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### The Great Sacrifice

(Is. 18:4-6; Ezek. 39:17-20; Rev. 19:17, 18)



God is sweeping thro' the nations,  
With an awful searching eye;  
Ev'ry spot of imperfection  
Must be purged, or hope must die.

Jesus gave His life to purchase  
For Himself a spotless bride—  
All who fear Him and obey Him,  
Cleansed beneath the crimson tide.

To preserve her pure and spotless,  
He must make a sacrifice;  
Give to evil spirits supper,  
All who give to sin a place.

See, His sword is bathed in heaven,  
And the mountains strewn with dead;  
"All ye birds and beasts assemble,"  
Lo! a feast for you is spread.

Hear the angel loudly crying,  
Standing in the blazing sun,  
Wake, O man! while time is flying,  
For the judgment has begun.

God is coming, O my brother,  
Can you face the solemn day?  
All the pure His angels gather,  
The defiled become a prey.

—D. S. Warner

"Whom [Christ] having not seen, ye love." 1 Pet. 1:8. "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." Eph. 6:24. Sincere love is love wholly free from self-interest. Sincere love to Christ is not to love Him for what He gives us, but for what He is in Himself. A young lady may love a man because he saved her life, but she loves her husband because of what he is. Christ is the lovely and the lovable One.

—C. E. Orr

### The Holiness of God's Church



Holiness is the one all-important and absolutely essential attribute of the divine church. Before God put forth the first creative act in the formation of this world, He determined that its inhabitants should be holy. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Ephesians 1:4. For this reason He created man in His own image, in His own moral likeness. And this image of God, in which man was created, and into which he is again restored by the all-transforming and sanctifying grace of God, is "righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:23. "After God," must mean after the original pattern in which man was created; after the moral likeness of his own Maker, which is defined as "righteousness and true holiness." Colossians 3:9, 10 leaves us no shadow of a doubt that this original God-likeness, from which we have the word godliness, is restored to the soul of man here in this life. "Seeing that ye have put off the old man [evil nature] with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." Here we see that salvation in the second Adam brings back the holy image of God that man lost by sin in the first Adam.

This moral perfection in man is essential to the very object of his being. "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy." Leviticus 19:1, 2. "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 Peter 1:15, 16. Can any thoughtful mind read these words without the impression that God created man to enjoy the blessing of fellowship and companionship with Him, to enjoy the society of God, and to be a "worker together with Him," in carrying forward His beneficent plans? The imperative command is, "Be ye holy;" and the one great and all-sufficient reason for the injunction is, "Because I the Lord

your God am holy." The import of the reason is this, man was created to walk with and enjoy God. But God being holy, man must also be holy; otherwise there can be no affinity between God and man: no adaptation to each other's society. Therefore, when our first parents by sin lost their holiness of heart, the image of God, they were spoiled for His heavenly society. They dreaded His approach, and hid with fear and trembling when they heard His voice. Having now become unholy, His holiness drove them out from His presence. And let it here be remembered that heaven on high is filled with the holiness and presence of God, and it is the utmost folly and delusion to cherish a hope of entering into its ineffable glory, unless made perfect and spotless in holiness before God. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." But, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

For this great object was the church established here on earth. She is the mountain of God's own holiness, and her plane of moral perfection is the plane of heaven. She is all one "family in heaven and earth," so that all who are in fellowship with her, and in fellowship with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3), are consequently fitted for the enjoyment of all the holy society of heaven. The church of the living God is paradise restored on earth, a "new creation," and no person can enter save through salvation from all sin; and no person can remain in the church when ceasing to be holy, no more than Adam and Eve could remain in Eden after being corrupted by sin. As their own sin made the presence of God unendurable, and necessarily drove them out, so "every branch in me [Christ] that beareth not fruit, he [the Father] taketh away." There are, then, no unholy branches in the Christ-vine. "For if the firstfruit [Christ] be holy; . . . so are the branches." Romans 11:16.

Persons belonging to the different religious organizations which men have founded, it is said, ought to be holy; but all the members of God's church are holy. When men are judged unworthy of membership in any modern sect, it is in the power of its rulers, by some course prescribed in their discipline, to expel such. But men becoming unfit for membership in the body of Christ, are already without the same. God's church is self-adjusting. "Who-soever abideth in him sinneth not." "He that committeth sin is of the devil." 1 John 3:6, 8. By the act of sinning he transforms himself from the family of God to the family of Satan. Therefore, as the root is holy so are also the branches. It is not said that they ought to be holy, which would admit the possibility of unholy branches, but they are holy. Therefore the unholy are not branches at all.

The chief end of man's existence is to worship the Lord. But how must a holy God be worshipped? Answer—"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Psalms 29:2. "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him all the earth." Psalms 96:9. The same in substance is required by

the Saviour in the absolute demand, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth." Since God's church is on the plane of spiritual worship to God, it is holy in His sight.

The church is also seen to be holy unto God, because He walks in the midst of her. "Where two or three meet in my name, there am I in the midst of them." "And I will manifest myself unto you as I do not unto the world." These and similar statements show a social communion between God and His people in the new Jerusalem, which is the church of the first-born; and holiness is just as essential to enjoy the society of God, as it was when its loss drove Adam and Eve from His presence.

But still more strikingly does the holiness of God's church on earth appear when we consider it as the actual dwelling place of God. "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." "As God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them." Can any person conceive of God dwelling in any other but a holy temple? Nay, "The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Corinthians 3:17. Neither can a few unholy ones pass under cover of the general holiness of others. Had there been a thousand holy men in Eden, they would have intensified, rather than decreased, the fire of God's holy presence, and would have made the place all the more unendurable to the sinner. So no hypocrite can smuggle himself into the awful temple of God's presence. Without holiness of heart, "God is a consuming fire." "Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." Psalms 1:5. There never was, nor ever can be a sinner or unholy person in the church, which is the body of Christ. Such characters may, and do assemble with the church, and may seek to pass for members of the body, and where the church is deficient in discerning, such may actually pass undetected, and yet they are not in the church.

This must be apparent to all when we consider what constitutes membership in any society. First, the conditions, and process of becoming a member must be met; and, second, the name entered on the roll of membership. Therefore the class-book of any sect decides who are and who are not its members. No matter how much a man may affirm his membership, if not in their book his claim is false. And no difference how vile a character may be, if his name stands on their book he is a member, even though the society be ashamed to confess the fact. Now it is by these same two tests that we define membership in God's church. First, all must have entered through Christ, the only door, and by the process of salvation (John 10:9; Ephesians 2:18); for there is no other possible admittance. Second, he must have his name in the Lamb's book of life; for there is no other enrollment of the names of all the household of God. Therefore, no one can enter except by salvation, and all that are thus born of God do not commit sin, but are "holy brethren;"

and, furthermore, no sinner or hypocrite has deceived God, and has his name written down in heaven; and whosoever committeth sin, and does not continue to overcome, his name is blotted out of the book of life. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Exodus 32:33. But, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." Revelation 3:5. There are then no sinners continued on the book of God's church, nor any one who is overcome by the devil, or any evil agent. Not an unholy member is in the church of God. She is a "spiritual house, an holy priesthood;" "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people." 1 Peter 2:5, 9. Yea, saith her Lord, "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." Song of Solomon 4:7.

—D. S. Warner

## The Hope of Future Reward

A boy diligently watered and cared for his pumpkin plant next to the fence in his garden. Daily he looked for that expected large pumpkin, but found it not. One day his neighbor asked him when was he going to pick the prize pumpkin that had grown from his vine inside his fence. With joy he received his reward though he had to labor without seeing it grow.

Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season: esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Hebrews 11:24-26. Moses turned down opportunities that most of us could never experience because he wanted the heavenly reward. Earthly rewards and riches can never compare with the heavenly. May God enrich us with a greater vision of the heavenly riches. God's reward in heaven is a vast inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled, a crown of righteousness, an exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

"Go, wing thy flight from star to star,  
From world to luminous world as far  
As universe spreads its flaring wall;  
Take all the pleasures of all the spheres,  
And multiply each through endless years,  
One minute of heaven is worth them all."

Be faithful, fellow sufferer, we will reap if we faint not. We might not see the results of our labors here in this life, but over there in eternity we will see it all. In this life we will be rejected by those whom we love because we have chosen rather to "suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." We will be persecuted, and even be misunderstood for Christ's sake. Christ suffered and we are "partakers of his suffering." We need not to expect justice in this world. Jesus did not receive justice in His life, nor at the trial before He was put on the cross. Are we better than our Lord and Saviour?

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done; and there is no respect of persons." Colossians 3:23-25.

We want to be faithful to the end and search the Word of God with an honest heart, being willing to obey it. We must faithfully and carefully attend to the work of God and be serving the Lord with a pure heart. You may not now know all that the reward contains, but it will be glorious. Jesus will come in the clouds of glory and we must be ready. "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12.

—Sister Marie Miles

Regard not much what man is for thee, or who against thee; but let it be thy principal concern that God may be with thee in every purpose and action of life. Keep thy conscience pure, and God will be thy continual defense; and him whom God defends the malice of man hath no power to hurt. If thou hast learned to suffer in silence and persevering patience, thou shalt certainly see the salvation of the Lord. He knows the most proper season for thy deliverance, and will administer the most effectual means to accomplish it; and to His blessed will thou shouldst always be perfectly resigned.

—Thomas Kempis

## Who'll Get Your Property?

Who'll get your property—dear soul,  
When you no longer have control?  
Will it be left for worldly kin  
To send them deeper into sin???

Will sons and daughters law it out,  
Or with each other fuss and pout,  
Because they don't and won't agree  
Just what the share of each shall be?

Will someone drink it all away,  
As sometimes happens, sad to say,  
Will it be spent, when you have died,  
To gratify a lot of PRIDE?

Will those for whom you've saved it up  
Expend it just to fill life's cup  
With pleasures that will CURSE and  
blight  
And send them down to HELL'S BLACK  
NIGHT?

Who'll get your business, or your land,  
And cash, perhaps, you have on hand?  
Who'll get the means that you have saved  
For which you sacrificed and slaved?

You'd better seek God's HOLY WILL  
Before you grow quite weak and ill,  
As to the way your means should go  
When you are through with earth below.

—Walter E. Isenhour

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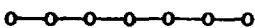
## EDITORIALS



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

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

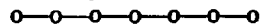
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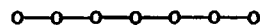
During the months of August and September our co-workers and all of us have been very busy reprinting the tracts and books which ran out of stock dur-

ing the summer. In addition, this month of September we are printing and mailing out three publications — the fourth quarter "Bible Lessons," "The Beautiful Way" paper for the fourth quarter, and this October issue of "Faith and Victory." The demand for gospel literature continues unabated, so by the help and grace of God we mean to be faithful at our post of duty, using every means which the Lord provides to get out the Bible truth to this perishing world. We are still looking to the Lord to supply additional urgently needed printers and pressmen in order to meet the demand and increase the flow of gospel literature. Won't you pray with us?

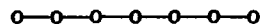
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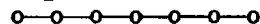
Sister Bonnie Matthews arrived by plane from Los Angeles on Saturday, Sept. 9, to help in this gospel publishing work. We welcome her to the "Faith and Victory" family of co-workers and to the Guthrie congregation. Her consecration and devotion to the cause of Christ is commendable, and we know the Lord is not unrighteous to forget her labor of love for precious souls. May the Holy Spirit direct her steps as she meets the untried future in the service of the Master. Where He leads she can safely follow.



The evangelistic tent meeting, which Bro. and Sister Mart Samons held at Crescent, Okla., began on Aug. 26 and closed on Labor Day, Sept. 4. The gospel was preached clear and definite night after night with the anointing of the Spirit. Some responded to the call of God, but it seemed this was a time of sowing the seed. The saints attended the meeting from surrounding congregations, and their help was appreciated. On the first week-end we were pleased to have Bro. and Sister Ben Netzley and family of Decatur, Ark. with us in our home and in attendance at the tent meeting. They loved the preached Word and would like to have the tent in their area.



From Crescent, Bro. and Sister Samons moved the tent to Enid, Okla., just east of the Church of God chapel, and held a profitable meeting from Sept. 8 to 17. Some souls were saved, and the saints were edified, some driving many miles each night to be in the services. On the last week-end Bro. and Sister Roy Harmon of Overland Park, Kansas attended the tent meeting in company with their daughter, Carol, who is one of our co-workers in this literature ministry. The meeting closed with victory.



The 512-page clothbound song book, "Evening Light Songs," is practically out of stock, and for the lack of a full-time offset pressman it will be at least 90 days before the hymnal is in stock again. The

small number on hand will be rationed as long as they last. Because of higher production costs, the price on this song book was increased slightly, effective Sept. 1st, as follows: Single copy here at the office, \$2.25; single copy by mail, postpaid, \$2.50.

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**"Let brotherly love continue." . . . Heb. 13:1**

Many scriptures enjoin the brethren to love one another. We are to love the brethren with a pure heart (1 Pet. 1:22), without dissimulation (Romans 12:9), and in deed and in truth (1 John 3:18). The scriptures reveal that brotherly love is the evidence of salvation, and a lack of it indicates the opposite. Where love exists, God is there, for "God is love."

All the brethren are members of one family—"the whole family in heaven and earth," (Eph. 3:14, 15) which is the Church of God. They have one Father (Eph. 4:6) and one mother (Gal. 4:26). The saints "are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Romans 12:5). "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13). The brethren are knit together in love (Col. 2:2), and they all suffer together (1 Cor. 12:26).

The duty of the brethren is to be subject one to another (1 Pet. 5:5), to speak not evil one of another (Jas. 4:11), to teach and admonish one another (Col. 3:16), to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2), and to pray for each other (2 Thes. 3:1).

Love is the first and most important fruit of the Christian life. "I may speak in tongues of men or of angels, but if I am without love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. I may have faith strong enough to move mountains; but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may dole out all I possess, or even give my body to be burnt, but if I have no love, I am none the better. Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance. Love will never come to an end." Brethren, let us put on love, which is the bond of perfectness, and ever remember to obey the text, "Let brotherly love continue."

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The prices on most everything continue to climb up and up, and that includes all the items, such as paper, ink, postage, and machine repair parts, which are necessary in the production and distribution of gospel literature in the form of papers, tracts, and books. For instance, the price of the paper on which this is printed has risen about \$20.00 per ton in September, and more raises are in the near future. Postage rates for non-profit publications, such as religious magazines, have gone up 38 per cent since April of last year. They are scheduled for nine more yearly hikes, for a total rise of 350 per cent.

This brief summary would present a bleak picture for increasing the production of gospel litera-

ture if it were not for the never-failing promises of God toward His trusting children who are called to the literature ministry. The Apostle Paul writes: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8. Again he writes: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. What more do we need when God's everlasting arms are underneath us? My late father, Fred Pruitt, passed through many trials of faith in the 45 years he was in this publishing work, and he often testified that it was just as easy for God to supply a thousand dollars as one dollar when the need arose. Thank God that we still find Him a present help in every time of need, and we can safely trust the One "who owns the cattle on a thousand hills."

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

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## OBITUARIES



**Beatrice (Wattenbarger) Carroll**, daughter of George W. and Mary (McPhail) Wattenbarger, was born January 20, 1896, and departed this life at Athens, Tenn. on Aug. 29, 1972, at the age of 76 years.

Sister Carroll, a lifelong resident of McMinn County and a retired employee of the Athens Hosiery Mill, was a member of the Church of God and trusted the Lord for soul and body until the end.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Carroll; four daughters, Mrs. C. E. (Eula) Keaton, Allandale, Florida, Mrs. Jim (Leona) Richeson, Mrs. Velda Hyde, and Mrs. George (Catherine) Lunsford, all of Athens, Tenn; two sons, Lewis and Vernon, of Athens, Tennessee; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, three sisters and one brother.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Curtis Williams, and burial was in the Tranquility Cemetery.

**Emma Grace (Nugent) Williams** was born to Charles and Tillie Nugent on November 27, 1894, in Lakepreston, South Dakota. She departed this life on July 29, 1972, at the Senior Citizen's Home in Pacoima, Calif. at the age of 77 years.

Sister Emma was married to James Eddie Williams in 1912 at Holdenville, Okla. To this union one son was born, Ole Munroe. Her husband preceded her in death on December 10, 1958.

Sis. Williams sought and found the Lord at Guthrie, Okla. in 1929. She embraced the truth and was faithful to the Lord until He called her Home. For the past 28 years she had made her home in Glendale, California and attended church services in Pacoima, California.

She leaves to mourn her passing: a devoted son, Ole Munroe Williams, of Hemingford, Nebraska.

The funeral services were conducted in the Pacoima, Calif. chapel by Bro. and Sister A. E. Harmon. Interment was in the Grandview Cemetery, Glendale, Calif.

**William A. Hamilton** was born on January 16, 1899, in Ashville, N. Carolina and departed this life on July 20, 1972, at Fresno, Calif. at the age of 73 years, six months and four days.



Bro. Hamilton moved to Fresno 56 years ago, and there met and married Marie Whiteside.

About seven years ago, Bro. Hamilton gave his heart to the Lord (which inducted him into the Church of God), was baptized and faithfully attended the services of the Church until his illness prevented his further attendance. He testified during his illness that he was at peace with God. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Marie; one son, Robert; his mother, Latha Hamilton; five sisters, three grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother E. J. Trotter.

#### Note of Thanks . . .

Just a note to express our appreciation and sincere thanks for the many kind words, cards and acts of kindness shown to us during the recent illness and death of our beloved sister, Mrs. Monteen Graham, who passed away August 26, 1972 at Pacoima, California.

—Mrs. Seretha Atkinson and Family

#### OHIO CAMPMEETING REPORT

Ohio—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sis. Marie and workers: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ "who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." We are thankful for His redeeming power from sin, then the purifying power that we may enjoy full and free salvation.

The summer is ended and the campmeeting season is almost over, yet many that attended them are, unfortunately, still unsaved.

The ten-day Ohio campmeeting held here at Akron ended on July 16 with a large attendance from 10 or 12 states. The Spirit of God accompanied the Word which was preached in its fullness and it will not return void, but will accomplish that for which it was sent. We appreciated all who attended. The fellowship of the saints was glorious.

Our vacation Bible school, held in August, reached a above normal in attendance. The 200 students were taught by earnest prayer the Word of God and imparted to them for the profit of their souls. The session ended with victory.

We are thankful for the privilege to attend the tent meeting at Green Bank, W. Va., the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., and a part of the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting. An unexpected trip to Los Angeles was saddened by the sudden death of my daughter-in-law's mother. Then we were privileged to attend part of the campmeeting at Pacoima, California. . . .

Now we are desiring your prayers concerning the need for the vacant lots adjoining our camp ground here in Akron. Because of increased attendance, we are in need of more parking space and a larger dining area. The one vacant lot is 50 by 133 feet. The lot with buildings on it is 40 by 80 feet. This has two store buildings, one with floor space of 1,000 square feet, and the other is 16 by 20 feet. Over each is an apartment, each of which has two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and bath. Also, a five-room house is on the back. We have not made an offer yet, but are seeking the Lord's guidance. Please pray with us that the Lord will direct and supply the needs.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

#### MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING REPORT

We feel in our hearts this campmeeting was one of the best at Myrtle, Mo. Twenty-three ministers were present to preach the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Souls were convicted and made their way to the altar. Some found peace with God, and others were sanctified. We trust this will not be the last opportunity for those having a soul-need and failed to yield in this meeting. The singing was heavenly and harmony strongly felt as the saints lifted holy hands toward heaven in one accord. Several attended for the first time and expressed their enjoyment and delight to be in the meeting. We extend a warm welcome to each of you to come back again.

We thank each one for their labor of love and especially our young people who so faithfully worked in the kitchen and dining hall. We also thank each one for the financial support given to meet the expenses of the meeting. If the Lord tarries His coming, we are looking forward to another good meeting in 1973.

—The saints at Myrtle, Mo.

#### BOLEY, OKLA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

We are very thankful to the Lord for how He blessed and worked in the Boley, Oklahoma campmeeting. The attendance was very good, and we thank the Lord for every one.

The Lord was faithful to anoint His precious Word. The Holy Spirit convicted hearts and a few souls wept their way to the cross and were saved. The spirit of the whole meeting was very precious, and how our hearts did rejoice as the songs of Zion rang out, anointed by the Holy Spirit! "The Lord was so near and His saints were so dear." Praise the Lord!

We appreciated the ministers, both local and out-of-state, for their attendance and labors of love in the meeting.

The baptismal and other ordinance services were wonderful, very solemn and heart-searching, as we remembered our dear Lord's suffering and death for the remission of our sins. Praise the Lord!

We do thank the Lord for all the dear saints, friends and loved ones who attended this meeting and worked to make it a success. May the Lord richly bless each one.

—Sister Katherine Williams

905 N. E. 15th Street, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73104

#### SPECIAL SERVICES AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

At the Church of God chapel located at 718 North Kansas in Springfield, Mo. there will be a gospel singing on Saturday night, October 28, beginning at 7:30. The congregation extends a welcome to everyone to come prepared to help in the singing.

All-day services will be held the next day, Sunday, Oct. 29. A special invitation is extended to all. Remember that daylight-saving time ends on October 29.

—Pauline Lowe

#### SPECIAL SERVICES AT MYRTLE, MO.

A gospel singing will be held at the Church of God chapel at Myrtle, Mo. on Saturday night, Nov. 4, 1972, followed by all-day services on Sunday. Sister Margaret Eck and the congregation extend an invitation to all to attend. Come to enjoy the fellowship of the saints and worship the Lord in song and prayer.

**WEEK-END MEETING AT DOVER, OKLA.**

Lord willing, there will be a week-end meeting at the Church of God chapel east of Dover, Okla., beginning Friday night, November 10, at 7:30. On Saturday night, Nov. 11, there will be a gospel singing service. Then on Sunday, Nov. 12, all-day services will be held. We cordially invite everyone to come and be with us in these services. Come praying and looking to God for a blessing to your souls. (We will not be having a revival at this time as had been planned.)

For further information, contact Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73104 Phone 235-2270. —Katherine Williams

**REVIVAL AT OKMULGEE, OKLA.**

Lord willing, the Okmulgee, Okla. revival meeting of the Church of God will convene at 1002 East McLagan, Okmulgee, Okla. on October 16 and close on the 22nd.

We are praying for and expecting Spirit-filled ministers and helpers to be here to labor with us under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Bro. Woodrow Warren, Pastor. —By Sister Herbert Henderson, Secretary.

**WICHITA, KANSAS AUTUMN MEETING**

The annual Fall meeting in Wichita, Kansas will be held October 27 through November 5, 1972. We are praying that God will give a special outpouring of His Spirit and honest souls will yield and receive salvation.

We ask all who can, to come and help with the battle, and if you can't come, do join us in prayer. We are looking to the Lord to send the ministers He may choose and give a burden for this meeting.

The chapel is located at 1701 North Ash. If any more information is needed, contact the Pastor, Brother Lewis Williams at 2643 North Spruce, phone 264-8481.

—Shirley Knight, Secretary

**OREGON ASSEMBLY AT JEFFERSON**

The annual Oregon assembly meeting of the Church of God will convene in Jefferson, Oregon on November 3 and continue through November 12, 1972, Lord willing. Those who come by bus from either north or south should come to Albany, Oregon if traveling on an express bus. Some on the local schedules come through Jefferson. If you travel by train, get off at Salem as trains do not stop in Albany. When you arrive, phone 928-7223 or 327-2855 and someone will pick you up at the station.

The meeting is financed by free-will offerings only and the ministers who work in the meeting are supplied by the same means. We urge all saints and lovers of the truth throughout the Northwest to attend this meeting. There are cabins and a dormitory available on the camp ground, and also a limited number of places available in the saints' homes. All who come will be cared for.

We are expecting several ministers to be present who will be able to preach and teach God's Word with the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The truth of the gospel will be expounded in a way that all souls may be enlightened, instructed, edified, built up and strengthened. Let every one come with a true purpose of heart to do good and to receive good.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Yours and His in the Master's service,

—Ostis B. and Evelyn Wilson

6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Oregon 97321

**Prayer Requests**

La.—Dear ones: I've been trying to get this off to you for some time, but my writing time is almost nil. I just want you to know we have been remembering you as we have prayed for Steve [my husband].

We are still looking UP—as Steve tells everyone—to a GREAT God! He has been so good to us. By the eye of faith we see Steve healed and in full-time service for our Lord. The natural eye sees a man who has become too weak to walk without help, with a tumor the size of a football on his left arm and three on his head. . . . You can see that we are still in great need of prayer. We have felt God's everlasting arms underneath us—an evidence of the truthfulness of His Word and the result of the prayers of His children. Everyone has been so good to help out, to send cards and pray. For all these things we are most grateful. We know you also are receiving blessings from an Almighty Hand.

Christian love,

—Audrey Henry

R. 2, Box 375, Baton Rouge, La. 70815

(Editor's note:—As you continue to pray for Bro. Henry's healing, just drop them a card or note of encouragement in this battle of faith. It would help so much to know of that agreement in prayer which moves God on His throne. Thank you, Bro. and Sister Henry, for your prayers and concern in my behalf. —Lawrence Pruitt)

La.—"I can't seem to gain my strength after having a virus. . . . Pray for my oldest son who had a cancer operation on his stomach. . . . He also has emphysema. . . . He recently got saved."

—Mary Bush

Maryland—"I had a bad fall and broke some ribs. Pray for me."

—Betty Lawrence

Okla.—"Please pray much for the Lord to touch my ears and other afflictions."

—Arthur Brown

Mo.—"I have some very urgent requests. . . . At times my nerves bother me very much. I have arthritis in my hands which is painful."

—Sister Pauline Lowe

Okla.—"I have been having a spell with the muscles around my heart. They are sore and have been hurting. I can't use my left arm much. . . . I have some other requests."

—Mrs. Iva Lebow

Idaho—Remember Sister Ruby Marken's mother who is in need of healing to her body.

Okla.—"Please remember me in your prayers that the Lord will heal my affliction."

—Walter Worley

Pa.—"Please pray for Sister Johnson here in Pittsburgh. She has been sick and still is not well. She had a cough. . . . I don't know what her trouble is."

—Sister Avis Tinsley

Ind.—"I am not feeling so well. My blood pressure is up and my side bothers me at times. . . . I know God can heal."

—Dessie Wilson

Oklahoma—"Pray for me, as I surely do need your prayers [for my healing]."

—Sister Dolly Green

Wisconsin—Sister Frank Dietrich is in the furnace of affliction. She is not able to be out of bed much.

Mo.—"Remember in prayer my sister who is sick."

—Sister Thelma Halbrook

Kansas—"Pray God to work out some problems for me."  
—Wildenna Huffman

Colorado—"Pray for me as I am suffering with a nervous condition."  
—Sister McEndree

Okla.—Bro. Richard Madden needs complete healing of back trouble.

Okla.—"Pray for the healing of sugar diabetes."  
—Sister Ophia Easley

When the Lord heals one, there is many times a trial of the symptoms that will return. Temptations to sin may return to the believer and also will symptoms of a disease return as a temptation to doubt. Faith and doubts do not mix. Faith alone is the shield with which we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph. 6:16. God has given us His Word, which is the lamp to our feet and the light to our path. We can be healed, and it is our privilege to expect it. God wants His people to reach a plane of faith where the Lord will give each one victory in the face of every severe trial. —Sister Marie Miles

## Foreign Field Reports

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Aug. 30)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt and other saints abroad: Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, the Root of David and Horn of salvation.

Thank you very much for your good letter dated August 16 with the draft to purchase the chapel site at Avoor, for which we are highly grateful. The registration of the site was completed on Aug. 9, 1972. . . . We are thankful to God who has done so many miracles for our work here, and we still expect further help from the same Lord to build a small chapel on this newly purchased site at Avoor for the assembly of the believers there.

Dear brother, I am happy and always thankful to you for your valuable advice and suggestions. . . . Now I firmly believe that if God wants anything done, He will supply it in any manner at His appointed time.

During August I had chances to visit our brethren at Avoor, Niranam and Thrikkannamangal and to participate in the meetings with them. At the time of the national festival last week God helped us to conduct profitable meetings at two places. . . .

Our convention season is arriving and our Calicut convention starts on Sept. 15. Lord willing, my wife and I wish to participate. We expect blessings from above in that meeting.

I am applying for a visa [to come to the United States] for at least one year. Anyway, getting a visa is a slow process here.

We continue to remember in our humble prayers your labors for the glory of the kingdom of heaven.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast Nigeria (Aug. 24)—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints: "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Thank you immensely for your letter of August 5, and the aid to the gospel workers for the current month.

We are pleased to hear the good reports of camp-meetings that were held at various grounds.

Rolls of "Faith and Victory" papers for May, June, and July, "Beautiful Way" papers for the quarter, and

four packages of Efik tracts arrived by our last mail and these will be widely circulated freely to this nation.

I made visits to three out-mission stations (Ikot Akpanya, Ediene and Ibekwe Akpanya) during the month. Improvements in work and activities are both going on in the Lord's favor. An appeal for financial help and prayers to build concrete houses of worship came from them through me to you. Acquaint the Church of God there with this need.

Little Uduak B. U. Etuk (fourth son of the late B. U. Etuk) is afflicted with abscesses along his thighs and arms. Saints here are agreeing in prayer and we ask you to join us.

Bro. Umanah is sending another translation of a tract into our language. Efik tracts had been out of stock in this office. See about sending more titles, together with the new translation, that they may arrive for general distribution during our 11th annual convention to be held in December, 1972.

Time is so short to complete the task of saving souls before the Master comes the second time. . . . May the world be awakened while the Lord delays His coming.

Our prayers will ever be for you. Do the same for us.

Yours to save souls,

—Ben E. Udoka

### TESTIMONY FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

La Mision, Baja Calif., Mexico (Sept. 10)—This is a testimony of faith, the faith that overcometh the world. 1 John 5:4.

I give thanks to God alone for all His blessings, and the victory in Christ Jesus. Many times, the devil tries to hinder and block the way, but Christ never leaves us. He said: "I am the way, the truth . . ." John 14:6.

I give thanks to God each moment for what He did for my wife. She was quite sick the night of Sept. 5. We began to pray and tell the Lord: "You have always answered our petitions. Extend Your hand of health to wife's body, and give her relief from the pain. Give her rest tonight. In your name alone, we ask it." And God answered instantly! To Him be the glory forever!

Brethren, I only ask your prayers that we will always have this faith that overcomes the world. There are many people who do not have victory in their problems, because they are not born of God. We need to be born of God and He will answer our prayers. We pray for those who do not have this faith, the faith that saves, the faith that heals, and the faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells of those "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions . . ." (See Heb. 11:33-40). Brethren, by faith we obtain the victory in all things.

May God keep us all in His holy love and in communion with His Holy Spirit. Amen.

—Miguel and Alicia Gaspar and family

On Sept. 19, Bro. and Sister Samons were scheduled to begin a meeting in the West Cabin Community Building near Vinita, Okla. Bro. Kenneth Probst is the pastor, and they are praying for and expecting a good response from the preached Word.

People who participate in and enjoy the socials, the suppers, the fairs, the picnics, the Christmas festivities and church entertainments of the present time have but little or no comprehension of true Christianity,"  
—C. E. Orr

## From The Mail Box . . .

Texas—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings to you and the dear ones at the Printshop. We have so much to be thankful for. Our spiritual, temporal and physical blessings have been many throughout the summer. We did enjoy the parts of the three campmeetings the Lord allowed us to attend.

Now we don't want to forget the printing work and the devoted ones who make it possible for us to enjoy the good "Faith and Victory" paper as well as the tracts and books. Please use the enclosed wherever you see the need. It seems so long from one meeting to the next. I don't know what we would do if it were not for the good Christian literature we receive each week or month, as it may be. It keeps our souls fed and encouraged until we can be in services again. Oh, what would we do without the Lord to help us carry our burdens? . . .

A recent report brought the question to my mind, Just what would it take to awaken precious souls to see their need of the Lord? You read of people facing death in many ways—earthquakes, floods, car accidents, and so forth. Some will find time then to pray. Many have no last minute warning. I ask myself, What can I do to warn more souls before it is too late? I desire your prayers that I be up and about my Father's business while I have life and breath. May the Lord bless each one is my prayer. Christian love, —Edith Wall

N. Mexico—Dear Sister Marie and co-workers in the Printshop, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I trust every thing is well with you. May God bless in every way.

I am thanking and praising the good Lord for all His goodness and mercy in all things. I am sending an offering to help in the work there, also in the missionary efforts. I thank you for all the good letters. They are very encouraging. Also the tracts are so good.

Christian love, —Ruth Doolittle

Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We trust all at the Print Shop are well and every one got to go to a campmeeting this summer. I was able by the help of the Lord to attend the Jefferson, Ore. campmeeting again this summer. It surely is good and reviving to the soul to be in meetings when one is isolated and can't attend services regularly. We love the Lord with all our heart and want to please Him. May the Lord bless all of you.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas

Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: This leaves me in good health and strength, for which I thank the Lord who is dearer to me each passing day.

I am able to distribute tracts in the warm weather, but in the extremely cold weather when we have ice and snow, I cannot get out to deliver them, so I will do what I can when the weather permits.

Much love and prayers for all at the Print Shop and all the saints until the Lord takes me Home. I am now 85 years of age, but get around well.

—Bro. Andrew Senti

Miss.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ. I trust you dear ones at the Print Shop are well in soul and body. I trust that God has touched your body in every way needed. Surely, we have a great God, one that can heal and save. Praise His name!

Brother Pruitt, I am sending a little offering. . . . Please hold wife and me up before the dear Lord, as we aren't well in body.

I surely enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. With Christian love, —Harold Griffin

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and all at the Printshop, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I wonder if any dedicated saints have answered the call to help in the Printshop? . . . I have been praying God to lay it on some very suitable ones to help.

Enclosed is a small donation to God's work.

Thirty-five years ago today (Sept. 11) my husband took his flight to the Glory world. I am doing fairly well.

Remember my family in prayer, and I am praying for you. Ever your Sister, —Mary E. Worley

Calif.—Greetings in the dear Savior's name, to the holy Brethren all over the world, our home-land, foreign lands, isles of the sea and mankind everywhere:

First, I want to thank every one who helped in any way to make my 84th birthday a joyful blessing from the Lord. Truly, we are one great family. Therefore, let us appreciate and cherish each other more and more, and the means also by which such spiritual contacts are kept alive, namely, the "Faith and Victory" paper, and others promoting and keeping alive The Evening Light Truth. I do not wish to exalt either man or papers, but I give God the praise and glory for them as being instruments for helping us attain higher heights in the Lord.

I'm truly walking in "Evening Light,"

The way is narrow and yet so bright.

No need for stumbling in the way,

The Truth leads on to Perfect Day.

—Ethel K. Miles

Virginia—Greeting of love in Jesus' precious name: I want to thank you for your nice letters. I am enclosing a small gift to be used as you see best. May God richly bless all of you as you work for Him.

In Christian love, —Della Naff

Indiana—Dear Sister Miles: Greetings to all of you there in Jesus' dear name. All glory and praise to Him for all the benefits I find in His service.

I am still standing on the eternal Word, the solid Rock, free from Babylon captivity. I never got to the campmeetings this summer, . . . but I am still hoping to get there next year if time goes on. Pray with me that I will soon receive my healing. . . .

This offering is for the mission work in India which Bro. Varghese oversees.

May God's richest blessings be upon all of you at the publishing house. Pray for me to abound in the Lord.

Your Sister in His love, —Nova Lewis

Georgia—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints, greetings in Christian love. Jesus is our Doctor, Priest, and King. I am happy with Him.

I am still reading the "Faith and Victory" paper and love it, and handing it out to others to read that they, too, might be encouraged to come out of confusion and be free to worship God aright in this blessed "evening light." My health is greatly improved as I trust the Lord for my healing of soul and body. He is sweet to me. Pray for my daughter and her son who are not well.

I really enjoyed the meeting in June at Swainsboro, Georgia. I pray that somehow we can get a congre-

gation started here in Georgia. Nothing is too hard for the Lord. Please help me pray to this end.

Please send the tracts marked and use the offering wherever needed.  
—Sister Elizabeth McNair

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Florida—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings to all of you there in the Print Shop in the name of our Lord: We love the good messages of truth and encouragement by the printed page in tracts and the little paper, "Faith and Victory," which is not large, but chucked full of good things, for which we are so thankful.

Enclosed find . . . to use as the Lord directs. Pray for us.  
—Elmer Davis

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## Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Okla.—Dear Sister Anna Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: It was so good to be able to go to the National Campmeeting, even for the short time I was there. I hadn't been to Monark for eleven years. The boys had never been there at all. They were thrilled to get to go.

The Lord has been blessing us richly. I was thinking this morning of the Lord's blessings to us, and I felt that the Lord wanted me to tell of His goodness to us.

Randall fell the first of July and broke his arm. We didn't think it was broken, but it stayed swollen and he could hardly use it. On the fifth, I took him and had it X-rayed because I felt if it was broken, it needed to be in a cast. The first doctor had it X-rayed, but wouldn't do anything to it. He sent me to an orthopedic surgeon. This doctor was very nice, and explained and showed me the X-ray pictures. He called it a supracondylar fracture, which means, a large break at the elbow. He said it was one of the most serious breaks a person could have. After telling me how bad it was, he said, "I won't have to set this arm, because it is already in place." I had really been praying that the Lord would take care of it, and if it was broken, He could set it. God was surely good to us.

I had also been very concerned about the school the boys went to. It seemed like so much ungodliness went on there. I had thought, if we could just move somewhere so they would be in a small school. This summer the boundary line was changed and the boys now go to a school that has only about 200 students. I just felt like the Lord worked it out in answer to prayer. How thankful I am to have Him to depend on.

I was reading this morning about the crucifixion. I read how Jesus was accused, scourged, stripped, mocked, spit upon, smitten, reviled, and crucified. I thought that all that was for me because Jesus was innocent of any wrong-doing. It made me feel that I want to be more careful than ever how I live, that I not disappoint the Lord in any way. Christian love,  
—Daisy Harris

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Wisconsin—Dear ones in Jesus, greetings to all: We are still doing what we can for the Lord. He still blesses in every way and we learn to depend on Him more and better day by day. There are only two of us still out in the true Way, and although the enemy and our loved ones and neighbors are doing everything possible to pull us back, we are not going back, as there is nothing to go back for.

A few weeks ago my daughter was healed of cataracts on both eyes. She didn't know what it was until

the Lord healed me of the same thing a week ago. I, too, did not know what it was, until I asked the Lord. The filmy skin was growing over the eyeballs until I had a hard time to read the Bible. I asked Him what it was and instantly a sign appeared a few feet before me with the word "cataracts," printed on it. Then I realized that this weakness came down in the family, as my mother and two brothers had them. One had an operation, but never could see perfectly. But I see perfectly, and have no pains, nor darkness. Praise the Lord!

Earlier this past winter the Lord healed me of a bleeding cancer. A pastor prayed for me, but two days later I still was waiting for the hand of God. Then I went alone before God and it wasn't long until He heard and I was made perfectly well. I testified that night before the church that I was healed, and I am still healed of that plague. Later a hernia bothered me and again the Lord undertook for me. The only trouble was I did not realize it was a double rupture, so the Lord healed one, which I had asked for, but I am not giving up until the other is healed also. Please pray for me. I know God wants to heal me, and I am doing my best to meet His conditions, which are not hard. Praise the Lord! He doeth all things well. He supplies our every need and takes such wonderful care of us. Daughter and I are widows and have no one else who cares, neither for the Lord nor us, but as long as He watches and cares (and He always will) we are neither alone nor friendless. Many times, real dangers come very near us, but it never touches us. Praise Him forever!

I am enclosing two checks, hers and mine, to be used wherever the need is. I would like to have the books . . .

May the Lord's blessings always rest on each one in His business . . . for the night cometh when no man can work.

We are praying and know He hears.

In Christian love,

—Sister Florence Knoll

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Virginia—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I feel I have so much to thank the Lord for since Sister Bessie Faudree passed away on September 14, 1971. She just went so fast. I had lived with her since 1948. It seemed so hard to give her up, but the Lord has been so good to me and has given me grace to stand.

The Lord made a way that Sister Lillian Bohannon and I could go to the campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. C. It was so good to be with the saints again. I was prayed for as soon as I got there. All the encouragement I get here is, "You better see a doctor." They don't know that we have the best doctor that can be obtained.

I have a special request. Remember all my unsaved children and pray for Lillian and me.

Your Sister in the Lord,

—Nannie Connell

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Tenn.—Dear ones in Christ: I'm so glad that I can report victory in my soul today and every day. Praise God, He is so good to me.

I want, first of all, to thank God for healing my body, and then, too, I want to thank all who prayed for me at the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting. I wasn't there, but called in a request for prayer for a sore I had on my shoulder. I had had a knot there for several years, which the doctor said was a cyst. This had grown to be as large as a silver dollar. All at once, this became real sore, and a place raised up on it the size of a bird's egg and turned real red. Every one who saw it became real concerned and advised me to have a doctor check it. They would ask me if I was doing anything about it. I told

them that my Doctor (the Lord) knew all about it and that I was following all His instructions, and I felt confident He was going to heal it. I was running a slight fever and had a "squashing" sound in my ears, especially my left ear that was near the sore. My daughter-in-law, who was here at that time recuperating from surgery, would look at it and tell me that it didn't show any signs of coming to a head. I told her that I believed it would, as that was what I was praying for. The very day I called in for prayer it opened in three different places and began draining. By night the main sore had cleared away. The big knot was still there, but it continued to drain until it is almost gone. There is just a tiny little lump now and still one little hole that is draining. Too, the squashing in my ears is almost gone. Praise God for victory once again!

The Lord has healed me of many different ailments since I came back to Him last summer. First, of a bad hurting in my right side. Then of a small scaly patch on my forearm. This was a very small place, no larger than a dime, but itched so bad continuously that it was a very irritating thing. I held on to God about it and He healed it after trying my faith by allowing it to continue for six or eight weeks. Then I was healed again of poison oak. He has almost completely healed me of arthritis which had bothered me pretty bad for several years.

Continue to pray for me that my faith will never fail. Also, continue to pray for my daughter and her husband who have just recently gone back together. They need our prayers so much.

Enclosed you will find an order for some books, also a small offering for the work there.

—Sister Mary Rogers

Ohio—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints everywhere: Greetings of love in the precious name of our dear Saviour, who shed His blood on the cross that we might have eternal life.

I surely want to thank the Lord for the wonderful salvation that He has wrought in my life, and for the many blessings He has given me since I have come to the Lord. Praise His dear name!

The Lord surely has delivered me from a life of sin, including the terrible habit of drink. Thank the Lord! I also appreciate the saved companion I have. I trust the Lord will help us to live so that our light may shine before a lost world that others may see their need of God.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I would be faithful, and stay true to God. I want to be all that He would call me to be.

Christian love,

—Jimmy Neff

Kentucky—Dear Bro. Lawrence: We send greetings in Jesus' dear name. . . . The Lord has wonderfully touched Curtis' body again. The swelling in his glands and around his ear is all gone, as well as the severe suffering in his head and ear. He is still very weak, but was able to be up most of the day yesterday (Sept. 10). Oh, what a mighty God we serve! He is so good to us.

We do trust you are much better. We are still holding on for your healing. Be encouraged. God is still in the healing business. Pray for us.

Christian love,

—The Curtis Williams Family

(Recently Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist of Kentucky, was on his way to Oklahoma to help Bro. Samons in a tent meeting. When he arrived at Kansas City, he was very ill with an infection in his head and ear. He was taken back home by air, and the foregoing is a testi-

mony of how God graciously touched his body in answer to the prayers of the saints. —Editor)

Texas—Dear Brethren: In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I write you this letter, giving my testimony of the marvelous working of my heavenly Father.

When we left Eagle Pass, Texas, we did not bring a spare tire for the car. We came to Guthrie, Okla., and the same day we left to go to Wisconsin. We arrived the next day in the afternoon without any accident or trouble. Thanks be to God for all things, for He is the One who went with us.

Brethren, I ask your prayers for me, my son and his wife, and their two sons, Oscar Jr. and Jerry. The Lord helps me take care of these two grandsons, but I have a pain on the right side, and it has been a week since I have been able to work. The pain is from my chest to my back. I ask your prayers in the name of God that He would give me strength to follow on and continue doing His will. I ask your prayers for my son, Oscar, that the Lord would guide him into the good way and that He would make a way for his family. He needs much prayer.

Greetings to all my brethren there, and I ask all of your prayers. I have dreamed so much of wanting to be with you in church services so we could pray together.

Salute Bro. and Sister Huskey. May God bless much in the Printshop and in the work of God. Your Sister in the name of Jesus Christ,

—Magdalena Cerna

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence and all the workers at the office: Greetings to all of you and all the saints everywhere. I am yet saved, sanctified, healed, and kept by the power of God. I will be 74 years old on Oct. 23, 1972, Lord willing. I am not tired nor afraid of trusting the Lord for everything I need; just satisfied with the dealings of the Lord.

All who know the worth of prayer, remember me.

Your saved Sister in Christ, —Sister Flora B. Davis

Colo.—Dear saints at the Lord's Printshop and all the saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad to testify to the Lord's healing power. I know divine healing is a reality, for once more He healed me of severe pain in my hip. At the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting the saints prayed for me, but the healing did not take place until August 11, 1972, ten days after I got home to Canon City. On Friday evening I walked out into the garden without a pain, and I told my son and his wife that I never had a pain. Thank the Lord!

Bro. Pruitt, I pray that God will heal your affliction completely real soon. I enclose \$ . . . for the Lord's work.

In Christian love,

—Fred B. Allen

La.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name, the One who comforts us in time of sorrow and hears and answers prayer. Surely, there is not a friend like Jesus. . . .

There was a car with a sign on it that read like this: "If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy." I thought that was good food for thought. The devil likes to get us too busy to take time to pray. So we have to watch and be careful also. This surely is a close life. Do pray for me.

I believe my ankle is still improving slowly. Thank the dear Lord! I'm trusting Him fully to the best of my knowledge. I surely want to be faithful and make heaven at any cost.

May the dear Lord richly bless you and yours. We are still praying for Bro. Lawrence's complete healing. With love and prayers, —Effie Miller

Mo.—In Jesus' dear name we greet all of you at the Lord's Print Shop: I trust this finds all well and pressing on for the Lord who means so much to us all. I surely thank Him for His love and mercy to us each day.

It has been more than a month since I got sick. I never did know what the trouble was, but by God's help and grace I am much better. I was able to go out to services yesterday which were a lot of help. I want to thank all the saints for their prayers in my behalf. We heard a message yesterday about being comforted by the "God of all comfort." It always consoles my heart to know the saints are praying for me when I am suffering—to know God knows and He cares. I surely thank God for His promises to His trusting children.

I thank the Lord for all the campmeetings this summer and for the good that was done. We got to attend part of the Monark Springs, and part of the Myrtle meetings which were good soul food for us all.

Keep praying for us. We pray for you and the good work you are doing.

Yours, for all the Word of God,

—Katie and Asa Gibson

Mich.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus, our Lord and King, the name that brings joy and happiness to those who love Him, and we should be ashamed not to love Him after all He has done for us.

He has shown that He loves us and will stand by us to help in time of need. We do need Him all the time. What would life be like without Him? He heals us when we get sick. He has healed me and my family many times.

Last May I had the flu and I'm most sure I had pneumonia with it. He healed me of that and I was just getting my strength back when I got the grippe. I suffered terribly. I didn't know if I was going to be taken or not. I lay there talking with God. I said, "Now dear God, I know that Thou canst heal anything; nothing is too hard for Thee. Thou canst do more than I can ask or think, and I ask Thee in the name of Thy Son, Jesus, to heal me." I looked to Jesus and said, "Dear Lord, won't you heal me?" And He said, "I will pray the Father for you." Oh, what joy filled my heart and soul! I knew He would make me well. I began to amend from that moment. That scripture never had such a meaning to me before. I thought, how wonderful that Jesus prays for us in any time of need, and I began to think of the many times He prayed for different ones when He was here on earth among men. How He prayed for Peter that his faith would not fail. How He prayed to the Father to sanctify believers and to keep them in His name. Then He prayed at the grave of Lazarus, and, oh, so many times! Yes, He is still praying for sinners to come unto Him and for all who put their trust in Him. Don't we have a wonderful Savior? Praise His name! He wants us to pray for one another and also for those who are out in sin.

I really am burdened for lost souls, praying that they will come and be saved ere it is too late. I also am burdened for those who are afflicted and haven't obtained the victory yet. Let us take courage. God is still on the throne and Jesus is still praying for us and will give us the victory.

Remember us in your prayers as we do you.

Yours in Christian love, —Sister Ether Hines

## Did Jesus Wear Long Hair?

Many men today are wearing their hair long. This style seems to have had its start in modern times by certain musical groups such as the Beatles and others. The hippie movement, which has spread like a plague, has adopted the long hair style for men. The "Jesus freaks" and other religious hippie cults have taken the long hair road. Unfortunately many men and boys who are not hippies have started to wear their hair in this manner. Many try to justify long hair by stating that Jesus Christ wore long hair. The time has come to set the record straight.

### History Does Not Support The Idea That Jesus Wore Long Hair

Many pictures drawn by artists in recent times, picture Jesus with long hair. In this they are wrong. The following is taken from the book, "The Modern Student's Life of Christ," by Philip Vollmer, published some years ago by Fleming H. Revell Company.

"Archaeologists object to the conventional pictures of Christ because they are not true to history. A German painter, L. Fahrenkrog, says: 'Christ certainly never wore a beard and his hair was beyond a doubt closely cut. For this we have historical proof. The oldest representations, going back to the first Christian centuries, and found chiefly in the catacombs of Rome, all pictured Him without a beard. All the Christ pictures down to the beginning of the fourth century at least, and even later, are of this kind.'"

Even from Leonardo da Vinci and Michaelangelo we have pictures of Christ in the Final Judgment according to this older type.

Authentic busts from the ancient world of the Roman Empire leaders prove that short hair was the accepted mode in Roman-occupied Judea. The busts of General Pompey, Julius Caesar, Caesar Augustus, Emperor Trajan, and King Herod Agrippa—all indicated that short hair was the style.

"For example, on pages 126-127 of Avi-Yonah's work (A History of the Holy Land) are found busts of Pompey, Augustus, and one believed to be Herod—all with short hair. All statues and carvings of legionnaires show them with closely cropped hair. A Roman with long hair was an oddity as it used to be the case for men in our society. In fact, all Roman Emperors before, during, and after the time of Christ, from Julius Caesar to Trajan, wore short hair. And the emperor was the individual who set the pattern in style and mode of dress for the whole empire."

Many popular pictures of Jesus that were painted in relatively recent times, have perpetuated the satanic idea that Jesus wore long hair.

### There Is No Biblical Evidence That Jesus Wore Long Hair

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?" 1 Corinthians 11:14.



Jesus was not a Nazarite! According to Numbers 6:1-27, a Nazarite did wear long hair. However, Jesus was a Nazarene and not a Nazarite. While the two words look similar in English, they are entirely different in looks and meaning in the original language of the Bible. A Nazarene was one that lived in Nazareth, according to Matthew 2:23. A Nazarite was one who took a Nazarite vow, according to Numbers 6.

The Nazarite vow was usually temporary. (Samson and Samuel seem to be notable exceptions, for their vows were for life. See 1 Samuel 1:11 and Judges 13:5; 16:17).

The Nazarite vow was a vow of separation. Three things were forbidden as long as he was under the vow. (1) "He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried." Numbers 6:3. (2) He could not cut his hair. (3) He could not touch, or come near a dead body. Numbers 6:6-9.

A Nazarite could not have used any product of the vine, and thus Jesus could not have instituted the Lord's Supper if He had been a Nazarite. For in this, He used the fruit of the vine.

If He had been a Nazarite, He could not have touched the funeral "bier" (open coffin) of the dead man in Luke 7:11-18.

If He had been a Nazarite, it is doubtful that the Holy Spirit would have caused Paul to write, "If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him." 1 Corinthians 11:14.

If He had been a Nazarite, Judas would not have needed to identify Him in Gethsemane, since Jesus would have been the only long haired man there. Everything in the New Testament seems to indicate that Jesus looked much like the other Jewish men of His age. If there had been any radical difference in His appearance, we believe that it would have been mentioned in the Bible.

"Doth not even nature itself teach you," that a man should have short hair and a woman long hair? I HAVE NEVER SEEN A BALD HEADED WOMAN, but I have seen many bald headed men. Very few women become bald, and those that do, are careful to conceal it with a wig. This surely must be "nature" teaching them.

The Bible clearly indicates that the hair style of a man should be short, and that the woman's hair should be long. There should be a clear distinction between the hair of a man and a woman. Many scriptures teach that a woman's hair should be or was long. (See Luke 7:38, 44; John 11:2; 1 Peter 3:3; 1 Timothy 2:9, and many others). On the other hand, the scriptures indicate just the opposite for the man, for you can find no such list of scriptures as above, in relationship to the man. Other than the very few Nazarites mentioned in the Old Testament, we can think of only one long haired man in the Bible and that was Absalom. He was the wicked rebellious son of David.

### "If A Man Have Long Hair, It Is A Shame Unto Him"

The above quoted words were written by Paul and were Divinely inspired of God. Therefore, we are going to accept what God says, rather than the fashion trend of the day. For the Christian, the Bible is the final word, not some picture or popular tradition.

For evidence, we quote what scholars have said about 1 Corinthians 11:14:

Lange says, "Accordingly, in contrast with the practices of a cruder heathenism of the earlier time, when long hair prevailed, there has grown up among the most civilized nations, that good taste which declares itself in favor of short hair for men and long hair for women. Among men, the wearing of long hair is now reprobated as a mark of effeminacy and dishonoring to them, inasmuch as it prevents the free exposure of the countenance."

Matthew Henry says, "The woman's hair is a natural covering; to wear it long is a glory to her; but for a man to have long hair, or cherish it, is a token of softness and effeminacy."

"... If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him." The Greek word "ATIMA" is translated "shame" in the above text. Elsewhere in the New Testament it is translated, "dishonor," "reproach," and "vile." Thayer's comments on this word are interesting and informative. He says: "Atima—dishonor, ignominy, disgrace, 1 Cor. 11:14; 1 Cor. 15:43, (in a state of disgrace, used of the unseemliness and offensiveness of a dead body); ... base lusts, vile passions, Romans 1:26."

Could anything be plainer? The "shame" (atima) of long hair is elsewhere used in connection with a dead and putrefying, decaying body. In Romans 1:26, "atima" is translated "vile."

### What Does Long Hair Mean Today?

Let the radical subversive Jerry Rubin, answer from his book, "DO IT." "Young kids identify short hair with authority, discipline, unhappiness, boredom, rigidity, hatred of life—and long hair with letting go. . . . Wherever we go, our hair tells people where we stand on Vietnam, Wallace, campus disruption, dope. We're living TV commercials for the revolution. . . . Long hair is the beginning of our liberation from sexual oppression that underlies the whole military society."

### Preachers, The Church, and Parents Must Stand Against Long Hair

Parents who allow a son to grow and wear long hair are contributing to a rebellion against God and against our country. This is a sure step in losing control of a child. Preachers and congregations who compromise on this subject, hoping to reach more young people, are actually fighting against God. Let us stand, whatever the cost!

We believe that Christian young men, when taught the truth, will want to wear their hair short. Informed Christians will not want to be identified with the "SHAME" or revolutionary element that long hair symbolizes.

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