FAITHAND VICTORY Church of God Servant

At evening time GOD IS YE SHINE AS LIGHTS US Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be the peopl

With Thankful Hearts



With thankful hearts, O Lord, we come For Thy great love and care, That Thou so graciously hast given Throughout another year.

From Thy great hand and bounteous store We have been clothed and fed; And blessings like the copious showers Thou hast poured upon our head.

A good supply of fruit, and grain In larder, shock, and bin. Lord, Thou hast withheld the rain Till these were garnered in.

With thankful hearts, O Lord, we come, Thy mercies are as yore; That Thou hast sent the clouds again And let it rain some more.

That seed may germinate and grow,
Nor tarry in the dust,
For Thou hast said Thou sendest rain
On the wicked and the just.

Till life is passed we shall not cease To praise Thee for Thy Son. Of all the blessings Thou hast given He is the dearest One.

-Ulysses Phillips

If you die physically in the Church, you do not go out of it; if you die out of it, you never get in it. There is no sin in the Church. Her law is the law of holiness. All honor in the Church is given to the Holy Trinity. Some day the Church of God is going to be caught up to heaven and receive a faultless presentation into the immediate presence of God's glory, and the joys of heaven will be full and complete while eternity rolls on forever.

—C. E. Orr

Petitions With Thanksgiving

Sometimes we may become puzzled because we're not getting the joy out of salvation that we should or some perplexing situation remains the same and constantly drains us of that sweet peace that is promised to us. It could be possible that we are leaving out an all-important ingredient in the recipe for victorious living—thanksgiving.

Psa. 95:2 tells us to come before His presence with thanksgiving. Too often we begin our prayers with a few phrases of thankfulness and then spend a much greater time petitioning the Lord for some other blessings. In Phil. 4:6 we are told, "... but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

There is no limit to the amount of thanksgiving we are to add. Unlike some mixtures, if you add too much of one ingredient, the mixture is ruined, but the more thanksgiving that is added the better the results.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be ye thankful unto him." Psalm 100:4. If we obey the above Scripture, entering the house of the Lord with a heart full of thanksgiving, our souls will be so blessed at the end of the service that many petitions we intended to bring to the Lord will have been answered.

Not long ago we had felt so thankful unto the Lord for His blessings that we were impressed to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord. (Amos 4:5, "And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving . .") That very evening a trial came our way that under ordinary circumstances would have been quite severe, but right in the midst of it we found so much to be truly thankful for until the trial wasn't nearly as trying.

May each of us be encouraged to fill our lives with more thankfulness.

—Olive A. Davenport

"Many of the crosses we carry are of our own making."

"Comfort One Another"

The Apostle Paul exhorted us to "comfort one another." At the times when the heart has been freshly broken and our dear one has been laid to rest in the grave, it seems that words fail, yet we are glad we can turn to One who can comfort us. We can turn to One who has let us know something about death. Jesus spoke of death as "sleep." Our dear ones will arise in that last day when Jesus comes bursting through the clouds.

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

The Apostle Paul called death a "departure." (2 Tim. 4:6) The Greek word here is used as a ship that pulls up anchor to loose from its moorings and set sail. Here we are anchored to hardships and heartaches of this life. In death we set sail for that eternal shore. There we will be at rest—such a sweet, perfect rest; no more tears, nor heartaches, nor pain, but perfect rest.

When my father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, was fifty years old, he had what he called consumption, or T.B. He was very, very thin and weak, with a cough that was slowly taking his life. He continually looked to God to heal him, but he kept going down. He had felt his time was short, and he thought of his wife and six little children. He thought of the printing work that God had called him to do. He thought of the many souls he longed to help find God. He prayed and waited. One day he was standing in the kitchen, and was praying about it all. He said the Lord spoke clearly to him and said, "I will add twenty years to your life." His faith took it in and he was healed. His health was restored again.

As I grew up, I heard about this so many times that I never doubted but that my father would live to be seventy years old. Some of the young people would say that they knew the world would not come to an end before Bro. Pruitt was seventy because God promised him life that long. In the meantime I married and lived in California. The summer before my father was to be seventy in October, I told my husband I wanted to go home to see my parents, saying that my father would be seventy on October 4, and that he probably wouldn't live much longer. I finished my visit and started to leave. You can imagine my feelings as I told my father and mother

goodbye. I had not mentioned anything to them about how I felt about him being seventy that fall. But as I turned to leave, I broke with such sobbing they took me back into the house. It took me awhile to get control of myself. Finally, I asked my father if he was going to die that winter. Then he understood why I was so heart-broken. He told me that God had promised that He would add twenty years to his life, but He didn't say that was all. He said he had the feeling that the Lord would leave him here for a few more years, but then he began to tell me that I had the wrong idea of his going and where he was going. He began to tell me about the beauties of heaven and that Jesus was there, the "Lover of his soul." He told me about the perfect rest and the glories that awaited him. He ended by saying that sometimes he felt homesick for heaven. When he finished, I had a different idea of heaven and I felt that it was even very unjust for me to want to keep him one day longer than God wanted him here. Heaven can't be compared to this world because there are not enough words in the English language to describe its beauties. (My father lived to be 81 years old and now is at rest.) Take courage, as death is a gateway into the glories of heaven. -A. Marie Miles

Watch and Pray

"Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2.

"Watch and pray," commands our Lord. Prayer without watching hinders the efficacy of our prayers. "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." Matt. 26:41.

God has given us many great promises. His promises are sure. He also gives us many commands and exhortations that we must obey in order to receive His promises.

Our prayers are a sweet sacrifice to God. He loves our adoration. He loves to have us completely dependent on Him for all things. He knows what we have need of before we ask. But He so designed and purposed that we should ask for all our needs. When we feel our utter dependence on God, and supplicate for our need of grace, for our need of strength, for His Spirit, for His virtues, for our daily bread, for shelter, clothing and protection, then as God answers our prayers we KNOW from Whom our help cometh. We fall down and worship Him giving thanks to Him. We reverence Him.

Suppose that we consider that God knows all things. He knows our needs. He knows when we are thankful. He knows if we love Him. And so we become careless in praying. We begin to forget God. We take His blessings for granted. We become presumptuous!

God has a very real purpose in telling us to watch and pray. There is great danger of allowing prayer to become only a duty. Failure to tarry long enough before the Lord to receive the blessing of His Spirit, failure to seek His own anointing on our prayer, is a sure and certain way to hinder one's

own faith. It is all too easy to pray, then go our way, forgetting our own prayer, forgetting to WATCH for the answer, and failing to recognize when God answers prayer. God does not always answer prayer in the way we expect. We must WATCH in order to recognize God's answer to our prayer. We must watch in the Spirit. It is only through the Spirit that God reveals to us the marvelous working of His hand in our behalf, working out the answers to our prayers.

Prayer without watching leads to confusion and doubt. Failure to see God's hand working will result in weak ineffectual praying. On the other hand, watching in prayer will result in a growth of faith. God's dealings, God's workings will be clearly revealed by the Spirit, enabling us to know how to pray. This interceding Spirit prays in us sometimes with groanings that cannot be uttered, sometimes with precious revelation of truth, but always according to God's will. The prayer that is made without the Spirit and out of the will of God is ineffectual, and leads to discouragement and unbelief.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Psa. 66:18. Surely then, one of the chief things to watch is our own heart. Watch the purpose and motive of the heart in all of our petitions. We read in Psalms 50:15, "Call upon me in the day of trouble. I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." God's ultimate purpose in answering our prayers is that we may glorify Him. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph. 6:18. In these days watching and praying with all perseverance is very important. "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36.

We must "pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17. This does not mean to be on our knees twenty-four hours a day. But it does mean that our heart must be watchful at all times, ready at any moment to raise our supplication to God, and living in a spirit and attitude of prayer. "Continuing instant in prayer." Rom. 12:12. "Giving ourselves continually to prayer." Acts 6:4.

In 1 Sam. 12:23, we read, "Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you, but I will teach you the good and right way." Samuel, in praying for His people, felt a responsibility to work together with God, to see his prayers answered. Can we, as Samuel, as Paul, and as Epaphras always labor fervently for our brethren in prayer? Can we, as Paul, watch and pray night and day with tears for our brethren? The pleas of the disciples, "Teach us to pray!" and "Increase our faith!" were effectual prayers. God will and does teach us to pray and does increase our faith!

One of the most effectual ways that I know of to increase our faith is to obey God in all things according to our knowledge. This should be followed by persevering prayer, prayer in which we ask for a particular blessing, or a special person, followed by WATCHING—never forgetting our petition, until the answer comes. When God answers your prayer, praise Him! Thank Him! and honor Him! Your faith is one step stronger. Begin to watch for another answer. Never, never ask the Lord for something particular, then go your way and forget that you asked!

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and WATCH unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7. "Therefore, let us not sleep as do others: but let us WATCH and be sober." 1 Thess. 5:6.

---Virginia Wittenborn

The Devil Has Years of Experience

What use is it to argue that because you are "in Christ," the devil cannot touch you, when many who believe that, are falling on every hand? It is true that if we are really in Christ, we are "hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). But of what does that speak—our position before God in heaven, or our state, or walk, on earth? It is our position here on earth. If you "make provision for the flesh," you will sin. If you "give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27), you are open to defeat, no matter what your position is. Besides, there is no point in the Apostle Paul's saying, "Neither give place to the devil," if he cannot touch you. The devil can touch you if you let him.

To plead ignorance here is no defense. The Holy Spirit of God is willing to teach us all we need to know, but if we reject His instructions, we will be responsible for our ignorance of the devil's devices and will fall an easy prey to his wiles. The process of deception may be slow. It usually is. Few people fall into his hands suddenly. Something in the nature of a creeping paralysis is what the devil seeks to inflict. His assaults are usually hidden behind something natural or physical. Watch them, and be ready to resist. If the devil cannot catch you on the plains of the flesh, the heights of spiritual attainment will not escape his keen attention. He is clever and has had at least 6,000 years of experience in setting traps for the saints.

I was startled one day to discover that Satan has laid skillfully devised and well-organized plans against the believer and the church. These he daily seeks to bring to fruition. The Holy Scriptures speak of these plans under the highly descriptive terms of wiles, stratagems, and devices. It is by their use that the forces of Satan try to thwart, or hold up, the purposes of the Lord through His children. I do not mean by this that the sovereignty of God is at stake. Eventually, devil or no devil, the purpose of God in redemption will be thoroughly wrought out. But Satan can and does hinder and obstruct. Not every believer who has died has a well-fought battle and a finished course to his credit. But he could have had. It is delightful to know that he who was once hindered of the devil (1 Thess. 2:18) eventually overcame (2 Tim. 4:7). -F. J. Perryman

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EDITORIALS



The response of our readers in mailing in the lists of names for the special three-months subscriptions is very encouraging, and we want to express our appreciation to everyone who is co-operating so faithfully in this gospel extension effort. The subscription envelopes are arriving daily, and we would like to have the one that was put in your paper last month, so don't disappoint the Lord and us-just take a few minutes to write ten names and addresses of your friends, relatives, and neighbors, enclose \$1.00 and mail to this office. Please keep them coming, as it brings pleasure to the Lord and us in anticipation of reaching several thousand new people with the gospel message during the months of January, February, and March of 1971. Write us for more subscription order blank envelopes to fill out with additional names, or type, or print plainly the lists of names on a sheet of paper and mail them in promptly. A premium of your choice will be mailed to you for each list of ten names and addresses. Be a home missionary in this manner, and the Lord will bless you abundantly for your labor of love for souls. Please send in all the names by December 8. Thank you!

Sister Janice Allen, daughter of Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen of Senath, Mo., has volunteered her services here at the Lord's Print Shop to help get out the gospel literature. Her father brought her to Guthrie on Oct. 6. Sister Janice loves the Lord and desires to make her life count for Him in His service. She is learning and taking hold of the work real well, helping in the mailing department, typing three months' addresses, proof-reading, etc. Her services are certainly appreciated, as well as that of all our other faithful co-workers. May the Lord bless and reward each one with heaven's best.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Sister Joan McIntosh and all the relatives in the passing of her maternal grandfather, W. A. Filer, who departed this life on Oct. 14 at Springfield, Mo. Sister Joan, who had been helping here at the office since last winter, returned to her parent's home at Conway, Mo., on the day of his passing, and arrived back at the office on Oct. 21. May the Lord comfort each one.

The Apostle Peter expressed the confidence that we should have in the Lord when he wrote these words: "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." 2 Peter 2:9. Many times the temptations and perplexities of life come thick and fast to the godly, and in our own knowledge we would not see a way out, but we can safely rest our case in the One who "knoweth how to deliver." God's thoughts are far above our finite minds, and He has ways and methods of deliverance that we have never dreamed of. Sometimes He de-

livers out of the temptation and sometimes He takes us right through it, but in either case we are brought out by His omnipotent hand.

If you are tempted to be envious at the prosperity of the wicked, remember also that "the Lord knoweth how . . . to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." No one can do wrong and get by, for His all-seeing eye never sleeps. That soul will surely reap what he has sown, for there is never a crop-failure in spiritual reaping. Let us be always confident that "the Lord knoweth how" to preserve the godly and "to reserve the unjust."

A three-day ministers' meeting, well represented from over the states, was held here at the Guthrie chapel from Oct. 7 to 9, inclusive. It is a pleasure to report that this meeting was very profitable in many ways, and some long-standing problems were worked out when the Holy Spirit did His office work as the ministers waited before the Lord in intercessory prayer. As a continuing result of the meeting, we are anticipating much closer cooperation of the church in general.

Encouraged by the good effects of this meeting, the ministers announced another ministers' meeting to be held next year here at Guthrie, beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1971, and continuing perhaps three days.

The expenses of this last meeting were well taken care of, and we extend our sincere thanks to each one for his contribution.

Following the ministers' meeting we were privileged to have Bro. Ostis and Sister Evelyn Wilson of Pacoima, Calif., in a week's meeting here at Guthrie. Beginning Oct. 11, Bro. Wilson brought us good solid messages of truth which were a real blessing and spiritual uplift to the congregation as well as to others who attended. He also held services in Anthony, Kansas, Enid, Oklahoma City, and Shawnee, Okla., and plans to be in a week's meeting at Shreveport, La., beginning Oct. 22 before returning to Calif.

The annual Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting here at Guthrie, Okla., will be held this year, Lord willing, from Dec. 25, 1970, to Jan. 3, 1971. A more complete notice will appear in next issue.

The date has been requested for the National campmeeting next year at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. That date is July 23 to Aug. 1, 1971, and other campmeeting schedules should not be set to conflict with that date.

The story is told of a man who felt around in his pocket on Sunday morning to find a penny. He thought he had found one, and quickly dropped it into the offering. After he reached home, to his surprise, he found that he had dropped in a ten-dollar gold piece instead of the penny. He said to his wife, "Well, it can't be helped now, and anyway, God will give me credit for my ten dollars." His wife answered,

"You miser! God will give you credit for the penny you meant to put in." God sees the heart, He knows how you give, and He will bless you accordingly. Those who give cheerfully, from a heart of love, are those who are blessed in their souls from giving. Those who give grudgingly, find it a painful operation to part with their money; therefore, a grievous wound is left in their soul instead of God's blessing of joy and peace.

A large box of books was sent with Bro. Mart Samons for free distribution in a new field in West Virginia where he was to start a meeting on October 13. We pray and trust that the spoken and printed word of Bible truth will accomplish that whereunto the Lord has sent it.

A request was also filled for a shipment of tracts and booklets for distribution at a meeting in Knoxville, Tenn. Remember that your free-will offerings help make this gospel literature available to every hungry heart and honest soul.

Bro. James Huskey, missionary at La Mision, Mexico, attended the ministers' meeting and returned to his mission station driving a Ford pickup truck which was given to Sister Opal Kelly to use at Ojos Negros, another Mexico mission station.

Sister Edith Cole, who had been at her parents' home near Granby, Mo., for several months, was in Guthrie on Oct. 15 on her way back to Mexico. She said she was feeling much better in body, for which she was praising the Lord. The next day she and Sister Opal Kelly left Oklahoma in Sister Edith's Chevrolet pickup to return to their respective Mexico mission stations. We trust that they had a safe trip, and pray that the Lord will bless and prosper their efforts as they resume the gospel work in those needy fields.

Bro. Tomas Mendoza, zealous native missionary in Baja, Calif., Mexico, is now on an evangelistic trip to the interior of Mexico where he is burdened to preach the gospel. He desires the earnest prayers of the saints that his labors will be effectual in the salvation of souls. Part of the time he expects to be in contact with Bro. Irineo Rama who is doing gospel work in the State of Michoacan, Mexico. Pray that the liberating gospel of Christ will be carried to all the Spanish-speaking people as well as to every creature under heaven, for Jesus died for all.

In recent months the Lord's Print Shop has purchased about 10,000 pounds of paper at a cost of \$1,700.00 to print and process into gospel papers, tracts, and books in order to spread this soul-saving gospel of Christ to the perishing multitudes worldwide. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Co-operation of the saints, readers, and lovers of the truth make this possible, and they will share in the reward when the immortal sheaves are gathered in. May every faithful servant be granted an abun-

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WORK DAY ON NATIONAL CAMPGROUND

Greetings of holy love to all in Christ Jesus: We are happy to report victory in Jesus, and rejoice in the precious thought of the boundless love that is revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. We do love and appreciate every child of God.

The Lord willing, there will be a work day on the Church of God National campground at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., on Saturday, November 7, 1970. Very much work needs to be done on the grounds before another campmeeting, but with winter coming on, we don't feel that we can achieve much before spring. Yet, let all of us, who can possibly come, do what we can on that day—Saturday, November 7.

We desire your continued prayers that we please God in our labors and be accepted of you as well.

In Christian love, —Austin McMillian, Rt. 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850, Phone 451-3692

IN MEMORY OF RUTH GAINES

(Aug. 1, 1961—Nov. 12, 1968)

Mother, I see you with nursey late Leading your babies all in white To their sweet rest, While Christ, the good Shepherd, carries mine tonight And that is best.

You must dread for yours
The crime that sears,
Dark years, unwashed, unrepented tears—
While mine entered spotless on eternal years—
Oh, how much the best!

You know that around you
The feeblest one, or dearest one
May live long years, alone, unloved, unblest,
While mine in God's garden run to and fro,
And that is best.

While grief is selfish and I cannot always see Why I should more stricken be than the rest, But I know that as for me and as for her, God did the best.

-Selected by Eva Lou and Clayton 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 freewill 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.

HAMMOND, LA., ASSEMBLY MEETING

The annual autumn Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Hammond, La., on the General Southern campground will be held during Thanksgiving week—Nov. 22 to 29, 1970, inclusive.

As usual, sleeping quarters and meals will be provided on the free-will offering plan.

The Lord will send His Spirit-filled ministers and anoint them to preach the Word in all its purity and power.

A cordial invitation is extended to all lovers of the truth to come and worship the Lord together in the beauty of holiness. If you need spiritual food and fellowship, and if you need help in soul or body, come and find that satisfying portion in Christ's perfect plan.

For further information, write or call Bro. Max Williamson, P. O. Box 1084, Hammond, La. 70401. Phone Area code 504—354-4566.

REVIVAL AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

A revival meeting of the Church of God is scheduled to be held at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., from Nov. 8 to 18, 1970. Prayer is requested that the Lord will send ministers and workers of His own choosing, that lost souls will be saved, believers sanctified, and the Church edified. They do need more singers for the meeting.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and hear the old-time gospel preached in all its fullness. For further information, contact Sister Mattie B. Savage, 212 F. West Dixie Ct., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33311.

ATTEND AUTUMN MEETING IN LOS ANGELES

The annual fall meeting at Los Angeles, Calif., will be held from Friday night, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 6. Day services will be on Sat., Nov. 28, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, and all-day services on Sundays. Night services will begin at 7:30 p. m. The chapel is located on the corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets. Phone number is 746-9474. Spirit-filled ministers will be present to expound the full gospel. All are welcome. Bro. I. C. Chandler is the pastor.

-Written by Sister Leon Phillips

Prayer Requests

S. Car.—"Continue to pray for my complete healing."
—Lucille Trotter.

Miss.—My ankle that was broken long years ago has been getting in bad shape lately. It is swollen, . . . red streaks up my limb . . . Am trusting God." —Dorothy Bridges.

Ill.—"We are still in need of a healing touch. One crumb would be sufficient and I know our Father has plenty for His children."—Sister Thelma Reineking.

Ind.—Remember her son who is in hospital with ulcers and has serious problems. —Mrs. Mae Hill.

Calif.—"I suffer so much with my hands being numb. . . ." Dessie LeMelle.

Miss.—"Pray for my eyes." —Rosa Davis.

Okla.—Pray for Bro. Arthur Brown of the Golden Rule Home for the healing of deafness so he can hear the singing and preaching, and that his special singing will be a blessing to the people.

Calif.—"I've really had a test with this attack of nerves in my eye.... This time last year I had an attack of nerves in my ear. My daughter Lucille and I fasted and prayed and by 8:00 p. m. that night I was healed. Also that same day Lucille was healed of her heart skipping and has not had any trouble since that time. I know God can heal my eye." —Sister Annie McKinney.

I think of the words of the song which says, "If it wasn't for the Lord, tell me what would I do?" Surely, we are all needy folks. We need Jesus to give us power and strength daily to be overcomers as we have an enemy that is busy trying to defeat us. We also meet the common problems of life that come to all mankind. We who are God's children have the privilege of receiving help from God to meet them.

As long as we live in this mortal body, we will have afflictions, as this body will go back to dust. But, thank God, we also have the Lord to help us and heal us. My heart is full of thanksgiving and joy for all He has done for me in recent weeks. First, I had a kidney stone attack with hemorrhaging. The Lord wonderfully touched my body. I am glad I was trusting the Lord, because if I had trusted doctors, I would probably have been in the hospital. I also had a skin cancer on my face that had been there for almost a year. At first it was very

small, but then it grew until others would mention it to me. One time it seemed to dry up some, but it tightened up again and grew some more. I just kept praying to the Lord about it. At times I had to resist fears and doubts, but I knew in my heart that God was going to remove it. At times I would bump it and it would bleed, but last Saturday (Oct. 10), it came off without any bleeding. Of course, I would never pick it as I do not feel that would be wise. It dried up until it was just barely hanging there and then I took it off. How thankful I am to the Lord for all He has done for me! It did not even leave the place sore.

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Saints, be encouraged in the Lord and pray on with faith. The Lord permits us to be tested at times, but hold your faith steady in the Lord. —Sister A. Marie Miles

SOUTHEAST NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

During the month of October we received detailed reports of the mission activities at the 20 Church of God mission stations in the South Eastern State of Nigeria from Pastor M. U. Ekpene, Pastor M. U. Ekpe, and Bro. Nse Umanah, the field secretary, but they are too long to reproduce in this small space. A brief summary follows:

On September 6 the Uyo District communion was held at Ikot Akpanga Asuna, conducted by Elder A. T. Udofia. Pastor M. U. Ekpene preached the sermon from Genesis 17:6. Also, on Sept. 6, many members assembled at Ikot Ntuen, coming from Asana, Minya Ntak, Ibagwa, Ibianga, Ibekwe, Ikot Ebak, Nya Odiong, and Ikot Esen to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. In his preaching Pastor J. U. Etuk pointed to the "End Time" with references from Gen. 6:13, Prov. 14:12, 1 Thess. 5:3, and 1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." The ordinance was observed by 211 members. The grand total attendance was 284.

On Sept. 12 an opening service was held at the proposed new congregation called "Ikot Akpan Enyin" with a total of 99 in attendance. Bro. B. U. Udeme conducted the service and Pastor M. U. Ekpo delivered the sermon.

On Sept. 20 the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper were held at Ikot Akpan Eda for Section Two comprising Ukpom, Ediene Ikot Ebom, Ikot Afanga, Inen Abasi Atai, and Nung Oku Ubo. Pastor M. U. Ekpo led the services, assisted by Evang. M. A. Uko and Bro. B. U. Udeme. God's presence was found throughout the gathering.

The field secretary, Bro. Nse Umanah, writes: "Our precious superintendent's (B. U. Etuk) health is declining, so remember him in earnest prayers. Our hearts so deeply desire one or more from there to come to us for short or long stay. We earnestly pray for that."

Bibles in the Efik language may be purchased in Southeast Nigeria for \$1.25 each, so this month we sent money to purchase 40 Efik Bibles to distribute to the 20 mission stations in that area. This is a very small number compared to the need, as very few believers have a Bible of their own. Your offerings to the Missionary Fund maintained at this office have made these Bibles available to them, as well as the small allowances sent monthly to the gospel workers at these mission stations.

Let us agree in prayer with these native preachers that God will call and send many (one, at least) resident missionaries to this African nation of 60 million people, many of whom still languish in heathen darkness. Go into the sanctuary of the Lord and get a vision of the multitudes of perishing souls at stake.

-Lawrence Pruitt

NATIVE WORKER IN MIDWEST NIGERIA

Midwest Nigeria (Oct. 5)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of Jesus: We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated September 15, and are immensely thankful to God that regardless of distance we receive regular communication. . . .

I visited Benin City on the 30th of September and stayed through the 2nd of October, but could not hold any meetings with members of that congregation as they have been completely carried away into strange worship and doctrines. Some of the old members numbering over eight are anxious, however, to return to the Father's house. Two out of this number met and discussed it with me. They have now come to realize that they had been in the service of a cruel master—the devil—and as a result, had lost everything. . . .

We have taken note of your comment on the missionary fund. There is no cause for alarm. In our Lord Jesus Christ who is the bread of life, there is absolutely everything we need for time and for eternity—there is bread enough and to spare. John 6:35, 48, 50, 51, 57, 58.

Yours in His Service, -Pastor Titus U. E. Enu

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Oct. 2)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt and others, greetings again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lord of glory: Thank you very much for your good letter dated Sept. 11, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

During the last two weeks public meetings were conducted successfully at three different stations near to Kottarakara. There were good gatherings, including many gospel workers. Many preached the Word of God as the Holy Spirit led, and a lot of tracts were distributed.

On Sunday, 13th of September, I visited believers at Kalayapuram and participated in their assembling together. It gave actual spiritual freshness to each other. In the afternoon there was the Sunday School anniversary, and I got a chance to speak from the Word to the children and to the guardians. Alas! The young generation of today is away from the fear of God and their ways are toward utter darkness. But Christian youths must be "good soldiers of Jesus Christ" enduring hardness as young Timothy.

Glad to know that you in the Print Shop are nowadays busy with very heavy gospel publishing work. . . . In this connection, let me introduce one thing. We have been longing for years to publish a periodical magazine, monthly or bi-monthly, for the interest of the Church of God in India in our Malayalam language. When my father was alive, he tried for it, and as the result, he got the sanction for it from the government of India. But unfortunately his sudden departure stopped its progress. Quite often I wished to fulfill this profitable purpose, but without money nothing can be carried into effect. It was for this purpose that my father wrote to you (I hope you remember it) about the need of a printing press here.

In your last letter you wrote, "Heaven will be cheap at any cost, so let us watch and pray." This word really produced in me much courage and spiritual strength to go forward without any doubt. Thank you, Brother! The will of God is that "men ought always to pray and not to faint." Often we pray, but we do not wait; we ask, but we do not expect to receive; we knock, but we are gone before the door is opened. Therefore, looking to heaven we wish to put our steps forward to publish the Malayalam magazine. I trust all brethren in America shall cooperate in helps and prayers.

We appeal to God to bless and increase the mission funds and other funds. We are also praying for more funds for the van. Our love and prayers are with you

all, brothers and sisters.

Your younger brother in Christ, -John Varghese

NATIVE MISSIONARY IN INTERIOR MEXICO

Uruapan, Mexico-Dear Sister: I am answering your letter that I received the 19th day of September. Sister, we greet you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our great desire is that you might be well. Receive greetings from the children and from our family. We thank God for everything because He has sustained us.

Sister, the trip I was telling you about, I made the 11th of September. I arrived with Bro. James Huskey in La Mision and with him I went to the services in Fresno, Calif. We enjoyed the great reunion of the brethren. It wasn't possible to go where you are. My desire was to go there, but James had so little time. For this reason, I soon returned home. My plans were to seek some provisions for the children because we battle much some times with the need of groceries. We live five kilometers from Uruapan, where we find supplies cheaper for the children. Much of the time we walk. I go three times a week for groceries. There are some souls that we can't visit very often because of lack of transportation. We have sown the gospel seed in many places, but we lack some things that are indispensable in a work in this place where we are. We are trusting in God that He will supply the needs. We are praying for all this, and that God will teach us to grasp the truths that are for the good of His work. We must hurry with the work of God before it is too late. We must be quick to save souls, and there is much ground in which to sow the seed. For this reason it is necessary that what we do we do quickly.

Thank you for the offering, and thank God for

everything.

Christian love, -Brother Irineo Rama

From The Mail Box . . .

Ohio-Dear Brethren: We worship at the Brush Creek Chapel just out of Zanesville, Ohio, on Route 555. Our attendance runs in the thirties and forties, and God is blessing our services. We subscribe to your papers and everyone likes them so well.

This summer, for the first time, we had the opportunity to attend the campmeeting at Akron, Ohio. Oh, what great messages and wonderful singing we heard! We enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Elder Hazel Clark and all the other folks. But the presence of the Spirit of God was the most precious, and because of that campmeeting our services have been better and are growing. Praise the Lord!

We are praying and looking forward to having Bro. Curtis Williams with us soon for a revival in our midst. Pray for us, as our only desire is to get folks converted, sanctified and ready for heaven, and be of service to the Lord.

In His service, -Sr. Gladys Swift and Sr. Moffatt 0-0-0-0-0-0-0

Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We surely do thank the dear Lord for all the blessings of this life. He truly does come to our rescue in time of need. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us. Thank the Lord!

My Sunday School class was down to nothing two Sundays in August, and some Sundays just two or three. I was quite concerned and was seeking the Lord about it. I wrote to the saints at Jefferson, Ore., to pray about it, and I kept my home open every Sunday anyway. Thanks to the Lord, they are coming again. I had 14 today, 9 last Sunday, and 12 the Sunday before. Praise the good Lord!

We are having some beautiful fall weather at this time. The leaves on the vine maple are a beautiful red. God made everything beautiful.

-Sister D. T. Thomas Christian love.

Oregon-Dear Sister Marie and workers at the Print Shop: I greet you in Jesus' dear name. I can report victory in my soul. The Lord is good to us all. He blessed us with a good garden, but all is about gathered

It is less than a month until our Assembly meeting starts here at Jefferson. Sister Spaur and the sisters have canned a lot for the meeting. . . . We just hope and pray that we will have a good meeting with much good

Two of our dear sisters here passed on in less than a week. Sister Galloway passed Sept. 25, and Sister McPherson on the 29th, and Sister Clair had just passed two months and nine days before that. Only Sister Locker and I are left of the old saints that were here when we first started to have meeting here at my place in 1941. The Stovers moved away and the rest are gone to their reward. May the Lord bless all of you.

Enclosed is my little offering to help get the truth out. -Sister Emma Busch Love and prayers, 0-0-0-0-0-0-0

Indiana-Dear Brother Pruitt, greetings in the holy name of Jesus: I truly hope all is well at the Lord's Print Shop, and everyone is happy in the Lord. Surely it is wonderful to be a child of God in these wicked days in which we live. I believe we are near the end when Jesus is coming again. He tells us what to do when these things begin to come to pass. "Then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. Praise the Lord!

Bro. Pruitt, I would like to have an anointed cloth to wear on my body. I have a bad hurting in my shoulders and back of my neck which makes me dizzy sometimes, and I know the Lord can heal me. He has healed me before and He is just the same. He never changes. Praise His holy name!

I am sending an offering to be used where you need it most to help save souls.

As ever, your Brother in our dear Lord's service, -Nathan Mobley

Florida-Dear Sister Marie and co-workers: I hope all are well and your needs are being supplied.

I am sending money for two "Evening Light Songs" books, and two covers. Oh, Sister, I am grateful to the Lord for saving me from a miserable life of sin and I enjoy the songs very much! As Bro. Lewis Williams says, "There is a message in every song." May God bless all that labor there in the Print Shop. The tracts have surely been encouraging. I remember one day I was so discouraged, and I looked under the table. There was this tract saying, "Yield not to discouragement," and how discouragement was the devil's best tool. Oh, I just thanked the Lord for that tract! I'm glad He gives us what we need.

Your Sister in Christ, -Sister Mattie McIntyre 0-0-0-0-0-0-0

Ark.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: Greetings of love in the name of our precious Saviour. Trust all are improved physically, strong spiritually, and encouraged in the Lord. We have afflictions (not serious) but we know our God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that which we are able to ask or think, for which we want to always give praise.

Find enclosed \$100.00. We are sending this in honor of Bro. Fred Pruitt's birthday (Oct. 4). When he was alive and after we found out the date of his birth, we sent a small offering each year and he seemed to appreciate it so much. Bless his heart! We need him so badly in this last evil day, but we know our precious Lord never made a mistake.

With love, -Oscar and Margie Wall

(Thank you so much, Bro. and Sister Wall! Our hearts were touched when we read your letter with the liberal offering to God's work in memory of our dear father. We still miss him so much, though he has been at rest with the Lord since June, 1963. The offering will be used as he would have done-to send more gospel literature to home and foreign fields.-Lawrence Pruitt.)

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Calif.—Dear Sister Anna Marie: Greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord is blessing us with His precious Word. We can always depend on the Lord to be a present help in time of need as long as we are obedient to Him. The forces of evil are working hard against God's saints today, but God has grace and strength sufficient for us. When we ask Him, He will supply what we have need of.

May the Lord help all His saints to be pliant, submissive, and humble in His hands, and measure to the light of His Word as He reveals it to us. God cannot work with anyone who is not humble. The Lord is doing everything He can to get His saints to heaven. I want to be an earthen vessel submitted to His will in everything.

May the Lord bless each of you as you labor in His vinevard.

Christian love. —Letha Reece

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Missouri-I have received "Faith and Victory" for some time and thank the Lord for its truth. This is the church I was first saved in, and as I see the changes of this age I am more than thrilled that God's people have not changed. Thank the Lord for this publication. I enclose the one dollar for ten subscriptions to people who, I believe, will read the paper.

In addition, I would like to receive the following books for which I enclose personal check. . . . Please include any available tracts which I might pass on to others. I have an experience of salvation and sanctification, and want others to know the way.

In Christian love, -Mrs. O. E. Hubbs

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Georgia-Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and helpers in the Print Shop: Holy greetings to you in the lovely name of Jesus who suffered, bled and died for us all. ...

Sister, we are living in a world of confusion. The majority of the people are acting like they did in the days of Noah. There is much hate among the races and the nations now-a-days. If the people would only repent of their sins and humble down to their Maker, He would fill their souls with His love and they would love each other instead of hating. God is love and when anyone gets God in his heart, he will have love. I am glad I love God, His Son Jesus, and everybody—all races and color. Oh, it means something to be truly saved! Praise our God! ...

In Christian love,

-Sister P. R. Bowers

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

40000 Alabama—Dear Sister Marie: I do want to praise the holy name of Jesus. Today He answered prayer in a business deal I asked all of you to help me pray about.

He will help us in business as well as in our souls if we will just look to Him. Praise His holy name! I also want to thank each of you for praying.

Remember us when you pray. Enclosed is . . . to help in God's work.

Your Friend in Christ, -Mrs. Silas Whitson 0-0-0-0-0-0-0

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and all, greetings in Jesus' dear name: The dear Lord healed my eyes, for which I requested prayer, and when He did, the pain left and I have been reading quite a bit. I had started reading the book, "God's Gracious Dealings," and have finished it. The more I read the more blessings I received. Your father's experiences were that of a typical Christian life, and more like that of Bro. D. S. Warner whose life seemed so short to be so far-reaching. But God knows best in all His dealings.

My worst trouble now is a cough which I have had ever since I had Hongkong flu in 1968. I am praying the Lord to heal it. Otherwise I am pretty well. My heart is fixed to go all the way with Him who cares for us.

Yours in Him, -Mary Worley

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Workers at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings to you in the lovely name of Jesus. I was so thankful for the privilege of attending the Monark Springs, Mo., campmeeting again and enjoyed so much seeing the different saints and visiting with as many of them as I did. Also the songs, prayers, testimonies, and good preaching of the Word was so appreciated, and I enjoyed it very much. I thank the Lord for His goodness to me and that we can have such a Friend and Saviour as Jesus. .

I find Him to be a present help in time of need and I love Him more and more. He helps me so many times in so many ways.

Enclosed find check for the Nigerian orphans' work. May the dear Lord continue to bless and help each one there in His work.

Continue to pray for us. I have some special unspoken requests and I know God is able to answer.

In Christian love, -Nellie Poulos

Ohio-Dear Friends: I thank you a lot for the help I received through the prayers of God's people. I know He will never forsake us if we trust Him because He has always heard and answered His people.

My grandson, Robert Daniel Peek, who had scarlet fever, is well again. I am so glad we have a God who

can heal the body as well as the soul. Please continue your prayers for me and my family. We all need the prayers of the saints.

Here is a small offering to use to spread the gospel. I hope I can send some more as often as possible.

Do you have the poem, or know where I can get it, entitled, "Snow, Beautiful Snow"? Sister Spaur used to read it to us when we went to young peoples' meeting in Richwood, West Va. It has stayed with me ever since.

May God bless all of you. -Mrs. Grace Peek

Tenn.—Dear Sister Miles: I do thank God for you dear people. I am so thankful to report that my sister has been healed. She went back to the hospital and the doctor took her off all medication, thanks be to the Great Physician who healeth all our diseases!

Your letters were such an encouragement to me.

May God bless you and your co-workers.

I am back home now and have been very busy. I had been at my sister's over a year. Oh, it is really a miracle how God touched her body! On Sunday night I had prayed so earnestly and all of a sudden God lifted the burden. She told me that He did the work. She felt the sickness and pain leave her body. I can't ever thank Him enough.

She still has arthritis in her neck and back. Please pray that she will be healed of this also, for she has had it so long. Pray for me that I will be able to witness to her family so they will know that there is a reality in living for God. He is still in the healing business.

May our God bless and keep you is my prayer.

Ala.—Dear Sister Miles: I surely do enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. It has been a real blessing to me.

I want to testify to the power of God in the healing of my arm and shoulder of something like rheumatism. It had been giving me lots of trouble for over a year and many prayers have gone up in my behalf. I still have just a slight soreness, but praise God, I'm trusting completely in Jesus for a complete healing of this trouble. Also, I'm asking Him to heal and make normal a very severe acid stomach condition which I have had for many years and gradually is growing more severe. I know He is able and willing if we can exercise the faith.

I am trying to live a life that will bring glory to the name of Jesus, but I fall short so many times. I have great faith in your prayers and do earnestly desire that the saints remember me in their prayers, not only that I be healed, but also that my life might be a shining testimony for my Savior.

Oh, how I long to see my loved ones saved and living a victorious life! Some are saved, but almost pressed down with the burdens and trials of this world. A number have never been saved, especially grandchildren and my husband. I am especially burdened for a daughter who is in a backslidden condition, and her children.

-Mrs. Leora Frink

Ohio-Dear Sister Marie, greetings of divine love in Jesus' precious name, the name that is above every name: I feel deeply impressed to send in my testimony of divine healing. I surely do want to obey the dear Lord and be in the center of His will at all times.

One day, about the last of April, when I came down stairs one morning I began sneezing and it continued for some time. In just a few days I began to itch very much and break out, first, on my hands and arms, and then my face, neck, and ears. I also began swelling. My hands were swelled until they felt like clubs. All the time I was looking to the Lord and praying. I called Sister Curtis Williams on Saturday before the second Sunday in May for prayer. She said they would pray for me. They were going to Dayton on Sunday and would request prayer for me there on Sunday. I felt so good and happy. I felt the Lord had healed me. On Monday morning I began getting worse. What an awful sight I got to be! But I was still holding on to God and looking to Him for complete healing. This Scripture in Job 13:15 came to me so many times while I was suffering so much: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." I got in such a bad condition that I didn't want to be seen in public. I rested very little day or night. I was awful sick at times, with such intense itching.

My daughter was coming home to do my laundry. I knew when she saw the condition I was in, she would want me to go to the doctor immediately. It looked like it was going all over my body. That was when I called you at Faith Publishing House for prayer. It was good to talk with you, and have the assurance that you would pray for me and all would be well. It seemed after I had talked to you the greatest calmness I had ever known came over my entire body from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. I got the best night's rest that night I had had in weeks. Praise the Lord!

When my daughter came home and looked at me, she said, "You mean to tell me you haven't been to the doctor?" I said, "Yes, I have been to the Great Physician and He has healed me. I'm looking to get better every day. The saints are praying and God hears and answers prayer." The next morning when I got up, my daughter looked at me and said, "Well, I'll have to say you look better this morning."

I am so glad I can sing with all my heart, "To God be the glory" for what He has done for me. I really did appreciate Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott's visit with me at that time. I was afflicted all the month of May, but God healed me. I do thank all the saints so much for their prayers. May God repay each one a hundred fold.

Christian love and prayers, -Sister Russell Stamm

DETERMINED

We are determined to stay in this true way; We are determined God's Word to obey.

We are determined to live free from all sin; We are determined a heavenly home to win.

We are determined to pray always to Thee, My dear loving Saviour who gives victory.

We are determined our tongue to control, And say not a word that would harm any soul.

We are determined to keep our heart right, For out of it are the issues of life.

We are determined our bodies to trust In the hands of God who always is just.

We are determined to take up our cross And follow the Lord whatever the cost.

We are determined by the Lord's help and grace To live with Jesus in that glorified place.

-Effie Miller

The Name of God

The third commandment of the ten which were given to Israel of God by the hand of Moses was: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Exod. 20:7. It is clearly evident in the Scriptures that God is greatly particular about the use and influence of His name. He is greatly concerned with how His name is handled by those who take His name. His command here is that His name is not to be taken in vain. This means that His name is not to be professed or taken upon one who will not live to honor and glorify it. And the soul who dares to take His name in vain is deemed worthy of the greatest punishment.

The name of God upon an individual or collective group is intended of God to give honor unto God Himself, and draw others to His fear and favor. It was so in the case of the Israelite nation who was rescued by the power of God from the bondage of Pharaoh. For it was said thus of God to Pharaoh: "And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth." Exod. 9:16. This explains the manner in which God worked in Egypt to deliver His people. By hardening Pharaoh's heart again and again occasion was given to God to shew His mighty power and wisdom in the eyes of "all the earth." Isaiah 63:12 informs us that God led Israel "by the right hand of Moses with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make Himself an everlasting name." It was not that God loved or favored Israel above other nations, but it was His plan to manifest the greatness and majesty of His name in this particular people so as to make Him in His salvation desirable to the entire world.

Thus we see the reason of the command: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." It was a serious thing for Israel to carry the name of the Lord God Almighty. God wanted His name through Israel to be manifest to the world, which in the fulness of time was to be presented with the gospel of eternal life and salvation. To conduct themselves in any other respect was to take His name in vain, that is, without its true intended effect. Serious consequences resulted, so we see, in Israel when they disgraced the name of God in departing from His favor. For this cause He allowed the enemies to over-run them time and time again, coming to their rescue when they sought Him in humility and repentance. He wanted the world to see His power and glory so greatly in Israel that all nations would desire His favor, also. This was the way that His name was magnified and honored.

At this point I wish to quote from Clarke's Commentary and show what he said on this subject in his thoughts on the verse in Psalm 102:15. "So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory." The Psalmist is speaking in this Scripture concerning the rebuilding of the

city of God in Jerusalem and how the name of God would be magnified to the nations in so doing. On this Clarke said: "It is granted that after the edict of Cyrus to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, which was about four hundred and ninety years before Christ, the name of the true God was more generally known among the heathen; and the translating the Sacred Writings into Greek, by the command of Ptolemy Philadelphus, king of Egypt, about two hundred and eighty-five years before the Christian era, spread a measure of the light of God in the Gentile world which they had not before seen. Add to this, the dispersion of the Jews into different parts of the Roman province, which took place about 60 years before the advent of our Lord; and we may consider these as so many preparatory steps to the conversion of the heathen by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And to this last general illumination of the Gentile world the psalmist must allude here, when he speaks of the heathen fearing God's name, and all the kings of the earth His glory."

In so many places the Scriptures speak of the name of God being magnified for the salvation of the world. When David experienced the great working of God in his behalf when He was delivered from the hand of Saul and his enemies and exalted as king over the Israel of God, he penned His praise in a noble and wonderful song. This song is the 18th Psalm in our Bibles. In the 49th verse of this Psalm he says: "Therefore [because Thou, O God, hast delivered me, and set me on high] will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto Thy Name." Psalm 48:10 says, "According to Thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth." Psalm 46:10 carried this injunction to His people: "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." To bear the name of God is to cease from all strife and human wisdom, and let it be known to the world about us that what is accomplished in us is the work of the Almighty God; and thus He is exalted in the earth,

David also testified in Psalm 23:3, "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." For the sake of the righteous and holy influence of the name of God, He as our great Shepherd leads us in the paths of truth and righteousness.

When Israel displeased God by desiring a king. Samuel strongly reproved them of their error. Perhaps he felt tempted to cease from being their leader because of this. But Samuel was thinking of the name of God that rested upon Israel in the eyes of the nations. Thus He said to them: "For the Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you His people. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way." God's name was upon this people, and for the sake of His name Samuel was willing to remain as one who would pray and instruct them in the right way. Oh, that there were more such people today who, rather than be offended and pull off from the children of God would assume the humility of Christ and bear the burden of the cause of God's name. Every time division and strife manifests itself among God's people, His great name is dishonored and souls are discouraged from seeking His salvation. The name of God is taken in vain. The reason that Moses plead so for Israel in the times of their iniquity was because of the reproach that their destruction would bring upon the name of God in the eyes of the nations. See Numbers 14:13-16.

But despite God's plan to glorify His name in Israel, we find that the Jews so often dishonored and brought contempt upon His name. Paul charged the Jews in Romans 2:24, "For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you." Oh, what a solemn and awful guilt to have! Oh, if people who have claimed and professed the name of God would have borne the peaceable fruit of His name, how much more effect would the gospel have today upon the earth! The world is in the condition that it is today largely because the name of God and of Christ have been dishonored and professed in vain by those who bear it.

Communism holds Christianity in contempt and shakes her fist defiantly at the professed Church today. Why? Because all that she can see in Christianity is a poor representation of the true God. The many cults and sects of the Church world cast a great doubt in the minds of the heathen. The name of God is being blasphemed because many are taking it in vain.

One of the prophetic phases of Jesus Christ is revealed in Psalm 22:22, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee." This was the work of the Saviour, to manifest the name of His Father to His disciples. "I have manifested Thy name unto the men which Thou gavest me out of the world," He testified in prayer to the Father in John 17:6. And then contemplating His departure from them, leaving them in this dark world, He prayed: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are." verse 11. Christ manifested the name of God to His disciples, and they in turn as the Church in the world were to be kept in that name. By being kept in the name of God, they would be one, and by being one, a great testimony would go forth to the world that they were the people of God. Into this Church were the nations to enter by means of the new birth, repentance toward God, and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. If all who took upon themselves the name of God in the salvation of Christ would have lived to glorify and exalt that name, things would be different in the world today. But there are those who in their pride profess to be Christians who manifest the evils of the heathen that they presumptuously hope to evangelize. Thus, the name of God is made of none effect. The name of God upon a person should quicken Him to honesty, purity, truth. love, peace, and all the fruits of righteousness. But when these things do not exist in the professed Chris-

tian, while strife, hatred, and pride are working, the name of God heaps scorn and derision upon itself.

Dear soul, do you realize your responsibility in bearing the name of a child of God? Do you realize what it means to claim the name, "Church of God"? It is a great responsibility. To bear it in vain, and not manifest the proper fruits will merit the wrath and displeasure of an Almighty God. Let us fear before Him, and seek His face often that we might have grace to serve Him acceptably and glorify His name in this lost world.

—Leslie Busbee

The Worth of a Soul

"For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16:26.

The worth of a soul: Who can count its value? Who can appraise its worth? An immortal soul is beyond all price.

In money, one soul is of more value than the wealth of the world.

In suffering, it is better that all the people of the world should suffer all their lives on earth, if by suffering, one soul could be saved.

In journeyings, no foreign land is too distant or any portion of it too inaccessible for all the people of the world to take a journey there, if by so doing, one soul could be saved.

There is no trouble too great, no humiliation too deep, no suffering too severe, no love too strong, no labor too hard, no expense too large, but that it is worth it, if it is spent in the effort to win a soul.

Of all creation in this world and in the world to come, the greatest, the most wonderful, the most priceless, the most enduring is a soul.

God loves the soul more than all creation. He fashioned it after His own image, and made it like unto Himself. Every soul has departed from God and gone astray, and God has bought every soul back again with a price. That price was the blood of His only begotten Son who took upon Himself the sin of the soul, suffering the death penalty, that the soul might be saved, cleansed and made holy again. God loves every soul with an everlasting, eternal love greater and deeper than any human love can possibly be.

Satan hates the soul. In Satan's enmity toward God he is using all his energy, using every snare, his utmost cunning, employing every means with the one single purpose of ruining the soul of man, because Satan knows the soul is God's most cherished creation, the apple of His eye.

A Soul Will Never Die

When this earth of ours has crumbled to dust and has passed away into the forgotten past, a soul will still be in its freshness of youth.

When in the fathomless future eternity has become hoary with age, the soul will still be young.

When a million, million eternities have each lived out their endless ages and have rolled by into the unthinkable past and time is no more, the soul will still be living, a conscious personal reality, endowed with perpetual life.

God has said, "He that winneth souls is wise."

If Christians would only realize the value and the immortality of precious souls, and the shortness of this earthly life they would work feverishly, unceasingly, with all their greatest energy, day after day, year after year, that they might save one soul.

O Christians! Are there souls passing your way? Are you bestirring yourself in their behalf that they may have eternal life and joy, or are you allowing them to cross your path and pass on unwarned, to an ETERNAL DEATH?

"Christ died for our sins and rose again."

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Do you believe into Him?

-By William K. Norton, Missionary to India

2,000 Harlem Youngsters, 7 to 15, Identified as Hard Drug Addicts

Associated A'ress report: A house-to-house survey of a 40-block area of Harlem turned up 18,000 hard drug addicts, including 2,000 children between the ages of seven and 15, Congress has been told.

And 90 per cent of those children lived by themselves.

The result of the survey was supplied to a House Appropriations subcommittee last April by Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, then director of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Dr. Yolles, in the closed-door testimony made public today, said that "In the area of hard narcotics and especially heroin addiction, I believe the committee would be interested to know that a brief survey was done in Harlem, a house-to-house survey of tenants in a 40-block area.

"Of that number, there were 10,000 addicted adults, 6,000 children between the ages of 16 and 21 who were addicted and 2,000 children between the ages of seven and 15 who were addicted.

"Of the 2,000 children, aged seven to 15, 90 per cent lived by themselves without the presence of an adult in their immediate environment. This is what we are dealing with in the United States."

Dr. Yolles, who has since resigned, said it is estimated there now are between 100,000 and 150,000 hard narcotics addicts in the nation.

"I think we are all aware of the epidemic, if you will call it that, of drug abuse and hard narcotics usage in New York City," he said. "We are approaching the rate of three deaths per day from overdose of narcotics in New York City."

"Mostly J. veniles?" asked subcommittee chairman Daniel J. Flood, D-Pa.

"Yes sir, a high percentage of them are juveniles," Dr. Yolles replied. In the first third of this year there were 170 deaths from overdoses of narcotics in New York City, he said. "During 1969 there were some 900 deaths, of which 224 were teenagers. That rate is still going up."

An Open Letter to My Parents

From a Teenager

I am your child. You brought me into this world and raised me to what I am today. If I am not what I should be, please do not be too harsh with me; for I am your product, and by my actions I advertise the quality standards of home. Do not point at one of my playmates as an example of how I should behave; for by doing so you are admitting that their parents are doing a better job than you.

You say that you are a Christian: yet when meeting time comes you make little effort to attend, giving me no encouragement to be in God's house, either. You say that you love me, and yet it has been years since you put your arms around me at bed-time, and with tears in your eyes asked your heavenly Father to watch over me as I slept. You seem to be more interested in my school grades than in the condition of my eternal soul.

You give me the impression that it is better to be popular than to be pure; better to be attractive on the outside, than to have that "inner beauty" that comes to one who loves the Lord.

So the next time you feel like throwing up your hands and saying, "I just can't do a thing with you," please remember, you have had the opportunity to influence me since I was born, and that the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." And in another place, "They shall rise up and call you blessed."

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HOLINESS

Holiness an attribute of God. "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Ex. 15:11. "And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." Isa. 6:3. "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8.

God must be worshipped in holiness. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." 1 Chron. 16:29. "Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." Psa. 30:4.

God's throne and dwelling-place. "God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness." Psa. 47:8. "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him

also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." Isaiah 57:15. "Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation." Zech. 2:13. "Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and thy glory." Isa. 63:15.

Holiness becomes God's house. "Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." Psa. 93:5. "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness." Titus 2:3.

The church of God is called a mountain of holiness. "The Lord bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness." Jer. 31:23. "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain." Zech. 8:3. "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and the dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." Isa. 65:25.

God speaks in holiness. "God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice." Psa. 60:6. "Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the Lord, and because of the words of his holiness." Jer. 23:9.

The way of holiness. "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isa. 35:8-10.

The courts of holiness. "But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord, and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness." Isa. 62:9.

The people of God are holy. "The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary." Isa. 63:18. "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, "And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; and to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken." Deut. 26:18, 19. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Pet. 2:9.

We are called unto holiness. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy." 1 Pet. 1:15, 16. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." 1 Thess. 4:7. "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. "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness." Heb. 12:10.

A perfect holiness attainable. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7:1.

Fruit unto holiness. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Romans 6:22.

The foregoing Scriptures are but a few out of the many plain texts from the Word of God teaching us the glorious doctrine of holiness. Some professing Christians look upon this doctrine as unscriptural and impracticable, but in the light of the gospel of Christ there is no other doctrine taught than holiness. The very fact that God, and Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and heaven, and all the celestial hosts are holy, at once suggests to every reasonable mind the utter necessity of holiness in the heart and life of man. The apostle says (Eph. 2:10) that "we are his workmanship, created in Jesus Christ unto good works."

Were we to look upon depraved humanity in the image of Adam, we would see nothing but sin and unholiness; but God has brought into existence a new order of creation in Christ Jesus. The first Adam is a sad and irreparable failure, and in him we see nothing good. All who are living according to the flesh are dead in trespasses and sins, and of course are unholy; but the second Adam, which is Christ, has brought redemption and life, in whom there is purity and holiness. The old man is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, which must be put off. The new man is created in righteousness and true holiness, which must be put on. The reason some do not comprehend the doctrine of holiness is, they are yet living in the old creation, hence their nature and mind are corrupt. It is utterly impossible for such to be holy in this condition. The command, "Be ye holy," does not apply to them. They are not God's people. The first step for such to take is to repent, which, if they obey, they will be brought into the kingdom of God's holiness; into the new creation, the workmanship of God in Christ Jesus. Bless the Lord, O my soul, for this new creation of purity and holiness. All the living creatures of heaven bow before Him that sitteth upon the throne, saying, Holy, holy, holy, and every sanctified heart on earth can join the blessed anthem of praise and adoration with the consciousness that the all-cleansing blood of Christ has reached its inmost depth and purified it for the habitation of the heavenly guest, the Holy

Spirit. The pure heart is God's dwelling-place on earth, Jesus says (John 14:23) "If a man love me, he will keep my words and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

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Thus we see that God not only dwells in the high and holy heaven but also upon earth in the hearts of His obedient people. Who could consistently believe that God would dwell in a corrupt heart? "He shall be in you," is the promise of Jesus. "At that day [the day when the Holy Spirit comes into the heart], ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." Oh, the depths of the riches of this wonderful redemption, that God would forgive the guilty sinner, then purify his heart and make it His earthly abode! This is His will toward every son and daughter of Adam's race. He will create us in the image of Christ, so that we may truly serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. This can be called none other than the way of holiness. It is God's own way, and is truly a highway too high for anything unclean to pass over. It is on a perfect level with heaven itself, and yet it is a highway here upon earth for all the ransomed of the Lord to travel upon. It is so plain and simple that no one need be led astray. The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. A wayfaring man means one who is on the way, one who lives on the way. A seafaring man is one who lives on the sea. This way is so safe that though a man may be simple in the estimation of the world, and may be called a fool, yet if he keeps obedient to God he shall not be led astray. "No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon." This indicates a very safe way, where we need not fear any evil. Everything of the flesh or the old man is ruled out, and none but the redeemed shall walk there. We see therefore from the description of the prophet that this is a highway, a clean way, a simple way, a safe way, a way of songs and everlasting joy, which necessarily constitutes a way of holiness.

This is the way upon which the people of God are truly returning to Zion. This Zion is the Scriptural name of the Church of God. The people of God have been led into captivity of ecclesiastical bondage (Babylon), and the pure light of the gospel of holiness has been darkened by the creeds and doctrines of men, but God is revealing to His own that sanctification is a Bible doctrine; they seek for, and obtain it, and thereby every sectarian yoke is broken. His people find themselves upon this highway of holiness and at home in Zion, the church, free from the bondage of sectism. This is the work of God Himself, and will not cease until every one of His people are brought home to Zion, upon the way of holiness. This is the highway that is left for the remnant of His people. Isa. 11:16. This remnant shall be gathered out of all the creeds of men into the one fold, into the true unity of Christ. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one."

The prophet foresaw this blessed return of the people of God and tells us, "they shall call them, The holy people." There are some who call themselves holiness people, but the prophet says we shall be called, "The holy people." Holiness factions and sects have actually sprung into existence, which declare that sectism and division are necessary. This class of holiness is not that described in the foregoing Scriptures. Bible holiness will in every individual instance destroy everything out of men's hearts that separates or divides. Divisions are the outgrowth of carnality and not of the Spirit of God. Every profession of holiness, therefore, which sanctions division and sectism cannot possibly be the holiness of the Bible.

No Scriptural unity will ever be effected among the people of God outside the experience of sanctification. Men have repeatedly laid other foundations, but all to no avail. It is a source of great satisfaction to know that wherever the Holy Spirit has the right of way in the hearts of men, there is found true apostolic unity, both in spirit and in doctrine. This is a well authenticated fact which is demonstrated in many hearts today. The holy people are one people, and all are willing to be measured by all of the Word of God, which proves to be "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." The apostle teaches us, in Heb. 12:10, that God imparts unto us His holiness: we are partakers of it. It is not an experience which we by our efforts can attain to, but upon the clearly defined conditions of His Word we come into possession of His holiness. It is all wrought within us by Himself. "Not of works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us. by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Bible holiness is truly an imported article directly from God out of heaven. Some imported goods in this country are much more expensive and of better quality than those of home manufacture. Many of our people prefer to pay the extra expense in order to obtain the better quality, and usually are abundantly satisfied with their purchase. This may serve to illustrate this blessed holiness of the Bible. Men's professions are sometimes like an inferior homemade piece of goods. It soon wears threadbare and betrays its quality, but the genuine imported article of Bible holiness proves satisfactory in every respect, and the more it is worn the better it becomes. It has cost us everything, but it proves to be worth more than everything to us. The reason why some people have failed to get it is, they are unwilling to pay the price. They are deceived by the false doctrine that they do not need to consecrate their all, and hence have accepted a holiness manufactured by man, a homemade article which will never stand the test. A definite, absolute consecration to the loss of all things will never fail to procure the genuine article of true Bible holiness, which will stand the wear of every trial of life and the test of the judgment. -J. W. Byers