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The Father Knows

Nobody knows like a father knows
About hours spent working late
Providing funds for necessities
And for the bills that will not wait.

Nobody knows like a father knows
Just what it means to be Daddy
With "please-fix-it" jobs non-ending
He always keeps tools right handy.

Nobody knows like a father knows
The mechanisms of an auto,
Bike, motorcycle, scooter, truck
And how to fix what will not go.

Nobody knows like a father knows
To patch his roof when it is dry
Or to fix a leaky faucet
When the kitchen is not so dry.

Nobody knows like a father knows
The joys that come with children
Their happy laughter brings Dad back
Again a youth relaxed in fun.

Nobody knows like a father knows
When his child needs attention
And a firm, corrective hand
To lead it in the right direction.

Nobody knows like a father knows
How the society world has evil.
He guards his soul and his family's
And protects them from bad people.

Nobody knows like a father knows
The sincere depth of his prayer
When he leads the family worship
Blessing each one with loving care.

Nobody knows like THE FATHER knows
The burdens that a father will carry
And there is nobody like THE FATHER
To lift a load that grows heavy.

—Connie Sorrell

A Parable of a Prodigal Father



A certain man had two sons, and the younger of them said to his father: "Father give me the portion of thy time and thy attention and thy companionship and thy counsel which falleth to me." And he divided unto them his living in that he paid the boy's bills and sent him to a select preparatory school and to college, and tried to believe that he was doing his full duty for the boys.

Not many days afterwards the father gathered all his interests and aspirations and ambitions and took his journey into a far country—into a land of stocks and bonds and securities and other things which do not interest a boy; and there he wasted his precious opportunity of being a friend to his own son. When he had spent the very best of his life and had gained money, but had failed to find satisfaction, there arose a mighty famine in his heart; and he began to be in want of sympathy and real companionship. He went and joined himself to one of the clubs of the country; and they elected him chairman of the house committee and president of the club and sent him to congress. He would fain have satisfied himself with the husks that other men did eat, and no man gave unto him real friendship.

When he came to himself he said: How many men of my acquaintance have boys whom they understand and who understand them, who talk about their boys and seem perfectly happy in the comradeship of their sons, and I perish here with heart hunger! I will arise and go to my son, and will say unto him, "Son, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, I am no more worthy to be called thy father. Make me as one of thy acquaintances." He arose and came to his son, but while he was yet afar off, his son saw him and was moved with astonishment. Instead of running and falling on his neck, he drew back and was ill at ease. The father said unto him: "Son, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, I am no more worthy to be called thy father. Forgive me now and let me be your friend." The son said: "Not so; I wish it were possible, but it is too late. There was a time when I wanted companionship and counsel and to know things, but you were too busy. I received companionship and information, but

it was the wrong kind; and now—alas—I am wrecked in soul and body; there is nothing you can do for me. It is too late—too late—too late.” —Selected

Double-Mindedness



Here is seen a man staggering under two heavy burdens; a globe, which represents the world, and a cross, that represents the Christian religion. His knees totter, and tremble beneath the cumbrous load. The cross is the badge of his profession, which he holds, or rather drags along, with his left hand; this shows that religion is only a secondary concern with him.

In his right hand he carries the globe. The right hand being the most dexterous, shows that the practical part of his life is employed in securing the world, notwithstanding his profession. He has succeeded so well that the globe has got uppermost. It monopolizes his attention, and controls his movements. It has turned his feet from the narrow way; it has hid from his view the glorious light of the heavenly city. In going down hill, the cross slips out of his left hand; he stumbles over it, and falls; the globe falls upon him, and grinds him to powder.

This emblem needs but little explanation. It shows the folly and end of a double-minded man. The fabled Atlas, who carried the world on his shoulders, attempted nothing, accomplished nothing, compared with the man who labors to secure both this world and the next; he has two minds which govern him by turns; but in the end the worldly principle prevails. His folly consists in trying to do what is in itself absolutely impossible—what no man did or ever can do. God himself has separated the world from the cross; what God hath separated, no man may bring together; the nature of the Gospel forbids such union. Its influences, doctrines, precepts, objects, tendencies, and final issues are all opposed and contrary to the principles, maxims, practices, and interests of this world.

In the Gospel, provision is made to renew the heart, and to enable man to set his affections on things above, not on things on the earth. The cross is as much as any man can carry, let him have as much grace as he will. If any doubt remains, Christ, the

great Umpire of all disputed claims of this kind, has pronounced the decision: “No man can serve two masters;” “Ye can not serve God and mammon.” Matt. 6:24.

“The double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.” James 1:8. Sometimes he is seen among the disciples of Christ, then again he appears following the course of this world. He takes no comfort in religion, and none in the world. Every thing connected with him is double; a double curse rests upon him wherever he goes. True Christians are ashamed of him; the ungodly despise him; he is a laughing-stock for devils; his own conscience reproaches him; his own family upbraids him; and a double punishment will be the portion of his cup forever.

The mad prophet Balaam is a remarkable instance of double-mindedness. In profession, he would be a prophet of Jehovah; in practice, he followed and “loved the wages of unrighteousness.” II Peter 2:15. Despised by the people of God, to whom he was a stumbling-block; despised and reproached by Balak for his indecision, he died under the weight of a double curse, and left his name a proverb of reproach and shame.

“Choose you this day whom ye will serve.” Joshua 24:15.

“How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” I Kings 18:21.

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou were cold or hot. So, then, because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.” Rev. 3:15,16.

(Taken from *Religious Emblems*)

Everlasting Life For All Men

Juan Ponce de Leon knelt at a stream and drank from his cupped hands. Behind him stood some of the men from the fleet he had commanded to this beautiful land of flowers. The stream tasted no different, seemed no different, in fact was no different from others he had sampled earlier. Disappointed, he and his men withdrew from the stream. Ponce de Leon was in search of Bimini, where there was to be a marvelous fountain that could restore youth to the old person. The native Indians of Puerto Rico had told him of such a place. However, they themselves had never seen Bimini.

The truth was, the Indians were only repeating what previous explorers and “white men” had told them. When Christopher Columbus first came to America in 1492, he left behind 40 men to explore. They all believed the Far East was nearby. They were in search of gold, spices, drugs, silk, and hopefully the fountain of youth. The Indians simply believed what the white men had told them; that these things were nearby. So when Juan Ponce de Leon conquered Puerto Rico in 1509, he heard from the native Indians that there was Bimini. In April, 1513, he commanded a sea expedition to find it. He was the first European to discover Florida, the land “full of flowers”. He and his men explored much of the Florida coast searching for the Fountain of Youth. Disappointed in his quest, he returned to Puerto Rico.

Now if Ponce de Leon had been in Europe at this time, he would have known about the great reforma-

tion that was taking place. On October 31, 1517, a simple professor named Martin Luther had tacked his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. The 95 Theses attacked the pope who claimed authority "to shut the gates of hell and open the door to paradise". For 1200 years and more, the pope and his clergymen held over the people a false teaching of purgatory, a place of punishment after death. All men and women were instructed to pay penance, or money, to the church in order to shorten their stay in purgatory.

Medieval people had a very real dread of the purgatory punishment which was portrayed in vivid detail by clergymen. Somehow in the common layman's folklore, an imaginary Fountain of Youth (sometimes called Water of Life) had been created. It was to be found in the Garden of Eden, which was supposed to be in the Far East. Any one who found and drank from this fountain would add years to their life — perhaps never die — and in this way escape purgatory. That is how Ponce de Leon (and other explorers) came searching for a Fountain of Youth. Unlike Luther, who searched the Scriptures, Ponce de Leon went searching for a fantasy dream and lost his life in searching. He was wounded in a battle with the Indians and soon died from the injury.

Martin Luther, in studying the Scriptures, discerned the truth about everlasting life. In John 4:7-26, it is recorded how Jesus talked to a woman of Samaria, saying, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." One day as Luther was giving repentance kisses to the steps Jesus had ascended before being questioned by Pilate, the Lord spoke to his heart. "The just shall live by faith." Rom. 1:17, flashed across his mind, and into his soul poured the spirit of God with more light and understanding. Luther came to realize that according to the Scriptures, the church did not have authority over life in eternity. He realized that each one must take their sins to God for justification. He realized that it was God who forgave sins and that "Good works do not make a man good, but a good man does good works." (quoted M.L., Read James 2:14-26)

In writing against purgatory and penance, Martin Luther dealt a staggering blow to the strength of the papal church. Within a fortnight after his 95 Theses appeared, every university and religious centre was humming with news about it. Soon all were to marvel that one obscure monk from an unknown university had stirred the whole of Europe. Christian Europe was never the same again. Luther was excommunicated by the pope in 1520, and finally outlawed by the Emperor, Charles V at Worms in 1521. Luther's dramatic stand against both pope and Emperor stunned all of Europe. He found his sole support in his faith in God. However, his followers multiplied.

By 1530, there was openly two large movements — Catholicism and Protestantism. In Europe there was then great turmoil because a reformation was taking place. History tells us that lasting social, political and economic changes followed the reformation, but the Reformation was primarily a rediscovery of the gospel of God's saving work in Christ.

Long heated disputes, which sometimes brought persecution, flared up during the 1500's. One such example was between Queen Elizabeth of England (1558-1603) and her cousin, Queen Mary of Scots, who was Catholic. Queen Mary of Scots stayed in favor with the pope. Her chief ambition was to overthrow the throne of Queen Elizabeth and return Catholicism to full control again. Queen Mary was beheaded and Queen Elizabeth took the title of supreme governor of the Church of England, which greatly offended the pope. Though Queen Elizabeth did remain Protestant throughout her long reign, the Church of England had many flaws similar to the Catholic Church. This is why a band of puritans or pilgrims set sail for America in the Mayflower, coming ashore November 21, 1620. They desired to worship God in spirit and in truth, without the dictatorship from the government.

Looking back over history now, we can see how our omnipotent Father ruled over the Reformation. In fact, in the Word of God this reformation had been prophesied around 1,500 years before it happened. (Rev. 12:6) The timing of this age takes form, piece by piece, like a master puzzle. Right when the limited borders of Europe seemed unable to hold restless brothers differing in opinions, then America appeared on the scene. A fresh, new continent where pilgrim settlers were free to live for God as they rendered best from the Scriptures. Each one believed in God and in Jesus Christ, who bought the way to everlasting life. Not only was it a new start for the settlers, but the native Indians were gradually introduced to Jesus Christ. Truly, our Heavenly Father is a Master Planner!

Ever since the first fall of man, there has been a human desire for everlasting life. God made provisions for this in advance. He had created man, desiring that man would trust in Him with loving faith, obeying His commandments. For those who believe and are faithful, the Lord has prepared a place of everlasting peace and joy. Above and beyond earthly trouble and strife, our Lord has a master plan higher and better than our ways or thoughts. Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. In these words of Jesus Christ, a child of God anchors His faith and hope in Heaven, where the righteous shall live forevermore.

Jesus is indeed the "Fountain of Youth" or the "Water of Life". Everlasting life is available to whosoever will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. It is very simple, yet very costly, for the Lord wants all you have in exchange for this "pearl of great price." Matt. 13:46. The just shall live by faith, with genuine hope of eternal life forever with the Lord and Creator of all men.

—Connie Sorrell

All who live in sin are slaves to their own lusts, and are not able to govern themselves. But salvation makes us kings to rule over our own selves; over our passions, appetites and desires. "And he that ruleth his spirit" is greater "than he that taketh a city." Proverbs 16:32. Salvation also places us in kingly triumph over all the elements of this world.

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Editorials

We send greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus, the One who went about doing good. It means much to follow His example. We are instructed to "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. If we would be conformed to the image of Christ, we must be careful to follow both His example and precept in doing good to others.

It is a beautiful life that is free of selfishness. How miserable is the person who lives only for self. When our thoughts and actions are motivated toward the betterment of others, we are casting our bread upon the waters and we can be sure that it will return to us in the way of blessings. (Eccl. 11:1). It is a blessing to the soul just to see that someone else is blessed because of you. I once read about a man who prayed every morning, "Lord, help us to make somebody happy today."

How thoughtless we are many times. Later we think of the words that we should have spoken or the deed that we should have done.

I was impressed with a statement that Abraham Lincoln made. "I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I have always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where-ever a flower would grow." This is a statement worthy of remembrance. Think of how many thistles and thorns there are growing in the world today. There are many burdens and griefs that need to be lifted. If we can plant flowers of encouragement around us, our world will be a much lovelier place to live.

Sometimes we feel so inadequate to help others, but I have found that it does not take a great lot of talent to be a blessing to others. In many instances it takes only one talent; the ability to lend a listening and sympathetic ear. I met a man one time in a public place, who asked me about the establishment that we were in. We began to talk and before long he started pouring out his troubles. He had many of them. I mostly listened, every once in awhile putting in a few words to point him toward God. Before it was over, he was encouraging himself. He had a Christian background and he began to recall the things of God. When I left him, he was very happy that we had met and was feeling much better. It is not a condemning sermon that the people of the world are looking for. They have enough troubles already pressing them down. They simply need someone to point them to God and to know that there is someone that is interested in them and their problems.

It is not always those of the world that need encouragement. Sometimes it is our brother and sister in the Lord who are facing problems and trials. Even Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, yearned for the support of His disciples, but they failed to help in bearing His burden. It was the human part of Him desiring human understanding and support. May God help us all to know the true meaning and to practice the rare art of "burden bearing".

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We are in the process of printing Bro. Danny Layne's book, *He Lifted Me Out* in the Spanish language. It should be ready for distribution in the near future at the price of 25¢ each. Please include 37¢ for postage and handling for three books or less. For those who order four or more books, postage and

handling will be at the regular rate of 70¢ for the first dollar and 7¢ for each additional dollar of the total order. We encourage those who have Spanish speaking friends to distribute this book among them.

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The Miles family was saddened by the death of Cecil Miles, who passed away on May 8th. Aunt Maybelle Pruitt and Sister Maude Hornbeck flew to California to attend his funeral. It was but one month and one day before Cecil's death that they lost another brother, Carl Miles.

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By the first part of June we are expecting to once again have in stock the book, *The Revelation Explained*. We appreciate the patience of those who have had these books on back order.

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If your name is listed below or you know the address of the following people, please notify us. Betty Watson, Meadville or Pittsburgh, PA; Donald Nath, Trinidad and Tobago; Naomi Jones, Portland, OR; and Virgil Constable, Mansfield, OH. Send the addresses to Faith Publishing House, P.O. Box 518, Guthrie, OK 73044. We are unable to complete their orders or correspond with them due to the lack of a complete or correct address. We would like to urge all who correspond with us to be sure that you have a correct return address.

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This June issue goes to press at the beginning of the Oklahoma State Camp Meeting which is held here at Guthrie. If you find it possible, come and worship with the saints in this meeting. It is scheduled to begin May 31, and continue through June 9. There will be three services each day. Accommodations will be provided and three meals will be served each day in the dining hall. Everyone is invited!

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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16. The apostle Paul was not ashamed of his heritage. A gospel had been delivered to him that he could with confidence reveal to others. This glorious gospel began with Christ, who established a pattern and a lifestyle that we can shamelessly endorse with our own lives. Christ conducted Himself with dignity as He quietly went about teaching the people. The truths He perpetuated were not hastily concocted, spur-of-the-moment doctrines, but they were well established in divine wisdom and founded on the very Word of God. His preaching was not tainted with the flesh, but was of the Spirit, and ministered grace unto the hearers. He was conscious and sensitive to the needs of the people and did not impose Himself upon them, even providing food for them "lest they faint by the way." It must have been a pleasure for the disciples to call such a one, "Lord", for a leader such as He possessed only positive leadership qualities. His disciples did forsake Him when He was betrayed, but it was no offensive characteristic of Christ's that turned them away; it was fear for their personal safety, and their inability to face persecution. Even during that mockery of a trial,

Jesus made no passionate outbursts, but maintained a quietness of spirit that is to be admired in those who possess it.

Does our deportment parallel Christ's? Would He have cause to be ashamed of our spirit and manner of handling the gospel? Since we have received such a rich heritage, we should make it a point in our lives to conduct ourselves in such a way that we who profess His name will be a credit to it. In promoting the gospel let us do so with all the wisdom, dignity and graciousness its reputation requires, so that the gospel need not be ashamed of us. Let us live a religious life which the world can at least respect, if not agree with, and give no occasion to needlessly shame the gospel by unwise behaviour.

—Wayne Murphey

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Note of Thanks

We want to take this opportunity to express our love and appreciation to all who have prayed for us, sent cards and letters, also telephone calls expressing your sympathy, love and concern. The loss of our two brothers has been hard, but the Lord is helping us for which we thank Him.

May God richly bless all of you in a special way.

—Maybelle Pruitt and all the Miles family

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Camp Meeting Dates for 1985

Jefferson, OR — June 14-23.

Green Bank, WV — June 14-23.

Tulsa, OK — June 14-23.

Oakland, CA — June 21-30.

Chilliwack, B.C., Canada — June 22-27.

Duncannon, PA — June 23-30.

General Southern at Loranger, LA —
June 28-July 7.

Fresno, CA — July 5-14.

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO —
July 19-28.

Missouri State at Myrtle, MO — July 29-Aug. 4.

Bakersfield, CA — Aug. 2-11.

Durham, N.C. — Aug. 11-18.

Boley, OK — Aug. 18-25.

California State at Pacoima, CA —
Aug. 23-Sept. 1.

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MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

WICHITA SPRING MEETING REPORT

The Wichita congregation wishes to report that the Lord blessed us with another good and successful meeting. The messages were sweet, precious, needful and so timely. We appreciate every minister who obeyed the Lord and came to deliver what the Lord gave them for us here. We truly feel that we were revived by the meeting. Many received help and went to deeper depths in the Lord. We praise God for another victory and are still relishing the sweetness of it. We do want to remember the one who turned to the Lord in the meeting and trust he will go all the way with the dear Lord. We appreciate all the Saints that came and enjoyed the special feast with us.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

GREEN BANK, WEST VIRGINIA CAMP MEETING

The Camp Meeting at Green Bank, W.V. will begin, Lord willing, June 14th and continue through the 23rd.

The first service will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. There will be two services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Meals will be served and places to stay will be provided for all who come. Our dormitory will be ready for use. We would like to encourage the boys to bring their sleeping bags.

We still consider our meeting an evangelistic effort. We trust everyone will come with a burden for souls.

We urge you to bring a coat as the nights are cool. If you come in at night, watch for deer.

The campground is located 1/2 mile south of Green Bank on Route 92, Green Bank is located 57 miles north of White Sulphur Springs, W.V., and 50 miles south of Elkins, W.V., on Route 92.

We are fasting and praying now, looking forward to a wonderful outpouring of His Spirit. Come and be with us. For more information, contact Bro. Mart Samons, P.O. Box 127, Green Bank, W.V., 24944. Phone (304) 456-4469. The chapel number is (304) 456-4069.

—Bro. Mart Samons

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FRESNO, CALIFORNIA CAMP MEETING

The Fresno, Calif., Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, July 5-14, 1985, at 388 N. First St., Fresno, California.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Motorhomes, campers, and trailers are welcome. All meeting expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting, that souls will be saved, believers sanctified, and bodies healed.

Directions to the grounds are as follows: For those coming from the north on highway 99, take the Belmont exit, go east three miles to First St., turn right and go two blocks to Grant. For those coming from the south, take the Ventura Exit, go east to First St., turn left and follow to Grant. For further information, contact Bro. Philip Matthews whose phone number is (209) 237-2387. The chapel phone is (209) 486-9977.

—Lavern Moles

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NATIONAL CAMP MEETING**AT MONARK SPRINGS, MISSOURI**

The forty-eighth National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, July 19-28, 1985. We offer you a sincere invitation to come.

The Monark Springs Campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the Highway 86 and Highway 71 Alternate intersection.

Those coming by bus or train may come to Neosho and take a taxi to the campground or call 472-6427 (Granby, MO) for local transportation.

The Camp Meeting is conducted on a free-will offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodg-

ing on the campground. All are welcome. We are confident that God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space, tents, and trailer spots are available on the campground on a first-come-first-served basis. Trailer spots include electricity, water, and sewer hookups. Motels are available nearby, but reservations should be made in advance.

All correspondence about tent orders or dormitory space should be addressed to Sister Delores Bradley, Route 1, Box 28, Bartlett, KS, 67332. Phone (316) 226-3390. She will be co-ordinating all requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

If you have any questions about the meeting or arrangements I will be glad to try to answer them.

Please come with a burden for the meeting and earnestly pray for its success.

—Bro. Jim Wall (Business Manager)

5817 E. 64th St., Tulsa, OK 74136

Phone (918) 494-9564.

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

The Durham, NC, Camp Meeting will be held, Lord willing, August 11-18. As of now our accommodations are limited, but all who come will be provided for. However, there are hotels nearby. There will be three services daily: 6:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Meals will be served on the grounds. Pray that God will send the ministers and workers of His choosing.

Directions to the chapel are as follows: Take Guess Rd. exit off of I-85, go north on Guess Rd. approximately four miles until you come to Umstead Rd., turn left on Umstead, then turn right on Bivins Rd. Go to the stop sign, turn left on Kelvin Drive. The chapel is on the right. For further information, contact Bro. and Sis. Melvin Lennon, 3203 Apex Hwy., Durham, N.C. 27713, Phone (919) 544-2891. The chapel phone number is (919) 471-3624.

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NEW SINGING TAPE AVAILABLE

The saints of the Church of God congregation at Dayton, Ohio, have a third cassette tape available of special songs not found in the *Evening Light Songs* hymnal. The recording is mainly of quartet singing. The tapes are 60 minutes in length. They also have some of tape number two still available. There is no set price on these tapes except what you would like to donate. Donations received will be used in the work of the Lord. Send all orders to: Bro. Kenneth Abbott, Jr., 512 Conard Dr., Xenia, OH 45385.

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BUILDING PROJECT

The saints of the Church of God at Green Pastures have begun a building project; an addition of 1150 sq. ft. to the present chapel facility has been planned. This addition will include space for classrooms and a new dining area.

The cost of this project is approximately \$16,736. This would provide a completed shell with central heat and air. We would greatly appreciate the help of anyone who would feel led of the Lord to contribute money, materials or labor. Each contribution will be

acknowledged and receipted. Checks and money orders should be made payable to The Church of God. Please send offerings to: The Church of God at Green Pastures, Okla., c/o Frances Chandler, Secretary, 12301 NE 57th, Spencer, Okla. 73084. For further information, contact: Charles L. Chandler, 12309 NE 57th, Spencer, Okla. 73084, Phone (405) 769-7413.

Prayer Requests

OK—"Still remember me in prayer."

—Floy Woolery

OH—"Pray for a friend who has cancer. Also, a lady whose husband is disabled and has three children to take care of."

—Juanita Blankenship

IL—"My sister needs special help from God."

—Oma J. Fairchild

OR—Bro. Ostis and Sis. Evelyn Wilson need healing.

CA—Mary Dorsey has a problem that she desires prayer for.

AL—Ray H. Long needs special prayer for a very serious problem.

AL—"Please pray for my son, Ralph, for salvation and complete healing. He was in a car wreck and sustained a crushed ankle and his right leg was broken in five places."

—Leora Frink

IN—"Pray for my unsaved loved ones."

—Sis. Olga Bokrandt

CA—"Remember me and my family in prayer."

—Doris Pihaylic

CA—"Please remember an urgent unspoken request."

—Alida Riley

LA—Sis. Beulah Johnson needs prayer.

MO—Bro. Roy Blanchard is in need of prayer.

OK—Anecia Wall needs special healing.

OK—"Please pray for me and my two daughters."

—Gertrude Powers

OK—"Please pray for me."

—Pat Munoz

MO—"Please pray for me and my family."

—Eathel Hill

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From the Philippines . . .

May 17—Dearly beloved Sister Pruitt and the loved ones in the Print Shop: Greetings of Christian love in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust this finds you fine and well of everything, enjoying the beautiful summer season. Glory be to His name!

We are so grateful to receive the *Faith and Victory* publication. Praise the Lord! Its wonderful messages and testimonies through the years have given us strength and courage to go more boldly into the field of the Gospel with the critical conditions of today. We want to receive every issue. We pray for God's blessings to rest upon you all there in your effort of distributing the words of Life and fellowship to others.

It has been a long time since we had sent you our letter and have been wanting to write for some time to share with you our labor for Him in His vineyard.

As the days go by our labor is not all in vain. We have been blessed with souls being added to His

kingdom. It is a bigger and bigger responsibility in the sight of God and man, but all of this we have trusted God to take care of. We give our lives for the salvation of souls, so pray and rejoice with us always as we have seen that the Lord is moving mightily in our midst. There is much work here that needs to be prayed for, so please remember us always in your prayer in our vital needs.

May the Lord's blessings be upon you always.
Very sincerely in His service,

—Bro. Ilde and Sis. Romarica Detuya

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May 6—Dear Sis. Pruitt, Bro. Wayne, workers at the shop and all the saints: Praise God for His love and mercies. May God's love and the grace of our Lord be multiplied in your hearts. The Lord has given me a safe and good trip here. I realized when the Lord had given me great relief of my hip the week before I left that He probably had some walking for me to do here, but when I got to the airport in Ft. Worth, I had to walk from one end to the other with my heavy bag. It must have been a quarter mile. Then again in Los Angeles the same thing occurred, and again almost as far here at the airport in Manila. Praise God for every day of relief He gives me. I mean to serve Him with all my heart as long as I can do anything.

I went right through customs with the mimeograph machine I brought. Thanks to the school for it and the Guthrie Church missionary fund which paid the \$200.00 for it. It came through in good shape and the first thing we are going to try to do is make up some songbooks in Tagalog so they all can understand the precious songs of deliverance.

I had a dream a couple of months ago about these songs. I was going to one of the southern islands here and had to change ships at a storm-tossed island. I couldn't find a boat to get on so I went into a building like a church where many people were bound by evil spirits. One of the leaders there said I couldn't leave either but I told him that God would deliver us some way. This man lifted me on his shoulders and I began to pray. He said, "Where is your God? He can't hear you." Soon I heard someone start singing and a voice said, "Songs of Deliverance". Again I heard the other voice say, "Where is your God?", but it faded out as all the people began to sing. It sounded like camp meeting of the saints and soon all of them had marched out to freedom and I was left alone when I awoke. These songs are powerful and the folks here have a real desire to learn them.

When I got through customs at the airport, I went out to see if Bro. Tangunan was there. He was nowhere to be found. Right away a man wanted to take me to the bus or wherever I wanted to go. I decided however that I would wait for Bro. Tangunan because he was always so faithful and I knew he would be there if possible. After waiting for close to an hour, I was just about ready to take this man's offer but I wasn't sure he was trustworthy and here came Bro. Tangunan's smiling face through the crowd. He had been waiting at another gate. There were several of his family and of the church there who had rented a jeep for \$36.00 to come and meet me. It pays to be patient and wait on the Lord. They

didn't drive the car which is a nice little Brasilica but I was glad they didn't after I drove it. The lights were not working right, the windshield has a rock hole in it right in the driver's line of sight and the transmission feels like it has loose mounts. We drove it about 15 km yesterday for a wedding and service at Puncan where Bro. Tangunan's younger brother is living and taking care of the church. He came out of the Methodist church last fall when he saw all the corruption in it here. The people seem to be taking hold of the truth more. The Lord is proving Himself to them and teaching them the truths of His Word. Bro. Tangunan had a dream last winter where the devil was throwing a rope around his neck but he would struggle and get it off. The devil kept doing that until Bro. Tangunan got up on a large rock and then the devil's rope could not touch him. I told him and he knew that that rock is Christ.

Saturday night we went to Puncan for a meeting and had a good meeting in spite of the blare of a dance horn two houses away. When I got home I was depressed and somewhat discouraged, but thought it was from the 36 hour lack of rest in traveling. I awoke about 2:00 a.m. and the depression around my heart was still there. I realized it was Satan so I rebuked him and called on God for help. He began to pour blessings into my soul until daylight. I had no message for Sunday morning but He blessed me with so many things about "Yielding not to Discouragement". Praise God we can have victory over every onslaught of Satan! God brought to my mind how that Elijah, after experiencing such a high point of victory over the prophets of Baal, fell to fear of one devilish woman and ran as far as he could and then cried to God that he was the only one left. He was blinded by fear and couldn't trust God nor see the seven thousand that God had reserved. How much better it is to be like Daniel and purpose in our hearts, also like the three Hebrew children who bowed down to no one else, even though we are put into a furnace heated seven times. "Our God will deliver us." Praise God!

The building here in San Jose is at the same stage of construction as when we left it. God has been teaching them some practical lessons and they have a sweet spirit and are willing to learn. I am going to try and get it going and finished while I'm here. They also want to put up a chapel in Puncan for which one man has given blocks. If God gives me the strength, I hope to help them on this also. I pulled my back on the last part of the journey at the Philippine Island airport while switching my satchel around. It is better this morning so we will get started on some of these duties when I get a couple more letters written. God bless you all.

Remember us in prayer, —Bro. Hammond

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May 16—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus our Saviour. Bro. G. A. Hammond has arrived in the Philippines, but he is at Lozon, where I wrote this letter.

We are very happy to read the Faith magazine, knowing the good news that is being done abroad by the saints. Here in Talisayan, denominations are creeping in, but the Lord Jesus is our shepherd. His sheep shall hear His voice because they know Him.

The great pretender of light has his person masked in Christianity. The apostle Paul said, "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." II Cor. 11:14. "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8.

Dear brethren saints, we here in the Philippines are very thankful to the Lord for sending His evangelist, to strengthen and enlighten the brethren. We shall put on our armour of faith with God, in peace, love, humbleness, patience, and perseverance . . .

—Leonardo Salvania

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From Nigeria . . .

May 6—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you and all the dear ones in the name of Christ, "the hope of glory". Our thanks to God cannot equal His perfect plan of salvation which He has spread through the Spirit unto us.

I have since received the check and a copy of the April issue of *Faith and Victory*. The money has already been transmitted to Bro. Taylor. We are very grateful for the kind gesture. May God prosper all who have contributed to this worthy cause. Also, I recently received two parcels of tracts, and a package of *Bible Lessons* and other booklets posted since 1983. Thanks to God for their safe arrival. Your effort is ever appreciated and hope it will continue.

We are still pressing on in our gospel effort. In spite of falsehood all over the place, we are determined to present the truth. We have the *Faith and Victory* papers displayed in the state library. The authorities desire that we send them regularly so we are encouraged to do that when they are available. We believe some souls will be saved by this means.

The rain has started here and will last until October, yet it is our desire not to relax our effort. We will plant and water the seed, leaving the growth with God. Pray for the work here as we do for you.

Best wishes to you all in Jesus name,

—F. Naths-Igbanibo

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From the Mailbox . . .

FL—Dear Sister Maybelle: It has been some time since I have written to you. This Sunday evening I am thanking God for being saved, and I have no desire to sin. I love the Lord. The Word of God is sweet to me and I mean to go right on until the crown is won. I am glad I am a child of God.

I had so many *Faith and Victory* papers here in the home, I said, "What could I do with all these papers?" While thinking about them a thought came to me. Carry them to churches and give them out. I gave them to a church, to the hospital and to a nursing home. I truly have a burden for lost souls. I mean to let my life tell the gospel story.

—Sis. Kathleen Williams

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LA—Dear Ones: I enjoy receiving the paper; and always receive such a blessing from its contents. The articles do more than "scratch the surface" of living a Christian life as so many "religious" magazines seem to do. May God reward you each one for your dedication and efforts.

I saw something the other day that really caught

my attention. I thought how true each of the statements were and how unconcerned today's parents seem to be on both issues. The first one said, "Our children are our only earthly possession we can take to heaven with us." The other one said, "In today's modern homes a switch regulates everything but the children!"

Each of us does, in my opinion, have a responsibility to each child we bring into the world. We need to teach them to read the Bible. They need to learn Bible verses for encouragement in "low" times; and how to find the Lord. We should never be too busy to discuss these things with our little ones. May God help us each one to spend more "quality" time with our children, teaching them God's ways, disciplining them; and always loving them. Surely we need much wisdom in these days.

My prayers are with all the laborers at the Print Shop, and all God's children, daily. Be encouraged and stay true. Pray for me and my family.

Christian love, —Coni Hollingsworth

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CA—Dear workers at the Print Shop: We send Christian greetings in Jesus dear name. We are thankful we can still say we are on the winning side with Jesus by the grace and help of God. We hope you dear ones there are all well and God is blessing and supplying your every need.

With Christian love and prayers,

—Bro. and Sis. H. P. Huskey

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IN—Dear Ones: Just a small offering to let you know we do appreciate the paper and your efforts for Christ. We have learned to love and appreciate the Lord and His family which includes every truly born-again soul.

May God help us to love one another as He has loved us for this is our Bible proof of discipleship. . .

Christian love,—Bro. Bob and Sis. Pat Tinsman

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OR—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Greetings of love in Jesus dear name.

I have a serious heart condition and desire your prayers. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me and I am gaining strength to heart and body. Thank God for all His goodness to us.

It has been somewhat difficult since my dear husband passed away last year, but amazing how the Lord helps me along. Christian love,—Violet Benson

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WA—Dear precious saints and readers: We praise the Lord this morning for all his wonderful graces and mercy. We desire to draw closer to Him. The Scripture says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." James 4:8. That is surely our hearts desire. Praise the Lord.

We felt led to let it be known that there is a need for a ministering servant to help us here in this new field. (Everson, Washington) There are a few souls to be gleaned here. If the Lord would be leading someone out there to move here, surely we would be grateful.

By the grace of God, we are endeavoring to be faithful here.

We will appreciate your prayers.

—Paul and Lynette Sorrell and family

LA—Dear Sis. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus . . .

Please pray for us as we hope to get to some of the meetings while we are here in the States. If I don't make any, please remember us always in your prayers. I would like to thank everyone for their love offerings that are being sent in to help out in the work there in Honduras. At this time we are praying for some transportation which is so needed to get around. We are hoping to get a little truck for the work there. Please keep this before the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ, —Sis. Liurie Sanders

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CA—Dear Saints: I am still thanking and praising the Lord for salvation and all of His blessings. I enjoy the precious testimonies and messages in the *Faith and Victory* papers. I am praying for you there, that He will bless you in every way, and His Word will continue to go forth saving souls and encouraging us all with grace to have victory in our souls. Praise His name.

Love in Christ,

—Sis. Ruth Donnelly

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

MO—Dear saints everywhere: I want to give my testimony. It is long overdue. It is hard for me to write and I put it off. I am thanking God every day for salvation. It just suits me. I don't find His yoke hard but easy.

Some of you were not at Neosho Camp Meeting where I testified, and I want everyone to know what God has done for me. I had, at times, a pain in both sides of my head. One day I was cutting some meat when all of a sudden my head felt like it would split. I just looked to God and He healed it instantly. I wasn't afraid, but calmly looked to God. I truly am thankful for the many times He has answered prayer, sometimes before we called. I could just talk about the Lord on and on . . .

Love in Jesus,

—Sis. Goldie Knapp

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LA—Dear Sister Pruitt, office workers and saints: May God ever bless and keep you is my prayer.

I got a lot better after I sent in a request for prayer, but I still need prayer. I know God is our healer and can do anything. I am looking to Him for help. I pray for all of you and I sure do want you to pray for me.

I can see good and read a lot but I don't get to go to church very much.

If it wasn't for the prayers of the Christian people and the help of God I could not make it.

Keep me on your prayer list as I pray for you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,—Sister Beulah Johnson

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CA—Greetings, faithful workers and God's children: We appreciate every soul that prayed through for us concerning the birth of our second child. In November, 1983, our first child was born caesarean. When we learned that another baby was due, I was overwhelmed with fear! (All the medical profession believed that another caesarean would be necessary.) Through prayer I was able to leave persistent doubts with God. Jesus encouraged our hearts and we pre-

pared for a natural birth. Praise God! Without any maternal complications, He faithfully delivered our healthy, almost 10 lb. precious Christmas Eve Gift, 1984.

We are all doing well and happy to be serving such a loving God. We are praying for all the people of this earth.

Your friends in Christ,

—Michelle Pierro and family

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OH—Dear Brethren: I feel so close to all of you and love all of you very much. I was so glad for Connie Sorrell and her family. I am so glad for the ways in which God helped them.

I want to thank you for printing my prayer requests in the *Faith and Victory* paper a few months ago. I have been healed of my leg condition. I truly have the victory.

Concerning my daughter, Janice, and her four boys, God has worked wonders for them. Thank you for praying for all of us. I pray for all of you too.

I am sending a prayer request for my daughter, Janice, once again. She has much tiredness. She can't seem to overcome it. She was healed of cancer several months ago. She is rearing four boys alone. She plans to go back to work soon. Join with me in praying about this tiredness. I know you will.

I became a Christian on June 26, 1957. I am saved, baptized, and sanctified. I know the dates of each experience. During this period, I have witnessed five major healings in my family. Since I have been corresponding with Sis. Maybelle, I have been in better health.

A sister in Christ,

—Juanita Blankenship

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CA—Dear ones in the Print Shop: I send greetings to all the saints far and near in the name of Jesus. I thank God for what He is, and has been to me. I thank God for saving and sanctifying me. I also thank Him for healing me many times.

I surely want to thank Him for healing me of migraine headaches. I had headaches for quite a few years, I can't tell just how many. I could not work as I should have, but then again the Lord helped me to keep my work until I retired. That was just the grace of God.

I thank Him for how He talks to me, teaches me and helps me to understand His Word as it is taught, preached and as I read.

I just wanted to praise Him for His love and mercy. I thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ, that made all these things possible, by shedding His precious blood.

May God bless the work, and the workers there. Pray for me.

With Christian love,

—Sister Ezella Gant

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True worth is in being, not seeming—
In doing each day that goes by
Some little deed of kindness,
Not in dreaming of great things to do by and by,
For whatever men say in their blindness,
Whatever the fancies of youth,
Nothing is so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

Question and Answer Column

by

Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Will you please explain about Lucifer; who he was? So many people think he was the devil.

Answer: I will insert here an excerpt (the first three pages) of my small booklet *Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?* which was published by the *Faith and Victory* press a few years back and can still be obtained there. The discussion in these first three pages focus specifically on Lucifer.

"In Isaiah 14:12 it speaks of Lucifer falling from heaven, etc. and makes mention of his being 'cut down to the ground' who DIDST weaken the nations." I will insert here the full text of Isa. 14:12, and another thought not in the booklet which I am quoting. The full verse says, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" The margin here says "O day star" and "Son of the morning", both refer to the light bringer. How could the Holy Spirit so complicate things as to refer to the devil in this text as the "Day Star" and then refer to Jesus as the "Day Star" in II Peter 1:19? Another complication would be in referring to the devil here as "Son of the morning", or light bringer, and in Eph. 6:12 refer to him as "The ruler of the darkness of this world". In Rev. 22:16, Jesus referred to Himself as the "Bright and morning star". The Holy Spirit makes no such mistakes as ascribing to the devil descriptions which belong to Jesus and it is evident that no reference is made in this text to the devil at all.

Now going on from the booklet. "To begin in the middle of a thought always does violence to the thought and causes one to miss the proper meaning. The thought here of which this 12th verse is only a part, begins with the 4th verse of this chapter and continues through the 23rd verse. This puts the 12th verse down in the middle of the thought.

"The 4th verse says, 'That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, . . .' This makes it clear that the remarks made here refer to the king of Babylon and to no other. The thoughts concerning the proverb against the king of Babylon are continuous from this 4th verse through the 23rd verse. I request anyone who does not agree with this interpretation of this Scripture to show where the line of thought changes and the remarks are directed to another person other than the king of Babylon. The 4th verse introduces the proverb against the king of Babylon and continues through the succeeding verses to tell of his violent acts in the earth against other nations and peoples for which the judgments of God are pronounced upon him and in the 22nd verse he mentions judgments against Babylon which show clearly that the subject is still under consideration.

"Now, let us take a direct look at this 12th verse which mentions Lucifer who is said to have fallen from heaven as being cut down to the ground who DIDST weaken the nations. This, then, was some judgment upon him for something he had done before this came to pass. Could it then refer to the devil?

Could he have weakened the nations while he was still in heaven and then later been cast out of heaven for having weakened the nations? Could he have done any evil work in the earth while he was still a pure angel in heaven? Of course not!

"On the other hand, the king of Babylon did do these things and became so exalted in his heart that he said he had done all these things with his own hand. The Babylonish Kingdom was the first universal kingdom that history records, and her king subdued and weakened and brought under subjection all other nations. Hence the reference to him who DIDST weaken the nations.

"The 4th chapter of Daniel, verses 12 and 13, will throw much light on this 14th chapter of Isaiah. In verses 10 to 16 is given a vision that Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon had. Let us read it: 'Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed: I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; the beast of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches; Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.'

"In the 19th verse, Daniel begins to interpret his vision to him and refers to the tree, etc. and in the 22nd verse he says, 'It is thou, O king, thou art grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.'

"This corresponds exactly with the 13th verse of the 14th chapter of Isaiah, which reads: 'For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God,' etc. Nebuchadnezzar was proud in heart and said the same thing in different words in the 30th verse of the 4th chapter of Daniel after he had subjected all the kingdoms of the world to himself. Listen to him: 'the king spake and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of MY power, and for the honour of MY majesty'.

"In Daniel 4:25, Daniel proclaims unto the king what is the decree of the most High concerning him. 'That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.'

"In Daniel 4:31-33, we find that this judgment actually came on Nebuchadnezzar and just how

serious it was because that in his heart he was lifted up with pride and exalted himself in his heart even unto heaven to the exclusion of the God of heaven and did not acknowledge Him but said he had done all this with HIS OWN HAND, etc. Thus he fell from heaven (the exalted position he held and attributed this unto himself in his heart) and was cut down to the earth and humiliated beyond any other man we have any record of."

Let us take note that in numbers of instances in the Scriptures ruling monarchs and dignitaries of high rank in the governments of the kingdoms of men are spoken of as bright luminaries of the heavens (high places among men) the same as celestial beings and bright luminaries are in the kingdom of heaven and in the spiritual realms.

HOME LIFE



Since June 16th is observed as Father's Day, we would like to devote this month's column to fathers.

Fatherhood is to be admired and esteemed as a position instituted by God. God has established a plan in which each member of the family fills a special place. The place of the father in the home is one of stabilization and leadership. He should be a figure of strength to the children who need help in their formative years.

The father is a stabilizing factor because he is the one, who with firmness supports his wife in enforcing the rules and regulations that give a sense of security and guidance in the life of the children. Solomon admonishes, "My son, keep thy father's commandment . . ." Proverbs 6:20. For a home to run smoothly without bickering, fighting, discontent and unrest, guidelines must be established. When the father fails to do this, it places a great load upon the mother. We are living in a time when mothers also are forsaking the children for other materialistic goals. Therefore we understand why our age is producing many rebellious young people.

A child tends to look upon his father with hero worship as the father provides for him the things that he is incapable of attaining for himself. A child believes his father can do anything and will strive to be like him. What a great responsibility falls upon

the fathers of our land. A father can use his influence to instill morality, honesty and integrity toward God, or he can fail in this duty and spiritually cripple that child. God is able to save to the uttermost, but how much easier it is for a child who has been properly trained to bring himself into submission to God.

A man's first responsibility is to his family. He should not bring a reproach upon the cause of God because he fails to provide the material needs of the family. He should show that he is one who maintains self-discipline and is able to accept the duties of life. It is a good example to the children.

It is the privilege of the father to have the respect of his family. As he conducts himself in a proper way towards them, his fellow man and toward God, the family will love, cherish and admire his life and the memories that he creates.

A Priceless Portrait



I have a masterpiece of art
Hung up on mem'ry's wall;
It is a portrait of my dad
When I was very small.

I can't forget when Dad hitched up
The wagon to the team,
And let me go to town with him
Which made come true my dream.

He bought the things a farmer needs
To till the fertile ground,
And when the wagon bed was full
We soon were far from town.

He added up his coins and made
The team halt in its tracks.
"The man shortchanged himself," he cried,
"I'll have to take it back."

I thought he meant he'd take it back
Next time he drove to town,
But soon he left his wagon seat
And stood upon the ground.

He said, "Son, drive the wagon home
And help them milk and feed.
I've got to take a dime to him
Who sold me garden seed."

"But we're four miles from town," I said,
As I begged Dad to wait.
"In just a half a mile or so
We'll pass our barnyard gate."

He cried, "My boy, I'm tired, but I
Must trudge back into town
And get this matter straightened out
Before the sun goes down."

"But it is just a dime," I said,
"And you are not to blame."
He sighed, "My son, it's more than that,
For it involves my name."

"What if the Lord should call me home
This very night in fact?
I don't presume my friends would know
To take the ten cents back."

"I live each day aware that I
Will stand before God's throne
And that I'll give account for dimes
I've spent which weren't my own."

I saw him bravely turn toward town
As I toward home did start;
'Twas then a priceless masterpiece
Was etched upon my heart.

I gazed through tears until I saw
Him fade behind a curve;
I vowed right then if I grew up
My Daddy's God I'd serve.

The years have flown since that resolve
When I was merely eight,
And Dad, all tired, walked back to town
To set the record straight.

I wonder if all daddys know
That one such deed alone
Can do more good to make boys straight
Than all the sermons known.

—Perry Tanksley

Perhaps you have some experiences that you would like to share with our readers concerning home life and how it should be maintained. We solicit your contributions to this column. It will be a blessing not only to our readers, but to those who take the time to impart what God inspires them to write.

—Wayne Murphey

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What Some Men Have Said About Pride . . .

"Pride, like the magnet, constantly points to one object, self; but unlike the magnet, it has no attractive pole, but at all points repels."
—Colton

"Pride is to the character, like the attic to the house; the highest part, and generally the most empty."
—Gay

"As thou desirest the love of God and man, beware of pride. It is a tumor in the mind, that breaks and ruins all thine actions; a worm in thy treasury, that eats and ruins thine estate. It loves no man, and is beloved of none; it disparages another's virtues by detraction, and thine own by vainglory. It is the friend of flatterer, the mother of envy, the nurse of fury, the sin of devils, the devil of mankind. It hates superiors, scorns inferiors, and owns no equal. In short, till thou hate it, God hates thee."
—Bolingbroke

"He that is proud eats up himself; pride is his glass, his trumpet, his chronicle; and whatever praises itself but in the deed, devours the deed in the praise."
—Shakespeare

"There is a diabolical trio, existing in the natural man, implacable, inextinguishable, co-operative and consentaneous, pride, envy, and hate; pride that makes us fancy we deserve all the goods that others possess; envy that some should be admired while we are overlooked; and hate, because all that is bestowed on others, diminishes the sum we think due to ourselves."
—Colton

"Pride, the most dangerous of all faults, proceeds from want of sense, or want of thought."
—Dillon

The Miracle of Peace



Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. In all seriousness, this was a major, bonafide gift of God's love to His dear children. It was to be different from anything the world had to offer or had ever known. It was no empty, worldly compliment but was the unique, enduring, dying legacy conferred by Jesus Christ, the author of peace.

If there is any one thing above another that the redeemed sons of God must possess today, and if they will manifest the real love and peace of God to this sin-ravaged world, it is this divine, "deep hidden peace" of the soul that defies every devil-inspired foe and is the sincere, authentic and heaven-born gift of His love to His dear children. In spite of all the devil-fostered and antagonistic elements a child of God must encounter along his journey, still, he must ever manifest to friend and foe alike those divine graces that serve to establish the kingdom of peace. He is a symbol of God's presence in the world. However, he recognizes, too, that his is an evilly troubled, mind-agitated, heart-rending, sinful and trying world, and that the genius of evil dominates the minds of men. He is aware that every child of God is constantly subjected to dangerous and hidden pitfalls—flimsily covered entrapments—that appear along the course he must run; to deceive, to impede, to ensnare and, if it were possible, to destroy him utterly.

This is the business of antichrist (Satan), the adversary of men's souls. He is the devil or the slanderer, the evil one, the prince of darkness. He is employed exclusively, as far as revealed in Scripture, in opposing God's moral government, and he attacks it in every conceivable manner known to him. He brought Adam and Eve to ruin with the resultant consequence that the entire race of man has been plunged into sin and alienated from God, his Maker. He has an hierarchy of devils and an apostacy of demons. Through them, he attacks people in numerous ways to destroy them soul and body. The number of demons is great. They are used to possess the minds of men that he might enslave them in believing in him and in living after the sins of the world. Jesus cast seven devils out of Mary Magdalene. The Gadarene demoniac is represented as possessed of a legion or a great multitude. With the aid of this great multitude of accomplices, Satan is able and does attack the souls of men daily. He wills that none may be saved, but that all may perish.

He can be defeated! Jesus, in the great temptation (Luke, Chapter 4), tells us how it is done: When tempted or attacked by Satan or any of his host, resist him with spiritual aplomb—meaning complete composure or self assurance as living in Christ; and, taking the cue from Jesus, say, "Get thee behind me Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Herein lies a battle area where much more thought and consideration needs be given). Again it is written: "Resist the devil and he shall flee from you." James 4:7. This is the order that spells victory for every one of Adam's

race and, especially, for every committed child of God.

Remember, there can be no genuine, God-given peace until we learn to defeat the devil. For each of us, there is no greater miracle than being given, by the quickening grace of God, that peace which transcends all human understanding and defies all description. It defeats the enemy at every turn of the road and is to be desired above all things on earth; to be treasured above all things on earth. It is the miracle of Christian character.

Amidst all the holocaust of evil by which Satan has plundered the world, there is peace—sweet, God-given, heavenly peace for all those who will reach out and, by God's grace, claim it. There is, indeed then, and with undying gratitude to Jesus the Giver, a miracle of peace.

—Earl Langley

Don't Give Place to the Devil

Are you given to moods? I suppose that all are to some extent. The devil has a large practice in that realm. Let me refer again to a bit of personal testimony. It was during the dark days of the first World War. Nothing was easy except "going under." We were hewing our way through the conflict. The weeks of prayer stretched into months, but very little ease of spirit resulted. It was easy in the atmosphere which then prevailed for depression of heart and mind to set in. I confess that for a brief while I succumbed. I recall sitting in front of a cottage fire with my head in my hands, doubtful about many things, perplexed over others.

My daughter, who was six years old at the time, came up to me. Touching my arm, she asked, "Daddy, what's the matter?"

"I can't say, dear," I replied.

"Oh, Daddy," she rejoined quite seriously, "that's the devil. I shouldn't take it on." I was too depressed in spirit to be amused, but her words came to me like a shaft of light from heaven. "It's of the devil. Don't take it on."

"And neither will I," said I to myself, as deliberately I rose to my feet and in doing so became as free in spirit as I have perhaps ever been.

Does that touch your need? It may some day. Then you will know that you need that diagnosis of your trouble and that you must resist the devil, who will no doubt be making use of legitimate circumstances (Matt. 4:2,3) to draw you into a conflict and to plunge your spirit into darkness. When the conflict begins to spiritually paralyze you and make you feel helpless, suspect it as being the devil's doings, and resist him.

God may burden you, but the devil will try to overburden you. In the former you are "enabled in the Lord" to triumph; in the latter you may become a misery to yourself and everyone around you. Do not mistake what I mean. You will not always be able to smile, but you will always be able to triumph in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14). Triumph presupposes conflict, and conflict you will have sometime, somehow, somewhere.

—F. J. Perryman

(Taken from the book *How To Resist the Devil*)

What Kind of Church Member Are You?

Every pastor, sooner or later, finds out that his congregation has several different types of folks in its number—that is, if the congregation he serves is like many congregations. The first four kinds are always a burden. The fifth are always a blessing:

1. **TIRED** members who will work, if begged to do so, but too often complain so much that they are deprived of any joy in working for the Lord. These are weary of service, not in service.

2. **RETIRED** members who are convinced that they have done their part and no longer participate in carrying out the Church's duties. "Let George do it," is their motto.

3. **RUBBER-TIRED** members who expect everything to be made very smooth for them. They refuse any way that might jolt or jar them out of their complacency.

4. **FLAT-TIRED** members who once got along well; but they suffered a puncture and now they lack something on the inside to hold them up.

5. **SPIRIT-FIRED** members who never get over the amazing grace of God in Christ shown to them. In loving gratitude they yield themselves each day to the mastery of the Holy Spirit that Christ may be glorified in the Church. —Selected

Prayer Answered

I asked for strength that I might achieve;
He made me weak that I might obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things;
I was given grace that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I received nothing that I asked for,
All that I hoped for, my prayer was answered.

—Selected

Sanctification

The carnal mind belongs to the unsaved and is in a justified person too, though it's to remain inactive until he becomes sanctified. Sanctification does away with the carnal mind. The Corinthian church needed to be sanctified. Paul called them brethren yet told them they were yet carnal. Without sanctification, we cannot have a holy church. It must be preached fully, clearly and often—as often as repentance, and right along with it. One dear sister said, "We won't have much fruit for our labors unless the souls become wholly sanctified."

D. S. Warner asked the question in his book, *The Church of God, What it is and What it is Not*, "What perfects God's people in one?" Answer: Entire sanctification or perfection (heart perfection).

To call people into this paradise of holy love without being wholly sanctified, is Satan buffeting

Satan as he flogged the sons of Sceva. They need sanctification before some other doctrines. After they get sanctified you'll have no trouble getting them to see the root of other truths. The element (carnality) is gone that hinders unity. —Juanita Blankenship

Cripple Tom

In one of the deplorably miserable East London homes, in a dark, wretched room at the top of a house, lay a crippled boy. He had laid there for over two years, greatly neglected and comparatively unknown. When quite young, his parents had died, leaving him to the mercy of an aged relative, whom he called "Granny."

Born a cripple, he had always been a sufferer; but as long as he was able, he had swept a rail-crossing on his crutches, or go on short errands to earn a few pence. But soon after his parents' death the boy had to take to his bed. Very ungraciously the old woman allowed him to occupy the top room in her house, which room he never left again.

His mother had taught him to read and write, and sometimes, on a snowy night, the lad had crept into the mission hall merely for the sake of getting warm. Numb with cold, and weary in body, he took little heed of what he had heard on those nights; but, lying alone day after day there came into his mind the memory of it, and by degrees he was possessed with a great longing to know more about the things of God, and to have a Bible of his own. He knew that it was from the Bible that the speakers had gathered their knowledge, and that was all. So, summing up courage, he one day consulted Granny about it. His only encouragement in that direction was an ironical laugh. Bibles weren't in her line! What did a lad like him want with a Bible? So the matter was dropped for a time, but the lad's desire to possess one did not grow less.

One day, however, up the creaking stairs came noisy, boisterous Jack Lee, the only friend the cripple had in the world. "Hurrah! Hurrah! Got a new box. Off north tomorrow! Come to say goodbye, Tom," he cried, all excited, seating himself on the bed, and wiping perspiration from his brow. "But I've got a real beautiful present for you, my lad," he said, taking from his pocket something wrapped in a greasy bit of brown paper.

Tom raised himself on his elbows, not at all gladdened by the news he had heard. "A bright new shilling for you, Tom. And you are not to spend it till yer wants sumpin real pertiklar." "Oh, Jack, you are good but I want something now, very, very particular." "Yer do? What is it?" "I want a Bible." "A Bible! Well, I never! Who ever heard of a poor lad spending all that on a Bible, when I had to scrape months and months to save it on coppers?" "Don't be angry, dear Jack," cried the crippled boy. "You are going away, and I shall be lonelier than ever, and oh, I do so want a Bible! Please get it, Jack—now—this very evening at Fisher's before the shop closes. Granny never would; she'd spend it on gin, if I let it get into her hands." "What can ye do with a Bible, Tom? Only scholars understands them there things," he answered rather crossly. "Maybe so, Jack, but I'm hankering after one, for I must find one to see whether them there folks in that mission hall you and I

sometimes used to go to, told true about someone they called Jesus. Let it be your parting gift, Jack, and you will make me very glad." "Very well, lad, then I'll go, but I knows naught of Bible buyin'." "Fisher's has 'em marked at a shilling, for I saw 'em marked in the window when I used to go by. Quick, Jack, or the shop will be closed!"

Jack complied very ungraciously and descended the stairs less rapidly than he had mounted them. But he got over his disappointment before he returned with a beautiful shilling Bible. "Fisher says I couldn't leave you a better friend, Tom, and he declares the shilling couldn't be 'vested better; and says he: 'It may be worth a thousand pounds to the lad!' So 'pears there's sumpin we ought to know about."

Tom's joy and gratitude were unbounded. "I know it, Jack. I know it!" he said, hugging the book to his breast. "I'm happy now. Oh, how kind you were to save that shilling!"

The lads never met again; but if the honest errand boy could only have known what a precious treasure that Holy Book became to his crippled friend, he would have been amply rewarded for the sacrifice he had made to save the shilling. After a month's hard reading, Cripple Tom knew more about his Bible than many who have professed to study it for twenty years. He learned the way of salvation, his only teacher being the Holy Spirit; he learned also that obedience to God's will meant helping to save others.

"It won't do to keep all this blessed news to myself," he said; so he thought and thought, until at last a simple, but very beautiful work was decided on for the Master. His bed stood close by the window sill, which was low, and somehow he got a pencil and paper, and wrote out different texts, and then dropped them into the noisy street below, directed:

"To the Passer-by—Please Read."

He hoped that by this means someone might hear of Jesus and His salvation. This service of love, faithfully rendered, went on for some weeks, when one evening he heard a strange footstep and immediately afterwards a tall, well-dressed gentleman entered the room and took his seat by the lad's bed.

"So you are the lad who drops texts from the window, are you?" he asked kindly. "Yes," said Tom, brightening up. "Have yer heard as someone has got hold of one?" "Plenty, lad, plenty! Would you believe it if I told you that I picked up one last evening, and God blessed it to my soul?" "I can believe in God's Word doing anything, sir," said the lad humbly. "And I am come," said the gentleman, "to thank you personally." "Not me, sir! I only does the writin'; He does the blessin'." "And you are happy in this work for Christ?" said the visitor. "Couldn't be happier, sir. I don't think nothin' of the pain in my back, for shan't I be glad when I see Him that as soon as I know'd about Him I did all I could to serve Him? I suppose you gets lots o' chances, don't yer, sir?"

"Ah, lad, but I have neglected them; but, God helping me, I mean to begin afresh. At home in the country I have a sick boy dying. I had to come to town on pressing business. When I kissed him good-bye, he said, 'Father, I wish I had some work for Jesus. I cannot bear to meet Him empty-handed,' and the words stuck to me all day long, and the next day, too, until the evening when I was passing down the

street and your little paper fell on my hat. I opened it and read: 'I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.' (John 9:4). It seemed like a command from heaven. It startled me and brought me to my knees that night, and I could not sleep until I could sing:

'Oh, the cleansing blood has reached me!
Glory, glory to the Lamb!'

"I have professed to be a Christian for twenty-two years, my lad, and when I made inquiries and found out who dropped these texts into the street, and why it was done, it so shamed and humbled me that I determined to go home and work for the same Master that you are serving so faithfully."

Tears of joy were rolling down the lad's face. "It's too much, sir," he said, "altogether too much."

"Tell me how you managed to get the paper to start it, my lad."

"That twarn't hard, sir. I jest had a talk with Granny, and offered to give up my ha'porth o' milk she gives me most days if she would buy me paper instead. You know, sir, I can't last long. The parish doctor says a few months of cold weather may finish me off, and a drop of milk ain't much to give up for my blessed Jesus. Are people happy as has lots to give Him, sir?"

The visitor sighed a deep sigh. "Ah, lad, you are a great deal happier in this wretched room, making sacrifices for Jesus, than thousands who profess to belong to Him, and who have time, talents, and money, and do little or nothing for Him."

"They don't know Him, sir. Knowin' is lovin', and lovin' is doin'. It ain't love without."

"You are right, Tom. But now about yourself. I must begin by making your life brighter. How would you like to end your days in one of those homes for crippled lads, where you would be nursed and cared for, and where you would see the trees and flowers, and hear the birds sing? I could get you into one, not far from my home, if you liked, Tom."

The weary lad looked wistfully into the man's kindly face, and after a few moments' silence answered:

"Thank'ee, sir; I've heard tell of 'em afore, but I ain't anxious to die easy when He died hard. I might get taken up with them things a bit too much, and I'd rather be a-lookin' at Him, and carryin' on this 'ere work for a boy like me to have a mansion with Him up there through eternity." The visitor felt more reproved than ever.

"Very well, my lad; then I will see that you have proper food and all the paper you need while you live. I will settle it all with one of the Bible women. Now, before I go, I want you to pray aloud for me," and as he made the request the strong man knelt down by the dying boy's bedside, scarcely suppressing a sob as he covered his face with his hands. The lad trembled at having to do such a thing, but when he saw that bowed form and heard that half-stifled sob, he knew he ought to comply with the request.

There was a seraphic light on the poor, pale, upturned face, as he said in a tone of the deepest reverence: "Lord, Jesus, I know you're a-listenin', and I'm much obliged to you for sendin' this friend here to cheer me in my work. Now, Lord Jesus, he's a bit troubled about not havin' worked for thee enough in

the past days. Will you help him to see to it that there's nothin' left undone in the comin' days, and please, Lord, make him go straight away and tell them other rich men that they don't know thee if they ain't a-workin' for thee. And I'm grateful to you, Jesus, for all the paper and the food that's a-comin' to me while I live. Maybe I'll hold out a bit longer to write these texts for thee. Now, Lord Jesus, please bless this kind friend, always and always. I ask this for thy name's sake. Amen."

Then the gentleman arose and said farewell. Before leaving London, he made every arrangement for the lad to be cared for, and then with a lighter heart he went back to his beautiful country home and lived for Christ. As soon as he could he built a mission hall on his own grounds, and preached Jesus to the villagers. When he confessed his sin of negligence toward them, and told them of his second conversion through the crippled boy and his text, many of them were led to "seek Jesus."

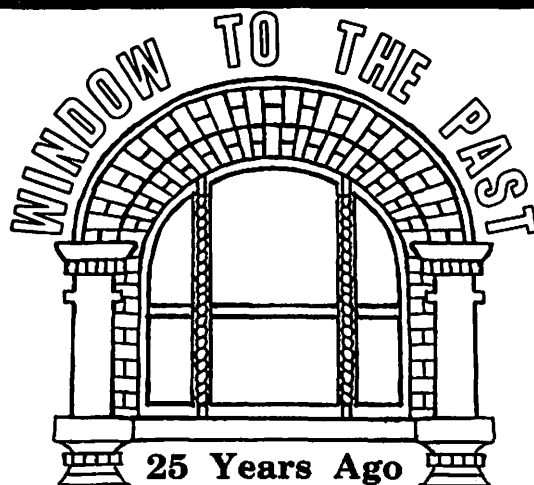
News of the dying lad reached them from time to time through the Bible woman, but it was not till winter set in, and the snow had fallen and covered the earth with its crystal whiteness that they heard that the dear lad "had gone to be with Jesus." The same post brought a parcel which contained Tom's much-prized and much-used Bible. What a precious relic was that marked Bible in that beautiful home! When the crippled boy's friend lent it to his youngest son to read, the careful markings, the short, simple prayers written by the crippled lad in the margin, and his dying wish on the fly-leaf, written about a week before his death, that "this Holy Book may be as great a friend to someone else as it has been to me," made such a deep impression on the youth that he gave himself to the Lord, and later on to mission work in foreign fields, and out in Central America he has shown that worn Bible to many a native Christian, when telling them about Cripple Tom and his texts.

This beautiful incident of consecration in lowly life teaches us that the most adverse circumstances coupled with intense suffering need not interfere with a life of intense devotion to Jesus Christ. Thousands of sad, weary hearts are wanting the little ministry of love that we might render. Shall we then take our ease, enjoy or pleasure, or indulge in our luxuries? Millions of dark, benighted souls are crying out for the light; they continue to grope in darkness, while many of us who profess to love Christ live self-centered and self-indulgent lives. Today—without the help of the world—the Christian Church could easily send out enough missionaries to evangelize the world; but the dark blot of "it won't" stains its fair name. Oh, that the Spirit of God would, by His mighty power, cleanse away all the slothfulness, unreality, and self-complacency from our lives, for following Christ means self-sacrifice, and there is no such thing as holiness without it. If a dying lad in suffering and destitution could joyfully deny himself the little sip of milk which cooled his parched lips and partly fed his weary body, surely we can do much more!

"Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" (1 Chron. 29:5).

—Robert H. Matthews

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"Dear Sister Marie, I am saved for which I thank the Lord. I thank all of you for praying for me. You showed that you are interested in a soul. Thank the Lord I am much better now. I was in bed a week with that snakebite and it is not well yet, but I can walk. When I wrote to you for prayer I was in misery."—Sis. E. J. Lee

"Greetings in Jesus' name. I am thankful for God's love and many blessings. He has been very near in my trials of this life and has never failed when we needed Him. I find the victory is ours if we claim it in Jesus' name. In January of 1958 I had a bad stroke around 8 o'clock in the morning. I was very close to leaving this world. Brother and Sister Stover were here in Pomona. They were called and also Sister Manuel, our pastor. They anointed and prayed for me and the Father heard and answered."

—Eliza J. Fields

"Our annual spring revival of the Church of God at Los Angeles, Calif. began the 10th of April and ended on Easter Sunday . . . On Easter Sunday Bro. Chandler preached a sermon on Easter and what it really meant to the saints, of Christ's resurrection from the cold tomb, pointing us to our pentecost where we would receive power over all the powers of the enemy. This meeting will be long remembered for the good instructions and strength and strong decisions to press on in spite of all oppositions of the enemy."

—E. M. Zinn

"Bro. and Sister T. T. Mason, . . . Bristow, Okla. and Sister Ozener Zachary, . . . Hoffman, Okla., who is a widow with three boys, were the victims of a tornado disaster on May 5th. Their property was either badly damaged or destroyed."

"I surely thank the Lord for giving me strength to be in all-day services at Myrtle the third of April. My soul rejoiced because that day, in Decatur, Ill., my youngest son and his wife got saved. Let us all pray more earnestly for our children and loved ones that need salvation."

—Katie Marler