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### *The Risen, Living Christ*

Crucified for sinful mortals  
On the cross of Calvary,  
Jesus opened up the portals,  
Bringing immortality.

For our sins to be forgiven  
And erased from Heaven's scroll,  
Perfect ransom He has given:  
Full atonement for the soul.

We are saved from sin's oppression:  
Its effect and dreadful sway,  
Life eternal our possession  
As we walk the holy way.

For He lives to reign forever!  
He is risen from the grave!  
Came He forth a mighty Saviour  
From the uttermost to save.

Yes, He lives; death's chains were broken  
Once for all! The work is done!  
And His cross becomes our token  
Of the crown that He has won.

Praise the Lord, O man, forever!  
Hear the gospel glad and free;  
From the world affections sever,  
And may Christ thy treasure be!

For He comes with clouds descending  
At a time we know not when,  
And the saints will rise, ascending  
From the earth to meet Him then.

Thus forever in His presence  
We will in His likeness be,  
Feasting on His pure, sweet essence  
From all care and sorrow free.

Lift thine eyes above, behold Him,  
Look upon the Lord until  
All thy heart in love enfolds Him,  
And He works His perfect will.

—Leslie Busbee

### *Looking Unto Jesus*

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:1,2.

Oh, how needful it is that we keep our eyes upon Jesus! To allow anything or anyone other than the Lord Jesus to attract our devotion, esteem, or faith is certain failure. In Him alone abides the perfect truth. Jesus perfectly pleased His Father, and He alone merits the confidence and trust that we as mortals have need to bestow upon someone. Looking unto Jesus! Oh, this is the answer to our need! For in Christ Jesus is abundant life that He is perfectly able and willing to bestow upon the needy and dependent heart. We gain this by turning our hearts wholly unto Him by faith, and steadfastly following the counsels of His precious Word that have been given to us in His glorious gospel.

We have a race to run. We have a work to fulfill. Life is full of responsibility to God and to our fellow-man. Our eternal welfare is at stake. We are running to gain a heavenly prize. Thus, we must look to One who has triumphantly accomplished these things in His earthly pilgrimage. He had a work to do, a life to live, and a death to accomplish. He faithfully carried all of this out because He had a joy that was shining before Him. There was a reward for His obedience to the death of the cross, and He had respect unto the recompense of that reward. Thus, He did endure the cross, counting lightly the shame and reproach thereof. He knew that it would soon be over, and that the joy of fulfilling the will of the Father would be forever. Did He not set a splendid example for us? It is only by looking to Him and living our lives constantly under His surveillance and counsel that we can hope to attain unto that blessed hope.

I once heard the story of a man who was a skillful violinist. So superb was his talent that others were made to wonder. He was noticed in each con-

cert to be often looking earnestly upward off at a distance. Finally it became so obvious that someone questioned him about it. He explained to them that the Master Violinist was in the balcony directing him. He was keeping his eyes on his director. Looking to our Master is the secret of our success in living for God.

In the Commencement Exercises of the graduation I was a part of the Senior Mixed Chorus. We were to sing a song as part of the program. Our director made known to us that at the time we were to sing he would be in the balcony to direct us. I can well remember sitting there gazing up into the upper level, trying to catch a glimpse of his face. As the program progressed, we became somewhat apprehensive because we could not see him. The moment came for us to arise from our individual seats and pass to the front of the stage where we grouped ourselves to sing. We were all looking upward. We stood in silence for what seemed a long time as we waited for the director to appear. I will never forget the feeling, the joy, and the relief that surged through my heart when I saw him at last come to view, walking slowly down the steps of the balcony until he stood in his place and raised his arms as a signal to prepare to sing. That made a lasting impression upon my heart. So it is with us on the stage of life. We look for our Director, Jesus Christ, to direct and lead us in all that we do. He is in the balcony, that is, in Heaven. As we look steadfastly heavenward, even as Stephen did when he was being persecuted, we will see Him appear to our eyes of faith.

"Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me." Micah 7:7. "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him." Isa. 8:16, 17. Our only hope is to look to Jesus. He never fails. Man will fail. But Jesus abides faithful. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:14, 15. Let us get our eyes off everything else and fix them upon Jesus alone. —Leslie Busbee

## Praying in the Will of God

Prayer is very important in our spiritual life; it is the way in which we receive from God the things we need. Some might say the Lord knows what we need before we ask. Yes, that is true, but His plan is that we pray and ask. Prayer just means the difference between whether we receive from God or not. If we pray, we receive, but if we do not pray, we do not receive.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Rom. 8:26, 27. What a wonderful Scripture! In this small space we

cannot bring out all the treasures in this Scripture, but the Spirit of God can help us to see some things for our encouragement.

The verses above this Scripture state that we are "led by the Spirit of God" (verse 14), and that "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (verse 16). This is the work of the Spirit. The Spirit is an outside agency that "helpeth" us. It is not within our own mind to know what the "will of God" is, but the Spirit knows and inspires or excites our desires in such a way that they can be brought before the throne of God. Our Lord is the One who makes intercession for us as our Friend and One who understands, as He was "tempted in all points as we are," yet the Spirit makes intercession by directing our supplications in the right manner. How beautifully the Godhead works together in giving us our needs!

Our hearts are searched to see if there is a willingness for the "will of God" to be done. When underneath our groanings, tears, desires, and utterances made through lack of knowing what is best, God finds, through the Spirit, a willingness for the Lord's will to be done, then we will receive an answer according to the "will of God."

We think of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. There His flesh recoiled from the sufferings on the cross. He prayed, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Matthew 26:39. The sufferings were so prominent at first, that He prayed, if possible let it not come to pass, yet we see that underneath there was His deepest desire for the "will of God," His Father, to be done. Therefore, the answer came from His prayer, not to take away His going to the cross, but the grace to go through with the "will of God" which was underneath it all.

Our hearts will be searched as we pray, and if underneath all there can be found a willingness for God to have His way, then the answer is given to us "according to the will of God" and not according to our fleshly desires.

We must be willing to follow our Guide, the Spirit of God, or we will go astray and be found in distress. It is said that soldiers out on the desert did not listen to their Arab guide when they were suffering from thirst. He was leading them to water, but they looked out upon the desert at a certain place and saw a mirage. A mirage is caused by rays of light changing direction when they come in contact with heat or cooler air. The soldiers saw, as they supposed, a lake of water. They broke away from their guide and rushed to what they thought was water. They perished as they never got to water.

So in our praying, we must be sensitive to the Spirit's direction and pray according to the will of God. The flesh must not rule us in leaving out the "will of God." God will read the language of the Spirit, directing our prayers in tears and groanings before the throne of God and answer them.

—Sis. Marie Miles

"Mysteries are merely truths which are not yet disclosed."

## After Death The Judgment

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb. 9:27. "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world." Acts 17:31.

That a day of final judgment awaits us the Scriptures clearly teach. It is an event we cannot escape. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." II Cor. 5:10. In view of this solemn fact, and "knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." (Verse 11).

The day of judgment will be the day of final retribution, when eternal rewards and punishments will be meted out to all men. This will be the greatest of all days. There have been days of awful visitations of God's wrath during the history of the world: the flood, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the slaying of the firstborn in Egypt, the awful destruction of Jerusalem, etc.; but no day exceeds this one. It will be the day when God will come down to take vengeance on the wicked of all ages, and pent-up fires will envelop this globe in a general conflagration. Nor is this day of judgment to be deferred until after a thousand years' millennial reign, but Christ "shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom." II Tim. 4:1. First in order, the resurrection of the dead will take place, and immediately following this will be the general judgment.

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." Matt. 16:27.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day." II Thess. 1:7-10.

These texts declare in the clearest language that the reward of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be given "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven," when the Son of man shall come. In Matthew 25 a clear description of the final judgment is given:

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Verses 31-34, 41.

Here again it is declared that the final separation between the righteous and wicked, their reward and punishment, will take place and be given "when the Son

of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him." Yes, dear reader, "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."

Nothing will escape that searching hour. "Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." Oh, how solemnly the injunction of Peter should fall upon every heart, in view of that day, when all must stand or fall eternally in the presence of his majesty and awful glory:

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." II Peter 3:11-14.

This will be "the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." II Peter 3:7. Note the solemn language. That great day will usher in the final "perdition of ungodly men."

—H. M. Riggall

## WHEN THE LORD TOOK AWAY MY SONG

Job 1:20, 21, "Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

My heart was filled with gladness;  
With joy I sang my song.

My wife sat close beside me,  
The music to prolong.

And so we sang together  
With joy and bliss supreme.

But one day something happened—  
The Lord called my wife away.

With grief I was so burdened,  
Dark and gloomy was my day.

I cried, "O Lord, have mercy,  
Please take my grief away."

Others offered comfort,  
But I knew not what to say.

But I know God is love,  
And will always do the right,  
And the death of His beloved ones  
Is precious in His sight.

So now the clouds are rifted—  
The sun again doth shine,

A song of joy and gladness  
Rings in this heart of mine.

Someday we'll sing together  
On that happy golden strand,  
With the saints and holy angels,  
And the blood-washed, happy band.

Sing on, my soul, keep singing,  
Sweet songs of victory,

Till time on earth shall blend  
Into eternity.

—Ulysses Phillips

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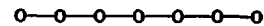
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### Resurrection in Nature Speaks of God . . .

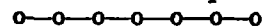
With the arrival of this beautiful spring season, we see again God's handiwork of resurrection. The cold, snowy, barren winter is giving way to the warm southern breezes. The vegetation is springing forth from the ground in many colors—from the green grass, the redbuds, and the many-colored tulips to the prolific yellow dandelions.

The various seasons come in their cycle at God's decree. After the waters had receded from the great flood, Noah and his family came out of the ark, and he built an altar unto the Lord upon which he offered burnt offerings. The Scripture says, "And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart . . . , While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen. 8:21, 22. Our faithful God is still fulfilling His promise upon the earth, and the times and seasons come with perfect regularity according to His decree. All praise and honour unto Him forever!

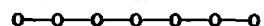


### The Fruits of Christ's Resurrection . . .

The wonderful plan of salvation for man would not have been complete without Christ's resurrection from the tomb. Therefore, we are serving a true and living Lord in contrast to the false religions whose founders lie dead and dormant in their graves. Christ's empty tomb vindicates the Lord's promise to His disciples that He would rise again on the third day. After His resurrection it was verified by the disciples who saw and talked to Him a number of times before His ascension to heaven. The Apostle Paul wrote that "He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once." 1 Cor. 15:6. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." 1 Cor. 15:20-23. Jesus Christ came forth a conqueror over death, hell, and the grave, and bequeathed to us that blessed hope that we who believe in Him shall have a part in that glorious resurrection from mortal to immortality at Christ's second coming. Praise God for the hope of the righteous!

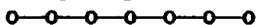


The last of February, Brother Murphy Allen of Springfield, Mo., held a few nights' meeting here at the Guthrie chapel. The messages of truth were very beneficial. May the Lord bless Brother Allen in a special way in His service.



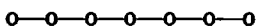
Just recently off the press is a 12-page pamphlet entitled, "Courtship and Marriage," which was copied from a taped sermon delivered by Bro. Ostis Wilson to a group of young people in Oregon in 1976.

These vital Bible truths in printed form should be in the hands of every person, young and old, who is contemplating marriage. We heartily recommend it to every reader. In order to encourage a wide circulation of this pamphlet, we are offering it free of charge here at the office in limited quantities. Secure a copy for yourself as well as extra copies to give to others. For mail orders, please enclose a coin or stamps for postage.



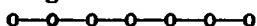
#### Gospel Services in Forest City, Missouri . . .

Bro. James Broker, minister of the Church of God, informs us that he will be holding gospel services, Lord willing, every Sunday night, 7 p. m., next door to the barber shop in Forest City, Mo. Bro. Broker extends a warm welcome and urges everyone in that area to attend these services. For further information, contact Bro. Broker at 312 Frazer St., Mound City, Mo. 64470.

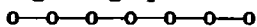


Best wishes to Sister Nellie Poulos who observed her 87th birthday on March 24, 1977. Though weak and frail in body, she is trusting in God who never fails. We pray the Lord's presence to abide with her always. Her address is 1401 N. Quincy, Enid, Oklahoma 73701.

Congratulations to Sister Essie Wilson who will, Lord willing, observe her 93rd birthday on April 1, 1977. Very frail in body, she is being cared for in the Church of God Sunset Guest Home in Pacoima, Calif. It was 75 years ago, on April 29, 1902, when Sister Wilson, then a single girl of 18 years, was instantly and miraculously healed by Divine power in Dallas, Texas. She was badly afflicted and given up to die by 22 doctors, but when she read in her little red-back Testament how Jesus healed, God inspired her faith for healing and she prayed the prayer of faith for herself. She spent many years in preaching the gospel. May the Holy Spirit sustain and comfort her while she waits for the summons to receive that crown that fadeth not away. (Her personal testimony of her healing is in tract form at this office.)



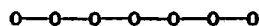
Reports from Bro. Florencio Granil in the Philippines indicate that the mission work is progressing and expanding in that area. He has also been very busy translating tracts into the Ilocano language. In March, we printed 25,000 Ilocano tracts which are now being mailed to the Philippine mission stations for free distribution. The native missionaries are still looking to the Lord to supply a vehicle for transportation in taking the gospel to new villages.



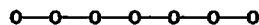
From March 9th to 13th, Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, pastor at Jefferson, Oregon, held a meeting here at Guthrie, and the Bible truth expounded each night was clear and definite for the benefit of the saved and unsaved. The Church was certainly refreshed and edified by the positive preaching of God's Word.

Bro. and Sister Wilson went on to Louisiana, and he began a meeting on March 20th at Loranger

(Oak Grove), where Sister LaVern Manuel is caring for the work.

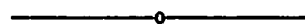


**At Press Time:** Our deep sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. and Sister Leonard Roberts whose son, Sammie, departed this life on March 24 after a long illness. May the Lord also comfort the sorrowing wife and children of the deceased. The funeral was scheduled for March 26 in Tulsa, Okla.



Another edition of the book, "What The Bible Teaches" by F. G. Smith, has been printed. Reprints of other book and tract titles keep the presses running in the Lord's Print Shop. Our aim is to use all means available to get out more gospel literature to this perishing world, as time is running out, and believing the gospel of Christ is the only hope for man's salvation.

May the Lord bless and reward all those who are so faithfully praying for and co-operating with this literature ministry. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."  
—Lawrence D. Pruitt



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## Campmeeting Dates for 1977

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1977, and more complete announcements of each will be made in later issues:—

**Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Oklahoma**—May 27 to June 5.

**Holly Hill, South Carolina**—June 3 to 12.

**Jefferson, Oregon**—June 10 to 19.

**Tulsa, Oklahoma**—June 10 to 19.

**Green Bank, W. Virginia**—June 10 to 19.

**Hammond, Louisiana**—June 25 to July 3.

**Oakland, California**—June 24 to July 3.

**Ojos Negros, Baja C., Mexico**—June 27 to July 3.

**Akron, Ohio**—July 1 to 10.

**Muncie, Indiana**—July 8 to 17.

**Fresno, California**—July 8 to 17.

**National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.**—July 22 to 31.

**Myrtle, Missouri**—Aug. 3 to 10.

**Bakersfield, California**—Aug. 5 to 14.

**Blackford, Kentucky**—August 12 to 17.

**Boley, Oklahoma**—Aug. 19 to 28.

**California State at Pacolima, Calif.**—August 26 to September 4.

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. Viola A. Perry**, daughter of William and Eliza Davisson, was born May 22, 1911, and departed this life on Feb. 1, 1977, at the age of 65 years. Her home was in rural Villa Grove, Ill., but she died at Butler, Mo. Burial was made in Effingham, Ill.

She was married to Charles I. Perry on June 23, 1928, and he survives. Also surviving are: four sons, Charles William of Villa Grove, Ill., Wayne Ervin of Phelan, Calif., Albert Leroy of Decatur, Ill., and David Allen of Normal, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Gloria Levitt of Villa Grove, Ill., and Betty Ilene Naanes of Champaign, Ill.; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four sisters, Lucinda Doty of Pleasantville, Iowa, Gladys Eubank of Pomona, Calif., Janie Brisco of Rich Hill, Mo., and Thelma Reineking of Metropolis, Ill.; and two brothers, Raymond Davisson of Portland, Ore., and Edward Davisson of Dallas, Iowa.

Sis. Viola Perry was a member of the Church of God. She had a love for God that caused her godly influence to reach out to her family and others. Through her stand for God she suffered many heartaches, yet she was blessed in her soul by the Spirit of God being so near and dear to her. Her last written request was that prayers would be made for the salvation of her family, whom she loved so dearly.

He does not love us truly who does not love us well enough to tell us our faults. To love one another is to have an intense desire to see one another free from faults.

—C. E. Orr

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

An Easter week-end meeting is announced to be held at the Church of God chapel on Old Sapulpa Road at Sapulpa, Okla., on Friday night, April 8, Saturday night gospel singing, April 9, and all-day meeting on Easter Sunday, April 10. A warm welcome is extended to all to attend these services. Come to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, or to receive help in soul or body.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Richard Madden, Rt. 13, Box 303, Tulsa, Okla. 74107, phone 918-446-8202.

**SINGING AND EASTER MEETING**

The Church of God at Prattsville, Arkansas, announces a gospel singing for Saturday night, April 9, followed by an all-day meeting on Easter Sunday, April 10. Everyone is welcomed and urged to attend these services.

For further information, contact Bro. Doug Walters, Rt. 2, Box 100M, Sheridan, Ark. 72150, phone 501-942-3321.

**TENT MEETING IN MIAMI, FLORIDA**

With God's help, the saints plan to have a tent meeting in Miami, Florida from April 15th to April 24th, 1977. The saints in Goulds, Fla., are standing for the truth as taught in the early days of this reformation. The Lord is working wonderfully in this area.

We encourage everyone in the Florida area to attend this tent meeting. All people are welcome. For more information, and location of tent, contact Bro. Hershel Hargrave, 22345 S.W. 117 Pl., Goulds, Florida 33170, phone 305-247-4102, or Bro. Tom Melot, Box 35, Guthrie, Okla. 73044, phone 405-282-3611.

**SPRING REVIVAL AT FRESNO, CALIF.**

The Spring revival of the Church of God at Fresno, California, is scheduled to begin April 29, 1977, and continue through Mother's Day, May 8th. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. All services will be held at the chapel in Easton, Calif. The address is 345 West Jefferson.

For directions and further information, contact Bro. E. J. Trotter, pastor, at 811 W. Alamos, Clovis, Ca. 93612, phone (209) 291-6003.

**SPRING MEETING IN JEFFERSON, OREGON**

The spring meeting at the Church of God chapel in Jefferson, Oregon, will be held from Easter Sunday, April 10, to 17, 1977. You are welcomed and urged to attend these nightly services.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Ostis Wilson, 6505 N.E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321.

"God pardons like a mother who kisses the offence into everlasting forgetfulness."

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

"I beseech the saints to pray for me. I need help in my soul. . . . I come up against something and the Lord will help and bless for awhile, but, dear ones, I am not able to keep the victory. — A heavy heart." —Unsigned

Wisc.—"Pray for my brother who is 82 years of age. He is ill and needs God's help."

—Sis. Frank Dietrich

Okla.—"Remember the mother of an 11-month-old child, who fell into a diaper pail of water and died. It is very hard for her to get over the shock of it."

Mo.—"Remember by husband who broke his hip and is not saved."

—Name withheld

Calif.—"I want to be a Christian . . . I pray, but something is wrong."

—Name withheld

Ky.—Let us still remember Sis. Curtis Williams in prayer for her complete healing.

Miss.—"Pray for my sister . . . , she needs healing; also, for my body. My heart has been bothering me."

—Flora Ruth Pugh

The Lord is answering prayer for His children and we do rejoice, and honor our Lord and Saviour for all He has done and is going to do. We can keep looking to Him with faith and know that He does hear us when we pray. Be encouraged in the Lord and hold your faith steady in God. The Lord does wait sometimes, but He will come. Trust God's wisdom as well as His power, dear ones. While you are waiting, keep low and humble before Him. Only the humble can walk with God.

—Sis. Marie Miles

**Note of Thanks**

Dear saints and readers: Since it is not convenient to write each one individually, we take this means to express our many thanks and appreciation to you for the cards, letters, phone calls, and most of all, your prayers when my husband, Angus Flynn, had the bad heart attack on Feb. 25th. He got relief after four and one-half hours, thank the Lord. He was very weak and nervous for days, but now, more than two weeks after the attack, he is doing real well, only a little weakness yet, and needs rest. Again, we thank everyone for your interest and prayers.

—Angus and Myrtis Flynn

**LETTER FROM MEXICO MISSIONARY**

Baja C., Mexico (March 9)—Dear Sister Marie: In the precious name of our dear Saviour I greet you tonight after coming home from a precious prayer meeting. The Lord surely did bless us and we appreciate His presence. Lately, more have been coming to meeting and seem to have good interest in the Word of God. We are all so very happy, and have been praying for a long time that the Lord would deal with souls. Also, in the children's meeting there seems to be more interest. Oh, if we can warn them of the danger ahead of those who live in sin and are



enemies of God! Many here have this belief that they can live just any way and after death their family and friends will pay and pray for them, and all will be well. I feel desperate at times wondering how we can help them to see the need of getting right with God and keeping right with Him, and getting the people to realize why Christ came to the world to live and to die. It seems they just cannot realize why. I ask an interest in your prayers that I might have wisdom to know how to talk, visit, and direct souls to Jesus.

We have really been busy lately. We have had quite a lot of company, been white-washing our house, making garden, along with all the other normal duties of the home and the work of the Lord, and it all takes time. It seems I have gotten behind in many things. I had taken a bad cold, too, which hindered me.

We are all looking forward to the Easter week meeting here at Patzcuaro and are praying that the Lord will bless souls and deal with them even now and prepare their hearts to hear the gospel. We hope you will pray with us about this need. The saints want to paint the chapel and benches before that time, and we don't have much time left. How we long for the Lord to give us a real good meeting and that much spiritual good will be accomplished. We would be so glad if some from the States would feel burdened to come and help us in the meeting. We ask for your prayers.

We are very grateful for your letters and for the offerings you sent from the saints, and humbly ask the Lord to bless each and everyone for their love and sacrifice. It seems the mere words, "Thank You," are so little and don't express our gratitude at all, but we do appreciate it and want to be very careful to be good stewards. We want to give ourselves fully to the work of God and not be found lacking on any line. We know we have a great responsibility before us, and we want to give cheerful service to the Lord and our fellow man.

Your Sister in Christ, —Edith (Cole) Lara  
P.O. Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Feb. 16)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, saints there and scattered everywhere: Loving greetings in the glorious name of Jesus Christ "who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body. . . ." Phil. 3:21.

Thank you very much for your good letter dated Feb. 1, 1977, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude.

We had a profitable three days' meeting at Kodakara, near Chalakudy, last week. It is a new center and thickly populated with Catholics. Thank the Lord that several Catholic homes were opened to the gospel and the Church of God. It is a very profitable work in that area. They badly need a convenient place to worship. Tomorrow I plan to visit them again to find a place to build a temporary shed with coconut leaves and bamboo as a place for worship. Your prayers are requested.

In the first two weeks of March we plan to conduct meetings at Thevalappuram and Avoor. Last month we started a new work at Ampalathumkala which is a Jacobite center. I invite the special prayers of the saints for the progress of the gospel in these new areas.

I still desire to participate in the campmeetings there this summer with my wife if possible. May God open the way for the fares. As the gospel work increases, the needs are many, but God never fails in His wonderful promises.

We continue to earnestly pray for your healing.  
Yours in the Lord, —John Varghese

### REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, AND SPANISH LITERATURE PROGRESS

Dear Ones: Greetings in the dear name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is so good to His trusting children.

In the last letter received from the Escobars in Ojos Negros, Mexico, he had fixed the dates of the Ojos Negros Campmeeting for June 27th through July 3rd. This is the time of the light of the moon, this having been our guide in past years, as in the light of the moon, there is less opportunity of having things stolen outside while service is in progress inside. We learned through experience. Any work of the Lord will have its enemies and Ojos Negros is no exception.

They were contemplating taking several in the pickup and camper to the campmeeting which will run through the week prior to Easter at Ejido Patzcuaro, Mexico, where Sis. Edith (Cole) Lara is doing mission work. Please pray much for God's blessings to be upon both meetings.

After the meeting at Patzcuaro, he feels the Lord will bless his efforts in a trip to Chiapas in the southernmost part of Mexico proper where his parents live. He plans, Lord willing, to stay there a month, preaching the Word and distributing much literature. Services will be carried on at home by his wife, Panchita, during his absence. They go regularly twice each week to the Valley of the Trinity for service, then to La Huerta, the Indian Reservation, and have gone up into the mountains distributing books and tracts. Pray for this consecrated young couple and their efforts to win souls to Christ.

Bro. Mayarino Escobar wrote that when he received the box of books, *The Church of God, What It Is and What It Is Not*, by D. S. Warner, recently printed in Spanish, he just opened the box right there in the post office and started giving them to the people.

There has been more response to the last large shipment of Spanish tracts, books and tapes than ever before. Also, we are receiving new addresses as the result of their arrival in new places. The last shipment of Spanish material was sent to Peru, S. A. We trust it will prove a blessing to many souls.

If you are acquainted with Spanish-speaking people who need the gospel, please send their names, addresses, and zip codes to the U. S. address below,



and a sample of every tract and book on hand will be sent to them. Thank you!

Yours for the gleanings of souls in Mexico,  
Bro. and Sis. Mayarino Escobar, Ap. Postal  
No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa., Mexico, and Sis.  
Opal Kelly, 919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Ok. 73044.

## FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

Ore.—Someone has been sending me your magazine, *Faith and Victory* and I've been enjoying it very much.

In your article on "Taking the Proper Perspective," I agree with you on all that you said. The one, "Worldly Dress," I agree with wholeheartedly, but I think the world needs more light on the subject. The type of clothing women are wearing today is an abomination to God. This practice of women wearing pantsuits and slacks is clearly condemned in Deut. 22:5. My understanding of that passage of Scripture is that women are not to pattern their dress after men! I know God is grieved when women look and act so mannish that it is many times difficult to tell them apart. If most women could see themselves as others see them, maybe they would become more feminine and wear dresses. I don't approve of short dresses either. If more preachers would preach on this subject, I'm sure at least a few women would change their type of dress. My Bible says it is an "abomination" to dress as men—and I believe in accepting all the truths therein and not adding to nor taking from the Word.

Sincerely yours, —Mabel M. Robinson

Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, who sealed our names in the Lamb's Book of Life with His own precious blood. Hope all at the Print Shop are in good health and still pressing on.

It has been a hard winter here in Michigan, but the good Lord has taken good care of us. We are well in body, mind, and spirit and still pressing on to that final victory.

Yours in Christian love, —Bro. Robert Randolph

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie: We are so very grateful for the *Faith and Victory* paper as well as other printed material we receive from the publishing house. The comments in the Sunday school books are very inspiring. Year after year we read and enjoy them. May God richly bless each of you, and keep you well.

We are surely praying for Bro. Lawrence, as well as other afflicted ones. We do thank God for everyone that will fully trust Him for their healing.

My husband, Bro. M. D. Gaines is much improved. He had a serious heart attack and lost his sight about the same time. We thank God for sparing his life. We are truly looking and depending on God for his complete restoration to health and eyesight. Since all power in heaven and earth is in His hand, we certainly consider Him able. He hasn't told us that He wouldn't.

I am much encouraged, and happy the Lord counted us worthy to suffer for Him. Like the three Hebrew children, in the furnace, I am expecting deliverance. God has supplied all our needs, and given grace for the tests of life.

May God bless each of you, and keep the printing work going.

Your Sister in the Faith, —Theresa Gaines

Pa.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! He is so precious to me. As I grow older, I have to depend on Him more and more. His grace is sufficient. Praise His Name! I am reading in the gospel of Luke of the New Testament, and it is very satisfying to read about all the things that happened then and to know Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Today is dark and chilly. Some people call it blue Monday. If we are leaning on the Lord, no day is blue. Trials come and the devil works hard, but all we have to do is put our hand in God's hand and He is always there and sees us through. We must say His will be done at all times.

I surely enjoy the Bible Lessons. I read them to my husband on Sunday morning. He seems to enjoy them. He looks forward to me reading them. Please pray for him that he will yield to the Lord. He cries easily, and seems to have a tender heart. He is more active now, going outside on short walks, and is feeding the birds, which he enjoys.

May God bless all of you there as you work for the Lord. May He give you wisdom to write, strength to work, and meet all your needs, is my humble prayer.

Yours in His service, —Eva Cox

Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings of Christian love in the name of Him who is our hope and our refuge.

I pray and trust that the Sun of Righteousness is shining ever brighter in heavenly rays upon and within the souls of all the workers at His Print Shop. As the world grows ever darker around us it seems to cause us to cherish His light more, doesn't it? We must hold tight to His hand, as there are powerful and cunning evil forces unleashed upon the world in these last days. Surely, they will separate the wheat from the chaff! I believe that all those who have failed to get a good, solid experience with God are going down. Also, I believe these evil forces are focused upon our schools. How we do need to help and pray for our young people! Surely, they need all the encouragement they can get. I know it means much to them to "be accepted," but I surely do hope they are mature enough to weigh the difference between being accepted by "the crowd" or "our friends," and being "accepted" by Christ. Surely, I do admire the ones who do take a good, solid stand for God and right and live clean, holy lives at school as well as at home. They are as "sheep among wolves," and will have a lot to suffer, but they can be assured that the power of God is always greater and He has promised to help them. There is a saying, "No cross, no crown." But I have discovered

that the blessings of being faithful always outweigh the cross in the end. . . .

Your Brother in His service,

—James F. Broker

(Editor's note: On another page is a notice sent by Bro. Broker that he plans to hold services, Lord willing, every Sunday night at 7 p.m., in Forest City Mo., next door to the barber shop. Pray for those services, and all in that area are urged to attend.)

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Ohio—We are writing a few lines in these times of trouble that have been forecast, and are coming to pass, such as the severe dry areas, and the hardening of the hearts of a majority of our population, plus the searching into the world of false gods, trying to find peace of heart, when the answer was, and is, right before their eyes in the Holy Bible. Things which are to come yet are frightening, and those that know not the Lord will be unable to communicate with the Lord, as the acceptable days grow shorter and shorter.

We wish everyone a healing and a spiritual peace that can only come from our Saviour.

—Frank and Christina Sedlar

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Mo.—We trust this will find you folks much encouraged to keep pressing on, and in sending the "good news" to all who will accept it. We trust, too, that the Lord will bless and give the healing touch to all that stand in need of it. We are so thankful for that Great Physician to whom we can go without an appointment. We don't have to wait for hours before He can see us and hear our petitions. Praise His dear name! Several of the grandchildren have had this new virus that affects the bronchial passages. They have very high temperatures and it leaves them with a bad cough. Some of the older folks have had it also.

Please remember Edith (Cole) Lara's family in prayer, also some unspoken requests. One of the girls has been very sick. They desire to be a light to those about them in Mexico.

With Christian love,

—Eunice Cole

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## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Ky.—Dear Sis. Marie: We send greetings of Christian love in the name of our dear Saviour. We love Him with our whole heart and our greatest desire is to please Him with our lives. He hath done great things for us, and we feel the Lord would have us send our testimony of how He so miraculously healed our daughter, Ruth. First, we would like to thank all the dear saints who prayed so earnestly with us, and for all the nice cards, letters, and phone calls. They were very much appreciated. May God bless each one.

We don't know what all the Lord healed her of, but we do know she was a very sick girl and now she is well and back in school. All praise to our God! She started taking cold on Sunday. On Monday her tonsils were swollen real bad. On Tuesday morning she woke up with chest pains and had breathing

problems. We put her in bed, but she couldn't lie down so we made her a bed on the recliner, which is where she stayed most of the time. By Tuesday night it was in her right lung. She would try to cough, but couldn't. There were times that it looked like every breath would be her last, but the dear Lord was so faithful to come to her rescue. She got so weak that she couldn't walk to the bathroom, and had to be carried. Soon that got to be too much for her as she couldn't hold her head up. She was so helpless and had to be lifted so much, and I wasn't able to lift her, so Curtis had to do all the lifting.

Bro. Curtis got a call to preach a funeral in Michigan (Sis. Elizabeth McIntosh) on Tuesday. Alice Hall offered to come and help with Ruth that day, but something came up at school and she could not get off. Our oldest daughter tried to get off work to help, but she couldn't get off. We just told Curtis to go on and the Lord would help us. He left that morning with a heavy heart, but the dear Lord comforted, and assured him that He would take care of us because he was going for Him. Praise God, He did! When Ruth woke up, she was healed. All the pain was gone in her lung. There was no breathing problem, nor weakness, so there was no lifting to be done. At first, she was a little fearful to try standing on her feet, but Karen and I got on each side of her and she found she could walk, too. She was soon walking all over the house. She was in bed when her daddy got home, but she was up early the next morning and walked in to meet him with a big smile on her face. It was almost more than he could take in. There is nothing too hard for our God! No, the days of miracles are not over! Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The day before the Lord healed Ruth, the thought came to me that she might have some kind of paralysis, as she was so helpless from her waist down, but I didn't say anything about it. Later, I mentioned it and Curtis and his mother both said they thought the same thing.

I still desire the prayers of all the saints, as I have an affliction, but my trust is in the same God that healed Ruth and I know He won't fail me. . . . It seems I just can't get my strength back since Ruth's sickness. Then yesterday, I had a spell with great pain in my stomach and side. The Lord came to my rescue, but it has left me very sore and weak. I'm having trouble retaining my food, but I'm not as bloated, I don't think. I have lost 10-12 pounds. The Lord is so good to us. He didn't let this come on me until Karen was out of school to help. She is such a blessing, but I want the Lord to heal me as I know her desire is to travel with her daddy in the Lord's work as she is a real blessing to him.

We trust you are keeping well. We pray for all of you and the great work you are doing for the Lord.

In Christian love,

—Curtis, Bernice Williams and family

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Okla.—On Dec. 17, 1976, around midnight, I felt a blood clot move to the back of my head into the hollow spot just above the spine. It made me feel sick, and it began to affect my heart and I felt like someone was choking me. I prayed and went to bed. I

finally dozed off, but woke up at 2:30 a.m. and it didn't feel like my blood was flowing or my heart beating. I could feel myself slipping away—just sinking fast. I reached over and woke Joe, my husband, and told him to get up and call Evelyn, my sister, and ask Bro. Leslie Busbee, my pastor, to come and pray for me. My feet, legs, and hands were so cold. My legs went into convulsions, and then I went into a chill. Joe was praying for me, but it looked like I was going. I told him to get hold of God, and live for Him and meet me over there. I was so weak I could hardly talk.

With prayer going up, I began to get a little relief. When Bro. Leslie came and prayed, the Lord undertook right away. The convulsions and chill stopped in just a few minutes. I began to sweat, and Joe took the extra covers off. Oh, how I thank the dear Lord for coming to my rescue!

Michael, my grandson is 12. The same night he dreamed that I was reading to him. The death angel came, and when the angel left, he couldn't find me anywhere. He kept searching in his dream for me and no one would tell him where I was. He woke up crying in the night and my daughter, Joyce, told him to go back to sleep. They came over the following morning and found out that I had nearly gone in the night. Michael just cried. He has been so close to me. I told him that he didn't realize how close his dream was to coming true, how close the death angel came to taking me.

Joyce's heart acted up after being here six days helping me. (She was in the hospital a week before Thanksgiving with her heart.) She went in to see the doctor about her heart. She told him about me having this spell with my heart. He asked her who my doctor was. She told him that I put all my faith in God, trusted Him, and He was my physician. He told her that I couldn't find a better one. He told her that I had a clot or blockage, and it had caused the heart attack. He said he didn't want to scare her, but the convulsions in the legs showed that the heart had stopped temporarily for a short time. So, you see, I've got much to thank the Lord for. One week later, I had another one, but not as bad as later on Jan. 21st. I am barely up and around again.

The Lord has really blessed me spiritually through my sickness, and helped me to see the importance of a Holy Spirit-filled life. Without the leadings of the Holy Spirit we are nothing, and can do nothing in ourselves without His Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and teach us in all truths. I got saved in 1947, and sanctified not long after. I have lived for the Lord these many years, never left Him, but I made mistakes that had to be straightened out in some places and I had to ask forgiveness. In recent years, Joe has needed my help and I had so much work and responsibility that I had to put so much of my time on those things that it robbed me of the time I needed to be spending for the Lord. These things do not help our spiritual life, and Joe had stopped me from moving out in some of the work the Lord had for me to do. I applied myself to the work around me, but I was not happy about it. I have been praying for some time that the Lord would help me to get back to that place

where He would have me, so I could work again for Him in behalf of souls. Through my sickness the Lord has done that and more. Joe was praying in the other room and the Lord showed him what he had done in stopping me from God's work. Joe came in and asked my forgiveness, saying he wouldn't stop me again in doing anything the Lord wanted me to do, and that I didn't have to go back in the greenhouse to work anymore. It was such a blessing to me. I feel like a bird turned out of a cage. I'm so free!

I thank God for answering prayer. It took Joe nearly losing me to come to this place. The Lord is helping him spiritually also.

The Lord has blessed my soul. I have done lots of growing these few weeks. I hadn't realized that some of self had raised up until the Lord showed me, and I had to do some more dying. There is not room for self in our heart and life if the Lord is going to be there. Someone has to move out. There is not room for two to sit on the throne of our heart. I want to reserve that throne forever for "the King," our Lord and our Saviour. Praise His dear name!

The Lord has a work for all of us, and I don't want to miss out on my part. I want to be a vessel meet for the Master's use. He has used me many places in the past and I'm expecting Him to put me to work as soon as I can get my strength back. He has already sent three or four along for me to witness and talk to, even some among us who have given too much of their time to other things. The enemy is tricky. I've learned some lessons looking back the last few years. The enemy wants us wrapped up in responsibilities, duties, and cares of this life, but there is a line to draw. These things can carry us beyond necessity. That is when we have over-stepped our mark. The Lord wants first place. We can get ourselves tied up in other things so that very little time is left for the Lord.

—Sis. Imogene Taylor

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: I trust this finds you and all the dear ones at the Print Shop well and happy in the Master's service. A lot of the saints have had the flu here. I thank the Lord He didn't let me get the flu. I'm glad my trust is in the Lord, that I can trust Him for all things for both soul and body.

I'm very glad that I have left all the world to follow Jesus. "Never backward to its follies will I turn; Oh, I'm on my upward way, and it's brighter every day, For I've left all the world to follow Jesus." He is so precious to me. "Unto you therefore which believe, he is precious." I Pet. 2:7. I thank the Lord for that hope which is an anchor to our soul, both steadfast and sure.

Sis. LaVern Manuel preached a good message last Sunday on "Hope." It was an inspiration and encouragement to our souls.

The Lord has been very near and dear to me since Sam, my husband, passed away. I live alone and the Lord is with me and cares for me very tenderly. "When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet." Prov. 3:24. "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." Psa. 4:8.

We trust Bro. Lawrence is better from his affliction. We are still praying for his healing. We trust he will not get discouraged. The Word says, "Wait on the Lord and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait I say, on the Lord."

I want to testify how the Lord healed me last June. I had a cyst on my right side that had been there for several years, but never did hurt. It abscessed and started to drain. The Lord wonderfully blessed me. It was sore, but never pained me, nor did I lose any sleep from it. It really took me down. Some of the saints thought it was cancerous and I was going to die. Praise the Lord, on the first Sunday of the campmeeting, as I was dressing it, the core came out. The Lord healed me! It continued to drain for awhile, but healed up and is healed today. I'm very grateful we have a Healer in Zion. I'm glad my trust is not in man. It is better to trust the Lord than to put confidence in man.

Three or four years ago, a place came just below my right ear. I didn't know it was there, and it itched a little and I scratched it. It got real bad. The saints that could see it, said it really looked bad. My faith and trust were in the Lord, and I just believed the Lord would cause that thing to dry up and fall out, and it did. Praise the Lord! It has never given me any trouble. No doubt but that it was a cancer.

Sis. Marie, my nephew had a stroke last fall that injured his brain and he surely needs prayer for both soul and body that the Lord will clear up his mind and help him to see that he needs a real born-again experience with the Lord. Neva, his sister, is a diabetic and needs prayer for soul and body.

I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* very much and appreciate the labor and efforts that are put forth to get the truth to precious souls through the printed page. I trust the Lord will supply your every need.

With Christian love, —Audrey Baumgartner

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Ky.—Dear Bro. and Sis. in Christ: In Dayton, Ohio, on Oct. 10th, one day before my mother's 61st birthday, God spoke one more time to me, a lost soul and saw fit to give me another chance. Thank God, I took that chance and asked God to save me, and praise God, He did save me. At the time, Bro. Curtis Williams had to pray three times to help me pray through. Even at the time I left the chapel I was a doubting "Thomas." The next day, all day, I had traumatic trials and tribulations, for which I had to pray several times to get the victory. Thank God, by the end of that day, I was able to truly say I was saved.

Bro. Williams, thank God, where ever you are, I hope you are reading my testimony, because God sent you that day for my salvation. We may never meet again this side of heaven, but with your work through our Lord and with God's help I'm going to make it home to heaven.

I have many burdens, trials, and decisions for which I need God's help. God knows each and every need. Please pray with me for God's help to see me through. Most of all, pray He will keep me close by His side and teach me His way, that I may be a light unto others. Please pray for my loved ones that

God will make them miserable and willing to listen when He speaks. I'm sure my loving mother has cried many tears and prayed many years for my salvation.

Dear saints, we all know time is short, and I may not have long to pray for my children. Please help me pray that they will give their young lives to God before it is too late.

Also, I would like to say "Thanks" to the saints in Dayton who prayed for my afflicted back, which is getting much better. Praise God!

—Sis. Rosalie Voorhies

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Mo.—Dear Sis. Marie: What would we do without Jesus? Life would be so useless if we couldn't tell Him our troubles, cares, sickness, and sorrows. I am not one bit discouraged with His dealings with me. I think of the many miracles of healing that He has done for me. . . . Many, many times God gave instant answers to prayer. My life with Jesus has been sweet. I mean to go right on and trust God. He will do for us as He sees best.

I believe God wants to heal His children. He didn't tell us that in the last days we would just have to suffer or go to man for help. I can't accept the theory that in these last days God won't hear us. He said He would be with us even to the end. I don't feel worthy of all He has done for me, but I am His child, so I can claim His promises. Praise the Lord! He sought me out and saved me.

I trust you are all well or improving. I don't think there is a day that goes by that I don't remember you, Bro. Lawrence, for your healing. It wouldn't be anything new for God to do the work.

I want all of you to be agreed with me that God will move every symptom of these afflictions from my body. I have claimed my healing by obeying His Word. Now it is up to my Father to do the work. Let us not give up. God still wants to heal us, as well as save us. I am happy in Jesus tonight.

—Sis. Goldie Knapp

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N. Carolina—Dear Sis. Marie: The Lord has blessed me much since I last wrote. I am out of bed early each morning and sometimes have to go back two or three hours later. Then after I rest, I am up again for awhile. I am not completely well, but much, much better. Praise the Lord!

Christian love,

—Sis. P. R. Bowers

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: We are pressing on "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14. We thank the saints for their prayers for us. The dear Lord has touched my body and healed me of the ear and head trouble I had had since the first part of November. He has blessed me in a wonderful way with the other afflictions, also.

I would like to testify of how the Lord heard and answered prayer for our daughter. She was very ill with the flu and coughed almost continually day and night. She isn't saved and was using several kinds of medication, all to no avail. We prayed for her and she went to sleep and slept all night with-

out coughing. How we did praise the Lord for letting her see how it pays to trust Him! We also prayed that the Lord would protect me from taking the flu, which He did. We do thank Him for His great goodness to us and desire to walk carefully before Him that our life might shine out to this dark, sin-cursed world.

I told the Lord I wanted to be a prayer warrior for Him if He would lead me and show me what to pray about. Soon, we began to get requests for prayer. Then the Lord burdened us to pray for a Brother whom we had not heard from for some time. We didn't know what the need was, but we prayed earnestly for him. Later, we received word from a minister of this dear Brother's need. How we do thank God for the Holy Spirit, who can lead us in all things!

We trust the Lord is blessing all of you who are so faithfully laboring for souls there in the Print Shop. We call your name daily in our prayers, along with Bro. Lawrence, Sis. Maybelle and others.

—Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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Mo.—We want to thank the Lord for answering prayer and sending a healing touch to our baby daughter, Stephanie. She became very sick a few weeks ago and ran a high fever for several days. She wouldn't eat much and lay so lifeless, just staring. Some thought she had pneumonia. We don't know what it was, but the Lord knew, and so faithfully healed her. All praise goes to Him!

I also want to testify how the Lord blessed me back in December. I dropped an iron on my foot just below my ankle. I walked on it the rest of the day and it didn't seem to bother me much. After I went to bed that night and had just dozed, I awoke with such terrible pain in my ankle. I couldn't get relief. We called for prayer, and about two o'clock the next morning, the Lord touched me and I was able to rest. It hasn't bothered me since, except for weakness.

The Lord also came to our rescue a few days ago when Adrian got choked. How can we ever praise our Lord enough? He is so faithful to us. We desire to be faithful to Him. Pray for us.

—Janice Johnston

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Ohio—Dear saints of God: I greet you in Jesus' name. I want to tell what the Lord did for me on the night of Feb. 22, 1977. Jesus saved my soul and came into my life. My life had been empty and full of fear. God dealt with my soul, I was under conviction and in desperate need of help in soul and body. My grandfather, Bro. Earl Sharp, took me over to Sister Margie Sallee's home and she instructed me in the ways of the Lord and helped me to pray through to victory. After I was saved, I prayed daily that the Lord would help me in my body, and the Lord answered my prayers and now I'm really strong in body, and I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I love the Lord and I want to keep faithful to the One who has done so much for me.

The saints in Dayton have really been a blessing to me and I love all of them. I hope to be able to come to the campmeeting this summer and meet

more of God's people. I will be 17 in May and I am in high school. I want to let my light shine for Jesus. Please pray for my unsaved mother and brothers. Remember me in your prayers.

Your new sister in Christ, —Connie Addis

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Okla.—At the age of 16½ years, at a gospel meeting, I was tired of a sinful life and decided to surrender to God and be saved. From then on, my life was changed, and all my purposes and desires were different. But being in great darkness and ignorance, so full of self-will and pride, and having little proper instruction, my life was not very victorious and did not bring much honor to God nor much satisfaction to myself for a number of years. But I never gave up and never returned to a sinful life.

I have learned that the power of the blood of Jesus is able to keep us from any sin, if we will just turn to Him in prayer, either silently or audibly. Satan brings temptation by suggesting things to our minds, and tries to get us to yield to some unholy leaning on self or our fleshly natures. We are not free from temptation while living on earth, but thank God, we can be kept if we will turn to God in faith and resist the temptations.

There is greater power in the blood of Jesus if we put steadfast faith in Him. Sometime ago I read of a Christian in Mexico whom some wicked men were persecuting. They turned a large, vicious dog loose on him, and as it was running toward him he cried out, "The Blood of Jesus," and the dog dropped dead before it reached him. Another instance is of a man who was intending to rob an aged couple in their home and their minister was burdened to pray for them. He prayed that any arm stretched out to do them harm would be paralyzed. Later, he met the man with a paralyzed arm who confessed that he had been hid in their home intending to rob them, when this happened to him.

If temptation comes, we need to turn our eyes from it to the promises of God in the Bible, and we can be kept. He will not let us be tempted greater than we can bear. He came that we might have life more abundantly. No matter what comes, see in Him strength to overcome, and He will see you through if you do not let down the shield of faith. Thank God!

I thank and praise God for healing me of the flu recently. I know of some who had it severely and were in bed for a number of days. One night recently, when retiring, I had a severe chill and shook even with extra cover. A few minutes later, I had a fever and was too hot without any cover. I kept standing on the Word of God and reminded Him that I was standing on Matthew 8:17. By His mercy I soon went to sleep and awoke in the morning well and able to go about my normal duties. Thank God!

Many times in the past I gave up too soon, and because of not being steadfast in faith, I failed to have what God wanted to give me. If Satan can bluff us and make us think that God is not going to hear us and we give up too soon, we fail to have all that has been provided for us in the precious atonement. I have used no medicine for several months, and God is helping me, for which I truly praise Him.

—Paul Garber

Fla.—My neighbor down the street is very ill with cancer and I took her some of the tracts I received from you. The one on "Resisting the Devil" was a great help to me, because that is one of the things the Lord led me to do when I was healed when in my teens. While attending high school, I was troubled with sinus headaches. I would have to be excused from school. I finally dropped out and took a part-time job. The lady in charge evidently thought I was too sickly and let me go. I went into the restroom and cried. I told the Lord, "Now you'll have to heal me."

On a Saturday night, I was prayed for. One of the sisters said, "The devil is going to make you think you are not healed." I went home and went to bed. The next morning, Sunday morning, I awoke with my entire head in pain—front and back. It was so unusual that I realized it was the devil. I said to the Lord, "I know you healed me when I was prayed for." The day went on, and the pain continued. An aunt came over and said she knew of an operation that could help me. I had said nothing to my parents or this aunt about being prayed for. My parents were not living for the Lord.

That night I went to the church services. By the end of the service, I could not sing. I could think of nothing that would keep God from healing me. I was prayed for again. There was no change in feeling. I was still trusting God. The one who took me home just casually mentioned, "When you begin praising and thanking the Lord for your healing, then you are healed." As I stepped out of the car and walked up to the house, I began thanking the Lord for healing me. When I reached the front door, all of the pain in the back of my head left! I knew something was happening, so I hurried on to bed. There was just the pain left in the front of my head and face. It came to me to do this, and I do not remember anyone telling me to do it. I placed my hand on my face and said, "I rebuke the enemy in Jesus' name." The pain left where my hand was. I moved my hand to another painful place and said again, "I rebuke the enemy in Jesus' name." The pain left there immediately. I did that same thing where ever there was pain and it left immediately, and I lay there completely healed. I was so very happy and felt so peaceful, and just kept praising and thanking the Lord for healing me. I got up refreshed with no more pain. Later that day, I blew my nose and the Lord caused all that infection to come out, but no more pain.

I went to summer school to make up the time for having dropped out because of the affliction. The following winter, when I ordinarily would have had those headaches, I can remember telling my sister how wonderful it was to be able to study without those terrible headaches.

The Lord made plain to me that after meeting His conditions and obeying the Word, then (1) to thank Him, and (2) to rebuke the enemy in Jesus' name. This is why the tract on "Resisting the Devil" means so very much to me. This tract gives me even greater light and I want to order more and give them to others. Many children of God are suffering because they do not have this light.

—Sis. Geraldine Dick

## Equality of Men and Women In The Church

This is a feature which, of all the religions of the world, belongs to Christianity. In heathenism women are regarded as greatly inferior to men and generally have little or no place in religion, unless, indeed, it is in some dishonorable connection, as in some of the licentious orgies. But among the Jews even the laws of Moses made special provision for women, and they were honored and respected; some of them even rose to positions of prominence, as Deborah, who held an official position in Israel. "And Deborah, a prophetess . . . she judged Israel at that time." (Judges 4:4). She also led the armies of Israel to victorious conflict (Judges 4). Christ delivered one of his greatest sermons to a single woman by a well-side in Samaria (John 4); and a woman was the first messenger sent to proclaim the great fact of the resurrection. The apostle Paul distinctly recognizes the equality of women with men, in the words, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, *there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*" Gal. 3:28.

This equality of women with men in the apostolic church extended even to official positions.

1. *As deaconesses.* The original Greek of Rom. 16:1 clearly shows that Phebe, a woman, was a deaconess of the church at Cenchrea. Now, "the office of a deacon" was a distinct, public *official position* in the church, and its candidates were publicly ordained by the laying on of the hands of the apostles (1 Tim. 3:8-13 with Acts 6:1-6).

2. *As ministers.* Nor was the ministry of women limited to temporal affairs. We read in different texts of Priscilla and her husband Aquilla (the name of the woman usually standing first), and find that on one occasion they jointly took Apollos, a powerful minister of the gospel, and "expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." Acts 18:26. The first sermon concerning the Christ was preached in the temple to the people of Jerusalem by Anna the prophetess—a woman (Luke 2:36-38). The Samaritan woman whom Jesus met at the well-side went into her city and proclaimed Christ to the people with the result that "many of the Samaritans of the city believed on him for the *saying of the woman.*" (John 4:39). On the day of Pentecost the Spirit of God was poured out publicly upon the women, and they prophesied in the presence of the wondering multitudes. (Joel 2:28, 29). Philip the evangelist "had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy." (Acts 21:8,9).

Now, what does it mean to prophesy? The primary signification of the term is *to speak forth*, to tell out the message or the mysteries of God. Its secondary meaning (in some respects the outgrowth of the first) is *to foretell future events*. Paul clearly shows that the "gift of prophecy" is to "understand all mysteries, and all knowledge." (1 Cor. 13:2). To prophesy, then, is to proclaim the mysteries and knowledge of God. The same apostle declares that redemption itself was a "mystery," "the hidden wisdom . . . which none of the princes of this world knew"; and yet it is revealed to us by the Spirit of God: "*which things also we speak*, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth"; for "the natural man receiveth not the things

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"God is willing to do with any man or woman all that He ever did for any one. If there is not a mighty work of God in us, it is our own fault. Find out what these hindrances are, and put them away."



of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:7-14).

To preach the gospel of Christ, then, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost is to proclaim the "mysteries," the "hidden wisdom" of God—to *prophecy*. This is the application which the apostle himself makes of it; for he says, "He that prophesieth *speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.*" (I Cor. 14:3). This prophecy is the public proclamation of the gospel; for he further says in the same chapter, "If therefore *the whole church be come together in one place*, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say ye are mad? *But if all prophecy*, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: *and thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest*; and so falling down on his face, he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth." (verses 23-25). What is it that reveals the secrets of men's hearts and brings conviction upon their souls? It is the preaching of the word of God. "For the word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword . . . *and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" (Heb. 4:12). No one can deny, without twisting the Scriptures, that the prophecy of which Paul speaks is nothing else than the Holy Ghost public preaching of the gospel itself when the church is "come together in one place." (I Cor. 14:23, 24).

Now, the prophet Joel declared, "On my servants and on my *handmaidens* I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy (Joel 2:28, 29); and Peter declares that the Pentecostal experience, when the women spoke publicly "as the Spirit gave them utterance," was a fulfilment of this prediction. (Acts 1:14, 15; 2:4, 14-18).

From many considerations it is evident that Paul recognized woman's place in the gospel; for he wrote to the Philippians, "Help those women *which labored with me in the gospel*, with Clement also, with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life." (Phil. 4:3). Clement was a minister, and these women are ranked with him and others as Paul's *fellow laborers* in the gospel of Christ. "Fellow laborers" means laborers together on the same plane and in the same work. This was only carrying out in a practical way the doctrine of the apostle himself, that in Christ Jesus there is "neither male nor female."

The great Tertullian, after the apostolic age, recognizes this same equality of men and women, in the Word: "Together they pray, together prostrate themselves, together perform their fasts; *mutually teaching*, mutually exhorting, mutually sustaining. *Equal are they both found in the church of God.*"—Part IV, Book II, Chap. 8.

#### NECESSARY EXCEPTIONS

In this connection it is necessary to notice some exceptions to this general standard. In planting the gospel among different nations, varying in customs and social conditions, the apostle Paul on many occasions found it necessary as a *matter of expediency* to accommodate himself to their particular ways and social standards. This accommodation he expresses in these words: "Unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are

without law, as without law (being not without law to God, but under the law of Christ) that I might gain them that are without law. . . . I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake." (I Cor. 9:20-23).

In this same Epistle Paul admits that he wrote some things to the Corinthians that were, in his opinion, "good for the present distress" (chap. 7:26); hence these things were not a standard for all people and for all ages. One of the things to which he found it necessary, as a matter of expediency, to accommodate himself was their social standard concerning women. This church was in a heathen environment, to the social standards of which some deference had to be paid if the church hoped to win souls to Christ. In this heathen city women were regarded as vastly inferior to men and had no honorable place in the heathen religion; but, as Strabo informs us, one of their temples had one thousand consecrated prostitutes. Now, with such a social standard and such public sentiment concerning women's place in religion, what course could the apostle take other than what he did take—command the Christian women *there* to "keep silence in the church?" (I Cor. 14:34).

I Tim. 2:11-15 does not cover the subject of women's official position in the church as set forth in the other Scriptures. It applies to the proper relationship of the woman with her own husband. This is shown by the example given—Adam and Eve—and by its connection with "childbearing," etc. The design of this Scripture is to maintain the proper domestic relationship, wherein the wife is to recognize the fact that her husband is by nature her "head" in this respect. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church." (Eph. 5:23). But in spiritual things the husband is not the head of the wife. "Christ is the head of the church," and "the church is subject unto Christ" (Eph. 5:23, 24); therefore in spiritual things the woman's subjection, first of all, is to Christ, and she "ought to obey God rather than men." Thus Sapphira was accountable directly to God, and not to her husband, in a matter which concerned the church. (Acts 5:1-10).

—F. G. Smith

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## A Relaxed Generation

I have been considering this Scripture, "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Rev. 2:2-4.

I don't understand much in Revelation. Some say this was written to the congregation at Ephesus, others say to the overseer of the congregation, but, nevertheless, I feel it has some vital truths and should stir our hearts. This people received some strong commendations from the Lord. They were a patient and labouring people, and just could not bear sin, evil, and the false religious spirits. These things they were commended for were all good and are surely



a *must*, but there were some other things they needed. They had left their first love! Webster says that *left* is "the past tense of leave." *Leave* is to "let remain behind, to depart from and to abandon." This is a sad condition, to have left or abandoned their first love. The original Greek used the word *relaxed*. One of the definitions of *relax* is "to slacken." The King James Version uses the word *left* and the original Greek uses *relaxed*. One wouldn't want to leave their first love, but to **relax** or **slacken up** brings the thought closer to us. This surely describes the present time we are living in—a relaxed generation.

What is the first love? Remember, when we were first saved? The first thing we wanted to do was to get someone else to receive what we had. The new-born in Christ have a real missionary spirit and want others to come to the Lord. They go to great efforts and have a burden to get this accomplished, but if we are not mindful, we will lose that burden, and time will find us possibly still labouring but in a smaller capacity. First, we notice that one of the fruits of the first love is a burden for others to get what we have experienced. Second, is a strong desire to be in meeting. Third, is to do something in the service. Singing is such a spiritual uplift. Prayer is a real privilege, and testifying to what God has done for us is an uplift to the entire congregation. Sometimes we see some so blest that oftentimes they testify more than once in a service, and never miss testifying at least once. But as time goes on, does worship become routine to us? Do we feel the effects of the first love as we should? Is our missionary spirit almost gone today? Are we too busy with the cares of life—too many social activities and not enough burden for souls to do much? When God sends us a minister to hold a meeting, is it hard to keep us coming long enough to hold a revival?

The effects of the first love in the early church were prayer meetings, going from house to house, telling of the goodness of the Lord, and "great grace" was upon them and the manifestations of the Spirit were marvelous.

God wants us to be well rounded and balanced—not up in some points and down in others. You can operate a car with a flat tire, and possibly operate it a while with two, three, or maybe four flats, but think of the traveling. But if you have all four tires balanced and well rounded, it is such a pleasure to travel. May God help us! When the first love experience is maintained, we will see God working and bringing about His part.

I desire your prayers that God will help me to see any and all things that would hinder me from being all He would have me to be.

—Sis. Leta Inman

"According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Eph. 3:11. From the dawn of eternity God had a purpose in mind, and that purpose was to have a being that He could love to the fullest capacity of His love and with whom He could have perfect fellowship and most intimate communion. You dear reader, are that being.

—C. E. Orr

## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**QUESTION:** What is the gift of miracles? Does anyone have it? Is it not the same as the gift of healing as recorded in I Cor. 12:9, 28, 29?

**ANSWER:** *Miracle* in the dictionary is defined as "An extraordinary event manifesting the supernatural work of God." And, of course, healing of sicknesses in answer to the prayer of faith without the aid of doctors and medicines would fall in this category and be included in this definition. The fact that they are mentioned separately in the Scriptures referred to seems to me sufficient evidence that the Scriptures separate between healing and miracles and places them in different categories.

Sickness is defined as a disease, malady, disorder, illness, nausea, etc. This would include such things as tuberculosis, cancer, fevers of various kinds, polio, etc. Some sicknesses leave their marks and effects in the body such as blindness, deafness, deformed and undeveloped parts, as in the case of polio and various other weaknesses and disorders. Healing, it seems to me, would involve curing of the disease itself while it would involve a miracle to remove the effects of the sickness which remain in the body after the sickness itself is gone; such as restoring sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf and restoring the deformed and useless or crippled parts left as a result of polio after the polio itself is gone.

Miracles also reach out into areas beyond the category of healing, such as the expulsion of evil spirits (Acts 8:7 and 16:18); the controlling of the elements such as Jesus calming the storm—Mark 4:39; Peter's deliverance from prison—Acts 12:5-10; and the release of the other apostles from prison—Acts 5:17-23; feeding the multitudes with five loaves and two fishes—Matt. 14:15-21; and seven loaves and a few fish—Matt. 15:32-38; raising the dead to life again—Matt. 9:18-26 and Acts 9:36-41; the numerous instances of restoring sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, making the lame to walk and the dumb to speak, etc., and such like: too numerous to mention.

And even though I may not know or be able to point out specifically some one who has this gift of miracles, yet I am sure there must be some who have it, as the church in the earth would be a crippled church operating without one of its parts without this gift. I urge that more of us would earnestly seek this gift as well as the others also. This is a gift of the Spirit given to the church and whoever will earnestly seek it and qualify for it may have it.

"Mine eyes have seen the salvation." Luke 2:30. Jesus is God's salvation for man—Jesus and none other. Salvation is more than saving man from all that is **unlike Christ**; it is also imparting to him all that is **like Christ**. It is Christ's and man's nature inwrought one in the other, making them of like nature. It is the transforming of man into the likeness of God. It is man attaining his true manhood. Salvation is manhood regained. Look at Christ and you will see what you ought to be and can be.

—C. E. Orr