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An Obligation

I take it very personally,
That Jesus died for me.
It hurts when others slight my friend
And act offensively.

Their eyes perhaps are blinded,
Or rude they would not be;
To scorn the One who loves them so,
And treat Him distantly.

How lightly many take it!
They know that blood was spilled,
But yet, somehow it's meaningless
Tho' God's own Son was killed.

It's really not a fairy tale,
Although the story's old.
It's power has not lessened
By having oft' been told.

Affection for my Jesus
Is growing day by day.
The more I get to know Him,
The more respect I pay!

I feel an obligation!
My friend, cannot you see,
The sin of just ignoring
One who died for you and me?

—Mary Murphey

Musings of an Old Man

As the years roll over my head and make me a very old man, failing, and in many ways decrepit, I am impressed more and more with the Bible truth that the world is moving swiftly to judgment. There are many things that we don't have time to do today, but God has given each one of us plenty of time for at least one thing; there is time for all to repent and to turn to God. There is time for us to follow all the teachings of the Scriptures as far as they are known to us. There is time for us to serve God "in spirit and in truth;" time to pray for the infilling of the Holy spirit that our hearts may be purified, strengthened and prepared for that "great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14), and to serve Him in proclaiming the Word to a lost world. It is not enough to just prepare ourselves for heaven, we are commissioned to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15. Listen, please, to what God says about personal salvation: "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we have preached; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9, 10.

Indeed, it is not enough to seek our own salvation but, after we are saved, to confess before the world the goodness and mercies of Jesus that others, too, may be persuaded. Our salvation, to be effective, must be a witness to the world: "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I Cor. 1:21.

Yes, precious moments are swiftly passing into eternity. We who were once the care-free young are grown old with the passing of the years. Soon He who hung upon a most dreadful cross will be witnessed (by "every eye") upon a glorious cloud. Thus, it is not only timely, but imperative that we give the utmost heed in listening to the pleadings of the Holy Spirit and the plain promises and commands of the Word of God, and be very conscious that God's prom-

ises are as real today as they were when they were given.

The predominant answer and solution to the mysteries of life are found here: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21. As children of His creation it is time for us to call upon Him, to repent of our sins and turn to God. It is time to bow our heads and our hearts in humble prayer, confessing our sins to God and to those we have wronged and to seek in the name of Jesus Christ the salvation that God through His grace so freely offers to all.

—Earl D. Langley

The Price of Salvation

We are in the world, but not of the world. While we are in the flesh, it is only human that we think of things needful for the flesh. The price of everything that we feel necessary for survival has gone up from year to year. The price of salvation has never, and never will change. Jesus paid it all with His life's blood on the cruel cross, that you and I might live. God does not require our blood to save our souls because Jesus' blood was a perfect sacrifice. God was pleased with this. However, in Romans 12:1 we read, "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." God does not require anything of us that is unreasonable.

How my heart is made to rejoice to know the price of salvation is the same; in reach of everyone who will come unto Him. The enemy tries to put a price tag on salvation causing people to feel the price is too great, that they can't live without sin. God has made a way. He promises us He will not put more on us than we can ably bear.

I'm glad I counted the cost. All He requires of us is our bodies, His Temple, made clean through Jesus' blood for His dwelling place. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6.

—Edith Wall

Put on thy Beautiful Garment

Sometimes we see someone and say, "They sure look neat", and maybe wish we had some nicer things ourselves, but the price may be out of our reach. It is only natural to want to have things nice and be well thought of.

Much money is spent in order to keep in style. We are living in a society where it takes both husband and wife working to keep going and still some are struggling.

We have a higher calling. Only those that are called to be saints can afford the high-priced, high-fashion ornament which God has designed.

What is that ornament? I Peter 3:4 says, "But let it be that hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." A "meek and quiet spirit" means having a submissive, humble and gentle strength. It was in Jesus' quiet hours in the garden, when He received the strength He needed for the dark hours ahead. "In returning and rest shall ye be saved: in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15.

We have heard, "Beauty is as beauty does". True beauty is an inner beauty. This puts a responsibility on us. "Let us draw nigh to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Heb. 10:22. "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation." Ps. 149:4.

All people may not be able to recognize true beauty, but God does and He is the one we are endeavoring to please.

—Neta M. Murphey

Try the Spirits

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they, are of God. . . Hereby know ye the Spirit of God:" I John 4:1-2. I'm glad that there is a way we can know the spirit, whether it is of God or not. Many messages and writings have started with these Scriptures, but I feel it is most important that we are able to discern spirits, especially in the day that we are living in.

We have an adversary going about seeking whom he may devour. He hates the truth and the saints of the most high God. It seems that there are so few of us that he would be content to leave us alone, but he knows that his time is short and he wants to take every soul with him. He is a wise enemy; beguiling and tricky. He is wise enough to know that some of us who are established in the truth are not going to let down on the doctrines of the Bible. We are not going to give that up. He must use some other avenue. He knows it must be something pertaining to religious things. This is how they did Daniel of old. When they wanted to trick him, they said, "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel except we find it against him concerning the law of his God." Dan. 6:5.

The Lord gave us some thoughts awhile back along this line. I knew a fellow, who last year trapped over two hundred foxes. Now a fox is a wise animal, so he had to use something to trick them. He took the scent of other foxes and put it around the traps. The fox thought there were other foxes around, so he fell into the trap. Satan knows that he has to use religious things to trick us. In catching fish you have to use bait that they are used to eating. You can use a small fish to catch a big one. So our enemy many times uses something that seems like it's from God to trick us.

Sometimes the enemy works through our feelings or emotions, but we must try these by the Word of God. It's not wise to try and live just on feelings, emotions or some kind of an experience we have had. The experiences we base our salvation on must correspond with His Word. Many people receive some kind of a great experience but it is not from God. I read somewhere that, "all experiences of conversion offer common emotional or psychological results. Whether you are converted to Mohammedanism, to Jesus Christ, or to some cult, the emotional psychological results are often very similar." Most of us know someone who has gotten some kind of a false experience. So called speaking in an unknown tongue is something that blinds people's eyes to everything else. You can't even reason with them. They say it is a wonderful experience; they feel so wonderful. How many young people have been caught up in some kind of an emotional high, fell into some kind of a cult, and brought great sorrow to their families. You

cannot reason with someone like that. "Try the spirits whether they be of God." Do this by the Word of God. Any spirit that tries to put you in bondage, take your liberty, has a crushing effect, causes you to feel fearful or confused, be careful of. God is not the author of confusion. Any experience that causes confusion or divides is the wrong spirit. Regardless of how good I feel or how spiritual I may seem to be, there is something wrong with this kind of a spirit.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. Build your life on His Word, search the Scriptures to see if you be in the faith. I write this with a burden for the whole Church: "Steady as you Go."

—Bro. Mart Samons

Repentance



One time in the early morning church there was a great stir among the people at Jerusalem. When they had gathered a large crowd about Jesus, they asked Him saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? Jesus answered them thus, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:6-8.

Now after telling them these things a cloud came over them and Jesus was taken up into heaven. Then two men dressed in white stood by them and said, "Ye men of Galilee, Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Then they all returned to Jerusalem to an upper room. There they all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. Then came the Holy Ghost upon everyone of them and they received the Holy Spirit and went out and began to preach Jesus to the crowd. Then Peter said unto them, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Acts 2:36-40. At that saying about three thousand came and were saved and baptized. The next day about five thousand were saved.

The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul. Neither bragged any man of the things that he owned was his own, but they had all things common. Neither was any among them that lacked anything, as many of them had land and sold it and houses and sold them and brought the money and laid it at the apostles feet.

However, a certain man and his wife, who wanted to go along with the crowd, sold a possession, but agreed among themselves to keep part of it. Ananias and Sapphira was their name. He brought a part of it

and laid it at the apostle's feet, but the Holy Ghost spake to Peter and showed him that this man was a deceiver. So Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? and to keep back part of the money? While it remained in your possession wasn't it your own? and after it was sold was it not in thy own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear fell on them that heard these things. They were probably thinking that Peter had obtained some kind of witchcraft that enabled him to do this.

Some young men took him up and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

Peter said unto her, Tell me, did you sell the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.

Then Peter said unto her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the spirit of the Lord? Behold the feet of them which hast buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry you out.

Then she fell down at his feet and yielded up the ghost, and the young men came in, and carried her out and buried her by her husband. (Acts 4th and 5th chapters.)

Friends, this man and wife were like many are today. They are going along with the crowd, calling themselves Christian, but still not a follower of Christ. They were giving to make a show to men, but their heart was not in the cause of Christ. The Bible says, "the love of money is the root of all evil." 1 Tim. 6:10. After they sold their property and got the money in their hand, the devil came along and made them believe that it was not necessary to give it all. They might need it for the future. So they agreed together to tell them that they gave the price of all of it. However, Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost and could discern through the Spirit that they were lying.

Many today are going out in the Lord's work before being filled with the Holy Spirit. They have big ambitions but they are of the flesh, trying to make folks believe that if they will give large sums to the Lord's work He will give it back to them many times over. It is true that the Word says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." Luke 6:38. Now I don't believe Jesus was speaking of spiritual giving here, but was using this as a figure of speech and was taken from the practice of the Oriental grain merchant, who filled the basket of his customer as full as possible until the grain ran over. Now He didn't say that God would do this, but that men would give into your bosom. God is not obligated to give us anything, only as we please Him.

"Peter said unto them, REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38. I heard one Preacher say, Come and make your commitment to Christ. It sounded like he was wanting them to make a pledge of some kind. Many try to make it easy for folks to get to heaven. There is no easy way. There is only one way, that is to REPENT. —Earl B. Bliss

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EDITORIALS

We are glad that we can bring this October *Faith and Victory* to you. We do so trusting that it will be an avenue of encouragement. In this wicked and perverse world, we must continue to be a light. As the man said when he left the home of a Christian after several months stay, "I must go now, for if I stayed any longer I am afraid that I would become a Christian in spite of myself"; so we should be a light and influence to those around us. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

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We extend our congratulations to Bro. Bob Wilson, a worker here at the Print Shop, on his approaching marriage to Sis. Leah Huskey. Sis. Leah is a member of the Guthrie congregation and is the daughter of Bro. James and Sis. Charlotte Huskey. Their wedding date has been set for Sept. 28, and is to be performed in the Church of God chapel here in Guthrie.

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We would like to congratulate Charlie and Cassie Price on the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. It has come to our attention that their children plan to give them an "open house" at their home in Jena, LA, between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 27, 1985. Everyone is invited to attend. May God bless them with many more years together.

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Word has been received that Aunt Maybelle Pruitt's sister, Wilma Anderson, who lives in California, is very sick. Aunt Maybelle and her sister, Maude Hornbeck, expect to leave on Sept. 25 to go be with her. Remember the family in your prayers.

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AT REST FROM HIS LABORS

On Sept. 24, my father, Willie C. Murphey, passed from this life to be with the Lord. For a little over 20 years he had a gospel broadcast over several different radio stations. He also published a paper called *The Mission Trail*. He has gained that home in heaven which has been the motivating force in his life for many years. There will be further information in next month's issue.

—Wayne Murphey

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MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

REPORT OF BOLEY, OKLA. CAMP MEETING

The camp meeting season has come and gone—"Time moves on" so swiftly bringing all of us unto our Eternal Abode—but oh, how wonderful it will be to be with Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Praise the Lord! I am looking forward to it with happy anticipation, and can say with the poet, "Oh, what will it be to be there?" Oh, bless the Lord!

The Boley Camp Meeting was wonderful. We thank the Lord for how He did work in it; for the ministers and workers He sent to help out in the battle against sin, and for the souls He saved.

The Word was preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The spirit of the meeting was precious. The Ordinance Service was very much anointed. We felt Jesus' Presence in our midst and oh, how the praises of God were flowing from the lips of the saints—Praise the Lord!

We appreciate all the ministers, workers and saints that came to help in the meeting—"May the Lord bless every one for their labor of love."

Prayerfully submitted, —Katherine Williams

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FRESNO, CA CAMP MEETING REPORT

Fresno enjoyed a special visitation from God in our camp meeting. The Word was so deep and soul-searching as it was brought forth by the ministers of God.

There was some altar work of which we thank God. Especially we thank Him for His mercy and love inasmuch as He continues to convict hearts, forgives, saves and delivers us from ourselves as we yield. He could bring everything to an end, but thank God. He is still giving all an opportunity to come to Him.

We surely appreciated those that labored so faithfully in our meeting. We pray God's richest blessing may rest upon each of you.

Pray for us as we endeavor to be true to God.
—Lavern Moles

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SPRINGFIELD, MO REVIVAL

The congregation at Springfield, Missouri has announced that, Lord willing, they will start a revival on October 14, which will continue through the 20th. Services will be at 7:00 each evening, with all-day services on the 20th. The chapel is located at 444 E. Evergreen. Phone (417) 864-4930.

These services will be held not only with the welfare of lost souls in mind, but for the edification of the Church. Everyone is cordially invited to be a part of this endeavor. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. James Bell, phone (417) 833-1901.

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NOWATA, OK REVIVAL

Word has been received that Bro. Egbert Allen and Bro. James Bruner are planning on holding services in Nowata. They will begin on Oct. 18 and continue through Oct. 27. The chapel is located on the corner of Fairview and S. Cedar. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Bro. Clarence Fry, 212 N. Chase, Nowata, OK 74048.

SHAWNEE, OK GOSPEL SINGING

Lord willing, a singing will be held at Shawnee, Oklahoma, at 7:30 p.m., October 26, 1985. All are welcome to attend.

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LORANGER, LA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly meeting on the General Southern campgrounds near Loranger, La., will be held, Lord willing, November 24 thru December 1, 1985, which is Thanksgiving week. We desire the Spirit of God to prevail in this meeting. A hearty invitation is given for you to come.

There will be accommodations for all who come. Power and water hookups are on the grounds for campers. Meals will be served in the dining hall, and expenses met by freewill offerings.

The campgrounds are located, from Loranger, two miles south and approximately three and one half miles east on La. Hwy 40. The grounds are approximately nine and one-half miles east of I-55 from Tickfaw exit; take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy 40. For those traveling I-12, take the Robert exit, and go north on La. Hwy. 445, until you intersect Hwy. 40. Turn west on La. Hwy. 40, and go approximately one and one-half miles.

For more information, you may call Bro. Bob Forbes at (504) 748-4957, or Sis. LaVern Manuel at (504) 878-6176. The chapel phone is (504) 878-2788.

—Nelson Doolittle

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA FALL MEETING

The saints at Fort Lauderdale, Florida desire to have a fall meeting to the glory of God. The date of this meeting has been set for December 10-15, 1985. We are praying the Lord to send ministers and workers of His own choosing.

We extend a welcome and a hearty invitation to all to come and help us in every way that you feel led of the Lord. We have also been praying for the lost souls here that God will cause them to be awakened to their need of salvation. Do pray for us that we will be as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid.

Come and let us worship the Lord together that we all might be a blessing to each other. We will do our best to care for all who come.

Meetings are planned for 7:30 each evening. We would like to give a special invitation for the young people to come and take part in the last Saturday of the meeting. A singing is planned for that night.

For further information, please contact Bro. R. L. McIntyre at (305) 233-2166 or Bro. Charles Clay (305) 235-4271.

—By Sis. M. B. Savage

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According to Their Nature

The bee and the spider go to the same flower; one extracts honey, the other extracts poison. They each extract, according to their own nature. We people accordingly extract either honey or poison from the flow of earthly life. Should we not all have the bee nature and enjoy the sweetness of heaven in the soul while coping with the prosperities and adversities of life? It is good to be able to feel down deep in the soul that "All things work together for good to them that love God."

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In Memorial

Elma Williamson Forbes, was born June 9, 1892, and departed this life September 2, 1985, at the age of 93 years.

She was a native of Neshoba County, Mississippi, and a longtime resident of Hammond, LA. She was the daughter of F. M. Williamson, a pioneer minister of the Evening Light Reformation of the Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her parents, F. M. and Sarah J. Williamson; her husband, Robert J. Forbes; four sisters, four brothers, two infant children, a son-in-law and two grandchildren.

She is survived by three daughters, Gertrude Pickett, Walker, LA, Audrey Henry, Baton Rouge, LA and Clotilde Forbes, Foley, AL; two sons, Carroll, Baton Rouge, LA and Bob, Amite, LA; one sister, Viva Carver, Houston, TX; three brothers, Austin and Max Williamson, Baton Rouge, LA and Earl Williamson, Shephard, MT; 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Burial was at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Loranger, LA. Services were conducted by Brothers Richard Madden and Charles R. Smith.

Prayer Requests

CA—"Continue to pray for me."—Letha Reece
TX—"Keep praying for my daughter, son-in-law and also for a young granddaughter. My eyes need healing."—Louise Strickland

TX—"Pray for my daughter's salvation."—Jewel McCaskill

OR—"Please pray for the healing of my eyes."—Myrtle A. Haugen

GA—"Remember me in prayer, I suffer quite a bit in my body."—Sis. Alma Cody

TX—"Please remember me and my requests. My Mom has cancer (not bedfast yet) and I have two more urgent requests."—A. M. Tabor, II

AL—"Remember a couple who lost their three-year-old child. They had waited a number of years to adopt this little girl."—Melonie Whitson

CA—"Pray for me."—Ella Nicoll

OH—"Please pray that my son be delivered from drink and that God will watch over the children."—Tressie Adkins

FL—"My youngest sister and her husband need salvation and to be delivered from a severe trial they are going through."—Sis. Betty Parks

Philippines—"Please pray for me and my five children. My husband left me May 2, 1982. Also pray for his salvation. I need special prayer to finish my house."—Victoria B. Sahilon

Philippines—"Please pray for my complete healing."—Aida Leoren

Philippines—Miriam Tangunan desires urgent prayer for an affliction she has.

Conquer a man who never gives by gifts; subdue untruthful men by truthfulness; vanquish an angry man by gentleness; and overcome the evil man by goodness.—The Maha-Bharata

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From India . . .

Aug. 16—Our dearly beloved elder sister Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey and the dear saints scattered abroad in the USA: Greetings to you all again in the precious name of Jesus Christ. By the grace of God I reached home safely on the evening of August 8th. I am thankful to you, the saints in America, for your earnest prayers for my safe journey. My visit with the saints in America was a real blessing to me and all the camp meetings I attended were real food to my soul. Now I am sharing those blessings with the saints in India. After three days rest, I went to Trichur in north Kerala to attend a few days meetings there. Last week a few families in north Kerala left a denominational church and joined the Church of God. Praise the Lord. Lord willing, we will have a new congregation there.

At Chalakudy the chapel building will be ready to open for service by next month. Lord willing, we plan to start the building of a small chapel at Kizhakke theruvu soon. We plan to move to Tamil State with the gospel pretty soon. Thank you for your supports and prayers for the work in India. My wife and children send their love and greetings to you all in America.

With love and prayers,

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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Report from Honduras . . .

Sept. 9—Dear Sis. Pruitt, all the saints at the Print Shop and across the country: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus. We are still in the battle, pressing our way toward the goal. We trust that all is well. We appreciate the *Fa'ih and Victory* paper and its contents.

We are sending this letter as a report to all of our gospel mission back in Honduras. Bro. Herschell Hargrave, Bro. Louis Kimble and myself (Sis. LaDolia Fuller) arrived on the Island of Roatan, Honduras, Central America, June 26. We joined Bro. and Sis. Bernardo Sanders who are residents there. The Lord blessed us with a good trip. Upon our arrival the Lord sent us two young men with transportation (taxi) that took us all around to the different villages and waited for us until our visits and services were over.

The Lord did bless the services. There were eight baptised and many others that showed an interest in the truth. While at Bro. and Sis. Sanders', Bro. Louis Kimble hired men to dig a large area in the ground and he installed a baptismal pool. We were not able to baptize in it right away as the water from a cistern was cut off, so we had to go down to the ocean. One sister was baptized in the ocean that could not walk. She was a large sister weighing about 250 lbs. and too heavy to be carried the distance needed. Prayer was offered to God for her to walk. She stood on her feet and with effort and support was able to make it. Praise the Lord. There were people there that saw the Lord work and were touched by this service.

The brethren also set up a generator that we took over with us. We surely gave thanks and praises to God for the light. Many of the children came to look at the light that lit up the night. We do thank the

saints that made the sacrifice in supporting this work by sending money whereby we were able to get the generator over to Honduras. We especially thank the Lord for the Brother that gave the generator.

There have been many improvements since our last trip. We are endeavoring to get things set up where we can have a camp meeting within the next year or two. We are earnestly looking to the Lord in this behalf.

We do desire prayer for the work in Honduras. There is much opposition. The devil is not happy about our being there. There is a number of saints there that have taken a stand for the truth and are meeting much persecution. There are others that desire to be with us but have man fear and are under man rule.

On one of the nights after service, some of the young saints came to the house where we were sitting on the porch. They wanted us to sing some of our songs. How the Lord did bless our singing and soon the people were coming in the dark. Some came out of the shadows and sat with us, others stood and listened until quite late.

We would like to state here that this work is worthy of the saints' support. The funds are very low and there is a great need for transportation in this rough and rugged country. We are looking to the Lord to supply a truck or van for getting around. Sis. Sanders is having some problems with her legs as she does quite a bit of walking to the different villages and holding services. We would appreciate hearing from anyone that would like to help in supporting this need for the sake of souls.

Do pray for this work, saints. We are looking forward to a camp meeting in Honduras, C.A., and a place for the saints that will be attending from the United States.

Again we thank all for the support that has been given for this work. We are planning on making another trip over before the year ends. We are looking to the Lord as to the time. If there is anyone with some of the Lord's money wanting to help or donate to this cause, contact Bro. Louis Kimble, 305 N. Laurel, Apt. 4, Metairie, LA 70003. Phone (504) 738-9017.

Your fellow laborers,—Bro. Herschell Hargrave, Bro. Louis Kimble, Bro. and Sis. Bernardo Sanders, and Sis. LaDolia Fuller

From the Mailbox . . .

MS—Dear Sis. Pruitt and saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We appreciate His blood for us; not only for us but for all souls. Pray that the Lord would help us to continue to reach as many souls as we can. We also thank the Lord and all the saints for praying for my husband's salvation. We prayed 13 years. We thank the Lord, he's been saved now for about three years. Continue to pray with us that the Lord would give him a mind to keep saved. We also thank the Lord for blessing the work in Honduras. I returned from Honduras on August 16th, my presence was needed. I plan by the help of the Lord to return this month. Continue to hold us up in prayer. Keep looking up for our Savior is soon to come.

Yours for souls, —Sis. Liurie Sanders

FL—Dear Sister Maybelle, workers at the Lord's Print Shop and all the readers of the *Faith and Victory* paper: Greetings of love to you in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who saved us from a life of sin and is keeping us saved by His mighty power. Praise His great name forever! I am so glad to be included in the family of God. I do hope every one of you is doing fine in both soul and body. This leaves me up and about, thank the Lord, trying to do whatever His will is for me.

I do thank the Lord for permitting me the privilege to be with the saints at the Durham, N.C. Camp Meeting in August of this year. The meeting was glorious. The preaching and singing was anointed from Heaven. Also the prayers seemed to have reached the throne of God bringing down the answers. Praise the Lord! I feel at my age that it may be my last time to attend a camp meeting.

Do pray for me, as I am in the midst of a trial, that the Lord will bring me out victorious. I thank everyone for your prayers already prayed for me. Amen. Pray for my unsaved loved ones that the Lord will keep dealing with their hearts concerning the salvation of their souls. Also pray that God will save some in this vicinity.

May the great God of Heaven bless each of you real good is my prayer for you.

Yours in His service,—Sister Mattie B. Savage

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OH—My heart is sorely grieved at all the hurt and disappointment I may have caused any saint of God through my abominable unbelief and backslidden heart. Praise God, He has answered the prayers of brethren praying for me, and He not only restored me; but has caused me to drink deeper from the wells of salvation than ever before. My only desire is to live holy unto God and redeem the time. I request a continued interest in your prayers. —Sis. Sue Worley

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MO—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of our dear Lord. I pray all is well with you. I think we've had a beautiful year thus far. The Lord surely blesses us. My only desire is to make heaven my home, and to see all my loved ones saved. That is my prayer for them. I surely enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. Keep up the good work.

God bless you all. I desire your prayers.

Christian love, —Lyle Mansfield

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OK—Dear Saints: Thank you very much for your dedicated service. Communication between God's people is extremely important. Especially so that we may be able to gather together in a warfare of prayer. Prayer changes things! Praise God.

With prayer in mind, I earnestly entreat you all to help me pray for a new effort to establish the truth here in Connors Correctional Center.

By God's help we intend to start having a weekly prayer-meeting starting Sept. 22, 1985, and ask anyone to come and be in services with us, as God may impress you.

Do not meet God and His Christ on Judgment Day, only to hear Him say—"I was in Prison, and you visited me not!"

Yours in Him, —Bro. Elbert Johnson

Box 220-98893, Hominy, OK 74035

OK—Dear ones scattered abroad: Greetings. This finds me still pressing on although I am still in the furnace of affliction. I've received so many lovely cards and letters since being here in the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Oklahoma. They are so nice to me here. I am still having much suffering with my stomach, so I need earnest prayer. I appreciate every one that has been so kind to write to me. I wish I was able to answer all of the letters. Quite a few have come to see me, especially my children, loved ones and the people of God. It's all so deeply appreciated. God bless you all, —Evelyn Gibson McCoy

Lord is always on time. We know these are only stepping stones in our walk with God, and it is our desire to ever prove faithful.

With Christian love,

—Bro. and Sis. Robert Johnson, Jr.

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WV—Dear Sis. Maybelle: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are encouraged to press on for Him. Though our faith be tried, we are determined to live for Him.

We thank the Lord for how He has been blessing us.

We want to thank the saints for their prayers for our daughter, Rhonda, when she was sick with the absessed tooth. The Lord wonderfully touched and healed her completely. Praise the Lord!

Also, we thank the Lord for touching our baby daughter, Anita, at the Monark Meeting. She came down with a fever and the devil painted many dark pictures, but thank the Lord, he is a liar. The Lord healed her and she has been fine since.

We love the Lord and desire to stay true to Him. He has done so much for us.

We thank the Lord for the saints and how they have stood by us with their prayers. We're so glad we're a part of the Family of God.

Love and prayers,—Mancil and Shirley Doolittle and family

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OK—Dear Saints: I'm very grateful to the Lord for His many blessings to me. I'm encouraged to live closer to Him than ever before. I want to please Him every day of my life.

Once again I have been made to realize how soon we can be taken out of this world. On July 28, we had come home from the Monark camp meeting. I was very tired but after resting for a while I decided to go to meeting. We had been at meeting a short time when I became very sick. After much prayer the Lord blessed me to be able to get to the car with Ted and Dwight's help. After arriving home I was very sick, with chest pains and not getting enough air. I didn't want to tell my family as I knew the Lord had healed me of a heart condition several years ago. I felt I must resist the pain. The pain and sickness was such that I knew the Lord surely must help me. The thought came to me, what if I should die? I thought, surely not. Then it came so strongly again to me. In my weakened condition I asked the Lord, "Is there anything in my life?" Such a peacefulness came over me and it was as if someone said, "All is well." I had no fear of death, I felt very impressed to tell my children and Ted (my husband), what they had meant to me, but that I felt I didn't have much time. Ted, Beth, Dwight, and Kim were the only ones here. I spoke quickly to them. I could hear them crying and I felt very sorry to be leaving them, but I felt life leaving my body. The happiness I felt suppressed the sadness I had just felt. Oh, how happy I felt. The family couldn't find any signs of life. No one knows how long, but they knew it was a few minutes; then I heard Beth's voice. Some of the saints and the rest of the family were coming in. They began to ask the Lord to undertake for me. The Lord gave me a real touch to my body. It was quite late and we felt we had the victory, so the saints and part of the family left.

We were soon to meet another battle. Bro. Richard was called back as it looked like I was going again,

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

MO—To the saints scattered abroad throughout the camp: Greetings of love to all.

I want to report a wonderful miracle that happened in our home. In April, 1985 my wife had a growth on her face. This growth started about forty years ago; and grew quite large. The Lord has taken it completely away without any aid of man. This was a case of a divine miracle, so God gets all the praise.

Saints, God is still in the mountain-moving business for He has moved a mountain for us. Saints of God, be of good cheer. There are greater things ahead. We are much encouraged for God is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.

If anyone desires to write to us, we would be glad to hear from you. Our address is: Bro. and Sis. Egbert Allen, Route 2, Norwood, Mo. 65717, Tel. (417) 746-4250.

Pray much for us. We have other needs.

Love and prayers to all,

—Bro. and Sis. Egbert Allen

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CA—Dear saints: Greetings in the Lord. We are thankful to be saved, sanctified and kept by His power.

We just want to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord. A small spot had come on my face which was in the way when I wore my glasses. I thought perhaps it would go away, but it did not. While we were in Monark Springs, I was anointed and prayed for. Today, thank the Lord, it is gone. The Lord has been our helper throughout our life. On September 5, my husband and I will have been married 37 years and the Lord has NEVER failed us. We don't want to fail Him.

Remember us,

—Olive Davenport

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CA—Dear Sis. Maybelle: Greetings in the name of Jesus. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us, especially this summer.

In July we had an affliction upon our body which at times caused excruciating pain in our abdomen. We were looking to the Lord to deliver us, and through much prayer the Lord came to our rescue. Thank the Lord.

We thank the Lord for His care unto our daughter during the time she broke her foot. It mended without problems. We also give the Lord the praise for healing her of an affliction she had.

Many times we have called upon the Lord and He has never failed us. We may have to wait, but the

but the Lord had mercy. Then on Wednesday my blood pressure dropped very low. I was in a very weakened condition most of the day. I remember Sister Sizemore being here and asking the Lord to give me a blood transfusion and I believe He did just that, because I got stronger as the evening came and I had a better nights rest than I had had for a long time.

The next two weeks were a very hard battle for my family as well as myself. Ted would often ask if I knew the Lord's will for me. I knew the Lord had healed me before and He is just the same yesterday, today and forever. Thank the Lord for His promises. I'm thankful for the privilege we have to trust the Lord for our bodies, He made them and He doesn't make mistakes when He heals them.

The saints have been so good to come, call and offer to help. I felt very unworthy of the attention I have had. Thanks to each of you for your prayers, calls and cards. They have each meant much to me and I have appreciated the encouragement of each of them. Many times the devil has tried to get me to give up the Lord telling me the saints didn't have confidence in me, but the love of God that each one has shown and the words of encouragement have made the devil a liar.

As of September 9th I am up and about the house and walk out in the yard each evening. Thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I am expecting the Lord to completely heal my body. Until He does I want to be patient and get everything He intends for me out of my sickness. Please pray for me.

Christian love,

—Alta Bock

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LA—Dear Ones: I desire to thank each one for your concern and prayers in our behalf, since tragedy came to us, in June 1984. I also thank the Lord for His guiding hand, and the many, many times He came to my rescue when it seemed I could hardly continue to live. Losing Byron, my husband, has been very grievous, plus the suddenness and manner in which it happened, [automobile accident] and with legal complications added to that, it seemed at times more than I could hold up under. The Lord upheld me when all I could do was lean on Him. We're that dependent on Him at all times, but in times as these we're more aware of it. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10.

I was in a state of shock for several months, yet I had decisions that must be made concerning the farm and legal matters. I realized in September 1984, after the wreck in June, that I began to feel slightly more normal. Then another change came in December and I felt somewhat more myself, but I was yet in a grip. I do thank the Lord that within the last couple of months I have been able to apply myself more to my duties. For so long, if I tried to concentrate on certain things it was as if my mind went into a whirl. When a person experiences something as this it actually takes a process of healing before they can function properly. I appreciate the Lord's goodness in helping me thus far and I know He will see me through. Many times He has given me Scriptures to supply my need of the moment.

It has meant much to have family and friends offer comfort, assist with duties and errands and be there to listen. I appreciate very much how people that we had done business with have assisted me in many ways with farm duties and matters involving the farm, as well as things concerning the wreck. One never really knows how others are watching our lives when things are going in normal routine. It's important to live in a way that people believe in us and what we stand for. Many times as we go about our duties of life, that is the time that our life counts, by being examples to others. It's the day-by-day life that counts for God; the real person. It is far beyond expectations how business people have responded to the need since Byron's death, and have said things that helped me know how they do appreciate an upright Christian life. Many people were affected by his death and have shown the respect they had for his life and character. I value that, and I appreciate the godly life that Byron lived. I advise each one to live in a way that if something similar should happen in your life when possibly your character reference would be needed by you or your family, and perhaps be brought before a judge, that it could be a good reference. In a time as this, that is very important. It is even more essential that we present a clean life when we stand before the Master Judge. If we keep our life ready to stand before God, it will be clean to face anything here.

Many of you have shown interest and have asked about the legal aspects of the situation. I thank you for your prayers concerning this and desire a continued interest in prayer. The Lord knows all things and can bring to light the things we need to know. Since legal matters are not settled and this paper is read by many, I cannot go into some of the details, but I will try to give a sketch of the situation.

The accident involved a head-on collision of about 2/3 or 3/4 across the front of each vehicle. The girl driving the other car was also killed and we were told that there were no witnesses. Liability coverage of both vehicles was with the same company, therefore there was not a thorough investigation done by the company. The husband of the girl that was killed wouldn't settle with the insurance company, but has filed suit against us for over 1 1/2 million dollars. She had a child by a previous marriage and they accepted a settlement from the insurance. Her having two families involved has caused many of the complications. There have been several complications as: no witnesses willing to tell what happened, a dozen working nearby, moving her car before the police came to prevent its burning (as Byron's pickup did), the same company carrying liability coverage for both, and her having two families to settle with. These, mixed with greed, have posed some real problems, but it has put me in situations to see the manifestations of God's power and feel His love supporting me.

In questioning different ones, learning pieces here and there and putting them together, we have found out several things. There are yet some details that are much needed but God knows each one. He has helped us learn much when it seemed near hopeless, and we're trusting Him to uncover crookedness and bring facts to light clearing Byron's name in this thing, as well as lifting the load this lawsuit has

placed on us. God can cause someone to be willing to talk and can help us locate others that we need to contact. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37:5.

I have not been advised of a court date, but please pray much until you hear that all is worked out. I understand that the man has said he will go through all the courts. I believe the Lord will help us get the needed facts to prove, what according to indications, actually happened so that he won't see any need to pursue it. It appears at this point, of what we've learned, that Byron was the victim with no time to avoid the accident. The case is of such that we'll need clear cut facts to stand in court.

There is much power in prayer and God does not uphold wrong. He has proven Himself great in the ways that He has all ready worked, and we're trusting Him to bring real victory and have this thing soon behind us.

Pray for me. There are many decisions to make and involvements in various situations to face, but my determination is, by God's help, to stand for truth and right.

This has in no way portrayed the depth of heartaches, and complications in this situation, but God has been there with us in each ordeal. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isaiah 41:13.

Again I thank each one for your prayers, love and kindness shown to us.

What a mighty God we serve! —Clarice Pruitt

Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

For lack of a good question for the "Question and Answer" column this time, I feel inclined to insert a few thoughts in this space in discussion of what I consider to be a topic to saints; the idea of a clearer perspective, a deeper comprehension, and a more thorough understanding of the standards of God's Word for Christian living and the abundant supply in the economy of God's grace for attaining to high standards of holy living.

Gregory Mantle in the introduction of his book *Better Things from Above* inserts a quote from Faber which says, "The devil can fight as successfully against God with low views as with mortal sins. Low views of the privileges and possibilities of the Christian life result inevitably in slackness and weakness."

Low views produce low standards for the life which, in turn, results in only limited blessings from God and a limited measure of divine grace which, in turn, robs us of victories which we might otherwise have and the richness and fulfillment which should be realized in Christian living. This is true because we have low views of Christian standards and consequently settle for a low plane of living with whatever degree of blessings, joy and grace that affords. Therefore we do not expect much of ourselves nor demand much of ourselves in the way of Christian living and do not expect much from God in the way of divine aid to raise our standards of living and do better and gain

greater victories. Thus we live our lives on the defensive and always have our defenses out and are loaded with excuses for our failures when we are overcome in the trials and tests of life. My answer to those who live this way is that whatever excuses you have for your failures in being what God wants you to be and failing of the grace of God in the test; you better be thinking up some good ones because you are going to have to meet God with those excuses some day. The good news I bring you is that you do not have to go through life this way on short rations because the same God who wrote the Bible and set up the standards of holy living outlined in those Holy Scriptures, set up an economy of grace to go along with those Scriptures to supply every person with a sufficiency of grace to enable every Christian person to come up to the full standard of every principle of truth taught in the New Testament if they will just humble their hearts and submit to God and go down and get it.

It is appalling and downright pitiful and tragic that many people get all involved in worldly activities after the worldly mold and patterns even to the extent they allow those things to hinder them from their Christian duties and attending church services, etc., and they still affirm they are keeping victory and living for God and pray all the time whether they are in service or not and God is blessing them right along. What I fear is that some people get all caught up in these things and carried away with them and get all elated and feel a strong sense of satisfaction in themselves over what they are doing and accomplishing in a worldly and material way and actually honestly mistake this for spiritual blessings. Folks, I affirm this is not true and cannot be true in God's setup of things. It is certainly low views when we think we can mix up our lives between the Lord and these worldly activities and feel this to be acceptable to God and that He blesses our lives right on. We can defeat ourselves; yea, even destroy ourselves with our thinking—low views.

We can see many signs of compromise (low views) among the people today—immodest dress, bodily adornment, jewelry, worldly fashions, cutting and frilling the hair, worldly amusements, etc. These things belong to the outward life and we can see them and all of them are an important part of the general letdown and departing from the "faith once delivered to the saints." However, there is another type of compromise which is more subtle and hidden which we do not see on the outside and therefore it gains its ground and does its fatal work in the soul without our knowing it until it is done. That is a type of compromise hidden in the heart involving attitudes, feelings, bitterness, unforgiveness, resentments, pet peeves, etc., and God's Word says there are many defiled with these things. (Heb. 12:15-16.) For one to have these things in his life and retain them and cherish them and excuse them because of circumstances and how he was treated and still feel himself clear before God and justify himself in them is a clear, direct compromise of the Scriptural codes for holy living and will render him ineffectual in prayer and dry up his prayer life and bring him to total defeat in his purpose to live for God and be saved. We must be healed of our hurts, wounds, bitterness and critical and bad attitudes if we expect to prosper in our spiritual lives and get to heaven in the end. Let us all seek to encompass in the scope of our thinking and perspectives of the possibilities of the healing of

our souls and total victory over all these things through the abundance of God's grace. Let us not entertain any low views here.

The good news I bring you today is that you do not have to be a victim of circumstances. You can, through the grace of God, rise above them. Read Romans 8:35-39 and Genesis 41:51. Neither do you have to live under the cloud of hurt feelings, offences, mistreatment, spitefulness, misrepresentations, etc., but can rather abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalms 31:20 says, "thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues." Job 5:21 says, "Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue." The margin says here "When the tongue scourgeth."

Some people could stand an actual whiplashing better than a tongue-lashing. When hard and sharp things are said to them, it cuts them down and they can never get over it. It is a peculiar kind of pride that causes people to be so sensitive to what people say to them. By the grace of God you can be healed of this sensitiveness and rise above it and overcome it. Read Matthew 5:43-44 and then settle it that whatever God tells us to do, He had already provided the grace and strength to enable us to do it. It begins with humility and a denial of one's self. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6.) Let us never say we can't do this or that that God instructs us to do. Only say we have not been able to do it yet but we are on our way.

If you are down under or plagued by any of these things, you don't have to be. You are thus because you have settled for it that way. You have concluded you are just that way and that is your natural makeup and you can't help it. However, under God you can. You can appeal to God and submit yourself to Him and He can heal you of that defect in your nature and make you over new—ALL NEW (2 Cor. 5:17).

One of the things in which the children of Israel displeased God and brought His judgment down on them was that they limited the Holy One of Israel (Psalms 78:41). Let us therefore beware lest we fall after the same example of unbelief. Let us not limit the Holy One of Israel nor discount what His grace can do for us and just plain quit thinking we can't rise above these things and every other thing that is contrary to us and detrimental to our spiritual lives and would hinder us from fulfilling the Bible standards for holy living and boldly declare "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

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There is no burden which, if we lift it cheerfully and bear it with love in our hearts, will not become a blessing to us. —J. R. Miller

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A child does not know that the stove is hot, and sometimes has to be punished to keep from being burned. God has to punish or chastise us sometimes to keep us from going astray. That might be grievous to us at the time, but notice the words of the Apostle Paul who says, "nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." If we listen and obey, we will be blessed. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:17, also 1 Pet. 5:9. Jesus is our example. —Selected

HOME LIFE



Supplying The Children's Needs

How foolish I would be to throw away a beautiful, clean sheet of paper and instead select from the rubbish-barrel a torn, soiled sheet on which I must spend much time cleaning and trimming before I could use it!

Is it not, then, lack of real discernment that will cause gospel workers and spiritual men and women to weep and labor and sacrifice time and money for ruined lost lives if they neglect or fail to teach, encourage, and fire the zeal for godly things in the little children all around them?

A child rescued and saved at ten years of age has a probable forty or fifty years more of usefulness before it. A man rescued at forty has proportionately less time besides the wreckage of the past and the uprooting of many bad habits.

A man at the verge of the grave may be snatched from the burning, but his time and opportunities of usefulness are all lost. Thus, we see the importance of providing the rudiments that mold desirable elements into the characters and lives of our children and our neighbors' children.

Observation and experience justify men in declaring that less time and effort are necessary for winning twenty children to Christ than one adult at fifty years of age.

The Sunday school affords great opportunities, since its ultimate aim should be to so forcibly press the claims of Christ upon each individual that he or she can never lose the impression.

The spiritual members of the family, which should be the father and mother but sometimes is not, may also favorably impress the young minds with beauty and purity of submissive attitude to God.

A period each day, devoted to worship helps to indelibly impress upon the mind, the sublime, supreme, omnipotence of God. What other opportunity affords the sincere consistent parent such means for creating respect and reverence towards God?

How may we make the children enjoy it? By understanding their attitude, and by gently and intelligently directing them to see their need.

—Mabel C. Porter

(Taken from Gospel Trumpet, Jan. 1917.)

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A Happy Home

If you would have a happy home

As through the years of life you go,

It won't just happen through good luck,

Although some people think it so;

But there are rules by which to live,
And certain laws we must accept,
Which God has made for all mankind,
And these, we know, must all be kept.

Foundation for a happy home
No human by himself can lay;
For what he does, apart from God,
Will sometime wither and decay:
But God has laid a solid Rock
On which our lives and homes should rest,
And if we build upon this rock
Our hearts and souls will then be blest.

A home to be a happy home
Must truly be a home of prayer,
And meanwhile as the years go by
Life's burdens each must help to bear;
And when the tests sometimes are hard,
Or sickness takes away the health,
How sweet the comfort we may give
That flows from hearts of godly wealth!

A happy home is made through love,
In which a lot of kindness reigns,
And where God's spirit shows us how
To share our losses and our gains.
Also the Guide Book in the home
Is God's eternal Word of truth,
That leads along the righteous way,
Directing parents, children, youth.

A happy home's a treasure rare
That fame and money cannot build;
And all the learning earth affords
Cannot with sweetness keep it filled;
Therefore, the unseen grace of God
Must day by day come flowing in,
And keep the home-doors closed against
All envy, hatred, strife and sin.

—Selected

What Some Men Have Said About Christianity

"Heathenism was the seeking religion; Judaism, the hoping religion; Christianity is the reality of what heathenism sought and Judaism hoped for."

—Luthardt

"Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life; not a philosophy of life, but a life and a living process."

—Coleridge

"The distinction between Christianity and all other systems of religion consists largely in this, that in these others men are found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after men."

—T. Arnold

"So comprehensive are the doctrines of the Gospel, that they involve all moral truth known by man; so extensive are the precepts, that they require every virtue, and forbid every sin. Nothing has been added either by the labors of philosophy or the progress of human knowledge."

—Lord Lawrence

"The moral and religious system which Jesus Christ has transmitted to us, is the best the world has ever seen, or can see."

—Benjamin Franklin

"Christianity works while infidelity talks. She feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, visits and cheers

the sick, and seeks the lost, while infidelity abuses her and babbles nonsense and profanity. 'By their fruits you shall know them.' "

—H. W. Beecher

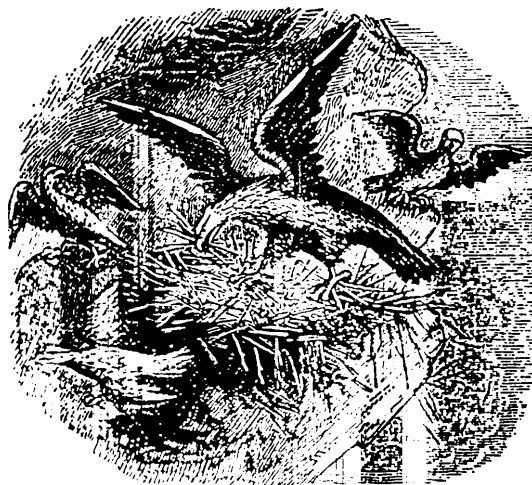
"Had the doctrines of Jesus been preached always as pure as they came from his lips, the whole civilized world would now have been Christians."

—Thomas Jefferson

"After reading the doctrines of Plato, Socrates, or Aristotle, we feel that the specific difference between their words and Christ's is the difference between an inquiry and a revelation."

—Joseph Parker

The Parent Eagle



*As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings." Deut. 32:11.
"No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but grievous." Heb. 12:11.*

The parent eagle bids her young to fly,
And far aloft their fluttering pinions try;
With seeming cruel haste she stirs their nest,
Which may no longer be a place of rest,
Then flutters o'er them, spreads her wings to fly,
And seeks to bear the little ones on high.
They learn to trust their feeble wings at length,
And soar aloft with all their parent's strength.
So oft in life, the fate that seems so hard,
Brings in the end exertion's rich reward.

It is related as a fact in the natural history of the eagle, that when the proper time has arrived for the young eaglets to leave their nest, the parent eagle so stirs it up that they cannot stay in it any longer, and they are obliged to find some other spot in which to live. They now make their first attempt to use their wings: in this they are assisted by the parent bird, who flutters over and about them; spreads out her wings, so that when the efforts of her young fail, she bears them on her own wings to a place of shelter and safety. By this means they are taught to fly and provide for themselves.

It would seem harsh and unreasonable to the young eaglets, were they capable of reasoning on the subject, to see their parent tearing to pieces the comfortable home in which they had so long nestled in quiet and security. They might ask, What is wrong? Have we been guilty that we thus should be broken up and cast out upon the cold world? The conduct of their parent would, at least, be unaccountable; they

might even charge her with cruelty, and loudly murmur and complain at what appeared a great misfortune. Could they discover the reason, they would see that love for them was the true cause of it all.

In this trait of the eagle with regard to her young, we have an apt similitude of many occurrences which have taken place among communities of mankind. The land of Canaan was promised to the descendants of Abraham, and by this they were entitled to its possession. However, during a time of famine, they emigrated to Egypt, where many favors and privileges were allotted to them. A generation was born there, and their homes seemed secure. When the time had nearly arrived that the Israelites should take possession of the Promised Land, the Egyptians were stirred up against them, and made their lives bitter with bondage. Finally, by a train of providential events, they were brought into the land promised to their fathers.

At the commencement of Christianity, most of the followers of Christ had collected at Jerusalem, where they were greatly prospered, and were so happy in the love and fellowship with each other, that they seemed inclined to build their tabernacles at Jerusalem, exclaiming, in their joy, "*It is good for us to be here.*" They desired and expected to continue there during their lives. But in mercy to others, and to themselves, whose truest happiness was connected with their usefulness, a great persecution arose at the time of the death of Stephen, and the disciples were "scattered abroad, and went every-where preaching the word." The cause of Christianity was thus wonderfully advanced, and Christian churches established in almost every part of the known world.

Paul, the learned apostle to the Gentiles, being better qualified than his brethren to speak before kings and emperors, was driven by persecution away from his countrymen, to appear before the Roman emperor, by which the Gospel was introduced into the palace of the Caesars. Persecution followed the other apostles; they found no resting-place where they could abide in peace and safety; every new abode was in turn stirred up, and they had to flee from one city to another.

In later times, the history of the Puritans furnishes a remarkable instance of the truth of the similitude of the eagle stirring up her nest for the benefit of her young. After the bloody persecutions of Queen Mary, the Protestant religion gained the ascendancy in Great Britain, when, in the year 1558, Queen Elizabeth of England ascended the throne, to the joy of all her Protestant subjects. Many of these were *Puritans*, so called from their efforts to maintain *purity* of worship, untrammelled by those rites and forms which they thought contrary to the spirit of true religion. The Puritans felt certain of her protection, and expected to pass the remainder of their lives in tranquillity.

However, they soon heard a voice, saying, "Arise, this is not your rest." Queen Elizabeth, though a Protestant, and in favor of the reformation, was of an arbitrary disposition. She took violent measures to enforce uniformity in church discipline and service. The Puritans, while holding to the same doctrines as the established church, had scruples about practicing all its rites and ceremonies, and therefore refused compliance.

A storm of persecution arose; their rest or place of abode became stirred up. They were subjected to severe penalties, and compelled to collect for worship

in private places with great secrecy. Hundreds of Puritan ministers were deprived of their livings and silenced, and others imprisoned, while their families were starving. These persecutions were continued with but little abatement for about fifty years. The Puritans made many efforts to obtain toleration, but the queen and most of the bishops refused.

In consequence of these persecutions, many of the Puritans left their native country, passed over to Holland, and formed distinct and independent churches; but not liking their situation there, most of them emigrated to America. The stirring up and unpleasantness of the place of their abode, caused the emigration to and founding of the colony of Plymouth, in 1620. These colonists, in order to obtain "freedom to worship God," were thrown upon their own exertions, like the young of the eagle; they sought another habitation; they went into a savage and howling wilderness, and there, deep and wide, laid the foundations of civil and religious liberty.

(Taken from *Christian Similitudes*.)

Carefulness



In this busy, rushy, time we are living in, we must take time to serve the Lord.

So much emphasis is placed on the daily cares and duties of life. We seem to be so concerned with—**HOW THINGS LOOK! WHAT WE HAVE! WHAT WE WANT!** We are so concerned with our business affairs and the future, and many other things. These *things* could draw our time and our mind from the Lord and our spiritual life.

We don't want to leave the wrong impression here. There are some affairs in this life (temporal) which do take planning. We don't want to be unbalanced.

Oh! How much effort we take sometimes in preparing for some event in our daily lives. We want it just right, every thing in order. **WHAT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT WE HAVE MADE!**

If we are not careful and prayerful and on guard, we can put too much effort in these cares and not enough effort for our souls, our spiritual life. God knows we have temporal duties that take some involvement. We don't want to choke out the most important thing we possess, **OUR SOULS, OUR SERVICE TO GOD!** Life is short and fleeting, but our souls will live on throughout eternity.

In Rom. 12:11, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; . . ." Let us be careful lest we find ourselves doing as the world does, building up treasures here on earth. In Col. 3:2, 3, "Set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." **WE ARE DEAD!** We are pilgrims and strangers traveling through this world. **THIS IS NOT OUR HOME!** Our prayer should be, "Lord help us not regard these temporal affairs with too much importance lest our spiritual life slip."

God wants our first love, he will take no less. He wants to be first in everything. Matt. 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Yes, the Word says **ALL** these things shall be added unto **YOU**. All that God desires us to have will be added, not always what we want to be added. The

things that God wants us to have will come automatically. We don't have to be toiling to build up things on this earth.

God will add what He sees we need. Many times God gives us the desires of our heart. Let us take heed that we won't be struggling and striving in these temporal things to obtain the things that the Lord has blessed others with. Our own spiritual house will be lacking if we try to keep up with the "Jones'." In II Cor. 5:1-3 we read, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked."

Will Jesus find us watching and waiting for His coming or will He find us building up treasures on the earth? In Mark 13:33-36, we read, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is, For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping."

All of these things we see with the natural eye, will be burned up. In II Peter 3:10 it tells us, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

We need to take time out to be, ALONE WITH GOD, time to, STEAL AWAY AND PRAY.

Let us give the Spirit of God opportunity to keep a close watch on our souls. Let us put more effort and time in the service of the Lord. The Lord's work is eternal. Let us be building for God and for the sake of souls, to establish the Lord's work here on the earth.

—Maxine Browne

That Wonderful Man of Galilee!

That wonderful Man of Galilee!

It was settled there at Gethsemane,
He went all the way to the cross for me;
He gave His life to set me free.

He left His place on the Father's throne,
Came down to earth to claim His own;
He gave His all, our all to gain,
For you and me our Lord was slain.

Esteemed no better than a thief,
He became acquainted with sorrow and grief;
He had no place to lay His head,
And rejected, His friends all fled.

'Twas there on the cross He bled and died;
He was mocked and they pierced His side;
That we with Him might ever abide,
'Twas there our Lord was crucified.

Now there shall come a brighter day;
All our tears He will wipe away;

If we will bear the suffering here,
We shall share the glory there.

Then when this fleeting life is o'er,
We will meet Him on that other shore;
Our blessed Saviour to adore,
To be with Him forever more.

There we will walk that street of gold,
Where there will be just one fold;
Where there will never come a night,
Our Lord Himself shall be the light.

So while down here we run this race,
Let us bear our cross each day with grace;
That when we lay this armor down,
We shall, with joy, take up our crown.

—Byron R. Wittenborn

God Wants You

Awaken now, dear reader, and view the scene as it really is. Some day you will stand upon the brink of eternity, and as you look across the river of death into the golden land beyond, you will thank God that someone rescued you. You can also have the satisfaction of knowing that you have extended a helping hand to others. God has given you access to literature that will enlighten souls, that will break the bands of those in sin.

Begin today to take advantage of your opportunities; tomorrow is not soon enough. Before you lay aside this paper, ask God to reveal to you what your duty is; and do not hasten to rise from your knees—tarry for God to talk to you. Then you will be surprised to see how many avenues for doing good were open before you.

She Did What She Could

by P. L. Rounds, Missionary to Japan

Children and young people are tempted to feel there is little they can do for Christ and the salvation of souls. Here is an account of what one child did, after someone else had passed a tract to her. Read how God used them all.

I would like to share with you the story of a little girl in Japan who had been for two years in a tubercular sanatorium. Her body had wasted away so much that she could hardly move in bed. One day when a group of gospel workers were visiting the hospitals, they left a Christian Tract with her. She was not able to hold it, but had the nurse prop it up on a stand above her head, and turn the pages, one by one, so she could read them.

As she read and re-read that simple gospel message, it gripped her heart. She prayed, asking the nurse to help her by standing by to hear her voice in prayer. God reached through, and she prayed for forgiveness of sin, and had a wonderful experience of salvation.

As many do when they are first saved, this girl wanted to share the joy the Lord had given to her. One day she read in the newspaper of a wicked man who had been condemned to death for murder.

She decided she must write him, and tell him about Jesus. It took her three days, but she finally

was able to use her little strength and movement to get a letter finished, and with it she sent the Tract which had meant so much to her.

When he received it, he was indignant, but later, as he re-read the letter, he realized how much this little one-page letter had really meant to the little girl who had mailed it to him. His heart was touched in thinking that someone would care enough for him to write him a letter at such cost.

He began to read the tract. Over and over he read until the truth grasped his heart and he believed it. God came into that Tokyo prison and saved a brutal murderer, through the witness of an almost helpless little girl in the tubercular sanatorium across the city.

Later the murderer was taken to another prison more than a thousand miles away, where he was placed in the "death row" as his final place before his execution.

One day he was singing a gospel hymn which he had learned from Christian workers who held services in the prison. As his lonely cell echoed with the praises of God, he heard a voice call through the "peep hole" to the next cell. It was a man named Uchida, who had also found Christ as his Saviour. What joy when the two were able to share their faith together!

Mr. Iwata (for that was the prisoner's name) and Mr. Uchida began to pray and work for the salvation of the other men in death row. The warden gave them permission to share their testimony with other prisoners when they were all together at meal time.

In the two years that Mr. Iwata was in death row, 41 condemned prisoners were won to Christ. The warden permitted the baptism of the Christians in the prison bath tub, and he stated that the whole atmosphere of death row had changed from frenzy and fright to Christian joy and peace. As the guards made their rounds along the cells they could hear gospel hymns coming from the cells.

The time finally came for Mr. Iwata to die for his sin. He was permitted his last request—that he might be taken to see the little girl who had written him the one-page letter and sent him the Gospel Tract.

Standing beside her bed, the converted murderer told her the story of what the letter and tract had done for him and his friends, through the saving power of Jesus Christ. Tears poured from the girl's eyes as she heard the story of what God had done.

Before leaving her, Mr. Iwata was moved to lay his hand upon her head and pray a prayer of faith for her healing. He then returned to the prison, and was soon executed for his crime, but he went to God whom he knew and trusted and loved.

The power of the living Word of God, which had transformed him and the 41 men of death row, now came into the dying body of the little girl in the sanatorium. Within two weeks she was completely healed of her illness by the power of God, and she walked from the sanatorium and returned to a normal life.

What a wonderful work of God this was! It all started because one helpless little girl who could not do much, did the little she could do, and because a condemned murderer, imprisoned in death row, did not give up, but did what he could to tell others of his Lord.

Truly the Word became flesh and lived again in the lives of those people.

(Available in tract form.)



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"Dear Bro. Pruitt, I am writing you and all of my sisters and brothers in Christ. I was on a K.C.S. train going to Beaumont, Texas, best I remember, April, 1959. I came in contact with a lady and we began to testify to each other. How wonderful God's power was. I told her I had no church of my belief to go to so she told me about the church at Guthrie, Okla. I gave her my address. I have been receiving the *Faith and Victory* since June of 1959. I have been laying these papers aside until some leisure time. Last week I got interested in the paper. I want you to know your little paper is going to be a blessing to me as I love literature that explains God's Word in a way that brings a spiritual feast. Accept my thanks for your paper."

—Alice Bossier

"We had a real surprise during the Monark meeting. The saints got together and gave us a ready-built cabin. We surely are thankful to all the dear saints. Never before had such a gift been given to us. We surely hope the Lord permits us to live next year, so we can enjoy living in it. We appreciate what the saints have always done for us."

—Sister Sam Barton

"The Lord has poured out a special blessing on my soul this day and I must tell someone about it and praise God for it. The living waters are flowing in my soul today and they are running so high that they have run over and I must let these living waters keep flowing so that the well will not get stopped up by carelessness. I thank God for His mercy and His blessings."

—Ruth Ellen Linden

"Discouragement comes from the devil. We should never yield to it. Counting your blessings over will bring a praise in your heart. It seems that there isn't anything that comes to us but what it could be worse. Yet we know as Paul tells us, 'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.' Rom. 8:28."

—Marie Miles