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Flee to the Refuge

There's an awful day that's coming,
Soon we'll feel the judgment shock,
Then, poor sinner, seek a refuge,
In the Everlasting Rock.
O'er thy head thy sins are forming
In the clouds of threat'ning storm;
Hear the angry thunders rolling,
Soon the woeful blast will come.

Stop, poor sinner, madly heaping
Wrath against the day of wrath;
At thy horror and thy weeping
Frowning judgment will but laugh.
Soon thy heart will stop its beating,
Death, a sullen, awful flood,
End thy day, so short and fleeting:
Quickly, sinner, come to God.

Come, poor sinner, get salvation
Ere all hope has fled away;
Heed the warning, flee for refuge,
Come to Jesus, come today.
Sinner, in this very moment,
Ere the billows sweep away
Grieved and slighted hopes of heaven,
Flee for refuge while you may.

—D. S. Warner

LIVING BY FAITH

"The just shall live by faith." Gal. 3:11. The sinner lives by sight; the saint lives by faith. This puts them into two different spheres of life. One lives in the world of seen things, while the other lives in the unseen world. One sees only the circumstances of every day life, while the other sees the hand of Providence in all circumstances. It makes a vast difference. By faith man lives above all earthly circumstances. He is not affected by "hard times." He lives up where all times are good times. If he has no place to lay his head, he has a place to lay his heart and he is perfectly contented. —C. E. Orr

A Strange Case

According to the records, Martin Dalton murdered a New York business man in East Providence, Rhode Island, in 1897. Found guilty, 28-year-old Martin was sentenced. In 1930 his case was reviewed and, having served 33 years, the officials told him that they felt he had served enough punishment for his crime, so they granted him a full pardon, and told him that he might go free. Those were words he had longed to hear through his lonely prison years, but now he was frightened. The outside world had changed radically since 1897. He had known only horses and buggies—now cars whizzed down the streets. People were more hurried and worried. He became bewildered. He had no family, money or a home. Where could he live and where could a 61-year-old man find a job? At last this troubled man returned to the prison and begged them to let him stay in prison. Reluctantly, they let the "free man" return to his cell. There, within its barren walls, he ate, slept, and lived until his death at the age of 91 on March 23, 1960.

Maybe you wonder if it was legal for Martin Dalton to refuse pardon? The answer is, "Yes." According to a decision made by the Supreme Court in 1830: "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon the acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under sentence of death would refuse to accept pardon, but if it is refused, it is no pardon . . ."

I am sure you are thinking as I thought, that this surely is a strange case. It is strange that anyone would not accept a pardon, nor freedom. But yet it was up to him whether he wanted it or not. It was there for him, but he refused it.

Dear ones, do you not know that God has prepared a beautiful place that is beyond our imagination, and there are not enough words in the English language to describe it for you? But one thing is certain: that sin cannot enter there. You must be forgiven and accept the pardon that is offered to you through Christ to be made pure and holy, so

The Christian's Hope

you can go to heaven. Just as the law permits a person to accept or refuse a pardon, God's marvelous pardon is offered on the same basis. Salvation and heaven are for those who will accept them, but condemnation is for those who refuse clemency. The Bible says, "He that believeth on him [Jesus Christ] is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18). It's a strange case when one refuses the pardon of God and chooses to go to hell. It's hard to understand why a person would want to remain a prisoner of sin. But the Bible declares, "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19). Won't you leave sin's prison house and follow after God and righteousness? Won't you accept God's offered pardon for your sins? Won't you prepare to live in a prepared place in heaven? If you refuse, yours is a strange case. Death will find you still in the prison house of sin. Hell and eternal damnation will be your doom—severe torture, dying, yet never able to die!

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. This is the way to receive pardon. The new modern religion teaches the "new resolution" instead of the "new birth," "reformation" instead of "regeneration." They call Jesus the great teacher instead of "the Saviour." They urge you to make a new decision and just accept Jesus as your Saviour without any change of life or heart. Many are deceived and still in the prison house of sin. They are not accepting pardon from God. The modern religion is not salvation, deliverance, nor a pardon from sin.

When Adam and Eve sinned, they made themselves fig-leaf aprons to cover their shame, but God saw their sin in spite of their man-made covering. He sent them out of the garden of Eden. Outward righteousness is not enough. Jesus looked at the religious cults of His day and said they "... appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness." (Matt. 23:27, 28.) The heart needs to be cleansed. You can clean windows and floors; walls can be painted, diamonds can be polished until they sparkle, but you can't do that with men's hearts who are ruined by sin. They must be cleansed and not just cleaned. The letter "s" makes a difference in the two words, cleansed and cleaned. The letter "s" stands for "Saviour." "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

But remember, dear ones, you must accept salvation. You must accept pardon from the prison house of sin and deliverance from the power of Satan who is ruling your life. If you do not, yours is a strange case, but it need not be. Do accept pardon TODAY!—the only time it is offered.

—Sister Marie Miles

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." Heb. 6:19. Thank God for the blessed hope of the redeemed!

In 2nd Peter 3:11-13 we have this exhortation, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." First, let us consider this truth. The time is coming when the earth and everything upon it will be destroyed. (verse 10) Then, since this is true, we need to be diligent that we may be found of Him in peace without spot and blameless. (verse 14) Satan would have us get our eyes on others and how they are not living as they ought to, but the most important one is oneself. We must live so that we will be found ready at His coming.

Next, let us consider the thought, "Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God." This expresses the thought of looking for the "day of God" or the second coming of Christ. Paul spoke of those who "love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:8. John wrote in one of the closing thoughts of Revelation, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20 He was desiring Christ's return. Why should we desire His return? The thought is expressed in 2 Peter 3:13 that we look for a new heaven and earth "wherein dwelleth righteousness." Do we not love righteousness with all our hearts? Do we not hate sin as God hates it? (However, we love the poor sinners who are so bound in sin.) When Christ returns He will take all the righteous to heaven where no unrighteousness exists, no evil of any kind. Is not this something for us to look forward to with joy and anticipation? John, in a vision, beheld the great blood-washed multitude which no man could number, those who had been redeemed out of every nation, kindred and tongue standing before the throne clothed with white robes and palms in their hands. With joy we look forward to being among that number. It does us good to take time to meditate upon these things from time to time.

When we think of the souls who will be lost, our desire is for them to be saved, so for their sakes we may sometimes desire the Lord to stay His coming, hoping, praying that they will yet yield to the Lord, but we should be living such holy lives ourselves that we can from our hearts desire His return when considering ourselves.

Paul expressed this thought concerning his departure that he was in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which, he said, was far better, but he realized that to remain was more needful for them. He desired that Christ be magnified, whether by life or death. Phil. 1:20-24.

Here, we see our Redeemer by faith. He dwells in our hearts by faith, but when He returns for us, we will see Him face to face—the One who died for us. Realizing that Christ will soon be returning for His faithful ones (for at the longest it won't be long when time is compared with eternity), shall we not look forward to that hour with joy, anticipation and eagerness? "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

—Sister Fern Stubblefield

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"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beast of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:4-9.

When David had considered the wonderful works of God, the heavens, the planets, the sun, moon, and stars, the ocean and seas, the rivers and trees, beasts, insects, birds, and all kinds of fowl, he knew that there was a Creator who brought all these things into existence, and that He had given man power and dominion over them all. He knew that God was mindful of man, and that because God had been so favorable unto man, that man should render unto God unlimited thanks and praise and adore Him as Lord, God, and Father of mankind.

He knew that God's eye was watching over him day and night, that God was everywhere present, and that there was no place that he could go to hide from Him. He said in Psa. 139:11, 12, "If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both the same with thee." The 14th verse, "I will praise thee: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

But we see that God is being robbed today of the praise and honor that is due unto Him. Man has forgotten God and cast Him behind his back, so to speak. Generally speaking, the whole world has lost sight of God, and gone mad after the god of mammon. Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters." The world has despised and rejected God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and has built an altar unto "Baal," and their hearts are full of covetousness and wickedness of all types, colors, and shapes. Since man has rejected God, turned his back on Him, and is going on in his own sinful way, the Bible says that God gave them up to vile affections, both men and women, to a reprobate mind. There is not a sin in the catalog that they will not commit for money or lust. Their hearts are wicked, "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malicious-

ness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Rom. 1:29-32. Sin in its trickery has led man into the depths of degradation, darkness, and death, and into the slums of filth and despair, and in the mire of shame and disgrace, and swiftly sinking into the jaws of death, but they don't seem to realize their awful state and condition.

Yet, "God so loved the world [humanity] that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In love the trumpet sounds, "Awake, thou that sleepest, arise from the dead; and Christ shall give thee light." Whosoever will may come. In the day that you hear His voice, harden not your heart. O man, the time is short, the day is far spent! WILL YOU HEED THE CALL? —Ulysses Phillips

A Mystery In Human Hearts

There is a mystery in human hearts,
And though we be encircled by a host
Of those who love us well and are beloved,
To every one of us, from time to time,
There comes a sense of utter loneliness.
Our dearest friend is "stranger" to our joy,
And cannot realize our bitterness.
"There is no one who really understands,
No one to enter in to all I feel;"
Such is the cry of each of us in turn,
We wander in a "solitary way."
No matter what or where our lot may be,
Each heart, mysterious even to itself,
Must live its inner life in solitude.
And would you know the reason why this is?
It is because the Lord desires our love,
In every heart He wishes to be first,
He therefore keeps the secret key Himself,
To open all its chambers and to bless
With perfect sympathy and holy peace,
Each solitary soul that comes to Him.
And when beneath some heavy cross you faint,
And say, "I cannot bear this heavy load alone,"
you say the truth.

God made it purposely
So heavy that you must return to HIM,
The bitter grief, which "no one understands,"
Conveys a secret message from the King,
Entreating you to come to Him again.
You cannot come too often or too near.
The God of Mercy is infinite in Grace,
His Presence satisfies the longing soul
And those who walk with Him from day to day
Can never have a "solitary way."

—Author Unknown.

"He that loses his life for my sake shall find it," Jesus said. Not once for all, but the giving of life daily for Christ is the daily finding of life.—C. E. Orr

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This monthly gospel paper is going into many homes in this country and foreign nations. About 14,000 copies of this issue will be printed, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will accompany every "white-winged" messenger and impress the Bible truth upon the mind and heart of every reader. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Thank God for the precious freedom from sin and condemnation that we have found in believing and obeying the truth.

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Another milestone—an "Ebenezer" has been set up with this inscription, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." All praise and honor unto His holy name! This March issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper marks the beginning of the 49th year of publication. Now, as always, this periodical stands committed to the vital Bible truths which brought forth this "evening light" restoration movement of the Church of God in fulfillment of Bible prophecy—those same truths which were taught and practiced prior to the "landslide apostasy" of 1910-1914. As servants of the Church of God, contending "for the faith once delivered to the saints," the publishers and this literature ministry have weathered many storms by the help and grace of God. More difficulties and obstacles are expected in the future, but our faith is anchored in the Captain of our salvation who is not limited nor restricted by circumstances. The Apostle John affirms: ". . . this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4. Our Father, whom we serve, will and does take care of His own.

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In giving the Commission to His Church, Jesus' vision was world-wide. He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Again He said, "The gospel must first be published among all nations." To reach the unreached in the "regions

beyond" is the purpose of this gospel literature ministry which is primarily and essentially a work by faith in God. Without His blessings it could not continue. This institution operates under a charter from the State of Oklahoma as a non-profit religious and charitable corporation, and no one connected with it receives any personal profit. All proceeds from offerings and sales above the actual operating expenses are kept in the work to expand and increase the output of gospel literature. All who work here have volunteered their services as unto the Lord with no promise of remuneration other than that in God's Word, and His Word has not failed.

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Bro. Max Williamson, minister at Hammond, La., reported that Bro. Curtis Williams held a meeting there from Sunday, Jan. 31, to Feb. 7. The Lord anointed and blessed each night, and the truth was precious to all those in attendance. Several were at the altar on the last Sunday night.

Word from Bro. Williamson, who also takes care of the work at Baton Rouge, La., informs us that Bro. Murphy Allen of Missouri will be holding a meeting there from Feb. 17 to 21.

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Bro. E. J. Trotter of Fresno, Calif., began a ten-day meeting on Friday, Feb. 19, at the Church of God chapel located at 5900 N. E. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, where Bro. Archie Souder is the pastor.

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On Sunday, Feb. 21, the 8th anniversary of the founding of the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla., will be observed with services at the Shawnee chapel in the morning, lunch at noon at the Home, followed by a special commemorative service. Bro. Charles Smith, pastor of the church and manager of the Home, issued a cordial invitation for everyone to attend.

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Bro. and Sister V. Earle Yantis of Perrysburg, Ohio, observed their golden wedding anniversary on

Dec. 28, 1970. They have six daughters and two sons, all married. May the Lord spare them to each other for many more anniversaries.

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The Church at large felt great concern for those in the area of the recent (Feb. 9) earthquake in southern California. Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson, managers of the Sunset Guest Home on the Pacoima campground, whose home is in Sylmar, Calif., phoned us on Feb. 15, giving an account of the severe earthquake and consequent damage. They were not injured, but well shaken up. Their home had considerable damage, especially the contents. Wall pictures fell to the floor, table and floor lamps turned over, china closet and cabinet doors flew open and drawers slid out, dumping all on the shelves and in the drawers onto the floor. It took them a day and a half to clean up the mess on the kitchen floor. No window glasses were broken, but the utilities were knocked out. At the time they phoned, the gas and electric service had been restored, but the water was still off and tank trucks were bringing water to the homes in the area. The Home on the Pacoima campground was not damaged, and none of its residents were evacuated. As far as we know now, none of the saints in the quake area were injured, for which we certainly praise the Lord for His protection. Let us pray especially for those who are now endeavoring to repair the damage to their homes and property.

This writer is reminded that according to the Word of God the coming of Christ in final judgment will also be sudden and without warning. Even as all the people (those not killed or unconscious) in the quake area awoke at the same time at 5:59 a. m., on Feb. 9, so also without warning "the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised . . . in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt. 24:27) The world of mankind will be brought to judgment, and in what condition will each one be found? Jesus gives this solemn warning: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 25:13) And when Christ comes the second and final time, all nations shall be gathered before Him, and He will divide His sheep from the goats. To His sheep on the right hand He will say, "Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you," and to the goats on His left hand He will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. 25:34, 41.) Since Jesus has provided a full and free salvation for all, why would any soul want to remain in sin and unbelief, and finally, when the day of God's mercy is past, be turned away into everlasting punishment? Won't you, my sinner friend, seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near?

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On Sunday, Feb. 14, all-day services marked the opening of the new Church of God chapel, 201 S. Cedar, in Nowata, Okla., where Bro. Clarence Fry is

the pastor. This small congregation and its pastor sacrificed much and worked long hours to complete this adequate modest building in which to worship the Lord. Saints and friends came in from near and far and filled the chapel. In the morning service Bro. Ira Stover of Tulsa, Okla., brought a very timely message of truth. Lunch was served at noon at the fairgrounds building. The afternoon service was entirely of gospel singing, congregational and special, which proved a real blessing and inspiration to the capacity attendance. We counted it a special privilege to worship the Lord with the Nowata congregation in the opening services in their new building, and may it ever be a place where the whole truth is taught and practiced.

Bro. Fry has informed us that Bro. Curtis Williams of Clearfield, Ky., will be at Nowata, Okla., on Wednesday, Feb. 24, to start a meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services nightly, to be held as long as the Lord leads. For further information contact Bro. Clarence Fry, 212 N. Chase, Nowata, Okla. Phone A. C. 918—273-3890.

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The message for this age is: "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." To God's people the call comes from heaven: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." There is no fellowship between light and darkness, between truth and error, and every honest soul should heed the warning, flee from every false way lest he be a partaker of her sins and receive of her plagues. We are not opposing people as such, but only want to expose the false systems and foul spirits, so that honest souls can escape and find fellowship in the true fold of God. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another."

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Thank you each and everyone for your cards, letters, and words of encouragement in this fight of faith against affliction. The Scripture tells us that the trial of our faith is much more precious than of gold which perisheth, and that the trying of our faith worketh patience. Again the Word says, "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Heb. 10:36. The promise is that "with His [Jesus'] stripes we are healed." I am trusting the Lord fully, have my decision fixed like Job of old, and waiting on the fulfillment of the promise when His good pleasure is worked out in my life. Your continued agreement of prayer is solicited until the answer comes.

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Christ has now given to His Church the ministry of reconciliation. God was in Christ on earth recon-

ciling the world unto Himself. (2 Cor. 5:18-20.) Since Christ has ascended to the right hand of the Father, He has committed unto His Church the word of reconciliation. Each member of that spiritual body is an ambassador for Christ, and the main message to this world which he repeats over and over is this solemn exhortation: "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Since there is no other name whereby man can be saved, let us publish worldwide the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ that every guilty soul may hear. —Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Daisy Florence (Wilson) Tyree, daughter of William Martin and Mary Ellen Callahan Wilson, was born March 8, 1907, at Cane Hill, Arkansas, and departed this life Jan. 29, 1971, at the age of 63 years, 10 months, and 21 days.

On May 18, 1926, she was united in holy matrimony to Oscar Earl Tyree. To this union six children were born. Bro. Oscar Tyree preceded her in death Dec. 1, 1966.

Sister Daisy was privileged to know this wonderful truth all her life. Nothing else would ever interest her. She gave her heart to God when in her youth and followed close to God and her convictions of truth. She was known well for her wonderful contact with God in a prayer-life. She was a real kind and loving person. All who knew her had great respect and confidence in her. Her husband surely praised her, and her children all rise to call her blessed.

She leaves to mourn her passing four sons, Jack, Del City, Okla., Lester, Hobbs, N. M., Ivan, Prairie Grove, Ark., and Cecil, Prairie Grove, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Donna Clark, Rockville, Md., and Mrs. Vivian Knuth, Pensacola, Fla.; two brothers, Harry Wilson, Sylmar,

Calif., and Jack Wilson, Prairie Grove, Ark.; three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Cox, Hanford, Calif., Mrs. Melissa Kronig, Belen, N. M., and Mrs. Mary Brockman, Prairie Grove, Ark.; 13 grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Prairie Grove, Ark. by Brothers Charles R. and Merrill D. Smith. Interment was in Prairie Grove Cemetery. —Charles Smith

(No doubt many will remember Sister Daisy as the daughter of Bro. W. M. Wilson, pioneer minister, and the sister of O. B. Wilson, Sr., and Sam Wilson.)

Lillie Baker, daughter of James and Jane Huston, was born on Sept. 17, 1883, in Phillips County, Kansas, and passed away on Jan. 28, 1971, in the rest home at Canon City, Colo., at the age of 87, after several years of illness.

Lillie was united in marriage to Elijah Baker on Dec. 12, 1904, at Alva, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1937. Their son, Grant, passed away in 1956.

Surviving are her three daughters, Goldie Copley of Pueblo, Colo., Evalena Epperson of Blue Jacket, Okla., and Lula Hamilton of Nucla, Colo.; two sisters, Fannie Huston, of Anthony, Kansas, and Mrs. Ella Kerwood of Hutchinson, Kansas, and one brother, Harry Huston, of Florence, Colo.

Lillie was saved at Monark Springs, Mo., campmeeting and was later baptized by Bro. Willie Murphey. She lived a good saved life, in spite of the many trials and tribulations she endured, until the end.

Services were held at the Chapel of the Gardens in Canon City, Colorado, with Sam Ritchart in charge. Interment was at the Lakeside Cemetery at Canon City.

Melissa Jane (Gregory) Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gregory, was born Feb. 13, 1887, and departed this life on Jan. 25, 1971, at Louin, Miss., at the age of 83 years.

On Jan. 17, 1904, Melissa Jane was united in marriage to Henry J. Montgomery. To this union five daughters and three sons were born.

Sister Montgomery was a very faithful saint of God, and worshipped for many years at Zion Hill Church of God near Louin, Miss. We shall surely miss her.

Left to mourn her passing are five daughters; Mrs. Sam Pugh, Mrs. Burl Griffin, Mrs. Fred Griffin, Mrs. M. B. Gregory, and Mrs. Donald Polaski; three sons, C. B., Henry, and William O. Montgomery; twenty grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Downs; one brother, Dr. James Gregory, and many friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. C. C. Carver, assisted by Elder Fleming, at the Antioch Baptist Church, and interment was in the Antioch Cemetery. —C. C. Carver

William Curtis Danials was born in McDonald County, Mo., in 1892, and departed this life to be with the Lord on Jan. 15, 1971, in Willows, Calif., at the age of 79 years.

In 1914 he was married to Lillie Bridges at Neosho, Mo. To this union two children were born, both of whom preceded him in death.

My wife and I visited and prayed with him a few weeks before his death, and we are glad that we can witness for him that he prayed through and left a good testimony.

In 1936, he and his wife, Lillie, moved to Calif. and made their home until his death.

He leaves to mourn his passing two brothers, James and Virgil, both of Orland, Calif., and one sister, our sister in the Faith, Ada Leach, also of Orland, Calif., and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by the writer on Jan. 19, 1971. —H. P. Huskey

James Milton Mason was born March 24, 1884, in Montague County, Texas, and departed this life on Feb. 10, 1971, at Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 86 years, 10 months, and 16 days.

In 1901 he was married to Betty Ann Coffey in Grayson County, Texas. She preceded him in death on March 4, 1937. On Dec. 7, 1937, he was joined in marriage to Anna J. Tait at Shawnee, Okla.

James Mason and family moved to Shawnee, Okla., in the early 1920's. In 1923 he was employed by the Rock Island Railroad as a boiler-maker helper where he worked 34 years before his retirement in 1957.

Many years ago Bro. Mason embraced the teachings of the Church of God under the labors of Bro. and Sister O. B. Wilson, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Anna, of the home; three sons, J. E., Ivory, and Hale Mason; four daughters, Mrs. Lela Fennell, Mrs. Lovie Smith, Mrs. Berniece Gazaway and Mrs. Charles R. (Betty) Smith; three sisters, 28 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted at the Gaskill Funeral Chapel by Bro. Willie C. Murphey, and interment was in the Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, Okla.

Campmeeting Dates for 1971

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1971, and more complete announcements will appear in later issues:—

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 28 to June 6.
Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 4 to 13, 1971.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 25 to July 4, 1971.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 25 to July 4, 1971.

Akron, Ohio—July 9 to 18, 1971.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 23 to Aug. 1, 1971.

Bakersfield, Calif.—Aug. 6 to 15, 1971.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—Aug. 6 to 15, 1971.

Boley, Oklahoma—August 6 to 15, 1971.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—Aug. 20 to 29.

Dover, Oklahoma—August 20 to 29, 1971.

Fresno, Calif.—Sept. 10 to 19, 1971.

WICHITA, KANSAS SPRING MEETING

The Spring meeting in Wichita, Kansas, will be held March 19 to 28. We are praying that the Spirit of God will lead in every way and all who feel led will attend. Everyone is welcome, saint and sinner. The Chapel is located at 1701 North Ash. Bro. Lewis Williams is the pastor and can be contacted at Phone No. 264-8481. His address is 2643 N. Spruce. —Shirley Knight

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ALL-DAY SERVICES AT SENATH, MO.

An all-day meeting at the Church of God chapel at Senath, Mo., will be held the first Sunday of March, which is the 7th. All are welcome! Come Saturday night if you wish. For further information, write or call Murphy Allen, R.1, Box 161, Senath, Mo. 63876. Phone 314-738-2551.

ANNUAL TULSA, OKLA. MEETING IN JUNE

The annual revival at the Church of God chapel, Pine Place and Norfolk, Tulsa, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, from June 11 to June 20, 1971.

—Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor
By Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

REVIVAL MEETING IN GEORGIA

The Lord willing, we will be in Swainsboro, Georgia for a ten-day revival meeting from March 1 to 10. We are praying for more fruit this year in this new ground. For further information, contact the undersigned or Sister P. R. Bowers, R. 1 Box 158B, Swainsboro, Ga. 30401.

—Bro. H. H. Hargrave,
10835 S. W. 221st, Goulds, Fla. 33170 Phone 233-2472

ANNUAL APRIL MEETING IN GOULDS, FLA.

The annual meeting in Goulds, Fla., will be held April 11 to 21 at the Church of God chapel located at 21595 U. S. No. 1 and Hainlin Mill Drive. Everyone is cordially invited.

For further information, contact H. H. Hargrave, 10835 S. W. 221st., Goulds, Fla. 33170. Phone No. 233-2472, or Bro. Robert McIntyre, 10845 S. W. 221st St., Goulds, Fla. 33170. Phone No. 233-2166.

REPORT OF MEETINGS IN MISSOURI

Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Maybelle: Greetings of Christian love in the name of the One who loved us and gave Himself for us.

I wanted to give a report of the good meeting the Lord gave us here. Bro. Mart Samons began meeting here at Neosho, Mo., on Wednesday, the 20th of January, and was here the rest of the week and for our all-day services on Sunday, the 24th. The Holy Spirit anointing was felt in every service, both on the minister and the people. I believe I can say that we all profited much by the preached Word. Then Bro. Samons felt burdened to be in meeting with the dear saints at Webb City, Mo., before he was to return home the next week-end. He began meeting there Sunday night, the 24th, and was with them through Wednesday night. It seemed that the saints here at Neosho were still hungry to have their souls fed, for a goodly number of the saints from here attended most of the services at Webb City. I can truly say that our souls were not disappointed. I am still feasting on and pondering over the good truth that I received in these services. It seemed to me that it was just one meeting both here and at Webb City. I am sure there was lasting good done in both places, for God has said that His Word "will not return unto him void." If the saints will keep in memory the things that they heard in this meeting, I am sure they will profit much and sink down deeper in the precious things of God.

Bro. Samons preached one message on the living water or the water of life. He brought out how that

this living water in one sense follows the same course as the natural streams which find a bed that is lowly. So this water of life flows into the heart that is lowly. In my work of watering flowers and shrubs in the summer time I use a big tank truck. In filling this tank I notice that a lot of air flows out of the tank as the water flows in, and finally the tank is emptied of all the air and completely filled with water, and most of the time the tank runs over. I desire that all of us who heard this good Word will just allow this water of life to fill our inmost being and crowd out everything else that would hinder the flow of the beautiful stream of life, and allow our hearts to be as Jesus said, "But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

Bro. Lawrence, I hear that your faith is being tested greatly, but the One you have your faith in is true, and He is able to keep that which we commit unto Him. Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are, and He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." So Jesus said that we can come boldly to the throne of Grace. This grace flows from the loving heart of God into the believing hearts of His children.

With Christian love and prayers, —T. V. McMillian

Prayer Requests



Ohio—"Won't you please pray for me again? I have faith that God can help me in my body and will help me." —Mrs. L. J. Roush.

Okla.—Sister Randles is 90 years old and so desires that the Lord will help her to keep her eyesight as long as He leaves her here.

Okla.—"I am afflicted with allergy and sinus. My nose is full of growths and at night I am disturbed with coughing spells. Please pray God to give me relief." —Berniece Rumpfelt.

Okla.—"Sugar diabetes."—Sister Ophia Easley.

Ark.—"We are sorely afflicted. Husband is blind and unsaved. I have hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and diabetes." —Mrs. W. E. Bryan.

We had many more requests by mail, and also a number have been phoned in. We desire that you remember all of them in prayer. Also, still remember Lawrence, my brother, in prayer for this place below his ear, that we are concerned about. He feels it is in a very serious condition, but his trust is in the Lord. We are expecting the Lord to heal him, so be agreed with us to that end. He is giving his time and talent in the service of the Lord, and he is needed. We certainly believe in divine healing. We believe that Jesus bore those stripes for the healing of our bodies. "With His stripes we are healed." It is truly a wonderful privilege to trust God for both soul and body. My brother, Lawrence, has been doing that all of his life. He is now 59 years old, and has never even taken an aspirin in his life. God has been his Healer in all of his afflictions.

Be encouraged, dear saints. God does have healing for us, and also hears our cries. He takes note of our needs.

—Sister Marie Miles

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Foreign Field Reports

MEXICO MISSIONARY REPORTS

From Bro. Tomas Mendoza: We have been having trials with people. Pray for the Mendez family. They are very discouraged. Sister Josephine's husband seems more encouraged in the Lord, and I believe that she has a true call of God to work for Him.

The Lord is helping us to begin an addition of one room to our house so that we will have more room for services.

We need your prayers. Our trials are such that I am begging God to let me stay in the furnace until all of the old Tomas completely disappears. Dear brethren, let God complete that which He has begun in you!

From Sister Edith Cole: At the turn of the year my heart was stirred with a greater challenge and vision for souls. We have been here six years. God has worked in bringing souls to the Lord. One woman came to services about two years, then one day she came to the altar. She has kept her experience with the Lord. Her husband got down to death's door, then gave his heart to God. One woman came to only two or three services and then got saved. A man, who seemed to come only to argue, got saved after four years. Now two years later, this same man and his wife have two or three older children saved. The Lord has called him to the ministry and they are a great blessing to the congregation. After four years of visiting a crippled lady and her husband, we saw them both get saved before Christmas. There are many more experiences we could relate, but this is enough to show that we must be faithful even though it seems at times useless and that there is little interest. Maybe not many souls are coming to God, but those of honest and sincere heart will be saved if WE are faithful.

From Sisters Carrie Sheppard and Opal Kelly: I am so very thankful to serve God here in this needy land. Bro. Miguel Gaspar, his wife and two children, held a meeting here in Ojos Negros. God blessed us all. Thank you for the love offering. We feel led to use it to fix up our heating, as it is very cold. Bro. Miguel has offered to make us a fireplace.

Pray for the seven souls who have been recently saved.

The Catholic family in the store (Pancho and Celia Gomez) invited us to come out and teach them a Bible lesson each Wednesday night and we have been able to do it, but the devil isn't asleep. Pancho has asked many questions about the Pharisees and the Sadducees. He could hardly believe it when I told him that they, with other professors of religion, killed Jesus. Pray that we will be able to answer all questions by the Bible. The last time we went, and also another time, the delegado (sheriff) was there. He also asked questions. Please do remember us in prayer.

From Bro. Irineo Rama: Tell the brethren that all is going well in all things. God is opening every door. We have purchased sand to begin with, and also bought some wood for the roof, and a brother is giving us beams for the roof. So now we have material from the offering you sent.

We also have a family wanting to be baptized. He is the man who owned the property that we are purchasing. When he said we would have to pay or lose our deposit immediately, we all went to prayer and asked the Lord

to soften his heart. Praise God, He answered all the brothers' prayers, there and here. He came to us and told us we could take all the time we needed to pay, and we could begin our building any time. The next service he and all his family came and got saved. Pray for them. Their name is Valentin.

We would be glad if someone could come and help us with the baptizing, as we have never done it. Sometimes we are lacking in wisdom, but God is our helper.

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Feb. 4)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt and all other saints in America: Greetings again in Jesus' name who is always faithful to us.

Thank you very much for your good letter dated Jan. 14, 1971, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude.

I write this letter to express the happiness we enjoyed during our Karikkom and Calicut conventions, and also to express our gratitude to our heavenly Father for His blessings and miracles in the meetings. I don't know how to express the spiritual blessings that we enjoyed during these conventions. This was the fifth convention at Karikkom after the construction of Bethel chapel, and this year's meeting was more profitable than the past four. As usual, the meeting was conducted under a temporary flat roof in front of the chapel. Saints from different parts of Kerala reached Karikkom with earnest prayer for spiritual blessings. A large crowd attended every day. A young man from Hindu religion, who was already converted by the blood of Jesus Christ and baptized a few years ago, came to our meeting and gave his heart-touching testimony to the crowd. It really moved certain youngsters here and many were convicted and convinced. Two young men and a lady were weeping for their sins with broken and contrite hearts and they openly accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. It was a happy day for all of us and also for heaven. Praise the Lord! Please carry them in your prayers. On the third and fourth evenings we conducted street meetings at two streets near Karikkom. The convention this year stirred up every heart. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory . . . thy truth's sake." (Psa. 115:1)

After Karikkom convention we traveled to Calicut where the convention (Jan. 22-25) also was full of spiritual blessings. The meetings were conducted in a government hall which we hired for three days. Bro. L. K. John and other believers there sacrificed in different ways for the success of the meeting.

Please convey our loving greetings to everyone in the Print Shop.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

MISSION ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA

S. E. State, Nigeria (Jan. 30)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the Saints: We are glad and grateful to send our love again to you through the Son of God who loved us in giving His dear life for our redemption on the cross at Calvary and made us clean.

We are reporting the good news of this New Year's Communion services at all sections of mission stations.

Sunday School teaching was conducted by Evangelist T. H. Udo and based on the "Sermon on the Mount" from St. Matt. 6:5-13. Golden Text: "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."

Pastor B. E. Udoka exhorted on the New Covenant and administered the Lord's Supper to the waiting souls. Pastor J. U. Etuk, Evangelists S. U. Udo, Stephen Akpan, S. J. Akai, and T. H. Udo assisted in the service. Over two hundred and eighty believers sat at the Father's table.

On the same occasion at Ikot Akpan Eda on the same day (17th) for Section Two, Pastor M. U. Ekpo officiated and was assisted by Evangelist M. A. Uko and Bro. B. U. Udemé throughout the services and the attendance was large.

On the last Sunday of the month the occasion took its turn at Ikot Ofon Ikono for Section Three. This area is now taken care of by Pastor J. U. Etuk. In attendance were Pastors Udoka and Ekpo, Evangelists T. H. Udo, Bro. B. U. Udemé and the writer. Evangelist T. H. Udo brought his lesson as at Minya Ntak which was appreciated by the assembly. Evangelist F. U. Uffort officiated. Brothers E. E. Udo and Effiong N. Uko gave Scripture readings from Exodus 20:1-17 and John 3:1-12 respectively.

Pastor M. U. Ekpo advised, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine." 1 Tim. 4:16. He referred us to Rom. 5:4, Matt. 6:24, and concluded with 2 Peter 3:9 which says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Pastor J. U. Etuk admonished scripturally before serving the symbols of the body and blood of Christ to the saints and ministers. More than three hundred souls joined in the ordinance. Mass attendance numbered 470.

Thank you for yours of January 14 and the contents gratefully received, and thanks to the dear God. The direction of how to handle the fund is very well understood and pray God should be my guide and will do the best I can to please Him. Also the "Faith and Victory" paper for the month was carefully digested.

We plan by the will of the Lord to hold a campmeeting in the late part of April this year. We hope the missionary intending to come could arrive before then, which would afford an opportunity for him to meet us in large numbers. That God will open the way for him is our earnest prayer.

We feel unworthy for your kind act of caring for the poor here and aiming that Efik Bibles should be available to every able reader. Let us tell you that we are all glad and pray God will pay every donor many-fold.

Please remember the Superintendent, Pastor B. U. Etuk, in your prayers. He is suffering with an abscess on the left arm along the elbow.

Yours in the Body of Christ,

—Nse B. Umanah, Field Secretary

(Editor's note: A special Foreign Missionary Fund is maintained here at Faith Pub. House to relay missionary offerings from our readers to foreign missionaries. The gospel must go to "all nations" and to "every creature" in obedience to the Great Commission. Let us remember the debt that we owe to those who have never heard the gospel.)

SHAME ON SOME PARENTS

When a little boy learned that there was no real Santa Claus, he asked his mother, "How old do you have to be until you can lie without getting whipped?" He was used to getting whipped if he told a lie; now he has found his parents lying to him about Santa Claus. "Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel!"

From The Mail Box . . .

Fla.—Dear Brethren in Christ: Do you have the songbooks formerly published by the Gospel Trumpet Co.? You will recognize my name, Mary Helpingstine, as the writer of the words of some of those songs, and I would like to get hold of some more of the songs that God helped me to write for Him.

Please pray for my poor eyesight, and also for the healing of a rose cancer on my face. I am 82 years of age, but I still love the Lord.

Yours in Jesus,

—Mary J. Helpingstine

Texas—Dear Sister Marie: I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" very much. There is much good reading in it.

Enclosed is a \$5.00 check to use as needed. Something kept urging me to send some money, and it seems this is the amount I am to send.

I don't live as close to the Lord as I'd like, but I keep trying, with His help. Pray that I will do His will as I am urged to.

May God bless you all and the workers. —Lessie Speed

Wis.—Dear Sister Marie: I was glad to hear that S— subscribed to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I met them through my ministry at the Rest Home here . . . I have often wondered how many do subscribe when they get the trial subscription. This I know, that some get angry, and others like the paper just as they do when the Word goes forth from the pulpit.

We had 27 degrees below zero this morning, and until today and yesterday I have spent almost every day in visitation. Tuesday I spent at the Rest Home. It is very gratifying work and is almost like one's congregation. There are at least 84 there at present. . . . Sometimes several congregate together and I have a little service with them. They do love the story tracts, too.

We do appreciate an interest in your prayers for the children who need the Lord so much and for other burdens—a measuring up to the Bible standard along all lines.

In Christian love,

—Sister Frank Dietrich

Ind.—Dear Friends in Him: We have just read your tract entitled, "Is It Wrong?" Praise the Lord for it! We got rid of television in our home a year ago and God has blessed us more than ever. We feel it truly is Satan's tool. As "born again" believers, we truly do agree that God's people should abstain from all appearance of evil. As a Christian family without television we have more time to use for the Lord's work—more time to use to win souls to Christ.

If possible, could you send us a supply of these tracts to pass out to others? We are enclosing a check for \$1.00. Also, would you send a sample of your different gospel tracts? Thank you, and may God bless you in your ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,

—Charles H. Roehl

Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus: I trust this finds both of you pressing on in the work of the Lord, and may His rich blessings rest upon you, and the co-workers at the Print Shop.

I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the nice birthday card you sent. I am pleased to be remembered by you. Time is carrying us on at a rapid speed. We do thank the Lord with all our heart for His love and tender care for us, and the way He has so wonder-

fully protected us and shielded us from danger and death through the fleeting fourscore years and more. [He was 84 on Feb. 6.]

So many of my old schoolmates, friends, and neighbors have long since gone on. I know that my time can not be too much longer in this shadowy vale. That is why I am striving to spend my last days in His service, and to His glory. Amen. I owe my all to Jesus. He bought me with His precious blood and paid the debt in full on Mount Calvary when He bowed His head and cried, "It is finished." Praise His holy and wonderful name! Please continue to take my name to the throne of grace.

Enclosed find one dollar for a few copies of the February "Faith and Victory" for distribution. I like to give them out as I distribute tracts from time to time.

Yours in His name,
—Ulysses Phillips
1240 Orange St., San Bernardino, Cal. 92410

(Editor's note: Bro. Phillips is the author of several songs in our large hymnal, "Evening Light Songs." A minister of the gospel, Bro. Phillips lived many years at Dover, Okla., and he and Sister Phillips are loved and respected by all who know them. A number of years ago Bro. Phillips related to me of an occasion in the year of 1915 when he and another young man walked all the way from Dover to Guthrie, a distance of 35 miles, to attend the winter Assembly meeting here at Guthrie.)

Ore.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I trust you are well and the dear Lord is blessing you and all the dear ones at the Lord's Print Shop. How precious it is to trust the Lord and stand true at any cost! How good it is to count the cost and be sure our spiritual house is built on the rock and not on the sinking sand! When the storms come, we will soon find out what our foundation is—sand or rock. The reason we see so many houses floating from one sect to another is because they have no foundation to start with. Only those who are building on the Rock, Christ Jesus, will stand the storms. Thank God for the truth of His Word!

I read of a Scotch woman who gave her testimony in a meeting. She said, "You know, sometimes I tremble on the Rock, but the Rock never trembles under me." Yes, praise the Lord, we who are on this Rock have the same testimony.

Sister Marie, we continue to thank and praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us. The dear Lord has healed us of the flu and cold, and we are now able to be out again. Yesterday Sister Evalee Stice and I drove to Eugene and visited Bro. and Sister Bane in the Twilight Nursing Home. He is blind, but very happy in the Lord. His dear companion is confined to a wheelchair, yet they are so happy in the Lord. We go to encourage them, but leave feeling we have also been encouraged ourselves.

Sister King is still in with the flu and cold, so pray for her. So many need prayer, if not for body, for soul. Surely our God knows how to get the help to each one of His children. . . .

May the Lord bless you and all the dear ones there. We are praying especially for Bro. Lawrence.

—Sister Beatrice Spaur

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of much love to you, in the name of Him who loved us and washed us in His own precious blood. I do love Him for He has been my stay so many, many years. The good encouraging thought tonight to my soul on that line is that He hasn't just been in the past, but will be all my future

life, though my days be few or more. I quite often look back and see the many, many times the Lord has answered prayers and changed conditions, and things, and I know He is just the same today. I feel so often we will need Him in the future even in a greater way than the past because the times are more and more perilous. The Bible truth is that it won't get any better, but only get worse. Oh, I so often cry to the Lord for the help not to lose any ground, as we have to admit we do see the fruits of those who have left their first love—so sad! so sad! It seems I never remember seeing so much luke-warmness as we see today. I know the perilousness of time does not have to rob us of our grace, though it might take these physical lives of ours if we stand true at any cost. Surely we don't know what the future holds of our sufferings for Jesus' sake. I am truly glad I can say I do find happiness in living for the Lord, and do understand better the meaning of the "joy of the Lord is our strength."

—Sister La Verne Manuel

Ind.—Dear Sir: I received your paper for a while, but haven't received it for a long time. [Enclosed is remittance for three-year subscription.]

I was going through some old papers that my husband had before he died and I found a "Gospel Trumpet" published in 1913, and I wondered if you would like to have it. It is pretty well worn, but you can see what we used to be. I have not been connected with the modern church. I left it when it went with the world. —Mrs. Mable Fuller

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Pruitt: May the Lord bless you each one at the Print Shop, and keep all well and encouraged to fight the good fight of faith in Jesus' great name.

Oh, the goodness and mercies of God are more than we can understand. How we ought to love and serve Him! I want to love, trust, and serve Him faithfully while He keeps me here. Oh, how good and blessed it is to be satisfied with the way He leads and helps His trusting children! His peace is worth more than all this world could offer—just to know we are saved and kept by the power of God each day and hour! There are sicknesses and troubles all around us, and thank God, He keeps and protects us through it all. What a mighty God we serve!

I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, and like to read the testimonies and the good articles, how God helps and heals those who come to Him in faith, believing.

I am enclosing an offering to help in the gospel work. If only more dear people would turn to God with all their hearts!

Please remember two of my nieces in prayer. They both desire an interest in prayer, and one grandson, also.

I do pray God's rich blessings upon each one of you. With love and prayers, —Sister N. E. Adams

Texas—Dear Ones: Greetings in the name of our Saviour who has done so much for us all.

We are praying and trusting Bro. Lawrence is well. It surely seems the devil is working overtime on the people of God. We realize, too, that God has a purpose and plan in all our lives and He never lets more come our way than the grace He gives us to bear it.

We have not heard directly from anyone in California, but are just trusting God to care for His own in this terrible quake.

Lee and I are both doing very well, for which we are so grateful to God. He has really done a wonderful work in my body. I can sleep three to four hours at a time now and my limbs do not hurt so unbearably as they

did. It seems that when Bro. Ostis Wilson was here at Shreveport in meeting I got some real help in my body as well as my soul.

When we look around at the terrible things going on within our own family, if we didn't have the Lord, we just don't know what we would do. Surely Jesus will come soon, and how much we would all give to see our loved ones saved!

Remember us in prayer when you think of us. Pray for us to endure to the end.

Love, —Lee and Jewell Whitley

(Editor's note: Congratulations, Bro. and Sister Lee Whitley, on your 50th wedding anniversary! May God grant you many more years together. . . . After receiving the above testimony from Sister Whitley, we got an invitation from their daughter, Anecia Dutton, to attend "open house" at the Whitley home in Marshall, Texas, on Feb. 27, 1971, in honor of her parents' golden wedding anniversary.)

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La.—Dear Sister Marie and all at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name.

We are praying for Bro. Lawrence, and are thankful for what God has done for His people and for what He is going to do for all who will live for and trust Him.

The Lord healed Kenneth last week of a real bad cold. He had to miss three days of work. I am thankful we can see God's power manifested and we are holding on for each one who yet needs a healing touch. We are safe in trusting God.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed Kevin. He hasn't had that rash hardly at all this winter and hasn't had much of a cold. If he gets to feeling bad he wants to know if Jesus will make him well. We desire wisdom to know how to guide and teach him that he will love the Lord and desire to please Him with his life. Pray for us as we do you.

Yours in the Lord, —Virgie and Kenneth Flynn

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Kentucky—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in Jesus' dear name, the One "who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases."

I have had you on my mind the last few days, and just wanted to let you know that we are praying for you. I feel like you are doing a good work for the Lord, and I know He needs everyone He can depend on. It seems like we have lost some of the real pillars in the church over the last few years. . . . But I know God won't fail, and I'm not looking for the church to go down. . . .

I know you folks have lots to pray about. We have some special burdens, and want you to be agreed with us. Most of them are concerning other folks who have called or written for prayer. We always need prayer for ourselves. . . .

Brother, I just want you to know we are holding on with you for your healing, and looking for it to be so.

The Lord is blessing the few here. I don't get to stay with them much, as I have more places to go for meetings than I can get to. Give all the workers our love, and pray for us.

Yours in the One Body,

—Bro. Mart Samons and family

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Calif.—Dear Fellow Christian workers, greetings: As a young saint and as a college student, I truly find the "Faith and Victory" paper a source of inspiration. I have just finished reading the February issue, and was greatly stirred, particularly by the article pertaining to television. Like many other young people whose parents

are saved, I was reared in a home without television. Now, looking about me, I can see what wisdom my parents had in not approving TV. Since I have been away at college where TVs are numerous and difficult to avoid because the dormitories and apartments nearly all have them, I have found that the gross majority of television programs are an utter waste of time and are polluters of the mind. I now realize that most of the time I spent watching television was to my disadvantage. I urge other young people like myself to make a strenuous effort to keep from falling under the influence of TV.

May God bless the work there. —Gloria Pierro

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



PRAYER ANSWERED FOR BRO. & SR. ABBOTT

Ohio—(Feb. 9)—Dear Sister Marie and Brother Lawrence, greetings in Jesus' name: I'm praising God for the beautiful Church of God. I'm thankful the Lord found me worthy to suffer for His sake. I've always told the Lord I wanted Him to have His way in my life, and I still do. God has a purpose in our lives and if we are humble and submissive to His will, He will be glorified in what He permits to come our way. I've found it so thus far in my afflictions.

When I was gravely ill, and expected by many to pass away any moment, I was thankful for the right use of my mind. I asked the Lord if He was going to heal and raise me up to please give me a healing touch for a witness. One morning when I awoke, I was breathing normally through my sinus-affected nose. The Lord seemed to say, "Here is your healing touch and witness." Yet my eyelids seemed to be sealed down. I could in no wise lift them normally for one week. If needful to see, I had to take a finger and raise my left eyelid. When released, it would fall again. In answer to prayer my eyes were instantly opened. Four saints witnessed this miracle, and I have had no more like trouble.

Then something happened to my left eye. Suddenly it began seeing all things double. I had to keep it closed or wear a black patch over it for five weeks. Discouraged? Never! A nurse sent me word that if I didn't see a doctor, I'd go blind. I told all who asked about my eye that God would heal it in due time, and He did that very thing. Some of the neighbors had to come and see to believe it. But the greatest miracle of all was when God spared my life and raised me up from the very brink of death. To God be the glory for all He has done! I can never praise Him enough for all the precious lessons I have learned.

The saints have been wonderful beyond words to stand by us while we were thus in "the furnace of affliction." All those cards, letters, and phone calls were a real blessing of encouragement and strength. Also, we want to thank each of you for those "love offerings" which helped so much. We pray that our dear heavenly Father, who is rich in all things you have need of, will bless each one richly in all things. Dear ones, it would be almost impossible for me to personally acknowledge and answer each one, and we trust you will understand. I am slowly gaining strength and Bro. Abbott is getting along all right. Continue to pray for us.

Your blood-washed Brother and Sister,

—S. E. and Armilda Abbott

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Fla.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love to you and co-workers in the name of our Lord. I am happy to

report victory over sin and all the contaminating powers of Satan in the strength of the Lord. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him for both soul and body. Praise the dear Lord!

Surely I appreciate the goodness of the Lord in helping me to attend the Christmas Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Okla. Truly, it was a blessing, and uplifting to my soul. We enjoyed the sweet fellowship and unity of the saints. One could just feel the love of God in the midst. This brings to my mind Psa. 133:1-3, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head," etc.

I truly thank all the saints for your prayers for my healing. Surely the Lord came to my rescue through faithful prayers and healed that misery that I had so long in my head. You may be assured that the devil contested and caused such odd feelings as never before on Sunday, Jan. 24. I don't know how to describe it. My whole body felt too heavy. I called Bro. Hargrave and requested prayer of the saints. They prayed for me. . . . In answer to faithful prayers, I was healed! Praise the Lord! God knew what the condition was, since He made these bodies of ours and knows how to undertake for us. Praise the Lord for His goodness to us all. The old devil was surely defeated, rebuked, and driven away.

May God add many more blessings to each of your lives, and richly reward you for all you did for me. I need your prayers continually that I be obedient to all of God's Word for me, and stay in the center of His will, that I'll be able to enter in at the strait gate of eternal life. I do mean to make heaven all the way, and I am praying the Lord to bless the work of your hands and hearts as you get His Word out through the printed pages.

Yours in Christian love, —Sister Mattie B. Savage

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Ind.—Dear Brethren in Christ: Thank you for your prayers for my eyes that had been hurting so bad that I could hardly stand them. They seem wonderful now. The doctor says I have cataracts on both eyes. Of course, many are having them taken off, but I have never had an operation and I am holding to God to completely heal me. I know He is able. He took a growth off my arm without leaving a scar. Praise His dear name! I don't think God wants us to be giving up to operations. Once you give in to them there are more to follow.

I am so grateful to God and His people always, and want to be a blessing to others as long as I live.

A Sister in Christ, —Delores L. Dietrichson

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Ark.—Dear Christian Friends: Today as I was reading in the February issue of "Faith and Victory," I read the letter from Thelma Sprague telling how God felled a tree for her and did not let it damage anything as it fell. This brought to my mind an experience I recently had with a problem that I was unable to solve. My car needed a repair job. The speedometer had broken and it clicked loudly all the time and would not register the speed or mileage. The clicking worried me and made me nervous, so I took the car to a mechanic to get it fixed. They kept it nearly a day and did a few little things and ran up a fairly large bill. When he brought the car home he said, "We can't fix your speedometer, and I will tell you now, whoever fixes it will charge a big bill." So I had to keep on driving the car and endure the clicking and worry. As I always pray about everything, I prayed about this and left it with God. One day as I was driving, I noticed it was fixed. The clicking had stopped and everything was registering normally. I

started at once giving praise and glory to God for fixing my car and it is still fixed. He did a good job. Praise His name! It is a privilege to trust God. I love the dear Lord and want to serve Him better each day. I know God hears and answers prayer. This is only one of the many times He has stood by me.

A Sister in Christ,

—Belva L. Howard

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Missouri—Dear Sister Marie and all: I thank the Lord for healing our baby boy. A little while before Christmas he and our two little girls took cold, but after a few days they seemed to improve. Then Eric had a high fever and his first two teeth came in, so we assumed that was what caused the fever. At this time we were planning a trip to Arizona to see my parents. The time came to leave and the girls were much improved, and Eric seemed fair until that evening when he began to fuss. Since my parents were looking forward so much to our coming, we started on the trip. Somewhere in Texas, I think it was, Eric had a high fever and vomited, and became so congested that he would gasp and breathe very rapidly. I was in tears praying the Lord to touch him. Then the Lord showed me I wasn't willing to say He could have my son, and I began to cry again and pray for help, and the Lord did help and I was willing. The baby then had another rapid breathing spell, so my husband stopped the car and we prayed the Lord to work His will to touch our baby or take him. He seemed better, but he vomited and had a high fever for the rest of the trip. After arriving at my parents' home, we called Guthrie for prayer, and from then on he began to improve. About five days later he was smiling and being his cheerful self. All the way home we rejoiced each time he smiled at us.

Since arriving home he took cold again, but the Lord blessed and he didn't get sick with it—only had a problem with his eyes, but the Lord has touched that now. The Lord has also healed our little girls of the colds that were bothering them. We are so thankful for the Lord's blessings and all the prayers in our behalf.

I, myself, have been sick the last week with sore throat, cough, and cold, and the Lord has blessed so much, but we are waiting for His complete healing.

Pray for us that we will always be what He would have us to be.

Love and prayers, —Elaine and Melvin Doolittle

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: I do thank God this morning for victory in my soul. I am not so well in this old body, but still I have lots to praise and thank God for as He is so good to me, and His mercy endures forever. Thank God!

Last year was a very sad one for me. I was encouraged to wait on the Lord, for I had faith that He was going to bring me through with victory. I had some severe trials that were for my good as they took me deeper in the Lord. I had one hard blow that I had to take to the ministers. God worked that out fine, as I did not know what to do, and I wanted to do the right. He will do all things well for those who trust Him.

I fell, but did not realize I was hurt as bad as I was. I got to the place where I was not able to bathe or dress myself. I told God I was going to trust Him if I never got well again. I had to give up my house as I was living alone, and I was in that condition for a few months. Then God touched me one day and I began to amend. I am now able to bathe and dress myself again, but I do not have the strength I once had. I am not complaining, for God is blessing me in my old age. I can

still bring forth fruit, and that is my desire. Pray that I prove true to the end, for heaven is where I have started.

Love to all the saints.

Your Sister in the One Body, —Melissa Greer

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What Is Television Doing to Our Youth?

By Oswald J. Smith

It seems to me that television is the greatest menace of modern times, and how Christians are going to be able to make use of it I do not know. Anyone who has seen it must be convinced of its danger.

Television can be used for good. It has tremendous possibilities, but I am afraid it is being used for evil almost exclusively, and that it will do more harm than Hollywood to demoralize the youth of our country. It has been proved that the eye-gate makes a much greater appeal than the ear-gate, and while there will be good programs on television, there will be so many of the other kind that it is going to be most difficult to put on one and blot out the other.

For generations we have refused to take our children to night clubs, theatres, wrestling matches and boxing bouts. Now these very scenes are brought right into the home and displayed before the children's eyes. It costs nothing to see them, except a loss of moral standards. In their early life they now can become acquainted with sin in its vilest form. No longer will parents be able to protect them from the awful things that go on in the world.

A polluted diet of crime, violence, brutality, and sadism, sponsored by cigarette companies, breweries and distillers, is now the daily menu for millions of boys and girls. The theater, with all its filth, that we as Christians wouldn't dream of patronizing, is now brought into our living rooms. Television may well be the final step in the complete collapse of the moral and spiritual life of our nation. Children will do what they see others doing.

I do not think television can be controlled. If it is in the home, it will be used. Children have been known to use knives on their parents when the parents insisted on turning it off. Your son will see what he wants to see in spite of what you do.

These are the last days and we are going to the bottom. Soon we will be on the lowest rung of the ladder, and judgment will fall. Alcoholism has almost doubled since television began to feature liquor ads. Robbery with violence is increasing by leaps and bounds. Thirty killings a day have been shown on television in one city, and in another, forty-eight and twenty scenes of violence in a single hour, according to the Reader's Digest. What kind of a harvest can we expect?

I have always looked upon the movie world as the most demoralizing agency in existence. It alone has been responsible for the teenage gangs of today and for the terrible things that children have been doing in this generation. But now something much more dangerous is upon us. The atomic bomb is bad, the hydrogen bomb is frightful, but television is going

to be worse than either, and far more destructive. It will completely wreck the rising generation, and before long it will turn the United States and Canada into a Sodom and Gomorrah, infinitely worse than the Sodom and Gomorrah of Bible times.

When that day comes, judgment will be inevitable. There will be no cure. God will have to send terrible judgment on the race, and it will be because of television and its diabolical influence on young minds. Science will have succeeded in wrecking civilization.

"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not once be named among you as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God on the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have NO fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" Eph. 5:3-11.

—Sel. by Howard Hill

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TRAVELING ON MY KNEES

Last night I took a journey
To a land far across the seas,
I didn't go by boat or plane—
I traveled on my knees.

I saw so many people there
In deepest depths of sin,
And Jesus told me that I should go,
That there were souls to win.

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go
And work with such as these!"
He answered quickly, "Yes, you can,
By traveling on your knees."

He said, "You pray, and I'll meet the need,
You call, and I will hear,
Be concerned about lost souls
Of those both far and near."

And so I tried it, I knelt in prayer,
Gave up some hours of ease.
I felt the Lord right by my side
While traveling on my knees.

As I prayed on, many souls were saved,
And twisted bodies healed,
And I saw God's workers' strength renewed
While laboring on the field.

I said, "Yes, Lord, I have a job—
My desire Thy will to please;
I can go and heed Thy call
By traveling on my knees."

—Sandra Goodwin