)

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



La.—Dear Sister Marie: My heart is so burdened tonight for lost souls I can't sleep. God keeps telling me to write this down and put it in the "Faith and Victory." So I am pouring out my heart.

There is very little time left. It goes by so fast, and there are so many lost souls to be saved. Sin is no good. God has eternal life to offer you. Don't let the devil cheat you out of it as he did me for so long. Seek God now before it is too late. Soon Christ will come as Judge because the people are so wicked. Don't listen to the devil and be lost. Now is the time to get saved. There may never be another chance. Soften your heart and let God enter. How happy you will be! There are many blessings waiting for you.

For thirteen years I wandered in sin. The devil kept getting me in deeper and deeper. First, it was small things, then they became bigger and bigger. When I wanted to give my heart to God it was so hard that I felt I wasn't fit to be a Christian. It seemed as though someone else ruled my life. That was the devil, but I wouldn't believe it at the time. For years I went on this way, never went to church, and didn't even send my child to church.

Then one day I decided to go. It seemed good to be in God's house again. I sat there thinking about how I was reared, about all the blessings I had missed by being away so long, and how hardhearted I had become. It took three long years of going to meeting to find my way back. I would come home from church during those years and think, I wonder why I don't get under conviction? I began to think God's Spirit had quit talking to me, and oh! how I wished He would speak again. I wanted to be saved.

Bro. Murphy Allen came to Baton Rouge for meeting. After his sermon that night a very dear sister asked me

if I didn't want to give my heart to God. I went to the altar that night. I wanted so much to be saved from sin, to have God's love fill my life, but still the devil held me. I was willing to give up all, but he held me by one thing—cigarettes. Later on in the week I gave up God for one cigarette. The devil had me once more in the same old way again. At night I would sit and cry, thinking there was no hope for me at all. If only you could understand how miserable I was, thinking I was doomed to a devil's hell, lost forever! It was all I could think about every day.

I'll never forget that Saturday morning during this last Hammond, La., campmeeting. My sister and I were at my mother's home getting ready for service. Mother and she were singing together, so they could sing a special that morning, but my mother didn't know the song very well. As I stood outside and listened, it was so beautiful that tears came to my eyes. It broke my heart, for it seemed that song was written for me. I went in and told her she should sing that. That morning no one had a sermon. All the preachers just sat there. Then Joyce (my sister) walked up to the rostrum and said she had better sing the song God wanted her to sing. When I heard these words: "If you have a special need within your life, I pray, and you're seeking for an answer every day," I just couldn't sit there any longer. They say I ran to the altar. I don't know what I did, but I knew I was sick of living in sin. I wanted so very much to live my life for Christ, to awake each day with joy in my heart, to go to sleep at night filled with God's love and peace and to know He watches over me. That's how it is now. I leave everything in God's hands. I awake now with a smile on my face. See what the devil cheated me out of for so many years! Now I'm very happy. I wasted a lot of years in sin, but I thank God for sparing my life and saving me again.

Please pray for me. Pray for all the saints' children who are in sin. Do they have time to get saved? I pray each day that they will be saved before it is too late.

—Mrs. Ruth (Quave) Little

Missouri—Dear Saints: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: That sweet name is above every name and means so much to us all. Through His name He answers our prayers and keeps us in this straight and narrow way, the only way that leads to heaven.

I am glad for the day I got so tired and sick of sin that I was willing to give it all up for the Lord. I just turned my back on all unrighteousness. He saved and satisfied my soul, and made me very happy. Many times He did more for me than I could ask or think.

It would be good if more people would take heed to the Word of God and let God set them right so they could enjoy His blessings in this life and in the life to come.

We trust, hope and pray you all are well and happy in God's service.

Dear ones, I need your prayers for my body and other ways. I want to do God's will at all times.

Love and prayers, —Katie and Asa Gibson

Calif.—Dear Saints: I want to say, first of all, that I am saved, sanctified, satisfied, and love the Lord with all my heart and do appreciate His great love, mercy, and longsuffering to me.

The Lord is blessing us here. Although we have trials and tests, yet He proves Himself a present help in every time of need. There's no time so dark but what He is with us and brings us through. I'm glad He is the

same yesterday, today, and forever. He loves us so much that He watches over us in every storm and gale. He only permits to come to us what is best for us.

I feel so wonderfully blessed to have God as my Father and Guide. Sometimes things have come up that I wouldn't be able to solve and would be at a total loss to know what to do, but when it was taken to the Lord in earnest prayer, He smoothed the way and brought the answer. Thank the Lord! We may not always get the answer immediately, but if not, it pays to wait on the Lord; if we don't, we are taking a step in the dark and it may be fatal.

In prayer meeting on Wednesday night when the saints here and there were praying and I was enjoying their prayers, I was impressed with the thought that God was enjoying them, too. He was there hovering over us and listening to hear every word of His children, to receive the praise from our hearts to Him, and to hear about our needs.

In Job 23:16, he said, "God maketh my heart soft." I realize that God, through these trials, is making our hearts soft. I do want to be so tender and merciful to others. God has dealt so tenderly and mercifully with me. I don't have a desire in my heart to grieve anyone. By the grace of God I'm doing all I know to do not to grieve anyone.

Heaven is where we have started. Dear ones, let us not give down nor slack our pace. The devil is on our trail. We don't have anything to turn back to. Jesus said, "Watch and pray" so we know there is something to watch for, and that is the tempter. Let us strive to enter in at the strait gate. Jesus said, "He that endureth unto the end the same shall be saved," so we know there is some enduring for us, but God has promised to go with us all the way. If we keep our little hand in His great hand, we will make it through to Glory. Amen.

Sister Loretta Harmon

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La.—Dear Saints, greetings of love: Thank the Lord for the beautiful Church of God and for the oneness of God's children. Unity does not have to be worked up among God's people. It is automatically there when we are born again and live according to God's Word.

The Lord permitted us to travel quite a bit this summer. We visited with saints and were in meeting in a number of different places over the States. Everywhere we went true fellowship was there whether it was the first time we met or not. The love of God makes us one in Christ Jesus. Thank the Lord for the saints of God! I am glad to be one of them.

The Lord has blessed me in my body. I am not nearly as sore as I was for so long. I know the Lord is able and I believe He will take this arthritis away. When I'm healed, the saints will surely know about it. I am encouraged in the Lord and have a greater determination to let Him work His will in my life. I need your prayers. Christian love,

—Dora Doolittle

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Baja, Calif., Mexico—Greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit: I want to tell to my brothers in Christ of my desire to serve the Lord. It is my desire to take the Word of God to those who have not heard. I feel a calling in my heart to take the Word of God to my place of birth. I saw the great need there when I made a visit in 1969. I was born in a rural area of the state of Guanajuato. They live in much darkness of superstition and ignorance. I talked to some of the Word, and also I tried to tell my father and mother of salvation, but they did not say anything. On this trip

I could not make them to see their need of knowing the gospel. I ask God that if it is in me to take His message to them, that I would do it according to His will. I ask all my brothers and sisters in the Lord to pray much for me that the Lord will give me much understanding of the Word, boldness, strength, much love, increase my faith and that I may maintain this hope that I feel in my heart for my people in Southern Mexico who have not heard the truth of God. I ask all my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus to pray for my family. My children and wife are serving the Lord.

Your Brother, —Raul Gonzalez
Apartado Postal No. 31, Estacion Delta, Baja Calif., Mex.

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Pa.—Dear Brethren at the Print Shop, greetings in our Lord's name. He is so good to me. Surely He is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Since I am not meeting with the people I used to, I am isolated from going to any meeting house at the present time. The Lord and I have meetings in my one-room apartment, and I am happy with my dear Saviour.

I want to thank the Lord for answering prayer. I was taken with a sharp pain in my side. That is why I wrote for an anointed cloth. The side was swelled up and appeared to be bruised.

I am sending . . . I hope this offering will be some help in the work of the Lord. Continue in prayer for me. I always remember the saints in Guthrie.

Your Sister in Christ, —Olive Harris

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La.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' precious name: We went to the Myrtle, Mo., campmeeting, which was richly blessed of the Lord. It was a wonderful meeting because of His presence. He gave me strength to be in all the services except the early morning prayer meetings. I had been praying that I could attend the Monark and Myrtle campmeetings without having to use a crutch. God granted my request and I do thank and praise Him for this. Oh, He is so good to us! The whole desire of my heart is to live to be worthy of His blessings.

The man where we buy our groceries has asked me many times when the Lord was going to heal me where I could throw away that old crutch. I happened to see him this week and I reminded him that I wasn't using the crutch any more. He said, "I had noticed that." We talked awhile on divine healing, and he said he would be afraid to say anything against it. It makes me realize more than ever people are watching to see if our God will do what we say. Our God is plenty able to do all we say, and more, too. Praise His sweet name!

At the Myrtle meeting I had weighing heavily upon my heart six souls that I wanted to see get the help they needed. All six claimed to get what they needed during the meeting. What a mighty God we serve!

With love and prayers, —Effie Miller

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Texas—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of Christian love: I have been blessed with health and strength to go to several places this summer that I didn't expect to go. I was in a small portion of the campmeetings in Guthrie, Okla., Neosho, and Myrtle, Mo. I also enjoyed our children being home from Africa. We flew with them as far as Decatur, Ill., on their return trip home. It made it easier to give them up again. I had such a nice visit with both my sisters. My sister Vivian took me to Myrtle, Mo., for the campmeeting and we did enjoy being there. Such sweet fellowship and blending of the spirit made it a heavenly place to be. I wish everyone could see what

true humility means. There was such humbleness and love manifested on the grounds that souls were blessed, the sick were healed, and sinners were humbled to an altar of prayer. There was quite a large group of young people and I heard it said that almost every young person there was saved. They manifested the fruits of a saved life in the dormitory. They showed respect for us older ones and didn't disturb our rest. How we do pray they will be faithful and true and prosper in their souls daily!

If we could only repent for those who are not willing to humble themselves, how happy we would be! Jesus didn't wait for the people to ask His forgiveness. He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." How thankful we are to have learned a long time ago to forgive as we desire to be forgiven. It takes divine love to suffer wrong and still love those who wrong us. But that is what Christ expects of us and will accept nothing short of true humility. Where there is true humility, there is oneness—all agreed, of the same mind, and same spirit. The church will prosper, our lives shine brighter and more will see Christ lifted up.

My prayer is for those who profess, yet are not humble enough to bear reproach. They need to be so filled with the love of Christ that it will be a joy to bear reproach for Christ's sake. Heaven is cheap at any cost.

We are thankful we have no ill-feelings toward anyone. If we did (and we have in times past), we would do all in our power to show we forgave. If I can't show love and forgiveness, how can I expect others to see? May the Lord help me to live the life, regardless of how others live. Jesus has done too much for me to let the enemy separate me from the fellowship of the saints. If we are strong, it will strengthen others.

While in Illinois, Vivian and I visited the grave of Eva Grant. [Order from this office the book, "Trials and Triumphs of Eva Grant," price 45c] I placed a rosebud on her grave. We visited so many little towns we had lived close to when I was a child. It brought back childhood memories.

May this small offering help keep my paper coming. We appreciate all of you who labor in the Print Shop. The Lord knows our hearts. May you be blessed with strength and wisdom to carry on this truth.

Love and prayers,

—Edith Wall

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and saints of God everywhere: I want to say something for Jesus. I'm not very good in speech, but I feel the Lord will bless me if I just make an effort. Often the Lord gives us a good testimony to send out, but we fail to do the one thing that keeps our soul in harmony with God. Time and again He gives us a testimony to witness for His cause and we neglect to do so, but each time we fail to heed His voice, we grow weaker spiritually. And if we fail to use what God has given us, we're apt to wake up and find that we have nothing left.

It does not matter how small our talent, we should use it to the best of our ability, and God will bless us for it. Just giving a good testimony for the Lord will cause the saint of God to want to launch out and do something for the Lord.

The Bible says, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." We know if we have the Spirit within our souls, we have to do something for God, or the Holy Spirit will not stay. We have to keep alive in our souls. We have to work for God. We have to work to feed our bodies and we also have to work to feed our souls.

There are so many little things that little people like myself can do for God, and yet at times we fail.

I want to say at this time I'm saved and I want to keep pressing on. I would like to hear Jesus say, "This is my daughter in whom I am well pleased."

I need your prayers. I am burdened at this time. I have problems that need to be solved.

Christian love, —Sister Pearl J. Logan

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, the One who died that we might live eternally.

The Lord made it possible, by a route which only He could do, for me to leave the Mexico mission field for vacation this summer. My prayer on leaving was that, although He was permitting me to leave the mission station, to please not permit my leaving the work of the Lord. He has answered prayer. I love His work and have a desire in my heart to do all He shows me to do.

The Scripture in Mark 10:29, 30, has surely been fulfilled in my behalf this summer, and I pray the Lord will richly bless each one whom the Lord has used to fulfill it.

Since the Lord had healed my nerves, I desired to sew some this summer, a thing which I haven't been able to do to any extent for over eleven years. I told Him I knew He would help me, and He surely has. I'm truly grateful for His mindfulness of me, the least of the least of His children.

Though I was very grateful to have been given a Studebaker car for transportation last year in Mexico, it was quite low to the ground and could only be used locally. Recently I received notice from a young brother in Christ to the effect that the Lord through him was providing me with a 1962 Ford $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pick-up, put in A-1 condition by his father who is a mechanic. My heart was filled anew with gratitude both to God and the young man. Thank the Lord.

Just this week the Lord made it possible for me to find a real good sewing machine (treadle), making two among our people in Ojos Negros, Mexico, that can be utilized in making quilts, and for other sewing that is needful. Also, this week I learned that a good wood range that is already in Mexico is to be taken to Ojos Negros for the workers' use, so things seem to be shaping up for my return. I realize that all these extra blessings put an added responsibility on me in the work of the Lord. I desire to always listen to the voice of God and know of a surety that I am in the center of His will, then by His grace, complete the tasks He has given me to do.

You who know the value of prayer, and can reach the throne of grace with your prayers, please pray much for the mission work, and all the workers, plus the people whom we contact for God.

Christian love, Sister Opal Kelly

Rt. 2, Box 78, Choctaw, Okla. 73020

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Kentucky—Dear Brother in Christ, greetings: I am enclosing two dollars, one for the paper, "Faith and Victory," and one for the book, "The Holy Spirit and Other Spirits" by D. O. Teasley.

I study the Bible that I might know the will of God, so I can obey it. I came in contact with the church when I was about 21 years of age and it wasn't long until I saw its Biblical name which has always stuck to me. It won't be long until I will be 62 years old. I have had a lot of cloudy experiences as all the truth was never preached in the two congregations I attended regularly.

Through Bible study I learned this. In hearing the call to come out of "Babylon" (confusion), I came out and found myself isolated, with no place to go to meeting as I had been used to. Everywhere I had been was strife and division. I wanted no part in it, and I have never yet seen a congregation that represented the true Church of God as described in Eph. 5:27. I believe in her Biblical description, and I shall stand on the Word of God until the Holy Spirit leads me into the camp of the saints. I shall be one of the remnant. It is said somewhere in the Old Testament that God shall take two of a kind and one of a city and lead them to Zion (the church). We are living in that time today. Oh! how thankful I am that I have had the privilege of knowing a few of God's people.

I believe people can learn from one another and keep the Spirit of Christ in their hearts in spite of differences in understanding. In Christian love, —Sis. Emma Miller

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Calif.—Dear Saints: We had a very good campmeeting here at Pacoima. Many souls sought the Lord all through the meeting, and found satisfaction.

Ever since I have been preaching the gospel my burden has been the unity of God's people. I have seen many problems arise, but God has, most of the time, got things under control. Much of my labor and preaching has been on that line. My burden at present is the same as always since the beginning of my ministry. I can't discover any place where I have changed as to the doctrine of Christ. I have no desire to do so. I love the truth. The truth is the only means of salvation.

The reason for writing this is because of my burden for unity. I made some comment to that effect in our campmeeting. It seems some got the idea I was saying we had prejudice, but what I was saying is that we have need of greater unity, which I believe all will admit to be true. I pray for it. I trust all are concerned about it. Division is the devil's wedge to ruin individuals if he possibly could do it. In knowing how easily writings are misunderstood, I want to warn all saints not to give way to the devil's suggestions. We (and I speak for myself) and many others stand solid for the truth as we always have. I can remember this truth quite a way back, as I heard it from my childhood. It is the same truth that was violated about 1911.

I have reason to believe it is necessary for me to write this, because I believe I see some strange things and ideas creeping in, also some lack of confidence developing among some, a lack of respect for the ministry, a readiness to believe false reports, ignoring the teaching of modesty, both in clothing and deportment, busybodies, meddling in other people's matters, misquoting statements, and some other things contrary to sound doctrine.

The only peace of mind and soul is continuing in that first love, which is the beginning of our confidence and love that we received from heaven. . . .

Today we have great need of holding up the Word of God, but not just in words, but in deed and in truth. It won't be possible for the devil to destroy the church, but he may be able to do much damage as he did to the Apostle Paul. Hell never can destroy the church because it is built on the Rock. The church has a foundation whose builder and maker is God. Heaven is cheap at any cost. I pray that God's people will sink down deeper in His love.

I would like to hear from any that may have a question. —A. E. (Gene) Harmon, 1127 Thompson, Glendale, California 91201.

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