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### *The Gift of Salvation*

A wond'rous gift of God to man  
Is found in free salvation;  
The awful gulf of sin to span  
For every tongue and nation.  
For in the clutch of sin and pride  
And doomed to dark damnation  
The soul needs peace that will abide:  
The hope of God's salvation.

Salvation from the yoke of sin  
That bars the soul from Heaven,  
The blood will cleanse without, within  
And gladness will be given.  
Delivered from this present world  
And all her dark deception,  
Salvation's banners are unfurled;  
Oh, give it wide reception!

Judge not yourselves to be unfit  
For life that's everlasting,  
For Christ upon His throne doth sit;  
On Him your burdens casting,  
Trust in His pow'r to save alone;  
Believe and do not falter;  
See how His blood doth now atone  
Upon the golden altar.

Salvation is the gift of God  
He wills for every mortal,  
An entrance from the lowly sod  
Into the Heav'nly Portal.  
Lay hold upon its sacred wealth,  
Rejoice and praise Him ever,  
And let the streams of saving Health  
Flow over you forever!

—Leslie Busbee

It is the will of God that each of His people reach a plane of faith where victory can be claimed in the face of the most severe trial. The faith that knows no give up, give down, give in, nor give out.

—J. W. Byers

### *"Thy Salvation Cometh"*

"Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him." Isaiah 62:11. Oh, what a wonderful message the Lord has proclaimed to all the world! "Thy salvation cometh"! Salvation to men and women: deliverance from the power and guilt of sin and disobedience, being granted the power and grace to live a righteous, godly, and holy life in this world—all this has come to us! Oh, that people could but behold the beauty and glory of being saved, washed from sin and dishonor, living in humility and the love and fear of God! Oh, how the holy Scriptures prophesied, foretold, and promised this wonderful gift to man! Our hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude to God as we view the wonderful plan of salvation, and then, just to think that such a treasure can be ours to have and to hold throughout all our mortal days is rapture indeed of the highest order.

Oh, that people would hunger and thirst for something better than the material riches and pleasures of this vain world! Oh, that they would be as it was prophesied that earnest hearts would say: "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." Isaiah 25:9. Oh, that we would have that desire that dwelt in Simeon when he took the baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." And, oh, that Jesus could say of more people as He said of Zaccheus who sought to see who He was and ran before the press and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him: "This day is salvation come to this house!"

Do you not realize, my dear friend, that of this salvation prophets and kings of old have searched

diligently, testifying and writing of the grace that was coming to us? It was revealed to them by the Spirit of Christ that was in them of what He was to suffer and what glory was to follow. And we today have the glorious privilege of receiving this gift when we believe from our heart the gospel and the message of Jesus, the Saviour. Believing in Him, though not seeing Him, and enduring the scorn of the world, temptations and trials, we rejoice with unspeakable joy and are filled with the glory and blessings of God, "receiving the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls!" 1 Peter 1:5-12.

Even Jacob, away back in his time, as he was giving the blessing to his sons ere he passed from this life, inserted this utterance of faith: "I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord!" Genesis 49:18. Jeremiah, in the midst of his lamentations for Israel, stated: "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:26. And poor Jonah concluded his prayer of repentance while in the belly of the whale with these words: "Salvation is of the Lord"! Jonah 2:9.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isaiah 52:7. "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:6. We see that salvation has been brought down and is being preached unto all the earth. "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:46, 47. Oh, how precious the message of salvation is! How glad ought people to be to receive it!

God wants to save you from the power of evil and sin. You must seek Him with all your heart, and turn from your wicked and unholy ways and thoughts. He wants you to have salvation and everything that goes along with it. He wants to blot out your sins, give you a new heart and life, and fill you with His blessed Holy Spirit. He wants to prepare you to be of service to your fellow man. He wants you to be ready in that day when He calls you from this life. Or, if you are still living when He comes in the clouds of Heaven, He wants to change you from mortal to immortal. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Hebrews 9:28. Let God be glorified in the salvation of your soul today, and, oh, how rich and happy your life will be! "The long-suffering of the Lord is salvation." He loves you and wants to show you His salvation. And with this wonderful salvation you will stand some day in His presence to receive the crown of life, and live with Him forevermore. —Leslie Busbee

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## Love Permits Pain

"No!", said her little daughter very defiantly when she was asked to pick up the dust pan and put it where it belonged. Mother looked at her daughter who stood there with a rebellious look. It had not been too long before this that she had jumped out of bed after awaking, and ran to her mother for a good-morning kiss and hug. Her mother dearly loved her beautiful little girl. She was their first child and their joy. She still could almost feel those chubby arms around her neck and her warm love that cheered her very heart. Then as she looked at her daughter standing there so determined not to be obedient, her mind raced ahead to the years to come. She would soon be in school and she would meet authority, and, oh, the trouble she would have if she had not learned to obey! Then when she became older, she would meet the laws of the land and again trouble would come to her if she had not learned to respect authority. And there was her God and Maker. She would face Him. If she disobeyed His commandments, her soul would land in hell. And if her daughter didn't learn while young and grow up with a deep respect for her parents' word, love them for their deep care and discipline, she would surely bring them great grief and get into trouble as she went out into the world with other unruly young people. Her mother also knew of others who were not taught obedience that had a lot of heartaches and even some ended up in the reformatories and penitentiaries.

Knowing her duty toward her daughter and her soul, and knowing the girl needed to be conquered while young, she picked up her switch and gave her some good swats. Again she asked her to pick up the dust pan. She again refused. Her mother had given her only enough to make her mad. So with tears her mother prayed to God to conquer her and to break this stubbornness. She again gave her a spanking, while asking her if she was going to mind. All of a sudden, that stubbornness gave way and her rebelling ceased. She was a broken little girl and she picked up the pan and put it where it belonged. Her mother sat down, took her upon her knees and talked to her about how Jesus wanted her to mind her mother. Mother and daughter kissed each other.

Love permits pain. It was because she loved her daughter that she wanted to conquer that disobedience, so as to spare her of great troubles as she grew up. Of course, her mother had to do this again and again, but she kept at it and her daughter grew up as an obedient student at school and at home with a love and respect for God's laws and the laws of the land. Love will cause parents to punish their own flesh and blood so as to spare them many troubles and heartaches in this world.

"For God so loved the world." What kind of a world did God love? It was a world of people that were liars, murderers, adulterers, etc. The people were headed for hell. How could they be spared

such an awful ending? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Love permitted pain. The love of God caused Him to permit His one and only Son to die on the cross so the wicked people of this world might be spared eternal destruction and damnation. Oh, such a great love! "Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—The saints' and angels' song. . . . God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin." Love permits pain. It melts our hearts in love for our God and we love to keep His commandments and please Him. His love broke our rebellious heart and caused us to be obedient to His laws.

Lazarus was sick. Jesus tarried. Lazarus died. Then Jesus went to Mary and Martha. "Oh, if you had been here, Lazarus would not have died," cried Martha. As He saw their sorrow and because of His great love for them and Lazarus, Jesus wept. Love permitted this pain to come to this home. Jesus wanted them and also others to believe Him to be "the resurrection and the life." Jesus would have rather spared those He loved from pain, but how could they be convinced and others know that He truly was God's Son that had come to give them eternal life and teach them about salvation and the resurrection? Martha did believe and saw the glory of God manifested. Lazarus came forth. "Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him." John 11:45.

Bro. D. S. Warner, who was publisher of the "Gospel Trumpet" and a chosen vessel of God to herald this "evening-light" truth, was permitted to be severely tried which, he said, was from God. His wife was swept away from him into a great deception. She left him and openly renounced him and his teachings. She asked him to come and get their child, as she didn't care for him. Later, she remarried after getting a divorce, in which Bro. Warner did not appear against her. Through this suffering and "in one long sleepless night of parching fever and inward pain a portion of his hair suddenly turned grey. What a wonder that the 'Trumpet' during this period was sometimes late in reaching its readers or that for four months it failed to appear at all." ("Birth of a Reformation," page 316). But God brought him through this terrible heartache in which he felt that part of his own flesh had been severed and he felt the reproach that Satan's vile slanderers used to try to hinder His work for God. But God's love permits pain. Victory came to his soul, and "he took it all for good and felt that by it he would experience all the more of Heaven's riches in his soul." We further read of how God blessed his labors in a mighty way as he continued to uncompromisingly declare the whole counsel of God. We read that "marvelous healings were common . . . power over devils . . . and a great outpouring of [God's] Spirit."

As a child of God, may you dare to believe in the wisdom of God which is unmerited, yet unchanging. Suffering and pain bring to us faith, confidence, and experience, and we are able to comfort others with the comfort wherewith we are comforted.

D. S. Warner wrote:

"We would not cast away the gold  
We've gathered in the furnace flame,  
Nor would we wish again the dross  
Here purged in our Redeemer's name."

—Sister Marie Miles

## Homosexuality Is Sin!

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God . . . professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: . . . and served the creature more than the Creator. . . . For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. . . . 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. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man." Rom. 1:21, 22, 24-28, 32; 2:1a.

In view of what has happened in Houston, Texas, where 27 boys were killed, and possibly others involved that are not brought to the knowledge of the police, we are stirred that this sin, which is sweeping the land, be condemned and exposed as sin. It seems that many so-called churches are accepting homosexuality as being right, but it is definitely against God's Word and will, and people who are involved need to repent of it and forsake such filthy, ungodly actions.

Parents need to sit down and talk to their boys and girls. They need to instruct them how to conduct themselves and what God has created them for, and warn them against this great sin. Psychiatrists say that homosexuality is not natural. It is acquired, and one remark was made that it results from neglect of the parents. I don't know in what way, but maybe through not teaching their children. Saints of God, don't be guilty of letting the devil get the advantage of your children through your neglect. Make them know they are wanted and feel secure in your love and care. Teach them about the tricks of the devil and be careful where you let them go and in whose company they are. Go places with them and do things together. If you don't influence them rightly, they will learn the world's ways on their own.

—A burdened Saint.

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**EDITORIALS**

Hearty Christian greetings to all our readers: As usual, no paper was issued for August. However, much activity continued here at the Lord's Printshop throughout the summer. Orders for gospel literature were filled every day. Our co-workers continued their sacrificial services through most of the summer. Sister Bonnie Matthews worked in the mailing department, and also prepared copy and type for "The Beautiful Way" paper. Sister Dora Lela Beisly helped with the correspondence. Bro. Gene Beisly printed many tracts and did typesetting. Bro. Randall Flynn did camera work and printed books on the offset press. We certainly appreciate their co-operation in the work of the Lord. Since the demand for gospel literature has increased so much, we have reached a point where it seems very necessary in the future to keep the presses running all the time with no break in the summer except to attend a campmeeting or two, or allow equivalent time for other activities. When one gets a God-given vision of the value of one soul, no sacrifice is too great to help rescue the perishing.



Thank the Lord for a mild summer thus far in this area. Rainfall has been above normal and vegetation is still green. The daytime temperature has barely reached 100 degrees, and the nights cool off to the low 70's. Our Father controls the weather and He knows what is best for us.



Quantities of gospel tracts, papers and booklets were sent or taken to various campmeetings and tent meetings for free distribution. Your free-will contributions have made this literature ministry possible, and thereby you are laying up treasures in heaven, as Jesus commanded. Nearly 1,000 copies of the "Faith and Victory" are mailed free of charge each month to foreign countries. The Lord supplies the means through His obedient children.

**Printing Paper Shortage Is Critical. . . .**

For more than fifty years—through a major depression and several wars—we have been able to find a source of printing paper, sheet size 22x32 inches, which is that used on all our publications and books, but now without a previous notice the paper mills have refused to accept any more orders for that size of sheet, which is not a standard size. The next larger standard size is 23x35 inches and we have placed a mill order for 5,000 pounds promised for delivery in September. Through the spring and summer our mill shipments of 5,000 pounds have been running eight to ten weeks behind schedule, so we are praying and hoping that this and future orders of size 23x35 will not be delayed, as we have several excellent books planned for printing, besides much other gospel literature which is urgently needed. Agree with us in prayer that the flow of Biblical literature to this perishing world will not be hin-

dered by this paper shortage. Also, the price of paper jumps up and up like everything else, but we are trusting the Lord to supply the needs of His Printshop. It is a wonderful life of faith and trust all the way, and we are delighted in His service.

We may have to enlarge the page size of this "Faith and Victory" paper because of the larger, standard sheet size to be used. To keep it the same size page as now would mean cutting the larger sheet with much waste of paper. Pray with us about making these changes in the most profitable manner for the glory of God.

This writer and his wife were privileged to attend this 36th National camp meeting at Neosho, (Monark Springs), Mo. which closed with victory on July 29. The Lord has permitted us to attend all 36 meetings since it began in 1938, and we have been closely involved with its development over the years. This year's meeting was also attended by most of the Guthrie congregation at least part time. The attendance from over the nation was as large or larger than ever, especially the first Sunday when perhaps 800 were on the grounds. The spirit of conviction accompanied the preached Word and the long altars were filled with seekers many times. The Lord was faithful to satisfy every penitent, hungry soul. The God-sent messages of Bible truth were designed to settle and establish the saints, and prepare them for the oncoming spiritual battles in these perilous times. Divine love, unity and holy fellowship prevailed in the camp. The ordinances of the Lord's House—Feet-washing, the Lord's Supper, and baptism—were observed as instituted by Christ's example and command.

Our Bible book store was open on the grounds where Bibles and other gospel literature were made available to those in attendance. It was our pleasure to meet many of our readers whom we had known before, as well as a number of new people who were attending the meeting for their first time.

Missionaries attending the campmeeting from Mexico were Sister Opal Kelly, Sister Carrie Shepard, Bro. Irineo Rama, Bro. Tomas Mendoza and family, and Bro. and Sister James Huskey and family. Bro. Mendoza preached at a service with interpretation into English by Sister Opal Kelly. Following the meeting, Sister Opal Kelly helped us here in the office for about two weeks, for which we are grateful. At present she is in Oklahoma City where her mother resides.

From all directions have come good reports of campmeetings held at various locations—from Hammond, La., Jefferson, Ore., Akron, Ohio, Ojos Negros, Mexico, the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., Myrtle, Mo., and Bakersfield, Calif. Many souls have been saved, believers sanctified and bodies healed by divine power. At this writing, the campmeetings at Boley, Okla. and Blackford, Ky. are in progress, and a number of us from Guthrie attended the Boley meeting on the first Sunday. The tabernacle was

filled to capacity and the Word was preached with holy anointing.

When this issue goes in the mail the California State campmeeting at Pacoima will be in progress. We pray and trust that when these meetings are ended no one who heard the gospel invitation will voice the lamentation: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. God's Spirit may not strive with that soul again. How sad!

It was the pleasure of the saints to have Bro. and Sister Israel Smalling from Jamaica with them in July. Arriving in Miami, Fla. on July 11, they visited congregations in Louisiana and Oklahoma enroute to the National campmeeting in Missouri. They thoroughly enjoyed this meeting, and the fellowship of the saints wherever they went. On another page in this issue they have expressed their appreciation to the saints for making it possible for them to visit the Church in the States. They are up in years, and we pray the Lord to preserve them unto His heavenly kingdom.

Bro. and Sister Edward Joe Cramer and their six children of the Guthrie congregation felt led of the Lord to move to Grubbs, Ark. to feed the flock of God there. They moved on August 4, then attended the campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. Bro. Cramer wrote that the Lord has been blessing their labors at Grubbs. Pray that the Lord will continue to prosper their efforts in the gospel work in that field. Their address is P. O. Box 43, Grubbs, Ark. 72431.

Write for lists of tracts and books which we carry in stock. Other excellent out-of-print books will be reprinted as the Lord allows time and provides the printshop workers. We are still looking to the Lord to supply consecrated helpers in the front office and back shop. Let us be workers together with the Master in reaching this perishing world with the gospel message. Write us about your burden.

In stock is a reprint edition of "The Revelation Explained" by F. G. Smith, which includes two 17x22 inch wall charts in two colors. Consisting of 464 pages in a nice cloth cover, this volume is priced at \$4.50 each, postpaid. Be sure to secure your copy from this limited edition.

We were happy to have our son, Byron, his wife, Clarice, and daughter, Genece, with us the first part of August. They had attended a few days of the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting, and returned to their Louisiana home from here on August 14.

Our co-worker, Brother Randall Flynn, and his family have moved to their own home at 1220 West Washington Avenue in Guthrie. They are glad to get settled, as their children must start to school next week.

My sister, Marie, is gaining strength after being confined to her home with heart trouble for several

weeks in early summer. She was able to attend the first week-end of the National campmeeting in Missouri, and now is at the office part-time each day, for which we are thankful to the Lord.

This writer is still in the fight of faith against affliction, but the Lord enables your servant to be in the office ten or more hours almost every day. In Hebrews 10:36, we read the exhortation: "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Again, we read in Heb. 6:15 about faithful Abraham that "after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." There is great consolation in the Word of God that the way of faith and trust in God is the way of ultimate victory in this world and that which is to come, regardless of the difficulties we pass through in this short life. The Apostle Paul declares that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. . . ." 2 Cor. 4:17, 18. The qualification to this promise is that we continue to look at the unseen eternal values. Your continued agreement of prayer in this battle of faith and patience is much appreciated.

—Lawrence Pruitt

## OBITUARIES



Mrs. Levonia Cook was born December 4, 1906, in Gordo, Alabama. She departed on June 22, 1973.

She was united in marriage to Willie L. Cook. To this union, twelve children were born.

At an early age, she was born into the Church of God, and she remained faithful until death.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, five sons, six daughters, twenty-four grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Herman Kelley, assisted by Bros. Lewis Williams and Woodrow Warren.

Sister Bertha Gill, aged 82, of Bement, Illinois, departed this life to be with the Lord on July 27, 1973, at her home.

Sister Gill lived a faithful Christian life for many years. She was very faithful to support the work of the Lord. She trusted God to the end, proving again what the Lord said, that He would be with us to the end.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1965. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, 27 grandchildren, and 40 great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted at the Roux Funeral Home in Bement, Ill. by Bro. Mart Samons.

—Mart Samons

O. K. Myers was born April 25, 1881, at Palco, Kansas, and departed this life July 31, 1973, at La Grande, Oregon, at the age of 92 years, three months and six days.

She was united with Emanuel Myers in marriage and to this union nine children were born: eight daughters and one son. The son, one daughter and her husband preceded her in death. Her husband died in 1942.

Sister Myers was converted to Christ at the tender age of 12 years and lived for Him faithfully until the time of her death—80 years in the service of Christ; longer than most people live. She was true to the end and we can claim for her the promise of Christ: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

She was converted in the Free Methodist Church. A while later, Emanuel Myers, a minister in the Evening Light Reformation, who later became her husband, came into the community preaching the truth of this reformation and Sister Myers accepted that truth and forsook the man-made institution she was in and took her stand with the saints.

In the time of her youth she was instrumental in God's hands in bringing her father and mother and a brother to Christ.

She and her husband reared their family in Oklahoma; then moved to Oregon in 1935 and made their home in Union, Oregon.

The last few years of her life were spent in a rest home in La Grande, Oregon. She moved from this rest home to live with Jesus on July 31st. While in the rest home, she made hand work and sold it and gave all the proceeds to the Lord's work. Also, she went about in the rest home, as long as she was able, praying with the helpless ones and reading the Bible to them, thus fulfilling the scripture, "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age."

She is survived by seven daughters: Minnie Edvaldson of Union, Oregon; Maxine Weinheimer of Mesa, Arizona; Crystal Jackson of Redding, California; Inez Atkinson of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Ruth Short of Macon, Georgia; Viola McKenna of Baldwin Park, California, and Grace Jones of Jefferson, Oregon; one sister, Mrs. Alfred Mueller of Hemet, California; 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on August 3, at the Dempsey Funeral Chapel in La Grande, Oregon by Ostis B. Wilson. Burial was in the Union Cemetery at Union, Oregon.

The following verse was written in memory of Sister Myers by her daughter, Grace Jones:

No tears up there, dear mother,  
No sorrow and no pain;  
For you have gone, dear mother  
Where they'll never be again;  
And though our hearts are aching,  
For, oh, we miss you so;  
You've gone to meet your loved ones  
Where you so longed to go;  
And if we live, dear mother,  
As you, till life is o'er;  
We know we'll meet with you again  
Where we will part no more.

—O. B. Wilson

(Editor's note:—Sister Myers was a faithful witness for the Lord many years, and for more than forty years she has supported this gospel publishing work and distributed the gospel literature to many souls. May our heavenly Father comfort and sustain her bereaved daughters with the knowledge that she is at rest with her Saviour whom she loved and served.)

## IN APPRECIATION

We express our deepest appreciation to all the dear saints, loved ones and friends for the many acts of love,

kindness, prayers and visits during the illness and passing of our dear mother and wife, Sister Naomi Eddens on March 20, 1973.

Many saints gave of their time, cards and encouraging words. A number of saints and friends traveled a distance to be with us during our time of sorrow. How encouraging was your presence to us! May the great God of heaven bless and reward you for your labor of love expressed to us in the hours of sorrow.

—Bro. McKinley Eddens and family

### IN APPRECIATION

Again, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation to the dear saints, friends and loved ones for your many deeds of kindness, love and thoughtfulness to us during the recent illness and passing of our brother, A. B. Williams, who lived in Houston, Texas.

We went to his bedside a few days after we buried our brother, Norris. While in Houston with our brother, we received a number of encouraging phone calls and letters from the saints, which we appreciated so much, and they were comforting to our hearts.

Our brother's body was shipped from Houston to Oklahoma City for burial at Newalla, Okla., our old home town.

We were very thankful for the many saints that attended our brother's funeral. A number of the saints traveled a distance to be with us during our deep sorrow. To see the dear saints' faces and have your presence with us surely was a big help in lifting the grief from our heavy hearts. I just can't put in words what it meant to us.

We appreciated all the phone calls. Thanks for the beautiful cards, telegrams, letters, flowers, and most of all, your prayers!

May the dear Lord richly bless and reward each of you for your labor of love expressed to us during our bereavement. —Sister Katherine Williams and family

### EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING REPORT

Alabama (Aug. 8)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all: We send greetings from Alabama in Jesus' dear name.

We are here in a tent meeting. The Lord is blessing in a very special way. The attendance has been good. Some are rejoicing to hear the truth. One man said last night that this was the truth he got saved under 39 years ago. We are expecting much good to be done.

We have another tent meeting scheduled to start the 25th of August at Newton, W. Va. The Lord has wonderfully blessed in the tent meetings this summer. We enjoy working with the tent and feel we are where the Lord wants us. We appreciate those—Brother Bob Forbes and others—who have been working with us, also those who have given to keep the work going. I pray the Lord to bless each one.

May the Lord stir all our hearts to reach all we can while it is day. Pray for us that we be faithful to fill our place. The Lord has shown me that I'm not to look at conditions and things that are going on around about, but that my job is to reach every one I can with the gospel and He will take care of the rest.

I do appreciate the work you are doing and what you stand for. They that live godly shall suffer persecution. We are praying for you.

Yours in the One Body, —Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons  
Junction City, Ky. 40440

### FRESNO, CALIF. CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Fresno, Calif. will be held Sept. 7 through Sept. 16, 1973, at this location: 7249 E. Kings Canyon Road.

You are cordially invited to attend these gospel services. Those coming from the south, turn on Clovis Avenue, go to Kings Canyon Road, then turn right. Those coming from the north, turn on Ventura, then turn left on Kings Canyon Road to the chapel. Phone number at the chapel is 255-9868.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother E. J. Trotter, 811 West Alamos, Clovis, Calif. 93612, phone (209) 291-6003. —E. J. Trotter

### GREEN PASTURES, OKLA. FALL MEETING

The Green Pastures, Okla. fall meeting will be held, Lord willing, October 5 through October 14, 1973. We are asking all the saints everywhere to be praying with us that the Spirit of God will be with us and the power of the devil be defeated.

All are welcome to come and be in these services. The chapel is located on the corner of 57th and Denver, Green Pastures, Okla. You may contact the pastor, Bro. Herman Kelley, at 2304 N. Everest, Oklahoma City, Okla., phone 427-7314, or Sister Icy Lee Tillman, phone 769-4118. —Sister Icy Lee Tillman

### REVIVAL IN MISSOURI

Lord willing and conditions permitting, a revival meeting will begin Monday night, August 27, at the Egbert Allen home. This will be an open air meeting if weather permits. The meeting will continue as long as the Lord leads. The location is: 13 miles southwest of Norwood, Mo. on highway no. 76. Those coming in on U. S. highway 60 to Norwood, turn south on "C" highway. Come south 11 miles to highway no. 76. Turn left on highway no. 76, go two miles to the Allen home. We covet the prayers and help of the saints in this meeting. This is a Macedonian call. (Acts 16:9).

For further information, write or call Egbert Allen, R. 2, Norwood, Mo., 65717. Phone 417-746-2840.

—Egbert Allen

### JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING REPORT

We had a real good campmeeting here at Jefferson, and the largest crowd we have had for several years. There were not many outside ministers until the last half of the meeting, but we surely did hear some good preaching. If all is obeyed, we all will surely be stronger in the Lord. Several were at the altar for different needs. —Sister Emma Busch

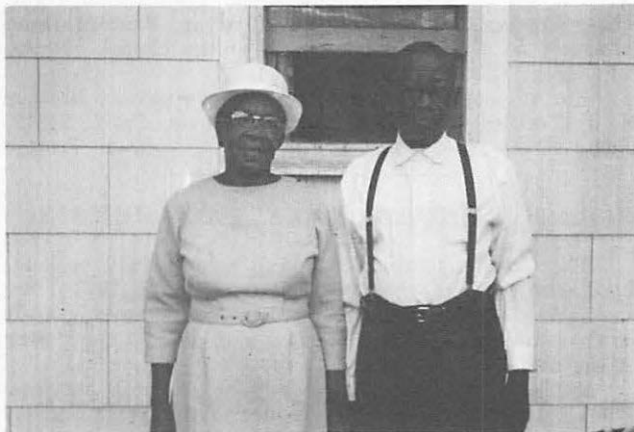
### HAMMOND, LA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

Another Hammond, La. campmeeting is now history. It was a precious meeting. The blessings of the Lord were rich throughout the meeting. We rejoiced to see the precious saints coming in. Each one was a blessing. There were a number of ministers present. The Lord wonderfully blessed and every service was precious.

Thirty-one sisters and twenty-three brethren took part in the ordinance service, six followed the Lord in



baptism, and others came to the altar for salvation and sanctification. Many received a healing touch to their bodies during the meeting. The altar work was precious and there was much rejoicing over those who were saved. Now, our prayers and concern for every one is that they will press on for God. —Sister Gladys S. Cashio



Bro. Israel and Sister Olga Smalling of Jamaica

### SMALLINGS ATTEND NATIONAL MEETING

Jamaica (Aug. 6)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sisters Maybelle and Marie, greetings of Christian love to you and all the saints over there: Thank God we arrived at home safely on the first of August about 8:00 p. m., after leaving Kansas City, Mo. that morning at seven o'clock. On reaching the airport here at Palisadoes, we found a number of the saints who had hired a mini-bus and had come to meet us. We were very happy to again be re-united, and after exchanging warm greetings, we started on a journey of more than seventy miles to reach our home.

Last Sunday (Aug. 5), after the service here, we gave a brief report of our visit there and of the meetings in the various congregations and at the campmeeting. This brought much blessings.

Writing cannot adequately express our sincere gratitude to all the saints who participated in getting us over there and treating us so hospitably. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you all. Truly, our fellowship with the saints in their homes and assemblies, including the campmeeting, was wonderful. The hospitality shown to us by Bro. Willie and Sister Frances Murphey, the loving memory of our visit to the Print Shop, at the Golden Rule Home, and in the various assemblies will long be cherished. Thus, we say:—

Thank God for the holy Remnant  
Who will not to Babel bow,  
But to their Lord, Jehovah Great,  
Their eternal trueness vow.  
Thank God for the holy Remnant  
On Mount Zion they will ever be,  
Building the City of Zion  
Anew, for eternity.  
Blessed are the holy Remnant  
Who to their God are true,  
Fearing not Babel's commotion—  
The will of their Lord they do.

Yours in the One Body of Christ, His Church,  
—Israel and Olga Smalling

## Prayer Requests



Kansas—"Pray that the Lord will completely heal my body."  
—Shairy Christian

La.—Sister Gatha Nichols of Loranger had another stroke. She needs special prayer, and also Bro. Nichols.

N. Mex.—"Pray for John, my husband, who has cancer. . . . I'm in bed with a pinched nerve and a slipped disk in my back."  
—Mrs. J. B. Taylor

Kentucky—Bro. Curtis Williams' mother is very frail, so remember her in prayer. Bro. Curtis testified that he has better health now than he has had for six years. God alone has done this.

Louisiana—"I enjoy the 'Faith and Victory' paper and when I finish reading it I give it to my cousin, who is in the nursing home. He seems very anxious to read it. I took him mother's big-lettered New Testament. He said he would read it. If it could be for the saving of one soul, it would be worth all my efforts. . . . I do thank all the saints who are concerned about my sister and for their prayers. . . . Pray for another sister as she has hepatitis and needs prayer. . . . I desire prayer for my son and his wife. . . . Pray for me and mine."  
—Velma Mancil

Oregon—"I desire prayer for healing of a stroke, also, for healing for a sister who is going blind."  
—Clyde Southwell

Mich.—Bro. Floyd Hines wrote on August 6 that the Lord had undertaken for his wife to the extent that she is able to get out of bed into her wheel chair and back into bed by herself, but she cannot stand on her feet to walk. Continue to pray for her recovery and that God will stand with them in this battle of afflictions.

Ind.—"Pray for my son, Zoder Swafford. He has back trouble. He is not able to work. They have three children and his wife had to get a job. . . . I know God is able to completely heal him. . . . He and his wife are faithful followers of God."  
—Mrs. Elizabeth Swafford

Ind.—"I have gall bladder trouble . . . , and can't eat without it hurting me, so please remember me in prayer. I know God can heal."  
—Dessie Wilson

Wisc.—"Our burdens are heavy, but the Lord takes us through . . . and we are thankful. . . . We have afflictions that are hard to bear and ask an interest in your prayers. . . . Pray for our children. . . . We received the rolls of 'Faith and Victory.' My daughter places them in strategic places and they are eagerly picked up. Pray that each soul who is willing to look into the truth as it is in Jesus may be blessed."  
—Mrs. Florence Knoll

Ill.—"I have had a stroke and need prayer. I would like for someone to come and pray for me."  
—Sister Iva Boling

Mo.—"I have a very special unspoken request for prayer."  
—Bro. Willard Marler

Let us pray for souls who are given tracts and gospel literature that God will cause the seed sown to bring forth fruit. I read a little note which said, "Life is not in the sower, but in the seed." It's the Word that is received from the sower that will bring forth the fruit if it falls into a hungry heart. But prayer must be behind it. So if you can't sow the seed, pray for the seed which is sown that it will bring forth fruit.  
—Sister Marie Miles



### GOD IS MY HEALER

The Lord has been gracious to me. On May 16th, I had a heart attack that put me in bed most of the time for five weeks. Sis. Ruby Stover came and stayed with me for over two weeks. She so preciously nursed me back to a start to health again. Again and again, she prayed for me and all the saints prayed. My loved ones, and Bro. Leslie and Sister Sylvia Busbee, carried a burden for me and did so many things to help. I am so indebted to so many, I feel, but can only ask God to bless each one. I was so weak and frail. My nerves seemed to almost break and I had trouble with my digestive system as well as my heart having pains around it and hurting. The devil fought hard. He tried to tell me I was finished and I would never be well again, nor be able to work in the office. I held my faith steady in the Lord and would thank the Lord for healing even during that weakness. It came to me that the time to exercise faith is in affliction. When we are healed, we don't need to exercise faith for healing of affliction so I would continually tell the devil that by faith I was healed. It was a long battle, but victory came. Praise the Lord for His love and kindness to me. I am again busy for God and I am sleeping well at night. I can't thank God enough and the saints for their prayers. Saints, be encouraged, if you are in the battle of afflictions. When things look the darkest, you are thus tried the most, but look up above it all and see Jesus, who is our Healer. He will not fail. Never yield to discouragement. Fight it with prayed down power from God. Again I must tell you that it's wonderful not to have that hurting around my heart nor that severe weakness and other pains in my body. God has been my Healer as I did not look to the doctors. He will heal you also if you will hold steady and have faith.

—Sister Marie Miles

### Foreign Field Reports

#### BRO. VARGHESE NOT PERMITTED TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR

S. India (July 20)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints in America: Greetings again in holy Christian love which binds us together in one family.

Thank you very much for your letter dated June 30, and the enclosures were noted with maximum gratitude.

It is with great regret that I write this letter to you because the passport officer informed me yesterday that my passport would not be ready until the last week in August, and advised me to postpone my trip until September. But by September the campmeetings there will be about all over, so I am forced to cancel my trip until next summer. I arranged everything and got ready for the trip with great eagerness to meet and see the beloved faces of all of you in America, but the will of Heaven is not so, and I gladly yield to the will and wish of God. Lord willing, everything will be ready before next summer and I can reach there by next June and attend all the campmeetings. I extend my thanks to you for your kindness in sending the round trip ticket through Trans World Airlines, though I could not use it at this time. . . .

Quite unexpectedly the Holy Spirit directed us to conduct an open meeting at Bethel chapel for four days last week. The Word says we must be ready to work

in His field in season and out of season. Through this meeting God visited many persons and families through His Holy Spirit and the church was edified. . . . As the church expands, the monetary needs are also increasing, for which we look up. Your earnest, continued prayers are essential for these urgent needs. Thank you for your help and prayers.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

(Editor's note:—The failure of Bro. Varghese to come from India for the summer campmeetings was a disappointment to many saints, but we acknowledge that God's will has been done. The airline has returned the price of the ticket to us, and we have placed the total sum designated for his fare in a separate, interest-bearing account reserved for his coming next year, Lord willing. Let us continue to pray for and contribute to the mission work worldwide, and pray that the way will be opened for Bro. Varghese to come to the States next summer.)

#### LETTER FROM MEXICO MISSIONARY

Patzcuaro, B. Cfa. Mexico (Aug. 8)—Dear ones: The Lord has blessed me in soul and body, and I have sweet peace in my soul today.

For the last little while I have thought much about life. It is so short and we have only one. If we mis-use it or spend it foolishly, we have no other to use or to live over. The Lord has entrusted in our hands our precious soul and we must give account to God what we do with it. Each one will stand before Him, and what shall we say if all our lives we have thought and lived for the material things of this life and for only the things that please the fleshly body? May the Lord help us to live more seriously and carefully before the Lord, making every day count for Him. Many people are so cumbered about life and its problems that they just seem to exist and not enjoy living. I am so glad that one who lives for the Lord realizes that he has only one life and one soul to care for, and that as he does it he can be happy and enjoy life as it comes.

This summer has been full of activities in this missionary life. In July, we went to Ojos Negros to the campmeeting. It was a very precious meeting, well attended by the saints here and also some from the States. I received much help and blessing to my soul. The singing was wonderful and the Word went forth with power. At the end of the meeting two were baptized.

We continue to go to Estacion Victoria for services each week. The Lord is blessing us there, too. Sometimes we see new faces. Pray for Pablo Andrades' wife, Esperanza, who has a real serious need in her body and needs health to care for her large family.

Be encouraged and remember that we have only this one life to live, which is fast passing away, and only those things done for Christ will last. Remember us in prayer.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Edith Cole  
P. O. Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

#### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (Aug. 6)—Dear Brother Pruitt, greetings in the holy name of our great Saviour and King, Christ Jesus: We received your letter of July 10, together with the enclosures of draft and July issue of "Faith and Victory" paper, and hereby acknowledge thanks to God and you. The paper indeed has been food to our souls, and the good news of the camp-

meetings was read with joy. Praise the Lord! Our prayers continue to ascend to the throne of grace for profitable similar occasions yet to be held.

Every member here desires for one from there to visit us and the mission work here. Someone should come to see the vineyard which the Church in America has been caring for. We know that God's eyes are upon us, and let us hope that someone from the church there will come to our midst.

The Church of God here is growing. . . . Several mission stations have contributed to build the walls of the new mission workshop at the main station, and now we need help to put on the wood and zinc roof.

We pray for you and for God's blessing upon the work.

Yours in Christ,

—Ben E. Udoka



**NEW CHAPEL** at Ikot Akpan Eda, Nigeria, for which money was sent last winter to put on the wood and zinc roof. Pastor M. U. Ekpo is standing with hand raised.

### BIBLE FOUND—IS IT YOURS?

A nice, brown and gold Holman Bible was found at Monark Springs campground after the campmeeting, belonging to Delva Boland. Would the owner, or any one who knows the owner, please send his address to this office so that this Bible can be returned?

### From The Mail Box . . .

Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It has been some time since we have written to you, but we are still running in the race for that crown which God has prepared for His own. We are much encouraged to press on, knowing that the God we serve is true to His Word. Although we may be much criticized by the world in the way we live, we have the assurance that God does the rewarding at the end of life's last mile and not the people who would call us narrow-minded, or stubborn, or other such names. They have nothing to give for reward; they cannot save us. All they have belongs to God, even their life and breath.

We wonder at times at people's blindness, but then Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Surely, a man cannot see spiritual things until his spiritual eyes are opened. Jesus came here to earth and paid the supreme price, so the blind hearts could be made to see if they will.

We hope this letter finds all of you there much encouraged in the Lord. Our prayers are with you that you might put out the gospel in truth and boldness. . . .

Please send us the tracts that are checked on the list. Enclosed is the money to pay for them.

May the Lord bless you in your work there and may we always pray for one another. Your Bro. and Sister in Christ, —Milford and Dorothy Parsons

Tenn.—Dear friends at the publishing house: I am sending a check, for which please mail me the book, "The Revelation Explained" by F. G. Smith. Use the remainder of the money as you see the need.

I pray that Bro. Lawrence is recovering from his trouble whatever it is. I hope every one at the publishing house is feeling well.

Pray for me. I am getting up in years; am going on my 85th year. Please pray also for my family.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Daisy Gossett

Wash.—Dear Sister Marie and saints at the Lord's print shop: Greetings in the name of our dear Saviour. We are so thankful to God for His dear Son, the One who taketh away the sin of the world. I am so thankful He forgave me of my sins, which were many. I love Him more and more and want to please Him in every way.

We miss the "Faith and Victory" paper when we don't get it in August, but I am so glad you take the month of July to go to campmeetings.

We had the privilege of attending the one at Jefferson, Oregon again this year. It was a real good meeting, and the Lord blessed us with cooler weather for most of the meeting.

I am so glad, Sister Marie, that you are better. I am praying for all there, and especially for you and Brother Lawrence.

I would like an interest in your prayers for my unsaved loved ones.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas

Tenn.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am so thankful for the touch the Lord gave you.

I received the books today. They were in good shape. I am hoping to get a few together for prayer each week. I will appreciate your prayers that God will have His way. I have several tracts and books which will be helpful.

May the Lord continue to bless all at the publishing house.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mary Williamson

Orillia, Ontario, Canada—My dear Sister Maybelle: Greetings of love through Jesus' name, the One who is so wonderful to us all. He is the only bridge over hell, the only gateway into heaven. When we come to Christ, there is the greatest adventure ahead of us, the adventure of growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord. God has a standard for all Christians. Nothing short of a Spirit-filled life will satisfy God, and nothing short of this brings entire satisfaction to our own souls. Why come short of this when the Holy Spirit is so abundantly able to take over, make over, to flood over our lives?

I am full of wonder and my heart bubbles with anticipation to see the wonderful Home above. I know it is going to be in beauty far above what I have pictured it to be, for Jesus has prepared it, and when we think of the unending eternity where all is pure and all is

love, we feel our hearts swell with gratitude to God. I am sure that no matter what we do for God now, not one of us will feel we have done enough for Him on that last day when there is no more time to do. When we see so many souls unsaved, lost forever, a flock that might have been saved had we been more generous, had we only opened our hearts of love and stretched out our hand just a little farther, had we prayed just a little longer, and made our prayers more sincere, and let those tears fall, I wonder, oh, I wonder how short we are coming on just what we can do!

May God bless you dear saints in the Lord. I am praying for your work, and praying God will give you the strength needed to carry on. —Clare Smith

Ill.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' precious name: There is so much sin, awful sin in the world; whole families are living in such deep sin. Some of the saints' children are in sin. I've thought of some of the prayers I heard at the Monark Springs campmeeting at Neosho, Mo. It was so good just to hear some one else pray. They were praying for their children. Their prayers were like mine. They are anxious and concerned. Time is so short, and life is so uncertain. Only God knows. We must keep trusting and follow on; pray on, as the prize is ahead. The singing at campmeeting was so beautiful, and the preaching gave strength and encouragement. So many saints need healing. I want to be more faithful in prayer. Our Father is able, as He has all power.

One more of our dear sisters has passed on to her reward—dear Sister Bertha Gill of Bement, Ill. Her voice is still. She no longer can pray for her children. She was so burdened for them. We that are left here for a little while must keep them on our hearts. There are so many needs and burdens on my heart today. Just pray with me, that God will move and remove each hindrance from souls who need Him so much.

We love you and know the Lord loves us all. He says He doesn't withhold any good thing from those who walk uprightly. He knows things before they ever happen. He knows each day. He will give grace and love. He is my Saviour, my helper, in Him I will trust.

—Viola Perry

Ga.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and helpers in the Print Shop: Greetings to you in the lovely name of our loving Lord who suffered, bled and died for the salvation of the souls of the whole world. I am grateful for all the good Lord has done for me. I am ever ready to live to please Him. I am glad for the true people of God. I certainly do enjoy the lovely literature I receive from you there. There are some wonderful lessons in the "Faith and Victory." I am so glad the good Lord called me out from among sectarians, and I obeyed His call and came out. (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

Pray much for me as I do for you. May God be gracious to all of you is my prayer.

—Sister P. R. Bowers

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' wonderful name, to you, the workers at the Print Shop, and all the saints every where: I am so happy I am able to report victory in my soul over sin. Oh, how I praise and thank God today for helping me to see the Church of which Jesus is the Author and Builder.

I surely ask an interest in the prayers of all saints everywhere for my family that God won't let them be deceived in these perilous times. I believe that Jesus

saves people anywhere when they meet God's conditions. God's people are all one family and all speak the same thing. Read the 17th chapter of St. John. Praise God for the precious Word of God. I hope you are lots better in body.

—Nathan Mobley

Ark.—Greetings to all in the most powerful and lovely name I know—the precious name of Jesus. Oh, how great Thou art! I trust all are deeply in love with the Lord and His service. I pray daily for each one.

I was in the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting for two days. It was good to be there and meet all the dear saints. All the preaching was so good. I would like to have stayed longer, but I get tired so easily. I thank the Lord for the burden for others, and He helps us in all we do for Him and others.

We now have a minister, Bro. Cramer, and family here at Grubbs. We are thankful to have an humble family to be with us. We had a good prayer meeting last Wednesday night.

There is a real sick man at Grubbs. Please pray for him and his dear wife that the Lord will bless and help in His own precious way.

I do trust Bro. Pruitt is much better in health. God loves and He cares. How comforting to know He is ever near.

Please accept the love offering to help in the Lord's work that His truth will keep marching on.

Trustingly, —Sister N. E. Adams

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: I would like you to know that mama [Sister Annie McKinney] knew about my brother's death [George McKinney] before the rest of us. . . . After she had prayed all night, she went to the office [Senior Citizen's Home] and said that George was dead. . . . God had told her. She has lived so close to her Lord that He saved the children from having to tell their mother. . . . She reared seven children without ever giving us a drop of medicine. All things were taken care of through prayer. George was the first to go of the seven. . . . May God bless you and help you to get your strength back soon.

—Lucille Allen

Mo.—Dear Sister and all of the saints: I love to read the "Faith and Victory" paper. . . . Please pray for me and my children. . . . We need strength in soul and body. I am praying for you. I know God will heal you if He sees best. I love Jesus for what He has done for me. I am past 74 years of age. I wish I could be in some of the campmeetings. I hope that there will be many souls saved. May God bless you all there.

—Jewell Lane

Okl.—Dear Sister Miles and workers at the Print Shop: I'm glad to say that I am yet saved and looking to our God for all things even though the way may seem rough and rocky at times. We can be sure that He knows best and has charted each step before us, and He cares for His children. . . .

It was an awful blow to me in the loss of my sister, Willa J. Williams, but when I look back and see how He has blessed us and healed our bodies down through the years, I can only thank Him for His goodness and mercy. Pray for me as I do for all of you.

—Sister Rilla C. Wadley

S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings of love to all of you at the Print Shop. This leaves me still on the battlefield for God. My heart's desire is to press

on and live for Him. I surely do enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. It brings a lot of good thoughts to my mind as I read. I also enjoy passing them on to others. May God bless you and the saints for the printing of the paper, tracts, and books that go out for the lost. Pray for me. —Eddie Driggers

Mo.—Dear ones in Christ: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I haven't forgotten you, but have been remembering you in my prayers. We are praying for you, Bro. Pruitt, and for you, Sister Marie, trusting and hoping to hear you both have a complete recovery, and for the salvation of lost souls. May God richly bless you both and all the co-workers with you at the Print Shop.

God has blessed us in a wonderful way and has led us out into His work, for which we are thankful. Pray for us that we may always do and say the things that He would have us to do and say. We want to be in the center of His will at all times. Praise the Lord for His love, mercy and faithfulness. May God bless you each one. —Lena Bowman

Oklahoma.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I still receive your little "Faith and Victory" paper and enjoy every word of it. It is a grand little paper. . . . I had confidence in your father's prayers and felt like I knew him. I never did meet him, but sent him prayer requests for my mother and I feel the same toward you.

Please pray for my afflicted daughter. . . . I do hope and pray that God has touched and healed you both. I believe you are living and preaching the truth. Remember me, too, in your prayers. I'll be praying for you. —Mrs. Venia Ledbetter

Ark.—Dear ones: I love the "Faith and Victory" magazine. Please keep it coming. It is food for my soul. May God bless all of you there at the Print Shop. I hope Sister Marie is fine by now.

God has richly blessed me in body and recently healed me of hip and back trouble. I give Him thanks and praise for His goodness to all. —Sister Belva Howard

Ariz.—Dear Sister Marie and workers there: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I remember you in prayer and trust God to richly bless and heal your bodies. . . . Words cannot express my appreciation for the saints, especially the ones that work in getting out the printed page. The "Faith and Victory" has helped to sustain me many times, also the books you publish there. —Sister Ferne Laub

Mich.—Dear Sirs: Can you tell me how I can get some of the tracts, "Others May, You Cannot"?

Some time ago, I was in Tampa, Fla. when a gentleman standing on a street corner handed me this tract. I thought he was of some cult and fully intended to destroy it . . . , but I put it in my purse. Later, however, I shared it with many people and have had many requests for this tract. Please let me know how they can be obtained.

Yours in Christ,

—Mrs. Garrett Cope

(Editor's note:—No doubt, Brother John O. Bodden passed out that tract. His efforts have been a blessing to many. The Lord of the harvest needs many more tract distributors.)

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Fla.—Dear readers: I am a young brother in the congregation of the Church of God in Goulds, Fla., sitting under the preaching of Bro. Hargrave. I have been saved about two years and I truly love the Lord. Since I have been saved, the Lord has been very good to me and I truly, with all my heart, mind, might, soul, etc., mean to please the Lord, living a "holy, acceptable" life in this present world.

I truly thank the Lord for the April meeting that He let us have here in Goulds. It was stirring to my soul. At this meeting, the Lord showed me how wonderful that true, and fair Zion is, and as the words came down, I put them into a song, as follows:

### I Love Fair Zion

Fair Zion is the Church of God,  
The one I love so dear;  
She stands upon the solid Rock,  
And truth is preached out clear.

Chorus: Oh, how I love Zion,  
Oh, how I love Zion,  
Oh, how I love Zion,  
The beautiful Church of God.

Her songs of praise, they are so true,  
They're built upon the Word;  
They'll stand when others seem to fall—  
Their wonderful song is heard.

Her prayers go up as incense sweet,  
And gather 'round the throne;  
By faith she stands on God's promises,  
By grace she shuns all wrong.

Fair Zion loves judgment from the Lord,  
It comes like rain from the sky;  
She always measures to His Word,  
Then preaches it, live or die.

She lives on; Zion will never die.  
She'll live while others fall;  
She's walking in the precious light,  
She's truly the Church that's called.

I thank God for this song because I got it straight from Him. I would like you saints to pray much for me that I live this life exactly like Jesus did.

Prayerfully yours, —Bro. Henry Peeples

Minn.—Dear saints at the Printshop: Greetings in Christian love. This leaves me well and recovered from the hiccups which, they say, is bad for a man of my age, but it is not too bad for my God to heal, and I give God the glory, as I received no medication.

I was in a nursing home for over two months. Most of that time I was waiting to get into this high-rise building, and now I am located and alone in this apartment—yet not alone, God is with me. He said He would never leave me, nor forsake me. I believe God, for He alone is almighty. It is far better to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. I am ready when that time comes. Glory to God in the highest!

Much love and prayers for all your needs,

—Bro. Andrew Senti

Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: I would like to tell you what the Lord did for me Monday night, July 9. We went to bed around 9:30, and I felt fine. I woke up about 10:30 feeling terrible. I sat up, and felt just

like I couldn't live over a few minutes longer, so I called my sister. I asked her to pray. She called my other sister in Springfield, who called some of the saints there. They all prayed, and in a few minutes I felt better, but in about ten minutes, the same feeling came back. We both knelt and prayed again and I started feeling better after awhile. I felt sick at my stomach and vomited. We went to bed and I felt fine. I got up the next day and went to work, came home last night, did my washing, worked today, and ironed tonight. I still feel fine. Thank the Lord! What a mighty God we serve! I had eaten a frozen turkey pie for supper that night. I don't know if I was poisoned on that, or what happened, but the Lord knows and He took care of it.

I need your prayers. I have a small daughter to rear. Pray that the Lord will spare me and give me the wisdom to rear her in the way of the Lord. Also, pray for her that she will be saved, also all my loved ones.

Sister Marie, I have never met you, but I feel you are one of the family. I love you as a sister. I hope some day we can meet. Pray for me. I need much help.

Love,

—Mildred Swain

Calif.—Dear Sister Miles, the saints at the Print Shop, and all scattered abroad: Greetings in the name of the One who died that we might have life and that more abundantly. Today finds me saved, to sin no more, with love in my heart for everyone.

I feel impressed to write my testimony about the wonderful healing the Lord did for me. I had a bad knee, and after a day or two, I took a severe condition in my other limb, making it very difficult for me to get around with a walking cane or even someone helping me. One of my daughters called from Oklahoma City and asked if there was anything I wanted her to do. I told her to get in touch with a minister and tell him to pray for me. The other daughter called some saints in Guthrie. The Lord healed that limb, so that the next day I could walk all over the house with out the cane. I truly thank God and the saints. Continue to pray for me and my family.

—Sister Katie Gaines

Calif.—Dear saints: Recently, the Lord did something for me which increased my faith and gave more meaning to the phrase, "Prayer changes things."

For quite some time I had a small external growth. I didn't pray about it. I felt it would go away in time. One day, I felt impressed to pray for its removal. I prayed for about the space of a week or more. The following Monday, I noticed dry skin near the base on one side of the growth. On Wednesday night, at prayer meeting, I praised the Lord for the work He had begun and stated I was trusting Him for its complete removal. Two days later, the victory came. Without any pain, I pulled the skin away and cut off the plastic-like sinews with a pair of scissors.

By this, I know that Christ has as much power today as He had in Galilee. Just as He called His disciples together (Matt. 10:1), and gave them power to heal all manner of sickness and disease, He is willing to give us the same power if we live righteously and earnestly contend for the faith (Jude 3) which was once delivered unto the saints.

Sincerely,

—Cecelia Bowman

## The Spirit of the World

### (Part Four)

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." Hebrews 4:9, 10. God has ordained that His people should have full access to, and then enter, His kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy. Romans 14:17. This is a spiritual kingdom, experienced only in the Holy Ghost. Those who are in this kingdom partake of the holiness, perfection, or righteousness of God, His rest and peace which passeth understanding, and His joy, which is unspeakable and full of glory. By the shedding of Christ's blood, and the sending of the Holy Spirit, all provisions have been made for mankind to be born into the kingdom of the Spirit.

Notice, this is a spiritual realm. And there is one way to enter: entire abandonment of our all to God. We surrender our sins and they are washed away by Jesus' blood. We surrender our wills and bodies as living sacrifices and He purges us of inbred sin and fills us with His Holy Spirit. Then we continually yield, submit, and abandon to God everything: our ways, our works, ambitions, desires, activities, affections, interests, minds, our total selves. We cease, we decrease, we rest utterly from all our works, letting God perfect His holiness (2 Corinthians 7:1), righteousness, peace, and joy in us. This is the work of the Spirit of God, and His work results in our bearing abundant fruit of the Spirit.

But let us notice the working of the spirit of the world and what it results in. The spirit of the world works in everything contrary to the Spirit of God and His spiritual kingdom. Instead of the righteousness and holiness of God, there is unrighteousness or man's filthy rags of self-righteousness. Instead of quiet, peace, rest, contentment, and calm sobriety, there is unrest, disquiet, rush, lust, anxiety, and insobriety. Instead of joy in the Lord and glorious praise and adoration to God, gloom, despair, hopelessness, or false exuberance, rejoicing in iniquity, pleasures, wickedness, and praise and adoration of every other god, idol and image, but the true God.

Let's examine closely some manifestations of man's "righteousness," and see how the spirit of the world works in it and is contrary to God's righteousness. For example, take the Woman's Liberation Front (which is a communistic title). Under the guise of giving "poor, underprivileged woman" her well-deserved right (and some go so far as to say God-given right) of "equality with man," the infernals of hell have hatched a horde of abominable, presumptuous, unclean, God-denying spirits in the world. We can only touch on the implications of these spirits in the world, but they are extremely far-reaching, and have made inroads into the thinking and practices of many professed children of God. This is the reason for this article, to uncover these inroads so that we as saints can watch and keep our

garments unspotted from the world and be ready when Christ comes for His blameless, spotless, untainted, holy Bride.

God's righteousness made woman at first equal with man (she was taken from Adam's side), but after sin entered, God (in righteousness again) gave woman the place to be subject to man. She's to be given honor as the "weaker vessel" (1 Peter 3:7), but the spirit of the world will flagrantly, and presumptuously tell you that woman is not weaker, in fact, she's stronger. So woman is pushed, and pushes herself, into many jobs, places and situations, which are proper and decent only for men. Be careful, young sisters, of entering professions and jobs where you are a "trailblazer" in a field where woman has only recently entered. This trail may lead to hell.

God's righteousness has ordained that women be chaste, discreet, keepers at home, obedient to their husbands, loving them and their children. Titus 2:4, 5. The spirit in the world utterly rejects and discounts God's plan on these lines altogether. Chastity, modesty, and purity as spiritual virtues in womanhood today are hardly existent in the world, and decreasing in the church congregations, even among us. The influence and pressure of immodesty and exposure has weakened parents' courage to teach their children God's love for and absolute requirement of purity and holiness.

God's standard of modesty and purity is no more relative and dependent on custom, environment, and conditions than His standard of love, holiness, patience, mercy and all His perfections. Modesty is not relative to ages, countries, and times. It is absolute. It is free from the spirit of the world in all ages, countries, and times. Bible modesty includes the shunning of every appearance of worldliness, the careful rejection of every thought, action, article of dress, color, and situation which would tend toward or encourage passion, desire, familiarity, and impure thoughts. Practically, one can be said to be dressed modestly according to God's standard (1 Peter 3:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10), if one presents a total picture of simplicity, meekness, godliness and purity.

Shamefacedness, reserve, meekness and quietness of spirit must be taught and demonstrated by older sisters and younger sisters. (1 Peter 3:3-6). Or else the bold, shameless, loud, unsubmitive, independent spirit of the world will taint us. Except we allow, by complete surrender to the will and plan of God's Word, the Holy Spirit to cultivate submission, quietness, contentment, love, sacrifice, selflessness, in our hearts, we will find it tempting to be self-assertive. If not careful, we will become discontent with God's placement of woman in the home. We will feel like we aren't being "fulfilled; we need to get out, too." Beware, Satan has made it quite convenient for woman to cast off her God-given place and find other places "more pleasurable, liberating, fulfilling," but more selfish, presumptuous, corrupting, and damning to herself, her family, and the nation.

Right along with the spirit behind woman's "Liberation," is the spirit of effeminacy in men, and homosexuality, which are abominations before our Holy God. (Deut. 22:5; Rom. 1:24-27). Some people who are under the influence of the spirit of the world, when mentioning long hair on men, often ask, "What is long? How many inches?" It would be Word-of-God-safety to say, shun any appearance of, or tendency toward effeminacy and worldiness, however slight. If hair is cut short where there is not the slightest tinge toward any worldly look such as unisex (effeminacy in men and masculinity in women), then you are safe. This includes the straggly or cut-off hair common among females today. All this is part of the spirit of the world.

The loose, free, casual, worldly, unrestrained look of modern society must be shunned by all saints, young and old, male and female. There is no need to name details, for anyone who is a lover of truth and holiness, and who wants no taints upon their white robes will be diligent about seeking God to help them cleanse "all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Corinthians 7:1.

—Sister Bonnie L. Matthews

(To be continued)

## A Physician's Opinion of the Miniskirt

Perhaps my mind works differently, but for the life of me I cannot figure out why so many women who avowedly want to appear at their loveliest, who presumably understand the basics of proper dress and behavior, who greatly desire to present a good impression before others, can be caught and enslaved in this whim of evil fashion which violates all the principles of good taste, common sense, femininity, and wholesomeness, and which approaches the bounds of positive indecency, immodesty, and immorality.

How did this near madness in clothes, or lack of clothes, come to be? What evil influence has stealthily appeared and "put hooks" in our women's noses, leading them around like monkeys? What demonic piper has danced into our land only to rob us of that greatly desirable modesty and womanly delicacy which formerly characterized our wives and daughters? Please tell me.

You ask what is wrong with mini clothes? We answer you, first of all, they are not becoming; they are almost ugly. They unfortunately emphasize parts of the anatomy which ought to be covered. They fail to do anything for the wearer which clothes ought to do. They are tight, uncomfortable, immodest, inadequate. The wearer is never at ease. There is always tugging, stretching, pulling, changing positions, uncertain of what is visible. Actually, everything's wrong with them.

Back in the lovely Garden of Eden, God pronounced that it was not good for man to live alone. To remedy this, God brought to Adam a new crea-



tion, one like him but different—one which was human, but exceedingly feminine. This one was Eve.

In the lovely Garden there was no need for clothing. The first pair were sinless. But when sin crept in and God was forced to send them from the Garden, the first thing which God did was to clothe them. Clothing is normal. After mankind sinned, it was not intended that he should go naked.

Clothing can add to attractiveness. Clothing can be an aid to beauty in the same manner as a frame enhances a picture. Clothing can emphasize physical charm and cover physical deficiencies. May we be frank and honest? There are very few human anatomies that are paragons of beauty. Clothing is a blessing here.

Take the length of the skirt, for example. I, for one, do not think that skirts should be so long as to sweep the ground. To my mind there is a normal place for the hemline. It is several inches below the knee.

But if the covering of the knees were the only problem, it wouldn't be so tragic. The sin of mini-skirts goes far beyond the knees. This problem is the utter inability of such tight and short skirts to cover the other subjects involved. It is a problem of inadequacy. If the skirts are above the knees when you stand up, where can they go when you sit down?

I have been embarrassed beyond words at the exposures of fatty and ugly portions of the body brought into plain view by the shortness and tightness of modern women's clothing.

There may be in our world some women so vile and degraded that they seek to sinfully exhibit their bodies with evil intentions. For these we have the deepest pity. But we wonder if the average mini-skirted girl or woman realizes that there is a very definite tie-in between abbreviated clothing and moral sin. The sex drive in men is strong, and it is ignited into flame by very little. Especially is this true in young men.

Proper clothing has always been a deterrent to sin. And, conversely, undue exposure stimulates sinful thought and action. We must remember, it was the Lord Himself who pointed out that adultery was not only the act of wrong sex, but wrong thinking was adultery as well. How careful here our women and our girls should be!

But I started out to ask the "why" of mini-skirts. How does such a state of affairs exist at all? How can a world of women, moral women, women who want to appear lovely, women who can sense what true fashion is, women with full-length mirrors in homes, how can they be trapped into a style which robs them of that for which they are earnestly seeking, and turns them into bulky, unattractive, charmless individuals.

I do not know, really, but I am told there are fashion centers in the world. These are the offices of certain immoral people who plot the world's fashions for a mess of pottage. I am told they change fashion from year to year for the purpose of extract-

ing dollars from their victims. I am told they laugh with diabolical glee when their suckers follow their dictates, and in the meantime shout until the rafters ring at what dupes and fools such women are.

I do not presume to believe that the women of the world will follow my plea. They are ruled by aims and ideals other than those which motivate Christian women to be sober (serious). Christian women are different. They should always be in keeping with the Bible's ideal, that by life and walk they should exalt the dear Lord who loved them, and gave Himself for them.

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober [i. e., seriously-minded], to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:3-5).

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel." (1 Timothy 2:9).

—William Orr, M. D.

## God's Power

Divine power means: power over sin and the devil, power over selfish desires, power to choose God's way, and the power of the Holy Ghost which enables us to be whatever God wants us to be. Our God-given power of choice makes us responsible for what we are. Many people are willing to be ignorant of Satan's wicked devices and evil power.

The most popular person in our world today is self. Self is reigning supreme. Self is being fully supported in its pursuit of self-gratification. The trend at present is to go the way of least resistance, whether spiritual or temporal.

The term relating to divine overcoming power is seldom used. Daniel, the prophet, said, "When he [the devil] shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." How much longer, Lord, can time last?

The religious and secular world today are "passing the buck." "Let George do it," or, "George did it." The preacher is supposed to be responsible for our soul, the government for our welfare, and the schools for our children. This is supposed to be freedom, but in fact it is bondage—soul, mind, and body. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. . . . But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the

gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. . . . These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. . . . But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." (Jude 7, 8, 10-13, 16, 20, 21.) —Tom Melot

## Heal The Sick

For some time my heart has been burdened as I observe how God's ministers fail to claim and exercise the power He has given them on the line of divine healing. We read in Luke 9:2 that "He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." By this and many other Scriptures we see that they were commanded to heal the sick just as much as they were to preach, and they had just as much right to leave off preaching as they had to leave off healing the sick. He tells them in Matthew 10:8, "Freely ye have received, freely give." As they had received freely, they were to give freely. Peter and John were not stingy with the power and gift that God had bestowed upon them. The lame man at the gate of the temple received freely of such as they had.

God's ministers have just as much authority to heal the sick, cast out devils, etc., as did the early Christian ministers, if they would only claim the power and use it. God never sends a man or woman out to preach without clothing them with power to heal the sick. We frequently see cases where the elders are sent for to anoint the sick according to James 5:14, and the sick one is not healed; then they begin to look around for the cause and it invariably is laid upon the sick one, or upon the parents if it happened to be a child that is sick, when, in all probability, if the preacher had claimed his authority, and prayed the prayer of faith, the sick would have been healed, as we read in James 5:15, that the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

We do have one case on record where God's ministers failed to heal those who came to them in apostolic times, and that was because of their unbelief; and He told them that that kind came out only by prayer and fasting, thus intimating that by prayer and fasting it could be accomplished.

Too often we see poor afflicted ones send for the elders to come and pray for them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord, and if the sick are not healed they lay the blame upon the sick, and probably go on home leaving them still sick, instead of getting right down in earnest prayer

and fasting until the Lord heals the sick one, or reveals to them His will in the matter.

Of course, there are times when the sick really are to blame, and are not in an attitude for God to heal them; but in such cases, by allowing the Holy Spirit to guide, the elder can be able to discern the fault, and when it is removed, then he should exercise the God-given power by healing the sick one.

God is certainly not pleased with His ministers when they fail to use the power He has given them and thereby glorify His name.

I pray God to awaken His ministers everywhere to their duty and authority on the line of divine healing, and make His church shine in the evening time as in the morning, by preaching the kingdom of God and healing the sick.

—J. W. Keen

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## TWENTY YEARS LOST!

On one of the Clyde steamers, a Christian man, on his holidays, was giving away tracts. Among those who received one was a gentleman belonging to Glasgow, who remarked as he received it that he feared such efforts did little permanent good. "I am not opposed to such work," he said. "In my younger days I did a good deal of it myself, but I cannot say that I ever saw any fruit from it."

The tract distributor was somewhat "dampened" by that remark, coming from one who evidently was a Christian of many years' standing. But he instantly remembered that his own conversion was brought about by means of a tract, which he received when a lad of twelve, as he walked along the street one wintry night.

As he had passed the door of a Mission Hall, a young man, standing evidently for the purpose of getting passers-by to go in, handed him a tract, and asked him to go inside and hear the Gospel. He did go in and heard words there that awakened him to think of eternity and his state before God, and he went home in deep soul trouble. In his anxiety, he turned to the tract he received, read it, and was saved. The tract distributor told this story to the gentleman, who listened with evident interest, and when it was finished he said, "May I ask where this most interesting event took place?"

The man named the street, the Hall and the very night on which he got the tract, and was invited inside. The gentleman's eyes filled with tears; he grasped the distributor's hand, and said with great emotion, "It was my work many a night, when a young man newly converted, to stand at that door giving tracts to, and inviting passers-by; and well I remember inviting the bright-eyed lad in that wintry night. But I lost heart soon after that and gave it up, thinking such work was almost useless. Now, after twenty years, God has let me know it was not in vain, and if He spares me to return to the city, I shall by His grace, return to the service He gave me long ago, confessing my faithlessness in leaving it." But the twenty intervening years were lost. How many more golden sheaves might have appeared to the Christian worker's account in the day of Christ had he continued in the service that the Lord gave him to do— "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9).

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