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### *Stirring The Nest*



Stir us, oh, my Saviour, stir us!  
As an eagle stirs her nest;  
Let us all be up and doing,  
No time now for wayside rest.

Stir us, oh, my Saviour, stir us!  
Stir us up to give and go.  
Upon those at ease in Zion,  
There's pronounced a dreadful woe.

Do you love the blessed Jesus?  
Would you of His grace partake?  
Then be active in His service,  
Doing something for His sake.

Stir our hearts, dear blessed Saviour,  
May we all strict vigil keep!  
Souls are sleeping all around us;  
Others, too, are going to sleep.

Soon the Bridegroom will be coming,  
And that you may not recoil;  
Keep your lights all trimmed and burning,  
And your vessels filled with oil.

Blow the trumpet, oh, ye watchmen!  
Never from your duty shirk:  
Here and there throughout God's Zion,  
"Little foxes" are at work.

You are fighting 'gainst a dullness;  
Satan tries your zeal to damp:  
There's a reason for this deadness—  
There's an Achan in the camp.

Stir me, stir me, STIR ME, Jesus!  
Thou who on the cursed tree,  
Gave Thyself for poor, lost sinners,  
Give Thyself again through me.

Let us all be up and doing:  
Hangs the sun low in the west;  
May the blessed Saviour stir us,  
As an eagle stirs her nest.

—Charles E. Orr

### *"Bearing His Cross"*



Jesus went forth unto Golgotha, "bearing his cross."  
John 19:17. We have a cross to bear as well as Jesus.  
Since Jesus is our pattern and example, let us think  
awhile about how He faced the cross that He had to  
bear.

We know that it was in the plan of God for Jesus to  
come here, take on the flesh of mankind, live, teach  
God's precepts, die upon a cross and to arise again for  
our salvation. Since He was in the flesh, He felt pain,  
had sorrows and was "tempted in all points like as we  
are, yet without sin." We see Jesus wrestling with the  
flesh in the Garden of Gethsemane. There He sought God  
three times to spare Him from going to the cross. But  
each time He said, "Not my will, but thine, be done."  
Luke 22:42. Even though Jesus knew that only through  
His dying on the cross to take our punishment for sin  
could we have forgiveness and be reconciled to God, yet  
the flesh was tempted to draw back. His humanity cried  
out against pain, yet He brought the flesh under sub-  
jection to the will of God. How could He do this? We read  
the answer in Heb. 12:2, "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."

Let us take Jesus for our example as we bear our  
cross here in this world. The cross stands for any  
problem, trouble, affliction, sorrow, temptation, or just  
any opposition that crosses our path or that we face.  
Jesus told us, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but  
be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.  
We need not be surprised if we have troubles. You have a  
cross and I have a cross to bear. God knows the best  
cross we need to bear.

We might look at others and be tempted to envy  
them, but, oh! if we only knew that secret cross they  
carry, we would draw back with gladness that we had  
ours. Would we rather be blind, crippled, or maimed in  
some way than to have the cross that we carry? So let us  
do as Jesus did, and seek God to help us to be willing to  
bear our own cross for Him. "Not my will, but thine, be  
done." Let us look with Jesus at the joy that is set before  
us, and that will make the cross lighter. It will give us  
enduring power. God is trying to get us all to heaven and  
the way is by the way of the cross. Jesus went through,

and said, "It is finished." He was then taken out of His sufferings. He had kept the faith and endured unto the end. He had finished God's plan for Him in this world. He came forth with victory, and what was the reward? He is sitting on the right hand of God in heaven.

Oh, dear ones, let us be faithful unto the end! Let us look away from our cross, and with joy see what lies before us. Suffering increases our faith. Suffering puts us on our knees and causes us to feel our nothingness before God. Humility, compassion for others, faith in God's power and wisdom, tenderness, and an increase of love for God are brought about through sufferings. We can only receive these sweet virtues through trusting God's wisdom as well as His power.

My father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, used to say that we should "Never push away the tool that God is using to get us ready for heaven." May God help us to keep our eyes upon the goal and seek God for grace. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised that we would have "sufficient grace" to bear what comes our way. Count this true. Sing victory, talk victory, and shout victory so loud that the devil can't bring a doubt or one thought to us that God is not doing for us what is best. Humbly say with Jesus, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

—Sis. Marie Miles

## "Be Courteous"

"Please" is such a nice word. We have called it the "magic" word. It softens commands. "Give me that paper" sounds so much nicer with a "please" before it. "Please" does work magic. I might be disinclined to give the paper, but the "please" seems to give me a desire to please the demander.

"Thank you" is a gracious phrase. It causes one to feel a glow of warmth though the deed done may have been very small. "Thank you" shows appreciation. When someone holds the door open for me I certainly feel like saying, "Thank you!" I have noticed that almost always the words "Thank you" bring a spark of pleasure to the recipient.

We are living in a society that is forgetting the meaning of courtesy. The Bible says, "Be courteous." I Pet. 3:8. I fear parents are forgetting to teach this command to their children. Perhaps the parents are not aware God's Word says, "Be courteous." The principle of courtesy is in the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Don't you always feel better when someone says "please" or thank you"? Somehow the bare command, "give me," produces a disinclination in the heart when it is used over and over without the magic word "please." No one likes to be always commanded. Occasionally we bear it, but continual commands begin to grate upon the nerves.

Though we are saints, we are human enough to notice the lack of courtesy in those who command us, or take our favors for granted. "Please's" and "thank you's" have a charming effect. We feel we have done a notable deed, though perhaps all we did was to hold open a door. If the deed took only a moment, a "thank you" tells us it did not pass unnoticed. Duties that we perform, knowing those duties are rightfully ours, nevertheless bring a warm glow within us when we receive a hearty "thank you."

Arrogancy and courtesy are opposites. The arrogant one pushes himself forward, demanding, trampling over the rights and feelings of others. I am the only one who counts, I want what I want, and I'll get it by fair means or foul. You are nothing, I could care less if by my demands you suffer loss." This is the attitude of arrogance.

Jesus Christ is the opposite of arrogance. Consider His humility. Though He was a King, He came as the most humble, of humble parentage, His birthplace a stable. He did not associate with kings and governors, though He would have graciously received them had they come feeling their need. (Arrogant people feel no need.) Jesus was treated as an imposter by the rulers and priests of His day. He was not recognized nor accepted as the Son of God.

Courtesy is a mark of love. "Love suffers long and is kind." Courtesy is kindness in action. Love . . . "seeketh not her own." Courtesy is thoughtfulness and consideration for others. Love . . . "doeth not behave itself unseemly." It is never unseemly to be courteous. Love . . . "is not easily provoked," love . . . "never fails." It is surprising how successful courtesy can be!

I am amazed at the disrespect and lack of courtesy in our present generation. Children are woefully lacking in these two graces. What will the next generation be?

Christian parents, teach your children courtesy. Start teaching them early! Be an example of courtesy before them. Teach them "manners." Manners have gone out of style. There is a lack of them in highest places and callings. People have the attitude that to be arrogant is the "thing." The time to instill courtesy and "manners" in our children is when they are small. If your children do not see courtesy demonstrated at home, where will they learn it? Children must be taught. They are not born with "manners." Teach them courtesy to mother, father, grandparents, brothers, and sisters. Home is the perfect place to practice. Teach them to respect the older folks. Wife, be courteous to husband; Husband, show courtesy to your wife; it demonstrates your love to her. Children showing respect to parents, grandparents, and older folks honors them. Let us all be courteous! The older generation should surely be courteous to children. It commands respect.

Remember the Bible command, "Be courteous." Jesus said, "If a man [woman or child] love me, he will keep my commandments."

—Thelma Sprague

"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)." Rev. 2:9. Faith makes rich in the midst of poverty. "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith?" James 2:5. The Christian lives by faith and not by sight. If he lived by sight, he would see his poverty, but since he lives by faith he sees only his riches. Those who live by sight look out upon circumstances and are troubled. Those living by faith look up to God and are happy. Their riches far exceed the riches of the world. What are their riches? They are those things that lie in the fatherhood of God. There is love, comfort, consolation, care, protection, supplying of all need for soul and body; all these and more are in the fatherhood of God and constitute the Christian's riches.

—C. E. Orr

"The passing of the believer from this life into the next is not passing away, but a passing over."

## God Has Everything Under Control

In Isaiah 14:27 we read, "For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" This tells us that God cannot be hindered. If He says a thing will come to pass, it will be so.

In the last few years the world has been in a very unstable condition. Sometimes our foreign ambassadors were barely able to avoid confrontations that would have resulted in a nuclear world war. In our own native America, things aren't as optimistic as they used to be. Morals have reached a very low point. Crime is rapidly increasing, and is almost now to the point where we can't be sure but what some of these horrifying scenes may come right to our home. The wholesome homelife, which was the backbone of our strength for almost 200 years, is now almost gone. In one of our cities last year there were more divorces than marriages and more abortions than either. We could go on and on.

Let us be assured that God is seeing all this from His throne in heaven. He will not forget His people. Just as He heard the oppressed cry of the Israelites in Egypt, He again hears the prayers of His people today. When the cup of iniquity is full, judgment will fall on "them that know not God." II Thess. 1:7-10. But first, all of the Bible (which is God's Word) must be fulfilled in every way. We are seeing these prophecies fulfilled in our generation.

Let us keep in mind that God is in control and will not allow one thing to happen without His permission. Also, everything He puts His hand on must obey under His command. We would not say that God changes everything that man decides to do, because God gave man a mind of his own and let him be a free moral agent. But we do believe there are times when man on his own would have done things differently had not God intervened.

What is God capable of doing? What has He done in times past in controlling man's motives, plans and will? Does God have any influence in regard to who gets in our public offices? We believe He does. We believe there are laws passed and some not passed because God controlled the minds of our legislators. They do as they do to bring about something God has purposed. "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Romans 13:1.

We want to back our statements by the Word of God, because we esteem its authority above all else. The Bible records many instances where God had complete control of the situation. God proved His power by hardening Pharaoh's heart. Ex. 7:3. Joseph's entire life was especially used by God to bring about God's plan. Gen. 45:8. "So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt." There are many others that space will not permit us to quote.

So we see that God can, and does control the minds of men sometimes in order to bring to pass His purpose. However, we firmly believe that if one wants to do right, that God will not in any circumstance direct the mind of a person to be used in doing evil. It is only when God sees that they have turned to do wrong that He

would let them, and their doings become a part of what His Word prophesied would come to them.

It is not a usual thing, but man has changed God's intentions in some situations. It seems God is so full of mercy, that even though judgment is due, He may withdraw it if He sees that man has fully repented. It was so with Nineveh. Jonah 3:10. If the people of America, or any other land, would repent as Nineveh did, perhaps God would hear. But we don't see that repentance today. On the contrary, we feel we are in a time when the nations are hoping to achieve everlasting world peace, but at the same time their hearts are full of sinful lust and greed. Jesus foretold our present condition when He said, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37. Gen. 6:5 describes Noah's days, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." God's Word says in Psalms 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

We are living in the time of the last battle. Gog and Magog, representing the two major anti-god spirits that work through all man-made church organizations, are going out "to deceive the nations." Rev. 20:8. Jesus said in Mark 13:22, "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce [lead astray], if it were possible, even the elect." Again, Jesus asked in Luke 18:8b, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Perhaps we don't realize the extremity to which man will go when he as an agent of Satan tries to destroy God's one true Church. It will only be those who have their names written in heaven that will be able to stand the pressure. Remember, that the Almighty God will still have control and will deliver His Church. Rev. 20:9.

We would like to ask every reader to take a close look at his own life. Are you ready to face the pressures that lie ahead? It is due time we made a steadfast stand for God and the gospel cause. Don't be deceived by life's ambition. Your soul's needs are far more important to you. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. Remember that if we reject Christ, He is the One who will have control at the Judgment day. (Matt. 25:31-46).

—Paul Sorrell

### WORDS OF WISDOM

I would not lightly refer to God as my partner. He is my Lord and Saviour, and I am His servant. But by His grace He has made us members of His family, and we can refer to Him as our Father which art in Heaven. More than that, He has let us be "workers together with him." The Bible says, "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." (II Cor. 6:1). So it is in that sense that I mean we are partners, remembering always that real partners don't try to see how much one can get from the other. They work for the good of the partnership. They try to help each other.

—Sel.

It has been arranged in the plan of redemption that God and man can be so absorbed each in the other that they would think alike, will alike, feel and love and work together. This is man at his real self.

—C. E. Orr

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**EDITORIALS****CHRISTIAN GREETINGS TO OUR READERS:**

According to our usual policy, no paper was published for the month of August, which allowed time for our faithful co-workers and all of us to attend campmeetings in July and August. However, activity continued here at the Lord's Printshop through most of the summer. The orders for gospel literature were filled almost every work day.

Quantities of gospel tracts, papers and booklets were sent or taken to various campmeetings 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. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:21.



Our co-workers are back from the campmeetings and trips, and are busy in their respective departments in the office and shop, printing and mailing out the gospel literature. "The Beautiful Way" paper and the "Bible Lessons" for the fourth quarter of 1977 are on the press. Plans are made to reprint the out-of-print books, "Beyond The Tomb" by H. M. Riggle, and "God's Gracious Dealings" as soon as possible. Pray with us that the soul-saving gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to go forth to this sin-laden world and that many more souls will be gleaned out of darkness into His marvelous light.



The shipment of 10,000 pounds of printing paper was received from the paper mill the first part of August. According to Jesus' design, "The gospel must first be published among all nations."

**Special Notice To Customers . . .**

If any of our customers feel that you did not receive at any time the full amount of tracts or literature for which you paid, please let us know at once and we will send you additional tracts or literature to make up the shortage, or we will make a refund in cash for the shortage on your orders.



The 40th National campmeeting of the Church of God held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, closed with victory on July 31st. It seemed that the attendance was the largest ever on those grounds with many states represented, and a number of saints from Canada and Mexico. Perhaps Bro. Reinhart Mueller of Edmonton, Canada, came the longest distance to be in this meeting. Many new people came and seemed to appreciate the old-time truth from God's Word. Messages on various Bible doctrines went forth with holy anointing. The spirit of conviction rested heavily on the unsaved, and many yielded to the Spirit's call and were flooded with the joy of sins forgiven. Believers were sanctified, and others experienced and testified of definite, divine physical healing in answer to the prayer of faith. Several be-

lievers followed the Lord in the ordinance of water baptism which is the answer of a good conscience toward God. The sacred ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper were also observed by many happy saints.

Plans were again made to enlarge the tabernacle for the next year's meeting, as well as to make a number of other improvements on the grounds. It appeared there was an urgent need to provide more dormitory space to help take care of the increasing attendance, as practically all of the motels in the area are booked full for the week of the meeting.

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.

The dates of the campmeeting next year were set for July 21 to 30, 1978.

#### Financial Report Available . . .

The financial report of the Church of God National Missionary Fund for the past fiscal year is available from the secretary-treasurer, Bro. Ralph M. Beisly, whose address is 407 Eldridge Street, Coffeyville, Kansas 67337. Anyone who wants a copy may address your request directly to Bro. Beisly, and all contributions for home missionary and gospel tent work should be sent to him.

The fifteen acres that were purchased last year near the Guthrie municipal airport as a new site for the Oklahoma State campmeeting have been sold to the City of Guthrie and the transaction is completed. Now we are in search of a suitable location. Please agree with us in prayer that the Lord will lead and direct clearly in finding the proper site for the local congregation and Oklahoma State campground.

Sister Roberta Hightower, who had been working in the mailing department for several years, expressed her desire to be relieved of this phase of the Lord's work, and she left that department in July. May the Lord bless and reward her for her faithful service unto Him, and direct her future activities.

Just off the press and in stock is the excellent book, "Christian Baptism, Feet Washing, and the Lord's Supper" by H. M. Riggle. This doctrinal book on the three ordinances of the New Testament contains 264 pages in a nice cloth cover. The price is \$3.00 per copy, plus 40c for postage and handling.

Bro. Ulysses Phillips, now in his 91st year, flew from California to attend the campmeeting at Boley, Okla., which is in progress this week (Aug. 19-23). Though very feeble in body, he preached a few times there. It was our pleasure to meet him again and the other saints there, when this writer, his wife, Maybelle, Sister Eldonna Rhoades, Bro. George A.

Hammond, and Bro. Bob Sallee went together from Guthrie to attend those services last Sunday, Aug. 21st. Sister Mattie Savage, though aged and weak in body, was also in the Boley meeting from Goulds, Florida.

#### Muncie, Indiana, Campmeeting Cancelled . . .

Bro. Egbert Allen advised that we inform our readers that the plan to hold a campmeeting on the Central Friends Campground at Muncie, Ind., next year is cancelled. Therefore, no campmeeting of the Church of God will be held at that location next year.

A very striking parallel exists in regard to the history of the Church of the morning era and that of the "evening time." History indicates that within thirty years after the day of Pentecost in A. D. 33 a serious departure from the original standards of truth, such as factions, heresies, legalism, and worldliness, began to infect the Church. Losing its pristine power and glory, the so-called church went from bad to worse, and became Roman Catholicism which is symbolized by the "beast" in the book of Revelation.

In a like period in this "evening time," about thirty years from 1880 A. D. to 1910 A. D., the Church of God reformation or restoration movement shone forth in divine power and glory, until at the latter date it began its infamous spiritual decline and apostasy. Though the compromise "landslide" of 1910-17 carried the great majority of the people of the movement with it, yet God by His infinite power preserved from those early days a continuous "remnant"—a true Church of the "evening light"—which is still today maintaining, teaching and practicing those same precious truths which brought forth this glorious reformation in fulfillment of Old Testament and New Testament prophecy.

The tragic fact is that many of the people who are affiliated with the several so-called Church of God groups split off from "Anderson" since 1910 do not know all the truth that was taught and practiced sixty-five years ago, prior to 1910. What was truth then is still truth today, and will be the truth at the Judgment day. In fact, the light is shining brighter, according to the Scriptures, but it will not obscure or hide the truth that has already been revealed to the Church. If we walk in the light as Jesus is in the light, we have fellowship with Him and all those who are also walking in the light. Though one may have more or less light than another, it is the direction one is going, whether to the light or away from the light, that provides or determines the basis of fellowship.

Let every soul seek God for that spiritual vision, holy boldness, and courage to go all the way back to the original pattern of the Church as laid down in the New Testament.

This writer is importuning for healing like the widow before the unjust judge. Your continued agreement of prayer is surely appreciated. —L. D. Pruitt

## OBITUARIES

Mrs. Charles (Betty) Davis, aged 88, resident of Plains, Montana, for 47 years, departed this life to be with the Lord on June 12, 1977, at her home.

Sister Davis was born July 26, 1888, at Athens, Tenn., and was married to Charles Davis in McMinn County, Tenn., Sept. 23, 1911. The couple moved to Plains in 1930. He passed away in 1961.

Sister Davis was an avid reader and supporter of the *Faith and Victory* paper. She was a saint of God and a "grandmother to everybody."

Survivors include a son, George, Coeur d'Alene, Ida.; and four daughters, Edith Boyer and Ruth Webber, Plains, Montana, Gwendolyn DeBolt, Trenton, Neb., and Veda Carvey, Tacoma, Wash.; a brother, Robert Land, Cinton, Tenn.; 19 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Shrider Chapel with Bro. Gary Kelly officiating. Burial was in the Plains, Montana, cemetery.

The author of the following poem is the son-in-law of Sister Davis who, he wrote, "was my favorite Christian."

### MOTHER-IN-LAW

I, being an agnostic  
and taught to be a weigher of things,  
had doubts and trouble in believing  
certain interpretations and doctrines  
of religious people and books  
until circumstances and chance  
made it possible to contact  
a lovable aged woman  
whose daily attitude and conduct  
reorganized my conceptions to declare  
there was some truth to whatever  
made her so radiant and happy  
and longsuffering and patient  
and different like after a storm.

—William Walter DeBolt

Bro. Angus E. Flynn, born February 18, 1905, in the Loranger, La., community, passed away July 8, 1977, at his home in the Loranger, La., community, at the age of 72 years, 4 months and 19 days.

He was united in marriage on August 16, 1930, to Myrtis Williamson of the Loranger community.

Bro. Angus was saved many years ago in his early adult life, and had been living a real steadfast Christian life for the last several years, and was active in the Oak Grove Church of God congregation.

He was preceded in death by one brother, O. D. Flynn, of Loranger, La., and one sister, Mrs. Katie Joiner, of Glendale, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Myrtis Flynn of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Reuel (Vivian) Gibson, of Guthrie, Okla., and Mrs. Glenn (Erma) Doolittle of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; four brothers, Dallas Flynn, of Loranger, La., Melvin Flynn, of Hammond, La., Cullie Flynn, and Jim Flynn, both of Burbank, Calif., and eight grandchildren.

Bro. Angus will be greatly missed by his family, relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Hammond, La., conducted by Bro. Richard Madden, assisted by Bro. Merrill Williamson, and Bro. Bob Forbes. Burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery near the Church of God Chapel in the Loranger, La., community.

### Note of Thanks

We, the family of Angus E. Flynn, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone for their love shown to us through their cards, phone calls, letters, flowers, gift offerings, food, and prayers during the illness and death of our loved one.

—Sis. Myrtis Flynn and family

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Richard Moody was born on July 22, 1931, in Ohio, and departed this life on June 21, 1977 in Puyallup, Wash., at the age of 45 years and 11 months.

He gave his heart to the Lord during his illness.

He leaves his wife, Jean Moody; one daughter, Mary K. Moody; two stepdaughters; one stepson, and seven stepgrandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Iva Moody; two brothers, and many other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

—His mother-in-law, Mrs. D. T. Thomas

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Susanna Ratzlaff Hiebert Berg, the second child of Bernard F. Ratzlaff and Anna Schmidt Ratzlaff, was born August 22, 1885, at Lehigh, Kansas, and departed this life at the home of her daughter, Martha Classen, west of Fairview, Okla., on July 11, 1977, having lived 91 years, 10 months and 19 days.

In September, 1905, she was united in holy matrimony with Abraham J. Hiebert. To this union seven children were born, four daughters and three sons. Two daughters, Lorena and Selma Erona, preceded her in death, and her husband, Abraham, died on March 17, 1948, after suffering several strokes.

Susanna and Abraham Hiebert embraced the teachings of the Church of God, (Evening Light Saints) in the early 1900's.

Susanna always taught her children to love and fear God. From her they also learned to have compassion, tenderness and sympathy for the less fortunate in life. Her philosophy was to live peaceably with all people. Her quiet, pleasant personality will be missed by all who knew her.

On January 11, 1960, Susanna was married to Fred Berg at Enid, Okla. They resided in Fairview, Okla., and in September, 1970, they moved to the Golden Rule Home in Shawnee, Okla. After Fred Berg died in January, 1976, Susanna continued to live in their apartment at the Home until she fell several months ago. Thereafter she stayed in a semi-private room until June, when she went to Fairview, Okla., to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Alfred Classen. It was there that her spirit went to be with her Saviour while she slept.

She leaves to mourn her departure: a sister, Hulda Smith, Seattle, Washington; a brother, Ben Ratzlaff, Enid, Okla.; two daughters, Martha Classen, Fairview, Okla., and Anna Severs, Neosho, Missouri; three sons, Ruben Hiebert, WaKeeney, Kansas, Daniel Hiebert, Vinita, Okla., and Leo Hiebert, Wichita, Kansas; sixteen



grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren, many other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Fairview Funeral Home, conducted by Bro. Charles Smith, and interment was in the South Mennonite Brethren Cemetery, Fairview, Okla.

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**Russell H. Douglas** was born at Tecumseh, Okla., on Feb. 17, 1910, and departed this life near Guthrie, Okla., on July 31, 1977, at the age of 67 years, 5 months and 13 days.

On June 25, 1932, he was married to Tressa Mae Greathouse at Tulsa, Okla.

A number of years ago he was born into the Church of God by a spiritual birth, and over the years had written many religious poems and songs.

His survivors include: one son, David A. Douglas, Moore, Okla.; two daughters, Norma Jeanne (Holder) Green, Del City, Okla., and Ramona Ann Cooper, Van Buren, Ark.; two sisters, Lila Marie Payne, and Winifred O'Keefe, both of Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, other relatives, saints, and friends.

**Tressa Mae Douglas** was born at Garfield, Ark., on Nov. 17, 1913, and departed this life near Guthrie, Okla., on July 31, 1977, at the age of 63 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Tressa Mae was married to Russell H. Douglas on June 25, 1932, at Tulsa, Okla.

She was saved in the Church of God many years ago, and put the music to a number of her husband's poems. They sang many songs together.

Survivors include: one son, David A. Douglas, Moore, Okla.; two daughters, Norma Jeanne (Holder) Green, Del City, Okla., and Ramona Ann Cooper, Van Buren, Ark.; one brother, Duard Greathouse, Washington D. C.; two sisters, Elnora Tipton, Los Angeles, Calif., and Juanita Jenkins, Newberg, Oregon; her mother, Anna Greathouse, Albany Ore.; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, other relatives, saints, and friends.

A double funeral conducted for the Douglasses, who passed away about the same time in a tragic auto collision, was held at the Capitol Hill Church of God, with the Pastor Lawrence Chestnut and Bro. Charles Smith officiating. The songs sung at the funeral were their own compositions. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery at Shawnee, Okla.

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### HAMMOND, LA., CAMPMEETING REPORT

The seventieth campmeeting on the General Southern Campground in Hammond, Louisiana is now history. The Lord was faithful, and we felt His wonderful working power throughout the meeting. He sent His ministers with old-time messages of truth and the singing was heavenly—with times of shouting and praise to the Lord. Ten were baptized and a goodly number followed the Lord in the ordinance of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper. Our hearts were flowing with joy to see the number of young people growing in the Lord. We covet your prayers for their strength, grace and continued growth, as they are to be the church of tomorrow.

The Lord sent good help for the kitchen work. We deeply appreciate every one and pray our Lord's blessings will be ever upon them. Our faithful pastor and

family are ever on the job, faithfully, and cheerfully being a blessing to many.

We are all looking forward to that great campmeeting in Glory where we can sing and praise our mighty King forever and never have to say good-bye. I am looking forward to that day! Let us all keep faithful and study daily to show ourselves "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

—Gladys Cashio

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### CAMPMEETING REPORT FROM AKRON, OHIO

The campmeeting season will soon end, and how sad to think that many souls will yet be unprepared for long eternity.

The Lord visited our campmeeting in Akron, Ohio, in a mighty way. The Word of God was preached with power and cut as a two-edged sword. The enemy made his attack, but the preached Word supported by prayer prevailed and the spirit of enmity took its flight. We praise the Lord for the salvation of eight souls, seven of whom followed the Lord in the watery grave and arose to walk with the Lord. Our prayers need to continue in their behalf that they will contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints in order to maintain this wonderful salvation.

The congregation joins heartily with appreciation to all whom the Lord sent to minister and help spiritually and temporally. It was marvelous how the Lord blessed in many ways, even in the sadness of the sudden passing of Sister Zenolia Knight's husband. The family still need our prayers.

I pray, "Oh, God, may a persevering spirit of prayer seize the church for souls that are in bondage and for severe cases of afflictions of the children of God, that the power of God will be manifested in a mighty way of healing." This will be accomplished only when our bodies are given as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

—Sister H. Clark and congregation

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### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Missouri State Campmeeting was held at Myrtle, Mo., August 3rd through the 10th. This was the 27th annual campmeeting to be held at Myrtle. A large number attended this meeting from sixteen states or more.

The presence of the Lord came down in a mighty way and there was great rejoicing in the camp. It was marvelous to see the workings of the Holy Spirit in this meeting. A great number sought the Lord for salvation or some spiritual need at the altar of prayer. The church was greatly edified and some of the subtle workings of Satan in these last days were openly exposed and renounced, especially the heresy of no cleansing in sanctification. Praise God for a Spirit-filled ministry that is not afraid to oppose spiritual wickedness in high places! May God give them more boldness.

Our souls are still rejoicing from the good we received in this meeting. It was a great feast for all who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness. We appreciate all who came, and extend a hearty invitation to you to come next year. Also, we extend thanks to

those who donated their talents and time in the kitchen.  
May God reward you richly. —Harlan Sorrell

### AUTUMN GOSPEL SINGING AT MYRTLE, MO.

The Lord willing, the 9th annual autumn gospel singing at Myrtle, Mo., will be held on Saturday night, Oct. 1, 1977. We extend an invitation to all to come and worship the Lord with us in holy song. The Lord has richly blessed in these autumn singings in the past and we are trusting He will give us another rich blessing this year. These singings are not for entertainment, but rather for the glory of God. So come, and if the Lord puts a song in your heart, sing it in the Spirit and with the understanding.

On the following day, Sunday, Oct. 2, there will be all-day services. Cabins and dormitories will be available for those who wish to stay on the campgrounds. Also, the saints will be happy to have you in their homes. May we see you on this week-end. —Harlan Sorrell

### ASSEMBLY MEETING IN WISCONSIN

Lord willing, An Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held at Shell Lake, Wisconsin, from Wed., Oct. 5 through Oct. 10, 1977, or possibly longer if the Lord wills.

All are invited to attend these services where the old-time gospel will be preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Pray the Lord to send the ministerial help of His choosing and that souls will be saved.

Trailers will have access to electrical hook-ups, and a girls' dormitory will be provided. Room for some will be available in our homes. Meals will be supplied on a free-will offering basis.

For further information, contact Bro. Duane LaVeau, Rt. 1, Shell Lake, Wisc. 54871, phone (715) 468-2798.

—Duane and Sue LaVeau

### REVIVAL AT GREEN PASTURES, OKLA.

The annual autumn revival meeting of the Church of God, 57th and Denver Streets, Green Pastures, Okla., will be held Oct. 7 through Oct. 16, 1977.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. We will appreciate your presence and your prayers.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Herman Kelly, 1504 N. E. 48th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73111, phone 405-427-7314, or Bro. Raymond Brown, 2701 S. E. 50th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73129, phone 405-672-8055.

### REVIVAL MEETING IN OKMULGEE, OKLA.

The annual autumn revival meeting of the Church of God in Okmulgee, Okla., will begin, Lord willing, on Monday night, Oct. 17, at 7:45 p.m. and continue nightly through Sunday, Oct. 23, 1977. There will be special prayer meetings at noon on Monday and Friday, and all-day services will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 23.

We are trusting the Lord to burden and anoint those He can use in the meeting. Precious souls are bound in sin, burdened down with the cares of life, and many are

oppressed. Read Isaiah 58 and II Cor. 10:4,5. Oh, who will help to save the lost? Saints everywhere, include this meeting in your earnest prayers. We expect an outpouring of the Spirit.

For more information, contact the pastor, Brother Woodrow Warren, at the Church of God chapel, 1002, E. McLagan, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447, or phone 918-756-6425, at his home, 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Ok.

—Sis. Erma Johnson

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Mo.—“We are sorely afflicted, but our faith is in the Lord. . . . He loves us too much to give us one trial too much.”

—Bro. and Sis. F. E. Wilson

Calif.—“I have moved here to the Rest Home in Pacoima, Calif. . . . My sight and hearing are very bad and I ask that all of you and the saints abroad remember me when you pray.”

Sis. Amy Hunter

Kentucky—Bro. Curtis Williams fell off a scaffold while butchering, and crushed his right wrist, breaking the bones. Pray earnestly for him.

Mo.—Sis. Dora Doolittle needs complete healing and is looking to God with faith.

Okla.—Sis. Aquilla Benson is better, but still needs complete healing. She is fighting the “good fight of faith.”

Dear saints of God, be encouraged and keep looking to God for healing or to work out your problems. God is our Helper and has everything of which we have need. God will make us know if He wants us to accept His grace to bear the trial which He does not change. But until we know, we have the right to keep looking to Him for deliverance.

The Apostle Paul points us to Abraham in referring to the promise made to him that he would be the father of a child, even in his old age. Paul says that he was “not weak in faith,” and he “staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” Rom. 4:19-21. Let us be “fully persuaded” and not be “weak in faith.”

—Sis. Marie Miles

### MISSIONARY VAN NEEDED

Sis. Edith (Cole) Lara in Mexico needs a van to take people back and forth to meeting, or use in the work of Lord there for various needs. A fund has been started, but we would appreciate if more would pray about what the Lord would have you do about this need. Your offerings may be sent to the Church of God National Miss. Fund, R. M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kans., 67337 and specify what it is for, or to this office.

—Sis. Marie Miles

“Oh, the cross! the precious cross!  
’Twas there I counted all but loss;  
’Twas there I gave my heart to God,  
’Twas there he washed me in his blood  
And spake the words ‘Thy sins forgiv’n’  
And filled my soul with peace from heav’n.”





## NEW BUS FOR MISSION WORK IN NIGERIA

In the background of this picture is the new bus recently purchased in Nigeria by Bro. Titus Enu who is the third man from the left. Some brethren can be seen inside the bus, while Sister Leona Tompkin, a black American who visited the Nigerian mission on July 30, 1977, is seen third from the right dressed in Nigerian attire.

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (Aug. 2)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the saints abroad: Greetings in the holy name of Jesus. It is a matter of much interest to intimate the joy of us all, especially of us here in Nigeria, that by God's wisdom we have been led to purchase on July 19, 1977, an excellent bus (pictured above) capable of carrying 15 to 18 brethren at a time. We are at a loss to find the words most adequate to express our gratitude to God for this provision of this means of transportation brought to pass through the liberal contributions of His saints in the United States. May the Lord bless these precious saints who have not been weary in well doing, realizing that in due season they will reap if they faint not. By means of this transportation the saints of the Most High can now carry out their commission and travel farther to preach the redemptive message to all.

We thanked the Lord and rejoiced exceedingly to receive in our midst a young maidservant of God, Sis. Leona Tompkin of Lancaster, Calif., who flew from Ghana to Nigeria for a brief visit of just four hours. She is the first black American saint to visit us in Nigeria. This writer visited their home out from Los Angeles, met her at the National Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., and also at the campmeeting at Bakersfield, Calif., in 1976. The saints gathered to give her a saintly reception. In our bus packed with brethren, she was conveyed to Benin City where she was seen to fly off by this writer, his wife, and others.

Bro. Ben Adesoro of Auchu congregation, Bro. George Izokun of Ishan congregation and Bro. Clement O. Inope of Iviari-Weppa congregation were in our midst in Kwale on a visit to fellowship with us. Bro. Inope was formerly a prominent member of the so-called Jehovah's Witness before his conversion. What a glorious occasion when Jesus came into his heart to expel the accumulation of darkness. No stone was left unturned to instruct him more perfectly in the doctrine of the Church of God.

Lucy Esu Opute, a precious sister who gave a never-to-be-forgotten service to the Church of God and her Maker, passed away peacefully on July 10, 1977, at the age of 59. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the undersigned. Interment was behind her father's compound at Umusam-Ogbe, Kwale.

Yours in Christ,

—Titus U. E. Enu

### GOSPEL WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

Under date of August 17, Bro. Florencio Granil writes "that God's Church is advancing in the Philippines, but the devil is also trying his best to destroy even the very elect in these last days." The Church of God (Evening Light) in the Philippines is now registered with and recognized by their government, and we trust that God's work will be firmly established in that area. We thank the Lord that He has supplied through His servants more New Testaments in the Ilocano language of the Philippines, and very soon they will be shipped to the native gospel workers for free distribution.

—Editor

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (July 18)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, each dear one at the Print Shop, and the dear saints scattered everywhere: Our loving greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, whose eyes "run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." II Chron. 16:9.

Thank you very much for your good letter dated July 1, and the enclosures including the *Faith and Victory* paper were noted with much gratitude. We praised God when we read the wonderful reports of the blessed campmeetings which are past, and we continue to remember the remaining campmeetings in our earnest prayers. May God rescue many more people from sin and spiritual darkness this year. Also, I praised God when I read the report of Bro. Hammond's work in the Philippines.

Here it is raining day and night. At Kodassery, the construction of a shed is going on for the assembly of the saints there. We trust it can be opened for service by August 15. . . .

Every milestone in this pilgrim journey is marked with the faithfulness of God. In the 11th chapter of Hebrews is a gallery of the mighty men of faith, men who stepped out from the natural to the supernatural by faith. Abel appears first in the gallery. The faith of Noah is commended in the Bible. In our constant battle against the devil we are exhorted to hold up the shield of faith.

Many professed Christians are being swallowed by Satan in the form of Communism here in these days. Strikes and attacks are going on everywhere by Communist people. Faith is our defence against the devil.

Please remember in your prayers the new gospel work we started here. Some saints are seriously ill here and they need your prayers.

My wife and children send their special greetings to all the saints in America. We continue to pray for your complete healing and for each one at the Print Shop.

Yours in His service,

—John Varghese

### MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA (Part Two)

Mon., May 9: We left by bus for Uruapan, Mexico, to visit Brother Rama and his people. Arriving late at night, we took a room in a hotel.

Tues., May 10: We arose early, had prayer and breakfast, and took a bus out to Brother Rama's village where we found a warm welcome. This afternoon we went with them to a neighboring village to do some personal work, but were led to have services that evening, in which our Lord blessed my soul, and we arrived home late at night.

Wed., May 11: We spent most of this day in the village in Bible study and prayer with the Ramas and personal work, leaving that afternoon for Uruapan where we spent the night in a hotel, planning to get a bus early the next morning back to Mexico City and on to Central America.

Thurs., May 12: During our early morning prayer the Spirit impressed me to go back to the village and speak with a man who was dying of diabetes. The old brother said, yes, he believed the gospel. He had repented of all sin, and now he wanted to follow the Lord in baptism. He didn't care if they did persecute him; they could kill him if they wanted to, but he wanted to go all the way with God. Remember him before the throne of grace. Our God is able to heal him and make him a great testimony to them all. We caught a later bus and arrived in Mexico City late that night. I had been warned much of the dangers of sickness in the food and water, but had done as taught in the Word, and ate and drank in faith with prayer. Now my stomach began to roll and growl. I went to my knees at the foot of my bed and earnestly besought our Lord to keep me well that I might be useful in His work, and He did! It passed over me like a dark cloud. Two or three times later it tried to return, but I just rebuked it in Jesus' name and refused to accept something over which He had given me victory. Glory to His Almighty name, He gave complete victory and I didn't miss a day or even an hour because of sickness.

Fri., May 13: We all felt it was good to send Charlotte and Bennie back home, so we bade them good-bye at the Mexico City airport, committed them to the grace of God, and Brother Huskey and I took to the air once again toward Chetumal on the Central American border, landing in that humid, tropical jungle in the afternoon. We picked up our luggage and took a cab/bus the five miles to the border for 200 pesos (almost \$10). As I refused to pay a like amount to be taken on into the first town in Belize, our driver left us here and we committed ourselves anew to God and meant to hitchhike across the

jungle. There is a river on the border with Mexican customs on the north side and Belize customs on the south. While going through Mexican customs, I could tell that Brother James was having difficulties. The official wanted to fine us 100 pesos each to get out of Mexico from there. I set my things down and stepped back and began a silent prayer for help. Pretty soon the official noticed my Bible and asked if he might look at it. Bro. Huskey then felt led to give him a Spanish New Testament as a gift, and our Lord gave us favor in his eyes so that he fixed up our papers and let us depart in peace. We walked over the bridge and entered the Belize customs. After a little talk, the Belize officer wanted to know our purpose for entering his country and where we were planning to go or stay. I showed him the address of the man with whom I had been corresponding and told him we wished to visit our friends in El Cayo. He said, yes, he knew them. It was his hometown and he didn't know why the government had sent him up to the border today. Yes, we could go. Glory to God! Once again He had the right man in the right place at the right time to open a door for us. Also, we found a man there who was going home to Orange Walk on our route, and we could ride with him. He took us to a hotel in Orange Walk where we ate supper, then went up to our room and lay down on our bed, too tired to shower or get in bed. Suddenly, there floated in through the window, "When the saints go marching in," and Brother Huskey looked at me and said, "Let's go to church." I said, "Not tonight; you go if you want to, but I'm too tired." Pretty soon another song started and the Spirit of our Lord seemed to revive me and I said, "Let's go to church." So we went out and found the chapel and took a seat in the back. Suddenly a few words were said in Spanish and Brother Huskey found himself up front preaching to them in Spanish. Afterwards, they came and invited me to bring the message tomorrow night, but we felt the Lord would have us go on toward El Cayo. Perhaps, another time.

Sat., May 14: We caught the early morning bus for Belize City on the beautiful Caribbean Sea, then another toward El Cayo, arriving at the jungle village of Ontario shortly after noon where I met my pen pal, Alfred, and his family for the first time. He had made arrangements for us to stay at a missionary compound of a Brother Millholland who, we were much surprised to discover, had been reared by Brother Archie Souder's parents. Brother Millholland said certainly we were going to stay with them, that it was like bringing part of the family home. Indeed, they treated us like part of the family and gave us the freedom of the chapel and pulpit for meetings, in which the Lord poured out His blessings on our soul. They keep about 25 children and a few old folks in this work of faith and also other folks come to meeting from all around. The children have a school there to attend weekdays. The boys also learn to work, sing gospel songs, play church and aspire to be preachers. The girls also learn to work and keep up a home, sing gospel songs at play and all seem to get along well and show much love and courtesy. Sunday finds them all in service learning of Jesus, mighty to save and to keep. (To be continued in Oct. issue.) —Bro. James Broker

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

Dear Ones: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, who died for you and me. Surely, it is with heartfelt gratitude to the Lord that we write the following: The Lord made it plain to me to go to Ojos Negros, Mexico, in time to help with preparations and to be in the campmeeting there. He wonderfully blessed, not only my trip there and back, but sent help and encouragement via several from the States who were a real asset to the meeting. He provided spiritual food for all who were in attendance. Five people found their way to an altar of prayer during the meeting. We are surely grateful to God for His convicting Spirit that dealt with souls. Eternity alone will reveal exactly what was accomplished. The Lord sent just the messages needed and how we do thank Him! He miraculously provided sufficient food and accommodations for all for the full time. Pray for all the workers in Mexico and for those who have started up the narrow way that leads to heaven. Lord willing, next month, I'd like to take a little more space to share a few highlights of the meeting with you.

Through the Lord making it possible for several of the messages to be recorded, our Spanish tape ministry is growing. Nine messages were sent out today to several who were not privileged to be in the meeting. Some are playing these tapes and others already sent out, in gatherings of neighbors and friends. We trust there will be some fruit gathered by way of this tape ministry. About 3,000 Spanish tracts were also put in the mail today. Pray that they will fall into the hands of people who are hungry for God's Word and pray for the salvation of their souls.

To those with a burden for Spanish-speaking people, the tracts sent today are samples from which you can make up your orders. If any desire copies of Spanish tapes, write me at the address below for information.

Yours for the gleanings of souls in Mexico in these last days,

—Mayarino and Panchita Escobar, Ap.  
Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa. Mex.,  
and Opal Kelly, 919 W. Mansur, Guthrie,  
Oklahoma 73044.

## FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sis. Marie: The Lord brought these thoughts to me again and again, "Talk less and pray more, and there will not be any room for anything else."

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23, 24. I love the souls of mankind; that is why I get out among the sick and afflicted, and among the unsaved, giving out literature, praying for the sick and telling people about Jesus. Something is coming upon this earth, so we had better watch ourselves.

—Lizzie Jordan

Ore.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Trust you are well and the Lord is blessing you and the dear ones there. . . . I think so much how the blessed Bro. Paul said that the coming of Titus com-

forted him. I like to have a "Titus" come. Sometimes it is through a phone call, a letter, or a personal visit. The dear Lord knows how and when we need help. Also, I find it so precious when He speaks to me through the Word, or in other ways. He helps me find things when I misplace them, also helps me thread my needle. . . .

Please pray for me. Lord willing, I plan to leave here Monday, the 8th of August, for West Virginia. My oldest brother's birthday is the 17th. He will be 88. He is so good to me and always asks me to pray for him. . . . I hope to see some of the saints there and in Ohio. I will need the dear Lord to strengthen me. . . .

I think of dear Sis. Ruby Hutchison. She is not well and does need our prayers. . . .

May the dear Lord bless you and yours and all the dear ones there.

—Beatrice Spaur

Fla.—Dear Sister Marie: I am so glad the Lord loved us when we were so deeply lost in sin. He suffered, bled and died to save and lift us up out of the deep miry clay of sin, and settle our feet in the strait and narrow way. Praise His great name!

I am thinking of how I was utterly lost in sin and was dead to the fact that I was lost and in danger of being lost forever. Some dear saint was praying an effectual, fervent prayer in my behalf (as I believe saints are praying for souls they don't even know). That prayer reached to heaven and the guardian angel was watching over me through that dangerous, sinful life. The Lord awoke me to my condition and I fell on my knees, repented of my sins, and He wonderfully saved me.

I was not blessed with the privilege to be in a congregation of saints. I was isolated almost all of my life of salvation, and had no one (earthly) to bring my problems to. But I can say that the Lord has done great things for me, whereof I am glad. He just led me on to the real truth of His Word. Praise the Lord!

I feel that I am in the heated furnace. My feeble prayer is, "Father, let me stay, precious gold refining, purge the dross away. 'Till thy glorious image is reflected there, 'till the costly jewels of thy grace I wear."

Yours in the Master's service, —Sis. Mattie Savage

Pa.—Dear Marie: May the Lord bless in the wonderful work you are doing for the Lord and all the ones that get the *Faith and Victory* paper. It is very good, and I read it from cover to cover.

I am isolated from any saints, but there is no excuse for not obeying God's Word. We have Him in our hearts and He is a present help in time of trouble. I enjoyed the accounts of the campmeetings and wished, I, too, could have been in some of them.

I live only about 18 miles from Johnstown, Pa., where they had the awful flood on July 20th, and it really looks deserted. I did a lot of shopping in that city, but the department stores are all wiped out, most of them not being rebuilt. There were 75 dead and 30 missing. Surely, God is telling us something. There is much sin and wickedness in this world, and the people will not heed the warnings.

I have many earthly problems and my health is poor, but I mean to claim victory. My sight hinders me a lot, but thank God, I can still see. . . .

Christian love,

—Bernice McKenrick

Mich.—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Once again, the Lord has blessed me this summer. I had quit my job in the pizzeria because it was granted a liquor license from the State. I was out of a job only three weeks until the Lord gave me a job at a large grocery store. I really am thankful for it! The summer is almost over and I will be going back to school. I hope to work during school, also.

My family and I are all still healthy, for which I thank the Lord. . . .

In Christ, —Renate Hess

Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in our dear Lord's name! We are keeping courage and expecting results from all the prayers of God's people. God's Word says: "He is faithful who has promised." So we are holding right on to the promises He has given. We are holding on for your healing, too. We trust your heart is courageous! . . .

We thank the Lord for the good campmeeting at Neosho, Mo.

We appreciate your prayers. May God bless you and your efforts for the Lord.

Your fellow servant, —Murphy Allen

N. Mex.—Dear Sister Marie and co-workers: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. I hope everyone is well and very happy in the service of God.

I am sorry I haven't written sooner but I have been so busy. Truman, my husband, was in the hospital a month between life and death. He died on July 26th. He did accept the dear Lord as his Saviour just before he died. I am so grateful and thankful to God for His mercy to him. His funeral was July 29th. I am so lonely without him. I am sure God knows best in all things, so God's will be done. Thanks so much for your prayers.

In Christian love, —Ruth Doolittle

Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the blessed and holy name of Jesus, our Saviour and best Friend. This leaves me well in soul and body, for which I thank the Lord God Almighty. He is so very kind to us, and the love of God passeth all understanding. God has provided us with sunshine, rain, and a bountiful harvest. As it is written in the Bible, there will be seedtime and harvest to the end.

Praise God, all ye saints, for His wonderful love and keeping power. —Bro. Andrew Senti

Fla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and workers: Greetings in the name of the Lamb! While the storm without is madly raging, I have perfect rest. I just wish to encourage all the saints scattered abroad to walk in the light, and let your lights shine. The final and glorious victory is just ahead.

Pray for Goulds. We are encouraged to keep step with the Holy Spirit. The Lord is blessing for the enlarging of our chapel, which we want to be used to the glory of God. —Bro. H. H. Hargrave

S. Carolina.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I am still standing for the whole truth of God's Word and surely do thank the Lord for it. Also, I am thankful for the *Faith and Victory* paper each month; it surely is a help to my Christian living. Praise His name!

I will soon be 83 years of age. God has been good to me these many years. I do thank Him every day for what He has done for me.

Brother Lawrence, pray much for me, that God will keep me always standing on the whole Word of God.

—Brother Eddie Driggers

Kansas—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: These lines leave me very much encouraged and determined to press the battle on. Even though it seems the ranks are being thinned by the "shaking" that the ministers have warned us is taking place, it does not daunt my faith, but spurs me to sink on down deeper and get a stronger hold so I can remain.

The Lord permitted us to attend the Akron, Ohio, campmeeting and we surely thank the Lord for how He blessed. The Word was rich and powerful, and if any in attendance did not eat heartily it was because they were not hungering for righteousness. The Lord anointed the singing, praying, and preaching and really did bless all around.

Sister Zenola Knight, who heads the kitchen there, lost her husband suddenly in a car accident on the second day of the meeting. The Lord blessed that others filled in and worked together and everything worked out to the glory of God. The Lord will work all things out for His saints if they will only ask Him in faith and then let go and let Him work.

I am still thanking the Lord for all His many blessings and His great mercy to me. I am truly glad to be saved and enjoying my salvation with a bright anticipation of heaven.

Christian love, —Shirley Knight

Ga.—Dear Sis. Marie: Praise the Lord, I'm better. I tried to reach you May 31st at both phone numbers, but the operator was not able to get you, but God is able to answer. I had a heart attack and I wanted prayer, and I still desire your prayers for healing. I am very nervous.

This makes 47 years that I have read the *Faith and Victory*.

Yours in Christ, —Mary M. Dorsey

Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I received your good letter. Yes, the end is near. We all should walk before Him watching our every step. Oh, we need to be sure that we are being led by the Holy Spirit, and not under the influence of man! . . . May God help us to keep open to all that He wants to teach us, so that this reformation can continue to be blessed of God.

My new address is Rt. 5, Box 67, Neosho, Mo. 64850.

—Bro. H. P. Huskey

Ghana, W. Africa—Dear Brethren: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus and Saviour. I have just taken delivery of your nice books and tracts. I appreciate them so much. They are really a substantial contribution to our Mission Library here. God is doing so many wonderful things for us and answering many prayers.

With a joy in my heart and a smile on my face, I am happy to say that now I am well on the road to recovery. Again, I say thank you for remembering me in your prayers. May God bless you and keep you all.

—Pastor Moses Attah

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

S. C.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: . . . May God bless you and all the saints. I was sick and it seemed that I was near death, but the Lord reached down His hand and healed me. My friends would tell me I had better go to the doctor. I said, "No, I am trusting God for my healing." . . . I could not walk for two days, but I still trusted God for my healing. I was sick for 21 days. . . . I said, "Lord, I will die trusting you. I am living by faith. I am living to please you to the best of my knowledge." . . . God came on the scene and all the pains left. I got up and walked! I am rejoicing in His name, and I mean to go right on praising Him until He calls me Home. . . .

I truly thank all the saints for their prayers. . . .  
—Carrie Russell



Ky.—Dear Sis. Marie: We want to send greetings of Christian love to all the dear saints. We do love the Lord with our whole heart, and love all His people. Oh! how I do thank and praise Him for His merciful kindness to me! He is so very good to us. I just want to love Him more and serve Him better each day I live.

I want to send my testimony of how wonderfully the Lord has healed my body, and I want to try to thank the dear saints for their many prayers, phone calls, cards, and letters of encouragement. You will never know how much they meant to me. The Lord knows my heart, so He knows how much I appreciate what He has done for me. I just thank and praise Him all through the day, but it is hard for me to find words to express my love and appreciation to the saints for their love and concern. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

I do not know of just what all the Lord healed me. I didn't go to a doctor. I knew God made this body and when something goes wrong He knows just how and when to correct the wrong. So my trust was fully in Him.

For the past one and a half years I could feel my body weakening, but I wasn't too alarmed as I thought it was just my age. Last year (1976) after the campmeetings were over and school had started, it seemed my body was almost exhausted and I would have to lie down and rest frequently. Then I began to have severe pains in my abdomen and sides. My stomach would swell very large at times and would get so sore I could hardly touch it. In December, I started vomiting and could retain very little food. For about six and a half months there were very few days that I was able to retain my food.

The Lord gave me a touch in early spring and took away the pain and swelling, and I thought I was going to be all right, but then my nerves just seemed to give way. Then I had a real battle with the enemy of my soul. He would tell me, "The Lord healed you of this other trouble, why did He let your nerves get like this? This is something you will have to battle out for yourself." But thank the Lord, I know Satan is a liar! The dear saints just entered into this battle with me and thank God the victory came!

In June, while Curtis and the children were in the Hammond, La., campmeeting, the Lord gave me another touch and healed me completely. I just felt like a different person. Before that, I could hardly stand to be in the company of more than two or three people at a time. My nerves were so jumpy and I was so very weak. I

could do very little of my house work, but thank the Lord, when He healed me I didn't even have to wait for my strength to come. Right away I began doing my house work, canning, freezing, and getting ready to attend the campmeetings. I spent a week with our daughter Brenda in Guthrie, Okla., and from there went to the Monark and Myrtle campmeetings. Now we are getting ready (Aug. 13) for a tent meeting here at our place. Curtis had felt burdened to have a meeting here and some here had expressed their desire to have one, but he knew that with my condition as it was before my healing it would be almost impossible to have one, so he told them if the Lord would heal his wife, Lord willing, we would have a meeting here.

Oh! dear ones, I am more convinced than ever that there is nothing too hard for our God! We desire your prayers that we will always stay humble and let God use this little weak vessel in whatever way He sees best.

—Burnice Williams



Tenn.—Dear ones in Christ: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for praying for my brother. . . . I got all of your tracts on healing and my husband read one of them over and over, and he was healed of arthritis because of it. He had had it over four years. I put the tract up so we wouldn't lose it and I hid it from myself, and don't even remember the name of it, so I am sending for one each of your tracts on healing as I need a touch from the Lord. . . . Would you please pray for me?

—Audrey Day



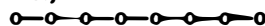
Canada—Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In 1972, I was convicted and saved by the grace of the Lord. That was a wonderful experience in my life. My life was changed completely. A short while after I was converted God showed me the wonderful truth of the Church of God. I accepted the light and fled from Babylon. In the Lord I have the victory over sin and the temptations of the devil. I praise God for His mercy.

Since I have been saved, my soul is burdened for lost sinners. I am praying for them and also passing out tracts. For this reason I want to order some tracts.

I wish all of you co-workers God's richest blessings.  
Yours in Christ,

—David Kauenhowen



Wash.—Dear Sister Marie: I want to testify to His healing of my body recently. I have had arthritis in my right wrist since February 1, 1977, and on May 1st I got bursitis in my left shoulder and elbow. It was so bad I could not get my arm away from my side for several days and then only just a little each day, and while I had that, I got phlebitis in my left leg, so I really was down for most of the month of May. Sister Spaur from Jefferson, Ore., came up and stayed with me ten days. I surely do thank the Lord for that. Her prayers and others helped. I surely do thank the saints at Jefferson, Gladstone and everyone else who prayed for me. The Lord blessed and healed me of the bursitis and phlebitis, and has helped a lot with the arthritis, but I am bothered some with it yet.

I had phlebitis about 25 years ago, before I was saved, and spent 23 days in the hospital. After I came home the doctors didn't want me to even put my foot on the floor. This time the Lord healed it in a few days and



I walked on it everyday when I had to, even though it surely did hurt. In about two weeks the soreness was about all gone and it is fine now. We give God all the glory. He is so good to His children.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas

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S. Carolina—Dear Brothers and Sisters: There are phrases of a song that goes like this: "O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy, it will joy and comfort give you; Take it, then, where'er you go. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven."

I promised the dear Lord if He would take all the symptoms of a cancer from my body I would send my testimony. . . . He healed my body and took all symptoms of cancer away. Praise God forevermore! He is just the same today as He was in the beginning. God is "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Rev. 22:13.

Now Satan doesn't stop. He is at his job and always comes up with something else to hinder a person. After God healed me of the cancer, my thumb on my left hand started hurting, also on the right hand a large knot came on my finger and it hurt severely, even up my arm to my shoulder. That was the week our campmeeting was to start. I prayed and asked God to heal me. He would touch me and I would feel better for awhile, but soon it would start hurting and seemed to be getting worse. I went to God in earnest prayer and told Him how I needed to work in the kitchen at the campground. . . . Some would tell me I should do something with my finger or I had better go have the doctor look at it, but my faith and trust was in God and still is. Praise God! Bro. Orie Young and Bro. Egbert Allen came for the campmeeting and came to our home. After we had talked awhile, I asked them to anoint me with oil and pray that God would touch my hands. They did, and God healed both of my hands. Praise God! The knot on my right finger is there yet, but it doesn't hurt, thank God! My trust and faith is in Him. It pays to trust and wait on God. He will come to our rescue. He might not come immediately every time, but you just wait on Him. He will come. He is a God who will keep His promises. I beg the saints everywhere to keep encouraged in the Lord. No matter what Satan may come up with next to discourage you, do not believe him. Trust God! That is my determination to trust God all the way. I am like this song, "I mean to go right on until the crown is won; I mean to fight the fight of faith Till life on earth is done. I'll nevermore turn back, defeat I shall not know, for God will give me victory if onward I shall go." Brethren, pray for all the saints here that we will be faithful to the end.

—Sis. Edna Crummie

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Va.—Dear Sis. Marie: We send greetings of love in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour. Though often tried and pressed, yet I will trust in the One who is able to deliver me.

As you already know, I have had a terrible battle with my nerves. It seemed I would have broken down completely if the Lord had not helped me. . . . My husband has been wonderful to me, but the smallest things had a bad effect on my nerves. For almost two years I had this problem, but today my nerves are calm,

and I really feel good. Yesterday, when I went shopping with the children, I noticed how calm I was, as before I could hardly stand to go shopping with them. I know the saints' prayers have been answered and the Lord has calmed my nerves. I feel the Lord has healed me. I think of the song, "Victory." "Hallelujah, I am free, Jesus gives me victory." Oh, praise His sweet name! He has done so much for me! He has taken me through some troubled waters, but has never failed to see me through. He has made me to know that the smaller I become the more He can be exalted. I intend to press on to that final victory with the help of the Lord. . . .

Christian love, —Nancy Wagoner

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Ark.—Greetings to the saints of the living God scattered abroad: I will say it was good for us to meet some of you personally on Sunday, Aug. 7th, at the campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., and it was so good to see some of the saints we had met a few years ago near Senath, Mo., in the home of H. P. Huskey where they assembled together for worship. We are still feasting on the good soul food we received from our heavenly Father's table through the ministering of the Word of the living God. Our souls were made to rejoice in the goodness of the Lord as we sat and listened to the truth preached by an anointed minister, filled and anointed with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! Oh, it was so wonderful to be with a part of the family of the living God here in this world!

We read in Acts 17:24 of the "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Verses 26 and 27 say: "And [God] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us," whether black, white, brown, or yellow. . . .

If we never meet again this side of heaven, . . . we shall meet some day with Christ, who hath made us brothers and sisters in Him, and dwell with Christ in eternity, if we endure to the end. . . .

Your Bro. in Christ, —Andrew C. Gilleland

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Calif.—Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are thankful that we can report we are saved, sanctified, and encouraged to follow the Lord.

The Lord has been so good to us. We would like to thank Him for His blessings to us, especially for the miracle He performed on our baby. We appreciated the prayers of the saints during this time. We can truly say from the depths of our hearts, "What A Mighty God We Serve!"

Continue to remember us in prayer.

—Anceco Francisco and family

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If you want that peace which comes from God, if you want that fullness of joy that Christ gives, see that that seven-headed monster of self-love has every head beheaded.

—C. E. Orr

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## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** Is all this numbering system and everything and everybody having a number and the computerizing of all transactions, banking, etc., which seems to be coming in the near future, the mark of the beast spoken of in the Bible?

**Answer:** No. To my understanding it is not and for the following reasons. The "Mark of the beast" is referred to in Rev. 13:16,17. In this case the mark had a religious signification because those who received it were worshipping the beast—verse 12. Also, there were other things these people received besides the mark of the beast: Namely, the number and name of the beast—it was all pertaining to the system.

The first thing to do in interpreting this text is to find out what the beast was. Also we must understand that the book of Revelation is written in symbolic language and the interpretation of it must be by analogy—that is; each thing mentioned is a drawn picture not of itself but of something analogous to it.

In this 13th chapter of Revelation there are two beasts mentioned but it is clear that the first beast is the one under consideration here because the second beast caused the people to worship the first beast—verse 12.

Some of the identifying marks of this beast were seven heads and ten horns. There are others also but we use these marks for special identity. In the 17th chapter of Revelation we again see this same beast, having seven heads and ten horns, and with a glamorous woman riding upon him this time. This is important because it identifies a dual personality—a political-religious system. It is a false, apostate, corrupt system to be sure because this woman is described in verse 1 as "THE GREAT WHORE" and further in verse 5 as "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

But this 17th chapter of Revelation proceeds to identify this beast religion in an unmistakable way. Verse 9 says "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Verse 10 says "And there are seven kings." The seven heads represented both the seven mountains and the seven kings. The city of Rome corresponds to this description because she is situated upon seven hills (mountains) and had seven systems of government during the time of her reign as a universal kingdom. The seven kings refer to these seven different systems of government she had. Verse 12 says: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet. This is a reference to the ten minor kingdoms which came out of the Roman Empire during its decline and fall. These are historical facts.

Rome has been the seat of two major systems of false religion—Paganism and Papalism. This is also a historical fact. Paganism is symbolized in the Revelation by a great dragon having seven heads and ten horns—Rev. 12:3. Papalism is symbolized by the first beast of Rev. 13:1 which also had seven heads and ten horns which identifies it as the same power but in a different form. It was the mark of this beast which is referred to in Rev. 13:16,17.

An illusion is made here perhaps to the custom of marking or branding slaves to identify them as belonging to certain masters. Also certain cults and groups marked or branded their members. In many instances in the Bible illusions are made to general customs and practices of the time with which the people were familiar to illustrate certain truths.

God also seals or marks His subjects or saints. In Rev. 7:3 it is said "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have SEALED [marked] the servants of our God in their foreheads. In Rev. 14:1 we read, "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads." This company represented the great host of triumphant, overcoming saints (the entire company of the redeemed) because we read in Rev. 3:12, "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, . . ." The votaries of this false religion received the name of the beast. The true people of God are all marked with His name in their foreheads.

"Forehead" is a symbol of intellect or mind and God marks all of His true followers with His law written in their minds and hearts—Heb. 8:10. The members of this or any false religion are all marked with the laws, ordinances, doctrines, rituals and creeds of their respective religions in their minds and hearts—the "Mark of the beast." God seals or marks His true saints with His Spirit, the holy Spirit of promise" — Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30; II Cor. 1:22. The Spirit of God with His fruits as described in Gal. 5:22-23 being manifest in the life is the identifying mark of all true Christians. So likewise the false and apostate religions mark all their subjects with their spirit and the fruits of it in their lives. God's Spirit is the Spirit of truth (John 14:17) and guides His followers into all truth (John 16:13) and writes the truth in their hearts (II Cor. 3:3). The spirit of this false system of religion is a spirit of error and marks its subjects with error, superstition, and doctrines of men.

There have been three major systems of false religion dealt with in the Revelation. One is Pagan or heathen (the dragon). The other two are Papalism and Protestantism symbolized by the two beasts of Rev. 13. The same false spirit runs through the whole line and it is all God-dishonoring. In this way the second beast (Protestantism) caused its subjects to receive the mark of the first beast (Papalism) by injecting into them the same spirit of error, also by copying in their man-made creeds and disciplines some of the errors of the first beast. Also they patterned their system after the human system of man-rule and human government.

It is said that no man could buy nor sell if he did not have the mark of the beast. Buying and selling are symbols of the ordinary pursuits and privileges of an ordinary citizen in intermingling with society. To be forbidden to buy and sell would be equivalent to being banished from society. This same principle has been carried over into human religious systems that one who does not fellowship their spirit and subscribe to their creeds and doctrines of men have no rights or privileges among them. The true ministers of God are not permitted to give out or preach the gospel (sell) in their assemblies and wherever the true ministers of God are preaching the truth the votaries of these religions are warned to not go

there or to be affected by their preaching (buy). This idea has been especially pronounced in the Papal system in so much that any of their members who ventured to attend a church service other than the Catholic are required to do penance for it and if they persist in such a practice they are renounced as heretics and excommunicated and consigned to hell and shunned by faithful Catholics as those accursed. I understand that in recent years the Catholic stand on this is being modified as an ecumenical move, but up until recent times one was severely dealt with for failure to recognize the church and its decrees as absolute. They could not buy nor sell—engage in the regular pursuits of life and mingle with society.

## Beware of False Translations!

It has been known now for many decades that modern theologians are unceasingly at work to produce translations (?) of the Scriptures that do not reflect the mind of God. They pervert, twist, delete, and soften some very straightforward scriptural expressions, particularly those that condemn human wicked behavior and the gratification of sinful desires. Why do they?—we may ask. Well, the Christ-professing masses do not measure up to the Bible teachings, nor do the theologians themselves find power within to do so. Hence, they conclude the Bible must be changed to suit the lower accepted standards of the masses for moral behavior. In doing so, they take away from the people the light on God's Word and bring upon themselves an awful guilt and ultimately eternal condemnation of their souls. None of us can afford to willfully twist or misrepresent God's holy Word and yet hope to escape His wrath at the Judgment throne of Christ.

Now, we believe that the glorious Reformation in this "evening time" had not taken place if it were not for a precious host of God-fearing, truth-loving ministers. They were used by our Master to restore to us that which was trodden down throughout the Dark Ages of Roman Catholic superstition and Protestant sect confusion. Let us love these ministers for their faithfulness to God and His Word and gladly receive the light which was given to them in matters of faith and obedience! A number of them were inspired of God to write and thus hand over to generations to come what they taught and practiced.

Ignoring the few who departed from this faith in later years, we believe that Bro. F. G. Smith was used by the Lord to write an excellent book on the teachings of the Bible, systematically well outlined and Biblically interpreted. (Available at Faith Pub. House, Guthrie, Ok.) An effort was made (probably in the 1920's) to translate this book allegedly to make the teachings available to the German Church of God. However, it is amazing how subtle the enemy of souls is in endeavoring to undermine the fruitfulness of such an undertaking by allowing the translators freedom to produce translations in accordance with their own belief and views, whereby ignoring the mind of the writer. Unfortunately, the German translation fell prey to such wickedness, and it appears the individuals responsible were unwilling to go along with or subject themselves to all the teachings of God's Word by the early ministry and thus allowed the church to follow the world on the line of dress, wearing ornaments and attending worldly activities like picture

shows, prize fights (now sports), and like amusements, all of which are condemned by the Word of God. Bro. Smith knew of the dangers to true spirituality that such unseemly indulgence would pose and derived his views from plain New Testament texts. Freedom from worldliness is as natural to truly saved individuals as water is to fish, for we perceive and acknowledge the deadly antagonism between the Spirit of God and the spirit of this world.

It is grievous to the righteous soul to behold the iniquity at work when a perverted translation is being produced from such an excellent writing as that of Bro. Smith's.

The lesson we all should learn from this recent and sad discovery is: translate, but honor the author and do it according to his mind—be he God or man—or else do not translate at all.

—Reinhard G. Mueller

## No, Not Lonely

Lonely? No, not lonely,  
My soul hath sweet possession  
While Jesus standeth by.  
His presence fills my chamber,  
I know that He is nigh.

Friendless? No, not friendless,  
For Jesus is my friend;  
I change, but He remaineth,  
True, faithful to the end.

Tired? No, not tired  
While leaning on His breast;  
My soul hath sweet possession  
Of His eternal rest.

Saddened? Oh, yes, saddened  
By earth's dark sin and woe.  
How can I count as nothing  
What grieved my Saviour so?

Helpless? Yes, so helpless;  
But I am leaning hard  
On the mighty arm of Jesus  
And He is keeping guard.

Waiting? Oh, yes, waiting;  
He bade me watch and wait;  
I only wonder often  
What makes my Lord so late.

Happy? Yes, so happy  
With joy too deep for words;  
A precious, sure foundation,  
A joy that is my Lord's.

—Selected by Katie Priem

Allow nothing to disquiet you nor disturb your peace of soul. Give no place to restlessness or impatience. Keep heaven and eternity in full view. Live under the consciousness that God has set His love upon you and that the least fret, restlessness, anxiety, or impatience grieves Him. Lean upon Him, hard upon Him and be at rest. Keep the line of communication with heaven constantly intact.

—C. E. Orr