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### New Year Meditations—1978

See life's moments swiftly flying  
 Into days and months and years,  
 And our mortal age is dying  
 As we cross its flood of tears.

Now a New Year we are facing  
 In its swelling of dismay,  
 For the present world is racing  
 Down the broad, destructive way.

Farmers, merchants, strike and ramble;  
 Crime is rampant in the street;  
 Foolish man is bent to gamble  
 His short life for pleasures sweet.

'Tis a picture dark for viewing—  
 God in heaven! Give us aid!  
 May Thy Spirit's sweet renewing  
 Never from our pathway fade.

Let this New Year that is dawning  
 Filled with all Thy praises be,  
 As we hasten on our journey  
 To Thy long eternity.

How we sense our need of leaning  
 On Thy gracious loving arm,  
 From Thy precious precepts gleaming  
 Wisdom's glad and wholesome charm.

With Thy seal of love upon us  
 Hope is bright, our purpose true,  
 And the hosts of sin around us  
 Hinders not our going through.

Fellow pilgrim, onward pressing,  
 T'ward the goal of life so bright,  
 Jesus seeks to add His blessing  
 If we'll fight a noble fight.

Just beyond the far horizon  
 Heaven's gates are open wide  
 To reward the saints of Zion  
 Who have braved earth's swelling tide.

—Leslie C. Busbee

### God's Holy Design of the Church

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27. Here we see the design for the Church of God. Jesus Christ offered His life on the cross of Golgotha as an atonement for the sin and error of mankind. He designed that the atonement of His spilt blood would erase sin and unrighteousness from the heart and life of all who truly believe and obey Him. He designed that the church be HOLY, AND WITHOUT BLEMISH, NOT HAVING SPOT, OR WRINKLE, OR ANY SUCH THING. This is His design. We must confess there are a good many lives of professed followers of Christ who do not come up to that standard. But does this change the design of the Master? Will He accept or receive into glory anything that does not come up to the specifications?

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1, 2. Christ designed His church not only to be forgiven of actual transgressions, but He also designed that His church be sanctified and thoroughly cleansed from the very root and nature of sin. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1, 2. God's design for the church is for each member to be fully consecrated and yielded in His Hands for divine service. We are not to be conformed to the mannerisms and ways of this world in its pride, lust, or vanity. We are rather to be transformed to His likeness and the good pleasure of His will.

When a house or building is in construction, (especially if it is to pass an inspection required by law) much pain and carefulness is exercised to conform to what the blueprint calls for. Had we not best take great

pains and carefulness with holy reverent regard to what God has specified in the plans and blueprints for our lives?

Jesus prayed thus to the Father with regard to His followers: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; . . ." John 17:20-23. Here is another specification. The members of Christ's body are one. When there is division the design of the church is being disregarded. The Apostle Paul carried it farther when he exhorted us thus: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." I Cor. 1:10. Paul was speaking this to a people among whom were contentions and divisions. He was not casting them down, but rather, kindly and earnestly pointing them to the holy design of the Church. It was said of the morning Church, that they were of one heart, and of one soul. Acts 4:32. They were up to specifications.

The New Testament with the fulfillment of the Old Testament is the blueprint and design of what we should be as the children of the Lord. Space will not permit us here to make mention of every detail, but it is for each one of us to search the Scriptures and study them to show ourselves approved unto God. Our attitudes must conform to our example, which is Christ Jesus. He was the pattern set forth for the souls of men to imitate, or follow. May I close by reminding us that Christ will not accept or receive into Glory anyone who has failed or refused to conform to His holy design. —Leslie Busbee

### BE READY WHEN HE CALLS

"Oh, can we say we are ready, brother, ready for the soul's bright home? Will He find you and me still watching, waiting, waiting for the Lord's return?" He has said He "would not leave us comfortless," but if we be with Him, He would be with us. Praise the Lord!

There is quite a number of us who have passed our threescore years and ten. "Life's evening sun is sinking low, a few more days and I must go, to meet the deeds that I have done, where there will be no setting sun." What a blessed consolation that we can now walk together, my Saviour and I! I do not know when He will say, "My servant, come away." I have no time to idle. My friends, loved ones, and my kindred are dear to me, but He is dearer still. This earthly house is getting pretty shaky. It has endured many storms, by the help and love of God and His miraculous care for me. How can I wish for more? It would truly be so wonderful to meet with loved ones that have gone on before. A great crowd is there but there will be plenty of room for all and for those who will follow on. Get ready. They are watching and waiting for you. Will you meet me over there, where no sorrow will ever come in that high, bright home, in the sweet by and by? —Bro. Ulysses Phillips

## The Great Tribulation?



According to the premillennial theory, Babylon, the literal city, will be rebuilt in Mesopotamia. It will be the capital of the political Gentile world. Under its lead, and in league with the anti-Christ and the devil, there will be gathered in northern Palestine at Armageddon one of the greatest armies of all time.

According to premillennial theology, the great tribulation will come upon the earth during the seven-year interval between the second and third comings of Christ. This they call the time of Jacob's trouble. For a long time there was debate among premillennialists as to whether the church would pass through the tribulation. At the present time it seems that the dispensationalists have won the day with the doctrine that the church will not pass through the tribulation, although there are some teachers who believe that Christians who do not believe in premillennialism will be punished by suffering the tribulation, which seems like a rather severe sentence for lack of light on a difficult subject.

Now *tribulation* is a common word in the New Testament. Certainly the church must pass through the tribulation, because Christ said: "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). The Apostle Paul taught that "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). On this account he exhorted the saints to be "patient in tribulation" (Rom. 12:12), because God "comforteth us in all our tribulation" (II Cor. 1:4). He taught the Thessalonians that we should suffer tribulation (I Thess. 3:4). Even the Apostle John went through the tribulation: "I John, . . . your brother, and companion in tribulation" (Rev. 1:9). The church at Smyrna passed through the tribulation (Rev. 2:9). All the redeemed in heaven "are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:14).

Some millennial teachers believe that there will be a specially great tribulation before the end of the world; but I think it is more reasonable to believe that tribulation is a normal experience of saints in this earthly life, and that from time to time there do arise great historical crises of pain and distress which are phases of great tribulation. Thus, there was great tribulation among the Jews in Jerusalem at the siege of Titus, as predicted by Christ in Matt. 24:21. Christians had a bitter taste of the tribulation in the persecutions by the ancient Roman emperors before the days of Constantine the Great. Other Christians suffered from the great tribulation under the persecution by the Papacy. The Christians of Europe undoubtedly have passed through the great tribulation in the agony of World Wars I and II and the persecution by the Communists of Russia.

In strict accuracy, however, it must be remembered that the Bible nowhere speaks of "the" great tribulation. It speaks of the tribulation and great tribulations, but it nowhere says that there shall be one specific time of tribulation which will be "the" great tribulation. If indeed we think we can find such a time, then it must be the time during the destruction of Jerusalem.

—C. E. Brown, from *The Reign of Christ*

## Waiting Upon God

My soul has been much stirred of late upon this subject. In Isa. 40:31, we read, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint."

What a precious promise! How wonderful it is that God has so planned that we as His children can go before Him at any time and have our spiritual strength renewed! He knew that our strength indeed was small; that of ourselves we could do nothing. He knew that if dependent upon our own strength many times we would faint by the wayside. Knowing our weakness He, in His tender love and mercy, so planned it that we can go to Him—the great source of spiritual life—and have our strength renewed day by day; as Paul says, "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." II Cor. 4:16. Bless the dear Lord!

God has promised to renew our strength, but it is upon certain conditions, and these conditions must be met, or we cannot expect the promise to be fulfilled in us. The conditions are these, we must wait upon the Lord. I believe with all my heart that the reason why many dear souls are overcome in the trying hour, the reason why many a battle is lost, is because they have not applied themselves to prayer as they should. Some allow the cares of this life to press upon them until they have but little time for prayer. Possibly they only take time for a few words of hurried prayer before going forth to face the trials and perplexities of the day. Is it any wonder they are easily overcome? God has made ample provisions whereby we can obtain all the help that is needed, but we must not fail to do our part. Hurried prayer is not the kind that moves the God of heaven upon His throne, and brings the answer down. We are warned in God's precious Word against letting the cares of life crowd in upon us. If we are not careful the temporal things will press in upon us until they entirely crowd out spiritual life. The devil knows that when we have a keen relish for prayer and apply ourselves to it in earnest, we are going to advance in our souls, increase in spirituality, and be strong in the grace of God; therefore He does all in His power to divert us. Knowing this, beloved, let us be very diligent. "Take time to be holy; speak oft with thy Lord."

The soul that will draw away from the temporal duties and go alone before the Lord with all the world shut out, and there in an attitude of real devotion to God, in earnest, fervent prayer—waiting before the Lord for a little season, longing to know more of His holy will, seeking more of His grace, seeking a closer walk with Him—that soul will find the very windows of heaven opened, as it were, and will feel the very presence of God Himself. 'Tis there, while thus waiting before Him, that the humble soul will feel the tender melting influence of the Holy Spirit, as the rich blessings of God are poured in upon him. 'Tis there the powers of the enemy give way, the storm clouds lift, and the glory of the Lord floods the soul. The Word of God has been fulfilled; truly his strength and courage has been renewed.

It is our blessed privilege to keep prayed up; to live in real touch with God. The soul that is often in communion with the Lord realizes momentarily that the needed grace and strength is being supplied. Let us then

spend sufficient time before Him that we may be strengthened in the inner man. If we are walking before God as we should, when the trying hours come upon us, the heart instinctively will turn to the source of strength for help, and the needed help will be given. Praise our God! What a privilege to talk with the Lord, to pour out our hearts' desires before Him, to tell Him all our needs, seek His counsel, and then quietly wait until He sends back the answer.

The more we talk with God the more we love Him, and the more we will long for these precious seasons of waiting before Him. "He that has learned to pray as he ought, has the secret of a holy life." So let us seek God's face more, spend more time in His presence, and we shall be more like Him in our daily life. May the Lord help us to so live in an attitude of devotion before Him that we may be strong in the grace of God and in the power of His might.

—E. Faith Stewart

## Treasures In Heaven

Men may lay up treasures where they will, but I propose with all industry to lay them up in heaven. We are commanded to "set our affections on things above." Now it is said in the Scriptures that "where our treasure is, there will our heart be also." By this we understand that it is impossible to be laying up our treasures here upon earth, and have our affections in heaven.

Treasures upon earth destroy affection for heavenly things. The greater the amount of treasure we have the deeper will be our affection for them; consequently, the more treasures you have on earth, the farther your heart is from God. But if you are day by day laying up treasures in heaven, your affection for heaven is daily becoming stronger. Some do not understand the command as contained in Matt. 6:19, and it may be that some do not care to understand it. What is it that can be corrupted and destroyed? Is it not earthly possessions? What is it that thieves can steal? Is it not earthly possessions? It certainly is. Well, we are positively commanded not to lay up for ourselves such things upon the earth. All that you earn above and over your and your family's daily need is what God has prospered you with to use in His cause and for His glory, and thus to be stored up in heaven.

But some may say, "I need more cattle and horses. I need more farm machinery. I need more acres of land. I need all these things." Well, if you go on adding these things year after year, tell me what is it but laying up for yourselves treasures upon earth? But says one, "You do not understand." I surely do not if that is not just what it is. You are all the time adding these things, but what are you laying up in heaven? But says another, "If I only had forty acres more of land, I could earn a few hundred dollars more for the Lord each year." In such a case God may be pleased for you to acquire forty acres, but see to it now that God gets the profits. O beloved, see to it that in all these acquisitions your motives are purely to the glory of God and that you are not laying up for yourselves treasures upon the earth.

—C. E. Orr

Jesus calls and pleads, "Come unto me."

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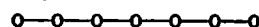
As we leave the old year and cross the threshold of the New Year of 1978, we extend warm Christian greetings to all our readers and wish for each one of you a prosperous and happy New Year in the service of the Lord.

Time is passing so swiftly, and the years glide away. We hardly got used to writing the date of 1977 until we had to begin to learn to write the year of 1978. The older we get the faster the days and years seem to pass. This all reminds us that we are fast passengers, just pilgrims and strangers, on the stream of time, and very soon time will end for all of us in that vast eternity. Therefore, the Psalmist exhorts us to pray, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90:12. Again, we should pray as the Psalmist, "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am." Psalms 39:4. Our dependence is fully upon the Lord and without Him we can do nothing. We should apply our hearts unto divine wisdom, the beginning of which is the fear of the Lord, and make every day count in His service that our end will be the reward of the righteous.

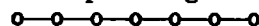
"So live, that when thy summons comes to join that innumerable caravan which moves into the mysterious realms of death, thou go not, like the quarry slave at night scoured to his dungeon, but soothed and sustained by an unfaltering trust approach thy grave like one who wraps the draperies of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."



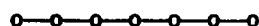
Though we were not permitted to make the special three-months' subscription offer last autumn, yet we are indeed grateful to our readers for their good response in sending yearly gift subscriptions at the very reasonable rate of three names for one year for \$1.00. This January issue will be going to these new readers.



This January issue is going to the press and into the mail just prior to or at the beginning on December 23rd of the 71st annual Oklahoma Assembly meeting here in Guthrie. A large attendance from many states is expected if the weather remains favorable, and we surely anticipate the presence and power of God in the preaching of His Word.



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The Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, from May 26 to June 4, 1978. The date of the National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., is July 21 to 30, 1978. Watch for other dates in the March issue.

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In response to our request in the last issue for copies of the book, "The Gospel Day," by C. E. Orr, for reprinting purposes, we received several copies, but these copies received so far are poorly printed and not suitable for reproducing by the photographic process. Evidently only one printing was made of this book. If anyone has for sale a copy free of marks and printing defects, we would be pleased to purchase it to reprint.

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This writer is still working on additional manuscript for the out-of-print volume entitled, "God's Gracious Dealings," which is substantially an auto-

biography by my father, Fred Pruitt, in connection with this publishing work. This Seventh Edition will be printed in larger type, additional pictures, and a brief record of the publishing activities and workers over the past fifteen years since the Sixth Edition was published. We expect to get this new edition on the press in January and have the book bound in a nice cloth cover.

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#### New Address of the Tinsleys . . .

Sister Avis Tinsley, formerly of Trafford, Pa., writes that they moved into their new house in Danville, Va., on Oct. 23, 1977. They thank the Lord for it and want it used for the glory of God. Her new address is: Mrs. Avis Tinsley, 118 Lockerman Lane, Danville, Va. 24541.

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As we move forward in the unknown and untried New Year of 1978, your continued prayers and co-operation in God's great cause will be appreciated.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

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Waldo was born the 7th child in a family of 17 children born to his Papa Dan Eck and Mother Ida (Becker) Eck. Waldo was saved at an early age in the Church of God and always loved and adored the truth and teachings of God's Word.

Waldo met Waneta Beatrice Davis and married her in 1937 at the age of 21. They were blessed with four daughters and two sons. They commemorated their 40th wedding anniversary August 22, 1977. He was a devoted

father, loving husband, and friend to relatives as well as others whom he met.

Music and singing were his joy and pleasure. His singing was enjoyed first by his family, but shared by many others with whom he came in contact. The memory of his singing will live on in our hearts.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his loving wife and companion, Waneta Beatrice, of the home; four daughters, Bertha DeLois Miles of Guthrie, Okla., Berniece Yvonne Miles of Edmond, Okla., Lillie Mae Carlile of Okla. City, Okla., Waneta Ruth Creel of Muskogee, Okla.; two sons, Hurley F. Eck of Englewood, Colorado, Larry Dean Eck of Muskogee, Okla., twelve grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren: also six sisters, Eva Penner of Fairview, Okla., Carolina Chrisman of Enid, Okla., Inez Beisly of Coffeyville, Kansas, Clara Wahl of Enid, Okla., Ruey Tucker of Broken Bow, Okla., Ella Mae Mallatt of Wichita, Kansas; three brothers, Albert D. Eck of Blue-jacket, Okla., Edwin D. Eck of Goltry, Okla., and Paul D. Eck of Meno, Okla.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Willie Murphey, assisted by Bros. O. C. Porter, Merrill Smith, and Kenneth Probst. A memorial service was held on the evening of Dec. 12, at the Smith Funeral Chapel in Guthrie, Okla., and the funeral service was conducted at the Church of God chapel in Enid, Okla., on Dec. 13, with interment in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Enid.

(Editor's note: Bro. Waldo Eck, whom we had known and loved over 50 years, was interested in all phases of the work of God. Bro. Waldo had served a number of years with this writer as a member of the Oklahoma Association of the Church, and his passing made the second vacancy on the Trustee Board in the year of 1977. The other vacancy was that of the departure of Bro. Stanley Lounds on Jan. 19, 1977. . . . Since Bro. Waldo and Sister Beatrice retired and moved from Covington, Oklahoma, to Guthrie in 1973, it was their pleasure to come to the office and help on the day each month that this paper was folded and wrapped for mailing. Now he is gone to reap his great reward. We miss him here at the office, at the place of prayer, and everywhere. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sister Beatrice, their children and all the relatives in their bereavement. May our heavenly Father comfort your hearts.)

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Mrs. Wilma (Barton) Caudle passed away in Tulsa, Okla., on Nov. 28, 1977, at the age of 57 years. She leaves a husband, Willard T. Caudle, one daughter and one son, both of Tulsa, also nine grandchildren, five sisters, one of whom is Sis. Grace Roberts, and four brothers. Two brothers preceded her in death.

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Our sympathy is extended to the Dishman family in the loss of the wife and mother of the home, Lovie Dishman. She is survived by her husband, Felix; daughters; Mrs. Linda Loveless, New Castle, Ind., Mrs. Brenda Polston, Springport, Ind., and Gale, Joyce, and Wanda Dishman, all at home; and sons, David, New Castle, Ind., Steve, Springport, Ind., Robert, Carlos and Larry of Winchester, Ind.; and ten grandchildren. Her children told us she left a beautiful life and example to remember and live by.

**A MEMORIAL TO OUR MOTHER,  
Mrs. Emery (Ellen) Rickabaugh Mayo  
Anthony, Kansas**

There is a long and winding road  
Along which each must go;  
It leads beyond the hills of time  
Into the sunset glow.  
But only for a little while  
Our loved ones leave our sight;  
For just beyond the hills they wait  
In God's eternal light.

"We remember you for our birth;  
Your thoughts of your children were glowing  
For our sweet welcome to this earth—  
Your hopes and dreams bestowing.  
We honor you for your grace;  
Our love for you we will let nothing hinder.  
Through the hard work and daily care  
You were always faithful and tender.  
Mother, we know your crown has many stars  
That outshine the stars in the heavens;  
And one day soon our tears will be wiped away  
And we will be with you forever."  
—Fred and Opal Mayo

**REVIVAL AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.**

The annual winter revival of the Church of God at Bakersfield, Calif., is scheduled for Friday night, Feb. 10, through Sunday night, Feb. 19, 1978, Lord willing. Plans are for a daytime service at 1:00 o'clock on week days and three services on the last Friday and both Saturdays and Sundays. Please pray for the success of the meeting. A warm welcome is extended to all.

The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave., 93307, phone 322-9314. For further information, contact Bro. Z. E. Francisco, 305 So. Owens St., 93307, phone 323-0747, or Bro. A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" St., 93304, phone 327-0411. All area codes are 805.

The Bakersfield, Calif. campmeeting date is August 4 to 13, 1978.  
—Sis. Robena Montgomery

**MEETING NOTICE**

The Church of God is meeting at Bro. Rufus Perry's home at 12500 Cable Road, SW, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, phone 927-7238. Bible study is on first and third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school is on first, third, and fourth Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and worship at 11:00 a.m. on those Sundays. Come and hear the truth about the Church. All are welcome. Rufus Perry

**THESIS**

Death is not a period  
bringing the sentence of life to a close  
like the spilling of a moment  
or the dissolution of an hour.

Death is a useful comma  
which punctuates, and labors to convince  
of more to follow.

—William Walter De Bolt

**Prayer Requests**

Fla.—"Please pray for C. E. Mitchell and Carl Mitchell for healing. I have some special requests."

—C. E. Mitchell

Ohio—"Please pray for the complete healing of my body. I'm trusting Him and He knows all about my condition."

—Annie B. Chestnut

Mo.—Remember Sis. Katie Gibson in prayer as she is very sick. She has trusted God for many years. We know He will be with her in her latter days.

La.—"We need to pray earnestly for Bro. Murphy Allen. My heart is so touched and we long to see the Lord heal him completely. We know this is not too hard for God, as He has all power in heaven and in earth. . . . Dear Sis. Barton, too, is worthy of our prayers and a healing touch from our heavenly Father."

—Sis. Effie Miller

Calif.—"Remember my brother, Wallie Higbee, for physical healing and a definite knowledge of salvation."

—Sis. Lottie Wilson

Okla.—"My daughter got a fall when she was nine months old and it affected her back and mind. At times she seems to know and understand, but can't talk. She is just like a baby in every way. . . . She slid off the bed and I hurt my back in trying to get her up. . . . Friday, I surely prayed for her and she has been quiet and has slept well, and I feel better. Pray for us, and that I will keep my strength and health to take care of her and keep her with me. . . . I don't want to ever be away from her."

—Sis. Venia Ledbetter

Mich.—Remember Bro. Getterson in prayer. He is up in years and very weak with intestinal trouble. He loves the Lord.

Ind.—"Pray for my brother. My heart is so grieved for him as he is so pitiful. He is in the nursing home. He recently lost his wife, his health, and home. His son is far away. He can't see, walk, or eat. Do pray for him."

—Ione Strebis

Okla.—Remember Sis. Hettie Barton in prayer. She is failing very much. Someone sits up with her at night. Also remember Sis. Beatrice Eck in prayer. Since Bro. Waldo passed away she has had a stroke and can't walk and has other afflictions. Bro. and Sis. William McCoy are not well. They were not able to be in services last Sunday (Dec. 18th).

We never know what a day will bring forth, but it's truly wonderful to know that Jesus is with us to face each problem of the day. We must hold our faith and confidence steady in Him. Sometimes God sends severe blasts of trial upon His children to develop their graces. He has promised to give us that "sufficient grace." When the day is gone and it seems our grace has been exhausted, God's supply has only begun. Take another supply of grace and press on. When there are multiplied trials, there is multiplied grace.

—Sis. Marie Miles

When people find that they are being tainted with any false spirit, they should renounce it and rebuke the same at once, and take a stand against it in the name of Jesus. The Word says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

—E. E. Byrum



## MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Nov. 17)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, each servant at the Faith Publishing House and the saints scattered abroad: We send our loving greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ "which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Rom. 1:3,4.

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

The Church of God here in different locations is marching on victoriously over Satan, and the mission activities are progressing, including the new stations we started recently.

With much sorrow I inform you that thousands of people died within the last two months in South India due to the floods after heavy rain and great thunderstorms. Many lost homes, children, animals and everything they had. But the saints are safe under the wings of God. Praise the Lord! However, we are going to face another famine soon, as the vegetable farms and rice fields are ruined by the water. Your prayers and co-operation are essential for relief.

We plan to start the building of a chapel at Niranam soon. We expect your prayers for these efforts.

Our prayers continue for your complete healing and deliverance from the afflictions. Let us continue to pray for the progress of God's work there and here.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

## SPANISH LITERATURE PROGRESS

Dear Ones: We are so very thankful that Christ has been born in our hearts and He gives us grace to live free from sin every day. It is in His precious name that we send greetings. We have not heard recently from Ojos Negros, Mexico, so will defer that report until later.

Sister Carrie Sheppard, with whom I worked some in Mexico, has been burdened to come and help for a while in getting out Spanish literature to the people. Lord willing, we will be working steadily getting out the 52 lessons for children, 50 copies of each to be sent to Uruguay, S.A. and 50 to Michoacan, Mexico. We will retain a few copies so that samples of them can be sent to others. If you are interested, please send for some samples. We have a sample packet of 40 Spanish tracts also, which can be sent on request.

On re-reading the letter mentioned this past month, I realized my mistake in thinking there needed to be a duplicate order of the 1,000 books sent to Peru. The duplicate order was for tracts only. The new books printed and the order of 1,000 and others amounting to 400 are on their way. We send each with a prayer that they will fall into the hands of those seeking the one true and holy way.

Pray for us and for all the workers on the field. Christian love,

Sis. Carrie Sheppard and Sis. Opal Kelly,  
919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Oklahoma, 73044.  
The young couple's address is still Mayarino  
Escobar, Ap. Postal No. 284, Ensenada,  
B. Cfa., Mexico.

## NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (Nov. 17)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you for your letter dated Nov. 1 with the enclosures. May God bless you with good health to labour for Him in the interest of souls.

We thank the Lord who enabled the National business meeting, first of its kind in this nation, to be held as scheduled on Nov. 5th and 6th. Through the medium of this wonderful meeting, held in the island town of Tombia, in Kalabari Division of Rivers State, was ushered in a plan of uniformity of operation in all the Church of God congregations in Nigeria. Besides other areas of business, evangelism was recognized as our supreme task. . . . A perfect agreement was reached on all items with joy unspeakable. . . .

We were led in the Spirit after the evening worship of Nov. 6th to assemble at the public square in Tombia for an open air meeting. Anointed messages on the second coming of Jesus and warnings against further delay in crossing over to salvation were sounded out to the inhabitants of Tombia. The meeting brought results above our expectation as many came forward to seek Christ, salvation, and healing.

This writer, his wife and Bendel State saints visited Ikot Esen and Ukpom brethren in Cross River State before returning to Kwale in Bendel State. Bro. Ben O. Adesoro of Auchu congregation was in our company and participated actively at the meeting.

I have been requested to come over and shall leave for Tombia, Lord willing, on Dec. 13 for concentrated field evangelism lasting for about two weeks, which may likely be extended to cover some riverine towns such as Abonnema, Buguma, Degema, and Bakana. A handful of Bendel saints will accompany us on this tour which will be expensive. . . . The Lord has laid a great burden on our hearts to carry the gospel to several areas of this nation, even the Muslim-dominated northern states of Nigeria.

For the evangelization of this nation, a central fund has been created during the National business meeting in Tombia to advance this supreme task. As agreed, all who are led of the Spirit to support this worthy course, should address their remittance to Bro. Titus U. E. Enu, Church of God, Box 33, Kwale, Bendel State, Nigeria.

It will kindle a great joy, and we are earnestly praying for it, that the Lord would open the way for Bros. Tom Melot and George Hammond to secure visas and come over here during the winter to help in the Lord's work. It will confirm and uphold the universality of the Church to receive missionaries from the United States and elsewhere.

Yours in Christ,

—Titus Enu, pastor

Many have tried to search out the deep things of God in their own strength, but have made a complete failure. Great masterly minds have spent years of reasoning, trying with their chain of logic to unravel the mysteries of the Word of God, or to harmonize it with some freak of nature. But we read that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." I Cor. 2:14. —E. E. Byrum



## From the Mail Box . . .

W. Va.—Dear Sis. Marie: . . . We are so thankful today for salvation. The dear Lord has certainly been good to us.

We thank God for allowing us to go to Hammond, La., for the meeting. It was a blessing to our souls. The Lord blessed and anointed each message. Precious, good, sound teaching came forth. May the Lord help us to live up to all we heard and understood. Thank God for his faithful servants. We are more encouraged to live for God than ever before.

We went through a real hard trial last winter, but praise the Lord, He was with us all the way. He will not leave us if we do not leave Him. We must keep our eyes always on the Lord.

We would like for you to send the *Faith and Victory* paper to the following people for a year, also please send us the following books. . . .

May the Lord bless each one, is our prayer.

Christian love, —Duane and Lula Sizemore

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Fla.—Dear Sis. Maybelle: Greetings of love to you and all there in the name of our dear Lord who loves us, sees, knows, and cares, and is so interested in all our problems. Praise His great name!

The Lord gave me a gracious, complete healing touch to my body just this week, and I'm happy in the Lord for the love He shows to me. I am resting on His precious promise.

It was good to see and visit with you and your husband at the Boley campmeeting. . . .

We are in a revival here at Goulds. The Lord is using His ministers in sending His messages to this congregation, which are much needed. The saints seem to be revived and edified. I'm surely getting good to my soul. Sister Katherine Williams and Sis. Frances Chandler are ministers here from out-of-state so far. Surely, the Lord led them in answer to prayer, for they are wielding the gospel sword of truth. . . .

Thank God for all of you who are giving your lives as a sacrifice for lost souls to be saved. Keep up the good work. I'm praying for you. —Sis. M. B. Savage

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: I am glad for the beautiful way of holiness, and so thankful that I learned the truth and accepted it.

I love the *Faith and Victory* paper and the food I find in it for my soul. I give out the papers and tracts to others and pray that they will receive good from them, too. . . .

I pray that you and all the workers are well and enjoying God's blessings every day.

Sis. Opal Williams is sorely afflicted with a skin problem. It spread over a large area of her body, and has been this way for a long time. She needs prayer.

I have unsaved loved ones that I am concerned about. Please pray for them. I have several unspoken requests, also. . . .

Love,

—Edith Reavis

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Mich.—Dear ones in Christ: I am sending an offering of \$ . . . to be used for your work in publishing material for the Lord. I have had a burden for your work for missions, so I prayed for the Lord to help me help you. I had a sewing machine that I decided to sell. I prayed and asked

God if He wanted the money in His work to send me a buyer. I had fifteen calls for it. Praise God! It is not so much but it will help. It makes me feel good that I can help a little. May God bless all of you in your labors.

—Mrs. Merrill Burd

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: We love Jesus and mean by His help and grace to make heaven our home, as the greatest desire of our heart is to see the One that suffered and died for us. To see God we must be doing His will at all times, for it is not the ones that say, "Lord, Lord," that will enter into heaven, but the ones that do His will. The "willing and obedient, . . . shall eat the good of the land." Isa. 1:19.

The dear Lord richly blessed with a good Assembly meeting in Hammond, La. I enjoyed it very much and feel that I got some lasting good to my soul. Several ministers attended the meeting and the preaching was anointed of the Lord. Several souls were at the altar at various times, and we trust each one got the needed help.

Dear Sis. Barton of Tulsa, Okla., needs a healing touch from our heavenly Father. We remember her many times. I remember how she was so burdened in prayer for my healing when my ankle was so very bad in 1945. God heard and answered prayer and healed me. Praise His sweet name! The devil is trying to bring it back on me, but I'm trusting in God and mean by His help and grace to trust Him, live or die. God is my Healer. I've trusted Him over 40 years and I'm not tired of trusting Him.

Pray for us and my loved ones.

—Effie Miller

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## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and Print Shop workers: It is with praise and thanksgiving to God that we send in our testimony of how He has wonderfully blessed Bro. Gaines through his affliction. Since last June he has had very serious attacks with heart pains, fluid build-up and shortness of breath. For over two months he slept sitting in a chair, and his feet and legs swelled terribly. Truly, it is a miracle how God caused the fluid to drain from his body. Since he was not able to see, he bumped his leg and from the small bruised place the water began to drain about the middle of September. Other places began to open up until we had to wrap his legs in towels to absorb the water. This continued until all the excess fluid was drained from his body. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done for him.

We have fully trusted the Lord for his healing. He went through many other afflictions, including a serious case of hemorrhoids. He has held on to this one Scripture, Mark 11:22,23, "Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Truly, God is "not slack concerning his promises." We can never thank and praise Him enough for His goodness and kindness to us.

The dear saints of God have been so wonderful to us here in Tulsa and elsewhere. We received many

calls, cards, and prayers over the phone. Many kindnesses have been shown us. Saints have visited us from the north, south, east, and west. We certainly wish to thank everyone for their concern, and especially their prayers. May God bless each one for your deeds of love.

At this writing (Dec. 1st.), Husband has been able to lie down for over three weeks and walk around outside. He is still improving. The places on his legs are healing. Continue to pray for them and also his sight. We are looking to God by faith for his sight. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. Surely, God knows how we are abiding. . . .

—Bro. M. D. and Sis. Theresa Gaines

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and Brother Pruitt:

Greetings in Jesus' holy healing name. I was so very sorry to call you so early in the morning, Bro. Pruitt, but I had suffered from one o'clock and it was making me so weak. I just had to call someone. I was healed at once. Praise the Lord! It is wonderful to have saints we can call on in time of trouble and to be healed at once. I went to bed and went to sleep. I had not been able to lie, sit, or even walk. At once I was healed. Oh, how I thank and praise His holy name!

I hope you all are feeling better. He is able to do all things, if we put our trust in Him. . . .

Christian love,

—Sister S. Stimson

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Ky.—Dear Sis. Miles: Greetings in the loving name of Jesus. I know it is His hand that keeps me going. My back is better. I had not been able to lie with my face down on the bed since 1967, but I can now and it doesn't hurt. I do thank God and the people who prayed for me at the campmeeting last summer. My face is well, also.

—Mrs. Nancy W. Miller

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Kansas—Dear saints, I thank God for the wonderful meetings I had the privilege to be in last summer. I was in most of the Guthrie campmeeting, the first part of Tulsa, then back to California for the meeting there. It seems that from the first meeting through to the last that it was just one great, continuous message for my soul. The first message in Oakland, Calif., was along the line of "When we see how small we are, that is the very best place we can be in." That message was just a kind of summing up of just where I was right then. I had been feeling very small for sometime. The Lord had let me come to that place. You can be sure that it takes something to get us to that place. The Lord will let us show ourselves to ourselves, and one then can see himself. We can esteem our brother higher because we see how small and nothing that we are. I want to always be able to recall that experience and lesson the Lord taught me. I want to keep down at Jesus' feet, submissive and humble, so He can work out His purpose in my life. We want to be like Jesus and say, "Not my will, but Thine be done," or "Lord, just have your way." . . .

It is now about the 9th day of December. This time, for about the past ten years, I have been buying food for the meeting at Pacoima, Calif., state campground. I was always happy to serve my Jesus in that way. Those ten days in August and December were a joy to me. I am

deeply grateful to all who helped me. It was an experience I shall long remember with much joy and pleasure.

The Lord has opened the path here to Wichita, Kansas, now. I know not just where it will take me, but I mean to follow Him, for Jesus knows best. I do believe that the Lord has led me in all my moves that I have made lately.

Please pray for me.

—Sis. E. N. Freeman

2643 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kan. 67219

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Ohio—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, our Saviour, Sanctifier, and Healer in Mt. Zion, the Church of God. We are still reporting victory in our souls, regardless of the many trials and temptations that we are facing in this life. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

We would like to give this testimony to the glory of God for the encouragement of others. On October 21, our daughter Angela, age 2, came down with scarlet fever. She was running a temperature of 105 degrees. We took her over to Sis. Clark's house where Sis. Clark anointed and prayed for her in our car. We returned home encouraged and determined to trust the Lord for the healing of this fever. The saints here were agreeing in prayer that the Lord would glorify His name and work a miracle in this case. Our pastor attended the meeting in Wichita, Kansas, and requested prayer there also.

On November 1, she still had symptoms of the fever — swelling in her hands and feet. She also was shedding off old skin. We had to care for her day and night. She was unable to use her hands or walk on her feet because of being very sore, but through it all, we were still encouraged by knowing that the Lord was beholding the whole scene. He gave us a Scripture, Prov. 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

Because the fever remained above normal, we thought it best to call for special prayer. We asked Bro. Keith Fuller to remember Angela earnestly in prayer, and also to put in a prayer request at Tuesday night prayer meeting in Akron. That same night, Nov. 1st, the Lord wonderfully broke the high fever and continued to break it until it was all gone the next day. Praise His wonderful name!

On November 5th, she began trying to walk with some help, but she was unable to walk alone because of the swelling and soreness. Yet we continued to "look toward the hill, from which cometh our help," knowing that within our heart the Word says, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22.

As of this date, Nov. 17, 1977, Angela is completely healed. Thank the Lord! Also, we truly thank the Lord for how He protected my wife and our other two children, ages 1 and 3 years, and myself from catching this disease.

We thank the saints for all their prayers and help in the time of need.

We desire to be remembered in prayer that we would be all that the Lord is calling for us to be in this life as children of God.

—Bro. and Sis. Waymon Parmer, Jr.

## BROKEN BONES HEALED

B.C., Canada—Dear saints at the Print Shop: We praise God for you. Keep up the good fight of faith. How we enjoy your rich paper, *Faith and Victory*! We get so thrilled when we read how others are receiving answers to prayer. God is still on the throne. He has answered prayer for us so many times.

Five years ago our daughter Melody, six at the time, had a serious accident. She broke her leg and twisted her ankle. Darkness settled over our home like a cloud, when my older son carried her in as she screamed with pain. I had never been to a doctor in my life, but now fear gripped me. I knew how my neighbors would scorn if I kept her home, and just prayed. I knew how this local congregation felt about the doctor being God's earthly hand.

My heart was heavy as I tried to console her, as I bathed her legs and ankle. I put her in my bed with her leg on a pillow. I went to prayer. I heard the words, "Anything, Lord, I'll trust you through anything," which I had told the Lord only a few days before, after the Lord had answered prayer for me in a wonderful way. Now I felt unsure and afraid. "Oh, Lord!" I prayed, "I didn't know you would allow us to be tried so severely."

We called the family together to pray. We felt some relief, but spent a sleepless night along with our daughter. The following morning it seemed right to fast and pray through the day. On the second day, my heart ached as I looked at her pillowed head, her pale little face turning slightly green. She noticed my distress and encouraged me by saying that Jesus would help her. From then, she had no pain if she lay still. We knew that God was keeping her from pain, even though the healing process had not started yet.

On the third day, as we lifted her up from her bed, we noticed that the bones were severed and they creaked as they rubbed together. It was really a bad break. My husband said, "Tomorrow I'll come home at noon and take her to the hospital." That night we searched the Scriptures on divine healing and prayed more earnestly than ever. When my husband came home the next day at noon, he paced the floor uneasily for awhile. Then, as if by sudden inspiration, he said, "Let's just trust God. It is no different than at other times." I was happy, as that was what I had hoped he would decide. We prayed and committed her to the Lord, and the glory of the Lord came down. We knew God would give her a complete and perfect healing. There was a noticeable change in her. The color came back to her cheeks and the healing process was taking place. Her appetite increased, and she laughed and played in the lawn recliner where she sat in the kitchen during the day. We didn't doubt, nor worry anymore. We took off the wood splint we had been using to try to keep her leg straight and said, "God, it's all in your wonderful hand. You made her from the beginning and you can do it all by Yourself. You know how every bone fits, and in your wisdom you will make her well."

A Christian lady came by, and she said, "You can't just let her lie there. There are two bones in her leg, and if you don't get them set, she might be crippled all her life." I felt bold in the Lord, and was able to reply with assurance that, "We had put her in the best Physician's hands that there is and He will bring her through."

It took a month before she could stand on her leg, and in six weeks she was running again. God not only healed the bone between the knee and the ankle, but also tightened the cords in her ankle. What a mighty God we serve! He is worthy of all honor, praise, and glory. Melody is now eleven and has never had any more trouble with that leg, which is proof of God's power.

—Daisy Rabel

## Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

**Question:** Are men supposed to be lords over women as we think of it today? Would you please explain the Bible version of a man and wife role in the home?

**Answer, Part 2, continued from Dec. issue.**

A woman said to me awhile back that she did not think the women should be slaves, and that is exactly right. I agree with that statement one hundred per cent and so do the holy Scriptures. The teachings in the Scriptures on this subject do not mean that, and do not give a man a right to reduce his wife to the position of a virtual slave by taking away her inherent rights as an individual and ruling over her with rigor. That word *rigor* is defined as "Severity or strictness in conduct, temperament or judgment: stiffness and rigidity." *Rigid* is defined as "Not bending, stiff, inflexible, rigorous, harsh, severe." It is hard to think of any man being this way with the wife of his bosom. Yet some are and even plead the Scriptures in support of their conduct.

I have news for you. The Scriptures do not support you in this kind of behavior toward your wife but rather condemn you. Any man who stretches the Scripture to cover that ground will surely miss the mark and cannot expect God's blessings on his marriage or in his life. Neither does he have a right to expect his wife to love, reverence, and respect him.

Have you ever heard the saying "Every man is a king and his home is his palace"? This may be true, but let us look at it a little. History, both sacred and profane show the records of many kings who have ruled over their kingdoms, some large and some small. Among them have been some who have ruled in righteousness, with justice and equity, and with consideration for the welfare of their subjects. These have been much loved and revered by their subjects and greatly mourned at their death. This is the way Christ rules over His wife, the church. And this is the way the Scriptures teach a man to rule over his wife. In I Pet. 5:7 we read, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." This is a great and glorious truth picturing Christ as caring tenderly for His wife, the church, in all of her cares and burdens. This is the way and attitude in which Christ rules over the church and is the way and attitude in which men are to rule over their wives.

In Eph. 5:23 we read, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." *Saviour* is defined as "A person who rescues some one from dire circumstances." This is applied principally to Christ; but in this text it is

also applied to the husband with his wife. The way the husband is the saviour of his wife's body is by nourishing, strengthening, comforting her, supporting and upholding her, bearing her burdens, shouldering the long end of the burdens and responsibilities of the home and family, and by always standing by her as a present help in any time of trouble. This is the way Christ is with His wife, the church, and this is the attitude in which He rules over her. In this 5th chapter of Ephesians, verses 22 and 23, an analogy is drawn between Christ and the church and the husband and his wife and the teaching here is that the husband is to be with his wife in the same way Christ is with the Church, and is to rule over her in the same way and attitude in which Christ rules over the church.

In Matt. 11:28,29 Christ is seen making the church's burden light because she is yoked up with Him and He bears the big end of the load. This is the way the husband is to be with his wife and the attitude in which he is to rule over her.

In Songs of Solomon 8:5 we read, "Who is this that coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved . . . ?" Here in this love affair between the shepherd and the Shulamite woman, we have represented in a figure, Christ and the church, His wife. She is leaning on Him as her strength and support. A husband is the symbol of strength and security for his wife.

In I Pet. 3:1-7 we see that the first six verses are teaching how the wife should be submissive and obedient to her husband and be in subjection to him and manifest a meek and quiet spirit toward him, etc. God's ways are equal (Ezek. 18:25) and His instructions are well balanced. In verse 7 He turns to the husband and instructs him to dwell with his wife according to knowledge and to give honor to her as unto the weaker vessel, stating that they are heirs together of the grace of life. He closes this verse by saying, "That your prayers be not hindered." I know and you know also that many homes are not godly nor what they should be. Many spiritual lives are blighted and the prayers of many are weak and ineffectual. People are unable to maintain victorious lives all because there is an improper relationship between the husband and wife.

All of the instructions in these verses give the husband the advantage over his wife, but in this verse 7 the husband is admonished to not take advantage of the natural advantage that he has over his wife. I may not interpret the thought in this verse regarding the wife being the weaker vessel according to your thinking. Even though the woman is more delicately constructed than a man and may be weaker physically in some respects than men; I do not consider this text as referring to that. I consider this text as applying to just exactly what is being discussed in these verses and since God placed her in subjection to her husband and commanded her to be obedient to him, that weakens her vantage point in dealing with him and gives her husband a natural advantage over her. Thus she is referred to as "the weaker vessel" because of her natural disadvantage in this respect; the husband is commanded to not take advantage of this, but to give honor to her. And if the husband will be with his wife as Christ is with the church and rule over her in the same spirit and way that Christ rules over the church, she will naturally honor and reverence him and delight in submitting to him.

Also let us not overlook the clause in I Pet. 3:7, "And as being heirs together of the grace of life." This makes it clear that in God's sight the husband and his wife are equal heirs together of God's blessings and of the grace of life. But for the convenience of home management and family life, God placed the wife in subjection to her husband. Therefore as he exercises his authority let him realize he is exercising authority over an equal according to God's will, and not over a person inferior to him. Take this woman out of the family relationship and she would be equal with the man who is now her husband and with anyone else and everyone else in the whole world in God's sight. Gal. 3:28 says, there is neither male nor female, but all are one in Christ Jesus.

To sum up let us conclude in regard to the husband and wife role in the home that "Home Making" is the grandest of all occupations for women and a "Fine Art" that should be mastered by all Christian women. I saw a sign in a restaurant once which read "Keep your wife for a pet and eat here." Sounds romantic indeed but the Bible does not teach that. To eat meals out is fine on occasion and should be. A dutiful wife and mother surely deserves a break occasionally. But in the overall picture, the Bible teaches that a husband is to provide a home and all the necessary things of life for his wife and children, through his gainful efforts along whatever line he may be engaged. Then it teaches that the wife is to make that house a home.

Edgar A. Guest said, "It takes a heap of livin' in a house to make it home." Someone else said, "What is home without a mother?" This is very true and it is the duty and privilege of a wife and mother to make that house a home, and the more attractive she can make it for her husband and children, the better it will be. The wife should seek to make the home and herself as attractive as possible for her husband — make him always feel that he has a nice place to come and a nice person to come home to when the day's work is done.

I do not know why or where some women get the idea that they owe their husbands nothing, but they are his responsibility and he is to take care of them. A wife owes her husband just as much as he owes her, but just in a different category and in a different way, and he is her responsibility the same as she is his. Marriage is a partnership and the wife is just as obligated to fulfill her responsibilities as her husband is to "bring home the bacon." Neither a husband or a wife has any right to exact or expect more of the other than either he or she is willing to give in return in their respective roles. A wife has no right to require her husband to provide her with a living and support and maintain her, if she is not willing to properly maintain a nice home for him and take proper care of his children. Neither does a husband have a right to expect his wife to maintain his home and take care of his children if he is not willing to at least do his best to properly support her. The Bible does not teach any of us to expect something for nothing but rather the contrary.

II Thess. 3:10, I Tim. 5:8 and 14 combine to teach clearly that if either partner in a marriage does not creditably perform his or her part, it will bring discredit on the Christian profession and the gospel and give occasion to the enemy.

## Woman's Place in the Home



At this time we are hearing much about "doing your own thing," "Women's Lib," etc. There is so much of this talk around today that I feel that we, as godly married women, need to consider our place. Where is our place?

To find the answer to this question, we should turn to the Word of God, which we know is going to stand when all other ideas, thoughts, plans, and organizations shall fail. Let us turn to the familiar Scripture of Titus 2, beginning with verse 3 and reading through verse 5, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

There is so much said here that we need to stop and consider each point carefully to learn what are the attributes of a godly woman. At first, the advice is to the older women who have been down life's pathway and learned many things. We younger women need to be told of many things by which we could profit in the rearing of our children and in the living of our lives. She is to be an example of holiness, to behave herself in a way which is a glorification to the gospel, and then she is in a position to tell us how to behave ourselves accordingly. She is to be careful that she does not take up a wrong accusation against anyone, but she is to talk only of the good things, and then she should advise accordingly.

We, as younger women with families to rear, are then exhorted to love our husbands and our children. As our marriage vows have been made, so are we to keep them. Our husband is to come first. He is "chosen above all others." When we put him first and love him, then as God blesses our homes with children, we can love them also. But if we don't love our husband first, how can we love the children who will have his traits, likes, and dislikes, too?

Then we are to be discreet. We should be careful what we do and say. Our husband is known by us in a way which no one else is privileged to know him. We know how he wants his food cooked, clothes washed, what time he wants to do certain things and how he wants them done. We should be very careful to see that we assist him in the doing of these things in the way that he desires and not to speak to others about things which would be harmful to him.

We are to be chaste. I believe that this means to be pure in mind, soul, and body. We should be careful to watch our thoughts, for they can become the intents of the heart. If our thoughts are evil, soon the heart may desire to do these evil things. Therefore, we should keep our minds pure that our souls may also be pure before our husband and God. God has instructed in His Word how that we should clothe ourselves in a modest manner. This is a pure manner. If we display our bodies in a tempting way, many bad thoughts may be brought to others. Our bodies are to be kept pure, so that they may be a treasure to our husband and his alone. Then we

may receive the respect that he will give to us as his beloved wife.

We are also to be keepers at home. As we put our thoughts upon making our home a refuge for our loved ones away from the world, God will give us of His blessings and Spirit. Many feel that they must work away from home—spending the better part of each day away from it. If we do this, who will take care of our home? Will it have the spirit of rest and peace as we should make it? To me, the money that would be earned would not bring to the home the quietness, peace, love, and joy that would be gained by our spending the day with the Lord and preparing the home for those who will come back tired from receiving the displeasure of those who do not know the Lord. We can be ready to give out a love and warmth that no one else can do. We are the ones who have this love for them, and all day we have been spending our time thinking and preparing for them in the way which they like.

We are also to be obedient to our own husbands. We are taught that he is to be the head of the wife. Sometimes perhaps he desires things that we feel are not for the best, but we are to be obedient as long as it is not in contradiction to the Word of God. It may be that he sees and knows things which we do not. He is facing the world and earning our livelihood, and he sometimes sees and knows things that we are not in a position to know. In times when these things are contrary to our desires, we should just submit ourselves to God and ask His help that we may carry out our husband's desires.

When these things are fulfilled in our lives, then the Word of God will not be blasphemed. Then may the world see and know that God's plan is above all that they can think, and by seeing they, too, may be led to receive God into their hearts and home.

Considering all of these things, I feel that our place as godly married women is to be the heart of the home. We are the ones who should live so that our husbands and children may be encouraged in the ways of the Lord. As we do these things, no one else will have a greater influence over them, and then we are truly pointing them to One higher than themselves.

—Kathleen (Murphey) McMurrin



## Science May Fail, But God Never



It happened in a hospital at Mavelikara, of Kerala State, in S. India. It was midnight. All were sleeping except a few patients in other rooms. In a separate payward was one young lady on her bed turning from one side to the other. She was weeping because of great pain. She was very fearful. The appointed nurse was also sleeping. She desired to wake the nurse. She tried to call her, but she was not able to bring the words out of her lips. She was very tired and frightened both in body and in mind. In her lonely and fearful condition she remembered the result of the checkup of her body by a few expert doctors. Since it was so hopeless, suddenly the thought of death hung over her. She felt the taste of death. The pain of separation from life and loved ones crushed her.

A few months previously she approached a doctor when she had unusual pain and disorder in her body.

She was pregnant. It was the first one. The result of the checkup was not satisfactory, but fearful. She was advised to be admitted to a special hospital. A few specialized doctors examined her again. The unanimous decision of the doctors was to remove the child without further delay and save the young lady. Otherwise, she might face death. There was no other way to save her from this unfortunate condition according to the findings of the doctors. There was something seriously wrong with her and a major, immediate operation was necessary. All were shocked when they heard this bad news. Her husband was very sad, but he did not allow the doctors to carry out their decision. He boldly told them, "I won't allow you to kill my child. It is the first gift from my living God." Others criticized him roughly and blamed him without any mercy. Even his wife, this young lady, also doubted him. She said, "You are trying to kill me." He was a believer in the Almighty God. He replied patiently, "If you are thinking that way, I can do nothing, but I believe in a Lord who is a God of impossibility. He was able to bring Lazarus out of the tomb with new life even though he had been buried four days before. It is true, He will be able to deliver my child with life and save you from death, for there is not a thing that God cannot do. You would see God's glory if you would believe."

She was so disappointed and discouraged. She was counting the days approaching the hour of death. At the same time her husband, with a burden on his heart, was praying earnestly to the living God. It was a battle between death and life, a battle between the power of man and the power of God. Hours, days, and weeks were gone. A crucial point came in her life. It was midnight in March in the year of 1939. She cried bitterly. She was wearied to exhaustion. Her mind was darkened with hopelessness. She desired a moment of comfort. She tried to get up from her bed, but she could not. No one was there to help her. She thought she was going to die. She lifted her mind to God. She cried, "Lord, help me."

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." *Psa. 121:1-4.* "They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed." *Psa. 34:5.*

Suddenly it happened. The cry of a newborn baby broke the silence of the dark atmosphere. The light spread in the adjacent rooms. Many rushed to the room. They remembered the words of the doctors. They thought she might have died. But she was quite all right. She smiled with great joy. It was one more proclamation to this world that "Medical science may fail, but God never. He is able to do miracles when things are impossible to man." Yes, she brought forth a healthy baby with life without any help from a human being, not even the help of a nurse. The doctors said that she was unable to deliver a child, but God strengthened her to deliver six more times. She is still living with her seven children, in Wynad, the northern part of Kerala.

Would you like to know something about the baby whom the expert doctors decided to kill, having no chance to see this beautiful world in order to save his mother from death? It is he who writes this true story as

he heard it directly from his mother. My name is P. D. Mathunni. Now I am a missionary to my own land. "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. . . . Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; . . ." *Psa. 139:14,16.*

I have to give thanks to my Lord more than anyone else. He saved me from death and saved me from the penalty and power of sin. Praise His holy name! Since the day I met my Lord He has been so sweet to me. The day He called me out of this dark world, I submitted myself to Him. When He called me to His ministry, I resigned my job as manager of a section of a construction company. This is the substance of my testimony, "I tasted my Lord and found He is so good."

Of course, there was a dark period in my life. If God allows, I will write it later.

Remember me in your valuable prayers, so that I may be a useful instrument in the hand of my Master.

—P. D. Mathunni

(Editor's note: Bro. John Varghese in South India labors in the gospel work with the writer of the foregoing true account.)

## Are We Our Brother's Keeper?

Just because we are saved and ready for heaven, do we have the attitude of "Let me do my own thing," or, "Let them go to hell, what do I care," or do we have love and concern for our fellow men, trying to get them to see Jesus' love also? When we pray, do we think only of ourselves, and our loved ones? Or does our prayer go out to other people, our neighbors, our friends, our enemies, the leaders of our nation, and the broken-hearted that have broken homes because of sin? Do we remember the dear ones who are bereaved by the loss of their loved ones? We should pray for all the sick ones who have such great pain that they can't seem to pray even for themselves. Many are crippled, sickly, can't get out of the wheel chair, or even out of bed.

Our prayers should also include all honest hearts that are in man-made religions who haven't yet seen the beautiful Church of God where all speak the same thing. In I Cor. 1:10 we read: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." They all live righteous lives because they love Christ and His Body. They love one another dearly because each saved one makes up His Body, the Bride of Christ. The true Spirit of God is the Leader in all the services. Let us pray that all deceived ones would hear God's voice, come out from among them, and flow into it and be a part of His Body, the Church.

Let us pray that each one of God's dear children will keep his lamp filled with oil, waiting and watching for the Bridegroom's return. In I John 2:9, 10 we read, "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him." I John 3:17, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and



shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Col. 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." James 5:16, 20, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The Bible teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Gal. 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Matt. 25:40, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Romans 14:7, 8, "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." Hebrews 13:1, 2, "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." I trust that each of us will have true love for God and one another as brothers and sisters in the Church.

—Sis. Pearlene Whitson

## The Importance of Obedience



"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." Hebrews 12:5,6.

Recently, I was bothered with a sore neck and shoulder with pains going down into my arm. This condition lingered for several days. While praying about the matter and asking the Lord to heal me and remove the pain, He reminded me that I had started doing a thing that He had reprov'd me of before. I reasoned with myself that it was such a small thing and of insignificance, still asking the Lord to have compassion on me, and not realizing that He really meant business, "for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

In worship that evening we had read in Luke 5 about Jesus telling Simon to "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." Simon reasoned at first saying, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing," but here is where obedience comes in. "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake." They called for the other ship to come and filled both ships, so they began to sink. All this the Lord brought to my mind and yet I said in my heart, "Surely, a thing this small God will overlook and not require of me."

The next morning I opened my Bible to Isa. 56:1,2: "Keep ye judgment." What does judgment really mean? Webster says: Mental faculty of deciding correctly by the comparison of facts and ideas. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5. We must have

the mind of Christ in our deciding (judgment) and not our own. Isa. 55:9 tells us His ways are higher than ours and His thoughts higher than our thoughts. "Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath [soul-rest] from polluting it." When we have that soul-rest, then we can claim the promise in I John 3:21,22, "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." That was just what I wanted. Then the Lord brought to my mind a dream I had of a beautiful hand-blown crystal ball encased by a wooden, hand-carved stand. Oh, it was a beautiful piece of art! The whole thing was as tall as I. As I was there admiring it, others came and were bowing and worshipping it. My heart was filled with a righteous indignation and I took a sharp knife, cutting the ball in half. Those who were worshipping the things began weeping and running to and fro. I stood up with much boldness telling the people of God that we must stand together and denounce these things even though they may seem so innocent.

I quickly went on my knees, asking God to forgive me, and to give me strength and grace to denounce this thing in my life. I came to this conclusion: Anything that is small enough to draw God's attention is large enough to keep us out of heaven.

Pray for me.

—DeLoris Bradley

## The Web



*"Will you walk into my parlor?"*

*Said the spider to the fly;*

*"Tis the prettiest little parlor*

*That you ever did spy."*

"No, no, you mean to harm me," and the fly soars away. The spider lies still in the center of the web. Presently the silly fly is back again. "It is pretty in there, and that old spider is dead or fast asleep, so I'll just step inside the door and get one sip of nectar from those gleaming threads."

A shriek of alarm, for no sooner does her feet touch the sill, than the spider darts forth and clutches her fast. "Let me go! let me go!" wildly cries she, vainly essaying to get free as the foe swiftly binds cord after cord about her.

"No one that enters here ever goes out again," hisses he.

All around her, as far as eye can see, are other flies ensnared as she is. Many are dead, some are expiring; others are making desperate but futile attempts to escape. And strange to say, the frantic strugglings of these newly-caught flies only serve to tighten their bonds, until at last they cannot move hand nor foot, and as helpless captives they lay at the mercy of the enemy.

"Oh, why did I venture near this awful trap? If only I could get back, but too late now! too late now!" laments the fly.

Precious unsaved soul, the devil has a gaily-painted web spread too, and he lieth in wait for those who pass by. Many are the allurements to entice unwary ones. "I have many things to show you while in there. Lift the



latchstring and walk right in." The dance and the card party are two of the "feelers" thrown out to draw in unsuspecting victims. Another is the "picture shows." Tricky business deals, "joy rides"—hundreds of tinsel inducements glittering before the eye at every turn. How smooth and attractive is the pathway paved to this web. Crowds gather from all directions. "Come on, let's have a good time, eat, drink, and be merry," and laughing ones trip lightly into the web. Once entangled within its meshes, the poor human is carried captive by the devil at his will.

A sting comes. The young girl starts back in affright. Dick, her lover, has told a lie, he whom she had implicitly trusted.

In one of the threads is a youthful lad drawn therein by the social glass. Ugh! such a dirty, disagreeable feeling. What has come over him? Where are those sparkling hues of wine? Ah, my son, "at the last it biteth like a serpent."

The moral man swept in by the "feeler" of self-righteousness, smites his troubled breast and longs for peace.

"Sin is sweet to the taste; what evil have I done?" says the adulteress as she wipes her lips; but now, life almost gone, she screams, "What will ease this gnawing within?" Apples of Sodom have turned to bitterness.

Backsliders, those who once knew Jesus, lift tear-stained faces in mute appeal.

The man of fortune, his money all squandered, and those merciless fangs sinking into his vitals, moans in despair, "The wages of sin is death." All classes of humanity have gotten into this web. Sighs, wails for mercy, piteous calls for help rend the air. "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver?" "Is there any that can save?" cry these sufferers again and again.

Hear, all ye that are in the web of sin, for glad tidings I bring. There is One who can succor. "He came to preach deliverance to the captives . . . to set at liberty them that are bound." Luke 4:18. Yes, He can snap the cords asunder, He can break the fearful hold. Look up, dear sin-sick soul. Behold the Lord Jesus: He is the One. What love in His face! See those extended arms. He waits for your "S. O. S." signal. Will you call unto Him with the deepest heart-cry of your being? Oh, quickly He will fly to your aid, break your fetters in a twinkling, cover you with His precious blood, and fold you close to His great bosom of infinite love.

Then will come true happiness, and there will begin the joys that never cease, for 'tis "from grace to grace and glory to glory" in the heavenward way. Praises be unto Thee, O, Jesus, "who art strong to save and mighty to deliver."  
—Lelia M. Conway

To be a true soldier in this heavenly warfare it is necessary to keep in line with the Commander and follow whithersoever He leadeth; otherwise the company of followers, or soldiers, will be brought into confusion, then when the enemy is to be met they are not ready for battle, and the victory is hard to win. Many have fallen by the wayside because they have not kept in line with the Word of God. His commands are given in the Word, and if we will not follow them, or obey His instructions, we are sure to meet the enemy at a time when we are not ready to ward off his attacks.  
—E. E. Byrum

## The Tongue

In our body there's a member  
Worthy of our guarding care,  
It behooves us to remember  
This each day and everywhere.

For of all our members living  
Though it be so very small,  
It is surely worth our giving  
Constant watching all in all.

For the greatest woes confessing  
From its fountain depths are sprung,  
Or an avenue of blessing—  
Life and death are in the tongue.

All depends on who is guiding,  
Who is sitting at controls:  
Christ, in all His sweet abiding,  
Or the enemy of our souls.

With the tongue the law of kindness  
Blossoms forth her gracious fruit,  
Or the tongue can gender blindness  
Shooting forth a bitter root.

Think of all the strife and sadness  
Pulsing in our world today  
That would be a scene of gladness  
If the tongue were held at bay.

If each word were fitly spoken,  
Seasoned with God's grace complete,  
It would be like apples golden,  
Lucious, mellow, ripe, and sweet.

Words of counsel, words of wisdom  
From the hearts of holy men  
Can do more than human system  
Ever hoped or thought to win.

So the blame for all your trouble  
Place not on your fellow man:  
Check the tongue, and check it double,  
Guard it, keep it, while you can!

—Leslie Busbee

### JESUS CARES, I KNOW

"O thou of little faith,  
God hath not failed thee yet!  
When all looks dark and gloomy,  
Thou dost so soon forget—

"Forget that He has led thee,  
And gently cleared thy way:  
On clouds has poured His sunshine,  
And turned thy night to day.

"And if He's helped thee hitherto,  
He will not fail thee now;  
How it must wound His loving heart  
To see thy anxious brow!

"Oh! doubt not any longer,  
To Him commit thy way,  
Whom in the past thou trusted,  
And is 'just the same today.' " —Sel.