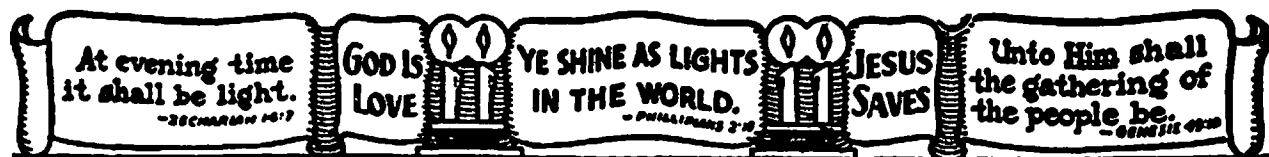


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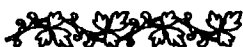
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Life, Death and Resurrection



Jesus left His lovely Home,
Left His Father and His throne,
To live on earth like other men,
But unlike us, He did no sin.

All this world belonged to Him,
All its riches and its gems,
But not one treasure would He claim,
Not one bit of earthly fame.

His mission here was one of love.
He promised we could live above.
He healed the sick and raised the dead,
And fed the hungry crowds with bread.

Then came the time that He must die,
And wicked men began to lie.
They said because of what He'd done,
They'd punish Him—God's only Son.

They whipped and cursed Him and hung Him
in shame.

They even mocked His holy name.
Although these men were too wicked to live,
They heard Him say, "Father, forgive."

He bore our sins upon that cross,
And died so we would not be lost.
For three sad days our Saviour slept,
Then on the third His promise kept.

Our Christ arose in power and might,
And put all doubts and fears to flight.
Now and forever He reigns in our hearts,
And peace and love and joy imparts.

—Brenda Kinchen

Our Example

"Jesus left a home of dazzling splendor for this sinful world with sorrow dim, humbly filling the place of a servant, and He calls us all to follow Him." Taken from song number 145 of the *Evening Light Songs*.

I want to thank the Lord for our example, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am glad that He was willing to leave that beautiful home to come down on this earth and live a life of a servant and be our example. Do we really realize that we need to let Jesus be our example as how to live in this present world? Are we *following* after Him? Are we filling the place of a servant as He did? A servant is defined as: "a person in the service of another." We need to be dedicated to the service of God. We need to be ready and willing at anytime to render ourselves to God as any good servant would his master. Don't you want to be called a faithful servant? Each day we should *serve* our Lord. It is our duty.

"Jesus lived a life of self denial." As our example, Jesus did not live to please Himself. We also must live a life of self denial. We must crucify self. What is self? Self is: "one's own person; one's nature, one's character." When you give yourself to Jesus, give all. Do not hold back some of your own nature or character. Live a life helping and doing for others as Jesus did. We each one have a place in the Church, but we have to die out to self in order to be the true example the Lord wants us to be. By so doing, we will be following Christ's example.

Thus, the more we follow after Christ's example, the more we will be like Him. It is the desire of my heart to be **more** like Christ **every** day. "More like Christ my heart is praying, more like Christ from day to day." Pray for me, my goal in life is to make Heaven my home.

—Lori LaCroix

Behind Closed Doors?

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." John 20:19. Here we find the disciples, followers of Christ, assembled on the first day of the week (Sunday) behind closed doors for fear of the Jews. Our burden is that Christ not find us behind closed doors or lacking in our experience and shut off from the lost world in which we live. True, we come together to worship God, but that is not only to strengthen ourselves, but also to gain knowledge and wisdom to take us out in the midst of a wicked and perverse nation to be witnesses for God.

The Greek word for witness is "martus" (Strong's), meaning martyr, record, witness. We are to be martyrs for God. What does a martyr do? He or she gives their lives for the gospel. Not necessarily death, which we often associate with the word martyr, but giving our lives in the service of God. How? By being His witness in this world in which we live; taking what we have learned and becoming fishers of men.

A fisherman does not get his name from sitting safely at home. He gets the name as a result of his occupation. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Who? Everyone that follows Him! No Christian is excluded. We are all called to fish for lost souls in the sea of humanity around us. Dear brothers and sisters are you fishing or are you sitting behind closed doors?

After the Holy Ghost was poured out the disciples came forth from behind closed doors, (Acts 2:46, 47). Dear ones, the door is open for us today. A way has been made. Are you going to refuse to pass through it or are you going to march valiantly through and carry the gospel to a sin-sick world? What the world needs is Jesus, saints of God. Praise God for power to witness for Him!

A few may come to us, but Jesus said, "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and **compel** them to come in, that my house may be filled," Luke 14:23. Notice what Jesus said. **Compel** them.

Are you compelling men and women for God? Jesus said again, "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38.

Dear ones, are you labouring for God? God wants men and women with a Holy Ghost compulsion to **go out** and **compel** sinners to come in. "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." II Corinthians 5:9-11. —Johnny Williams

"Glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify Thee"

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." John 17:1, 4.

Jesus realized that the time had come for Him to be betrayed into the hands of sinners and suffer many things and be crucified. He had glorified God in doing the will of His Father up to that time, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, healing sickness and disease among the people and doing many other mighty works. He had told the disciples of John, "Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame

walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Matt. 11:4, 5. He had glorified His Father in many ways, showing His mighty power. He had finished the work that had been given Him to do up to that hour. Now He is desiring His Father to "Glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." The need is different now, but the Father was just as faithful to answer this earnest petition.

We see Him going to Gethsemane and telling His disciples, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here and watch with me." Then He went a little farther and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I

will, but as thou wilt." Going again to His disciples He found them sleeping and said to Peter, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." Oh, how hard it must have been to be left entirely alone to bear the heavy burden upon his heart, as well as realizing that their failure to watch and pray would result in them failing in the crisis just ahead of them. The Father was enabling Him to be faithful to Himself, even if His disciples were failing. He prayed more earnestly, until His sweat was as it were, great drops of blood falling down to the ground and He received the full strength needed. Here He was glorifying God.

Then came Judas, one of the twelve, and drew near to Jesus to kiss him, saying, "Hail, master." Matthew records that Jesus replied, "Friend, wherefore art thou come?" God was truly glorifying His Son in giving Him the needed strength to bear all this.

They led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest where the scribes and elders were assembled. Two false witnesses came and said, this fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. "The high priest arose and said to him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest . . . said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said:" Matt. 26:61-64. Truly the Father was giving His Son an abundance of grace that He was able to hold His peace when falsely accused, then He so boldly acknowledged that He was the Son of God, when it looked as though He was forsaken of God, having to submit to them in all they chose to do to Him.

Then He didn't stop there, but went on to tell them boldly and truly, "Nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven"—knowing that they would condemn Him to death. Surely God was answering Jesus' prayer, "Father, glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:"

They took Him to Pilate, the governor, bringing accusations against Him, but Jesus answered nothing. "Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word: insomuch that the governor marveled greatly." Truly God was glorifying His Son and enabling His Son to glorify Himself in that hour of trial.

Though Pilate found Him innocent, yet he scourged Him and delivered Him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers took Him and stripped Him, putting a scarlet robe on Him, also a crown of thorns and a reed in his hand. Mocking Him they bowed the knee before Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on Him and took the reed and smote Him on the head. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

As He hung on the cross He suffered many things besides the awful physical suffering. They that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, saying, "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him with the scribes and elders said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him." He meekly bore all of this and more. At one time as He hung there He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Truly God was glorifying His Son in giving Him such divine grace to endure to the end.

One of the thieves dying by His side somehow was convinced that He was the Son of God. He said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

God's ways are so different and higher than man's ways. While the world was looking down on Him, deriding, reviling and ridiculing Him, all unknown to them, God was glorifying Him. Now we can read the Scripture in Heb. 12:2, 3, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Also in Heb. 2:18, "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted." We read of how He endured and it encourages us to know that through God's grace we, too, can endure.

Jesus could have prayed to the Father and received more than twelve legions of angels to deliver Him. That would have been easier to the flesh, but if He had done that and saved Himself He could not have saved us, too. The plan of God would not have been fulfilled. Sometimes in our lives God is glorified in us suffering some things rather than being delivered. May we be enabled to know when those times come and be fully faithful to our God and His Son, Jesus Christ who have been so faithful to us.

—Fern Stubblefield

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Editorials



We send this paper forth with the joy of salvation flowing in our souls. We can truly say that God has been gracious to us and we are grateful for the good that we have received at His hand. God is good to all in that He "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:45.

The world in general is not satisfied with their lot in life. People are continually striving to better their finances and prestige and yet they often are not satisfied. This unrest turns into bitterness toward God for the difficulties in life and is manifested in murmuring and complaining.

We should be careful that the discontent of the world does not take the joy from our lives. There is a murmuring spirit that people acquire. It is contagious. We find that complaining was a common malady of the Israelites and that it brought the wrath of God upon them. The trouble seemed to stem from the outskirts of the camp and those of the mixed multitude. It would then work its way into the midst of them.

To murmur is to spiritually self-destruct. Once Caesar planned a great banquet. The rain poured down and ruined the regal affair. Caesar was so upset that he commanded all of his men to shoot arrows into the air in defiance of Jupiter, their god. The result of the rash anger was that the arrows returned and wounded many of his men. How foolish, we say. However, if we could see the resultant wounds caused to the souls that murmur, we would say that it is even more foolish. Dissatisfaction caused the Israelites to call angel food, "this light bread". Num. 21:5. What did this do to their spiritual life? Psalm 106:15 says, "And he [God] gave them their request but sent leanness into their soul."

How does God really view murmuring? In Numbers 11:34, it is equated with lusting. This sounds a little strong to us, but God has an intense dislike for complaining. Perhaps the reason is because complaining leads into a broad spectrum of sins. Read I Cor. 10:5-12 and note all the sin that was connected with murmuring in the wilderness.

We need to realize that it is childish and pettish to complain about what we don't have. We must not think that the leeks and garlies of the world will satisfy. It is foolish to allow what we don't have to make us dissatisfied with what we do have. There is something that we can thirst for, and it's commendable to do so; that is more of God. "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O

God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"
Psalm 42:1, 2.

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We have recently finished printing 2,000 books of "What the Bible Teaches", and have also been busy with other reprinting. This has drained our paper supply. Consequently, we placed an order on Feb. 17th for 6,000 pounds of paper. This expense, as well as that of having "What the Bible Teaches" bound, has placed us in a position of dependence upon the Lord to supply.

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Saints who write often mention that they are praying for the work here. We greatly appreciate this. Also appreciated are those who have supported us with offerings and sent testimonies, articles and other literature for print. This is your paper and your interest in it makes its continuance possible.

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Recently the President of the United States delivered the State of the Union address. In this speech he expressed his opinion of how our country has progressed in the last few years, where we are now and what our aim for the future is. I have wondered, "What kind of a State of the Church address could be given?"

I believe that it is good to study the era of the early-morning Church and the issues with which it had to contend. It is also well to read the personal experiences of the pioneer ministers. It will give us courage and hope as we relate to what they faced in their day. As we encounter the attacks of the enemy against the Church today, and consider the unknown aspects of the future, we are able to optimistically say, the government is still upon His shoulder. (Isaiah 9:6).

My feelings concerning the work of the Lord are very aptly expressed in the following story. A ship at sea encountered a storm. The passengers were in great distress. After a time one of the men against orders, made his way to the deck and approached the pilot. The pilot saw that the man was greatly frightened and offered a reassuring smile. Then the passenger returned to the other travelers with such words of comfort as these: "I have seen the face of the pilot and he smiled. All is well."

—Wayne Murphey

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Christianity is more than morality. Morality is the beautiful garments that cover the corpse, but Christianity brings the corpse to life. —Selected

Camp Meeting Dates for 1986

Goulds, FL — April 13-20.

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK —
May 30-June 8.

Jefferson, OR — June 13-22.

Oakland, CA — June 20-29.

Fresno, CA — July 4-13.

Akron, OH — July 6-13.

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO —
July 18-27.

Missouri State at Myrtle, MO —
July 28-Aug. 3.

Bakersfield, CA — Aug. 1-10.

Boley, OK — Aug. 17-24

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In Memorial

Oletha Jane Oliver, the third child of Robert and Mary House, was born October 20, 1929, in Dover, OK. She was a twin.

Oletha united with the Church of God in Dover at the age of nine years. The family moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1947.

Oletha married Curtis B. Oliver on Nov. 16, 1951 in Wichita, KS. There were no children born to this marriage. Oletha and Curtis moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1957. She was a florist and was working as the secretary of the All American Youth Foundation of which she was co-founder. She loved God and her work with the foundation.

Oletha was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Isabella and Darlene.

She leaves to mourn her death, Curtis B. Oliver, her husband; eight sisters, Gladys Jackson, Ardelia Ballard, Oretha Faust, Virgie Logans, Sonya House, Gaynell Ross, Mary Cooks all of Wichita, KS, and Ora Scruggs of Modesto, CA, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 6, 1985 with Bro. Lewis Williams officiating. Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita, KS.

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NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Oletha Jane House-Oliver would like to thank the Saints for their prayers and comfort during her illness and at her death. Some of the thank you cards that we sent were returned to us because of problems with the

addresses. We want you to know that all deeds of kindness were greatly appreciated by each of us.

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Mae Frances Roberts was born to John and Mary Chestnut on May 1, 1916 in Selma, Alabama and passed from this life Jan. 9, 1986 in San Diego, CA. She spent most of her young adult life in Birmingham, AL. She met and married Ezell Roberts, Sr. on December 25, 1945 and later moved to San Diego. To this union seven children were born.

Mae Frances accepted the Lord at an early age. When she moved to San Diego she attended the Church of God, Evening Light Saints at 2902 Franklin Avenue where she labored until the Lord called her home. She often said that she wanted her life to be an example of Christ and that the Lord will welcome her home. She exhorted everyone to seek and serve the true Living God.

As the poet said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Sis. Robert's hands certainly untiringly rocked many. She was Grandma Roberts to all children no matter what age or size. She loved to teach them the Bible. At the age of two she would teach them the Lord's Prayer. She was loved by many.

She leaves to mourn her departure her devoted husband, Ezell Roberts, Sr.; two daughters, Linda Diane Roberts of San Ysidro, CA and Mary Anita Thompson of Lemon Grove, CA; five sons, Charles James Johnson of Norwalk, CA, Johnnie Roberts of Los Angeles, CA, Ezell Roberts, Jr. of Alta Loma, CA, Melvin A. Roberts and Byron K. Roberts of San Diego, CA; thirteen grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Jan. 16, 1986 at Cypress View Chapel of Prayer, San Diego, CA, with Bro. Alvin Lucas officiating, assisted by Bro. Claude Edwards, Bro. E. V. Davenport and others.

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Sister Mae Frances Roberts loved little children, no matter what race, creed or color. They were all precious in her sight. She would take them to church and camp meeting, from the age of two months and on. Sis. Roberts desired that they would all learn the truth at an early age. Mae Frances was known as the "Sister with all the children"; this was her life.

Sister Roberts taught youth meetings for many years on Tuesday nights. As her class grew she saw the need for transportation. With

five dollars that was given to her for a birthday present, she started a fund to purchase a van. With the help of the children and others, the Lord blessed! The van was purchased and paid off before time.

Sister Roberts was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Wednesday at prayer meeting she was shouting and glorifying the Lord before her departure on Thursday morning.

—Written by Sis. Loraine Lucas

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The family of Mae Frances Roberts appreciates the many expressions of kindness extended to us during our bereavement. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered and cherished.

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Dorothy Naomi (Bosserman) Keiser was born February 28, 1913 and passed away January 18, 1986 in Pacoima, California at the age of 72 years, 10 months, and 21 days.

Sister Dorothy was saved at a California tent meeting in 1947. She later met the Saints in 1958. She felt the call to the missionary field and was true to that calling until her demise. She labored in the foreign fields of India and Ghana, Africa. After attending the state assembly meeting in Guthrie, Oklahoma, Sister Dorothy came to the California state assembly meeting where she expressed the victories and the burdens connected with the work in Ghana.

Sister Dorothy was patient in her suffering, cooperative, unselfish and uncomplaining, always ready to join in prayer and praises to God whenever she had the strength.

Sister Dorothy is survived by one sister, two brothers, one daughter Barbara Hird of Arizona; two grandsons, Mark Ranney of Glendale, CA, and Wesley Ranney of Sacramento, CA; two granddaughters, Susan Fettah and Janet Staton, also of Sacramento, CA; seven great-grandchildren, and a host of saints and friends.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER DOROTHY KEISER

Away to a foreign land
God called you to go,
to minister to precious souls
in darkness, sin and woe,
a vision to your heart
God sent a man of ebony,
God's Church is now in Ghana,
where souls can be set free.

The tears, the prayers, the labors,
you gave the Lord your all,
when days were dark you'd hear Him say
be faithful to your call.

You gave God's precious Word to them,
His love on them bestowed,
you've finished your course now,
you've paid the debt you owed.

The memory of your spirit lives,
we'll never forget your smile.
You consecrated your life,
you proved you are His child.
The Love you shared in Ghana
and in your homeland too,
we thank God for your works of Love
and we'll always remember You.

This poem, inspired by the Lord, was written by Sister Audrey Elizabeth McPhil.

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Sis. Alma Humphrey was born June 17, 1898 in Richmond, KY and departed this life on Jan. 20, 1986. She was the daughter of the late Woodson and Louella Murphy. She was united in marriage to Clarence Humphrey and to this union ten children were born.

Survivors include three sons, Jesse Humphrey, Mount Sterling, KY, James Humphrey, Dayton, OH, Gordon Humphrey, Nowata, OK, and two daughters, Geneva Edmondson, Dayton, OH and Mae Mudd, Coolidge, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her husband and five children.

She was saved in the Church of God at Dayton, OH around 1963, and had this testimony the night before she passed that she could see Jesus. We thank God for this testimony.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Curtis Williams. Burial was in Lancaster, KY.

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A Tribute to Mother

In my life there's been no other,
That could take the place of mother.
She loved us when no one cared,
All our sorrows and griefs she shared.
The eternal crown she's finally won,
To be with Christ while ages roll on.

—Bro. Gordon Humphrey

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Helena E. White was born May 2, 1909 at Fairview, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Peter and Katherine Epp. She departed this life January 30, 1986 at Pacoima, California at the age of 76 years.

After leaving Oklahoma, she lived for a time in Southern California. Then on November 16, 1941, she was united with Noah White in marriage and came with him to Oregon where

he had been a resident all of his life. His home was at Jefferson, Oregon so they worshipped with the saints in the Church of God congregation in Jefferson for many years. They were both very active in the Church and exerted a strong influence in all of its affairs and activities.

One son, Larry, was born to them. Her husband, Noah, preceded her in death on August 24, 1965.

In July of 1984, because her health had failed and deteriorated to the extent that she could no longer live alone, she went to live in the saints' rest home in Pacoima, California and remained there until her death.

She is survived by her son, Larry, of Reseda, CA; two stepdaughters, Betty Shambarger, Salem, OR and Barbara Harrold of Jefferson, OR; also a number of brothers and sisters and other relatives in Oklahoma and elsewhere. She was from a family of eighteen brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Charles Elwell and Bro. Ostis B. Wilson on February 5, 1986 in the Church of God chapel in Jefferson, Oregon with burial in the Jefferson Cemetery.

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Sam L. Taylor was born Jan. 30, 1931 in Guthrie, OK to Sam C. and Evelyn Taylor and passed away Feb. 10, 1986 in Wichita, KS.

He grew up in Guthrie and attended the schools there. He went to work at the age of 18 for the Santa Fe Railroad.

On March 9, 1955, he married Colleen Penrod in Poteau, OK. They moved to Arkansas City, KS shortly thereafter.

At the time of his death he was a conductor for the Santa Fe Railroad.

He is survived by his wife of the home; two sons, Lee A. Taylor of Wichita, KS and Shawn E. Taylor of Arkansas City; three sisters, Patsy Turner of Loranger, LA, Marilyn Coppla of Monterey, CA and Linda Probst of Edmond, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Sam, as a young boy, helped his widowed mother with the family business and continued through the long and lonely years of her life to help her financially and in many other ways.

Sam loved his wife and boys and they returned his love by standing by him through the stressful time of his illness. During Sam's illness he was visited by many friends and relatives who loved him and helped in many ways.

Funeral services were conducted on Feb. 13, 1986 with Bro. Richard Madden officiating. Interment was in Hope Cemetery, Arkansas City, Kansas.

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

MINISTERS MEETING

(Myrtle, MO campground, April 25-27, 1986)

For some time a number of ministers have had a desire and a burden to come together where we could have a meeting which would be for edification, enlightenment, and instruction. The older ministers have had many experiences they would like to pass along especially for young ministers so that they might be better equipped to face the many things that come up in the life of a minister. There will be sessions where special instruction will be given on different things. There will be time given for question and answers, also special meetings for the sisters. Private counsel will be available. The first session will be April 25th at 10:30 a.m. There will be morning, afternoon and night sessions. The first two sessions will be given to prayer and fasting.

The congregation at Myrtle has agreed to cooperate, but will need help in the cooking. Places will be provided to stay for all who come.

Those who will be coming by plane will need to come to OK City, Tulsa, or Springfield, MO, and make arrangements to come with some one from there.

Anyone desiring to help out in the expense of the meeting may send your offerings to: Bro. Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1, Box 118A, Myrtle, MO 65778, phone (417) 938-4336. Please specify that it is for the ministers meeting.

We will be looking forward to seeing our minister Brothers and Sisters, their wives and husbands there; especially the young ministers. Let us all come praying that this will be a special time; that the anointing of the Holy Spirit will be poured out on us all. I would say that is the greatest need we have.

For more information contact: Bro. Mart Samons, P.O. Box 127, Green Bank, WV 24944, ph. (304) 456-4469 or contact one of the other ministers.

See you there, Lord willing,

—Bro. Mart Samons

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REVIVAL MEETING NOTICE

Lord willing, the Spring Revival Meeting for the Green Pastures congregation, 57th and N. Denver, Spencer, Oklahoma, will convene on Tuesday, March 11th, and continue nightly through Sunday afternoon, March 16th, 1986. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m., but on Sunday there will be morning and afternoon services. Dinner will be served. Please come and worship the Lord with us. If you cannot come,

please pray that the Lord's anointing will be upon the services and that the will of God be done.

Bro. Keith Fuller of Akron, Ohio will be the evangelist, Lord willing.

For additional information, contact the Pastor, Bro. Charles Chandler: Ph. (405) 769-7413 or (405) 769-7419.

Humbly submitted,—Sis. Frances Chandler

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AKRON, OHIO REVIVAL MEETING

Lord willing, the congregation at Akron, Ohio plan to have a revival meeting March 23-30, 1986. Bro. Louis Kimball is scheduled to be with them. For more information, contact the Pastor, Brother Keith Fuller, 244 Storer Ave., Akron, Ohio 44302.

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WICHITA SPRING MEETING

The Wichita, Kansas Spring Meeting has been set for April 11-20, 1986. We want to extend an invitation to all to come and worship the Lord with us. We are praying that the Lord will choose and send the ministers and burden bearers of His choice. We are seeking the Lord that the whole meeting be led and ruled by the Holy Spirit and that everything go forth to the glory and honor of God. We expect to be fed from the Master's table and refreshed with manna from on high. We greatly desire to see souls saved and will be travailing that Zion can bring forth children in this meeting.

The chapel is located at 1701 North Ash, Wichita, KS, phone number is: (316) 267-9582. If more information is needed, you may contact: Bro. Raymond Johnson, 1947 Piatt, Wichita, KS, (316) 264-5803 or Bro. Keith Marsh, 501 Topaz, Wichita, KS, (316) 722-8114.

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MYRTLE, MISSOURI REVIVAL MEETING

It has been announced that, Lord willing, there will be a revival meeting at Myrtle, MO from April 28 — May 4, 1986. This is just following the minister's meeting that will be held there. All ministers are invited to stay over for this revival. There will be nightly services at 7:30 p.m. with a singing Saturday night, May 3, and all-day services Sunday, May 4. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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NOTICE

In the Feb. *Faith and Victory* we printed a notice for Sis. Vesta-Nadine Robertson who is writing a book about the life of Bro. Sam Barton.

We failed to print her address for those who would like to write her of experiences they know of concerning Bro. Barton. It is: 109 West Larry, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

BOOK WANTED

A reader is very interested in obtaining the book "Caesar's Court". If you have a copy that you would be willing to part with or know where the book can be obtained, write to: Hilda Belden, 740 Edison, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. It would be greatly appreciated.

Prayer Requests

AL—"Please pray for my complete healing."

—Leora Frink

AR—Esther Noel desires prayer for healing.

OK—"Please pray for the healing of my body."

—Patricia Munoz

OK—Remember Sis. Bessie Patton and her daughter-in-law for healing.

CA—Helen Carson desires prayer for healing.

IN—Sis. Olga Bokrandt desires prayer for healing. Also remember her son who is in the hospital and unsaved.

OH—"Please pray for my son who drinks."

—T. Adkins

OH—"I have several urgent requests."

—Mary Vice

WV—"Pray that my husband can get a good job."

—Anna Hypes

WV—Sis. Avis Tinsley needs special prayer for healing.

NY—Pray for Doris Hungerford, she needs help in her body.

AL—"My son needs prayer, soul and body."

—J. Mooney

CA—Bro. Robert Longley needs prayer for healing.

VA—"I desire your prayers for the healing of my body."

—Nancy Wagner

KY—Bro. John Wilson needs healing. Remember him in prayer.

VA—Sis. Nannie Connell desires prayer for healing, also Sis. Lillian Bohannon.

OH—"Remember my grandson, Jerry, for complete healing."

—Juanita Blankenship

Canada—"Nank Smith needs prayer for spiritual and physical needs."

Nigeria—Bro. Chuks Ozor needs prayer for healing.

If I am right, Thy grace impart, still in the right to stay; if I am wrong, O teach my heart to find the better way.

—Pope

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From Ensenada, Mexico . . .

Jan. 26—Dear Sister Maybelle and Saints: We greet you in the holy and precious name who is over all names, Jesus Christ. We hope that you are well in health and encouraged in the things of our God.

Esteemed Saints, we give thanks to God for the way in which He is blessing and working in the work of the Lord. The Lord everyday is adding members to His church, to His body that was bruised for our iniquities, but that today is the visible church. Glory to God because we are in her. May we this year of 1986 proclaim the pure truths of the Word of God and may all the saints live each day closer to God in a total consecration to Him.

Pray for the work of Ojos Negros that the Lord in His own time will send a gospel worker to that place.

Pray much for us and for the camp meeting that we will have. We don't know the best date but June 23-29 seems to be the most ideal. May the Lord be with all the saints.

Yours in Christ,

—Mayarino Escobar and family

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From India . . .

Jan. 25—Our dearly beloved elder Sister Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey and the dear ones at Guthrie and everywhere in America:

Our 20th general convention came to an end last Sunday with many blessings and victories. It was the best convention when compared to the last 19 conventions. The crowd was a record. More than one hundred people got saved and 13 got baptised. We had a special wonderful healing ministry and several got healed during the convention and they testified. Glory to God. God sent preachers with very anointed messages. Morning Bible studies, women's meetings, corner or street meetings, Sunday School meetings, young people meetings, minister's meetings were some of the other programs in the convention other than night meetings. The absence of a missionary from America was specially noted which caused for a little bit of disappointment in the church. This convention helped for the revival of the whole church.

Four young men from Baptist church attended our convention and they accepted the truths of Church of God.

We got a special call from the northern parts of Tamilnadu. Several from Tamilnadu attended our convention. If the saints in America pray and support us, we have many chances

to extend and expand our work to the other parts of India. We get calls from different parts of India. Who will pray and support? This is the last period of the world, so make haste and work for the Lord while it is day to win as many souls as possible from the fire of sin.

Please remember us in your prayers as we do for you everyday.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

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From River State, Nigeria . . .

Jan 19—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings of love to you and all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your letter Oct. 1, 1985, and, the prayer you and other brothers are praying for me. God has heard it and is healing me. I thank you and all the brethren in the Publishing House.

Please continue your prayers for me until I have a complete recovery.

I am praying for more strength though I am growing old. I am praying God to make me like old Caleb.

We are praying for you and all the workers in the Publishing House.

Yours in Christ. —B. Ben Taylor

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Jan. 13—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you, yours and all the very dear saints of the Lord's Print Shop in the precious name of Jesus Christ who was made flesh and blood, yet without sin, for our redemption. We ascribe glory and honour again to His holy name for sustaining us in His paths of righteousness.

We do not count ourselves as having made any profit to our Master as we have not been able to perform our duty of preaching the gospel the way we would like to have done. Yet we are full of gratitude to Him for seeing us through the past year. We are making more effort in the work of salvation in keeping with our determination. The seed was sown as many times and in a number of ways as the Lord made possible. Some now give testimony of total deliverance from Satan's kingdom of sin, some others tasted His kindness and confessed His power, but found it hard to submit their lives to Him. A good number rejected the Lord's offer, and still, a greater number have not heard the truth of total "deliverance". We desire, like every other child of God, to labour harder this year by taking the gospel to other places too, God helping us with the means. If in this period of God's "longsuffering" towards man, we who are entrusted with the heavenly assignment of taking this gospel to the lost ones fail, then God would

not be happy with us. We had better work to the satisfaction of our conscience that we did what was best for us to do. I am convinced that there is no better enjoyment for a child of God on earth than to commit himself and what the Lord provides him to work to please Him. Souls in darkness need help from souls in light for their salvation. May the Lord help us to be faithful to Him and not to ourselves. Pray hard for us with regard to this duty.

May the Lord continue to inspire and direct you all with heavenly wisdom in your effort to publish the truth to help us in our spiritual endeavors. Let's continue to pray one for another for better sowing and better harvest.

With you in the Vineyard,

—F. Naths-Igbanibo

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From Honduras . . .

Feb. 13—Greetings to all the Saints there in the United States: I've been saved for some time and I'm standing for all the truth the Word of God teaches, I'm endeavoring to measure up as the Lord shows me light.

I do enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* papers very much. Continue to send them to me. I am encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I ask all to pray for me. I am in the furnace of trials. I have a son in prison in Mexico. I do desire the Lord to deliver him from this place and also deliver his soul from the bondage of sin. I also have other members of the family that need deliverance from sin.

Saints, as I see others fall from the truth, my determination is to hold steady. I do appreciate the saints there, especially Sis. Liurie Sanders and those the Lord sent over to fellowship with us, to encourage and help strengthen us in the ways of God. Pray for the work and souls here as I will remember all there.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Dell Rivers

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Feb. 13—Dear Saints abroad: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I am still saved and much encouraged to continue living for the Lord and to make heaven my home.

I am having to suffer and endure many trials, but the Lord is helping me through. I thank the Lord for sending Sis. Liurie Sanders to be with us here. She is a great help to me and a real encouragement to my soul. I am the sister that could not walk (when being baptised). I had to be half carried. The saints had prayer for me and the Lord touched my legs and I was able to walk with assistance. Praise the Lord! I had been waiting a long time to be baptised but

had no one to do the baptising until the ministers came over from the United States.

I am so thankful that I am a child of God. Continue to pray for me. I have many needs and I want to grow closer to the Lord.

—Sis. Rachel Rivers

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Feb. 13—Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters at the *Faith and Victory* Print Shop and across the country: I thank the Lord for keeping grace through trying times, times when it seems you're all alone. I am so thankful for sending Sis. Liurie Sanders just at the time I needed encouragement. Pray much for us here that souls will be awakened and see the true Church of God and the holiness it represents. Also that my saved children will take a firm stand on the Word of God and that those who are unsaved will get saved before too late. My heart is set to go all the way with the Lord whatever the cost.

There is a great need here in Honduras I am praying the Lord to supply the need. I appreciate the dear saints the Lord has sent over to labor with us and those here that are endeavoring to hold to the true standard. Pray for the Lord's work here that they that hear the call will measure to all truth.

Christian love, —Sis. Estell Dilbert

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From Ghana . . .

Feb. 11—Dear Sister Pruitt, Brother Wayne and all Saints in the Great Vineyard: Greetings of love in the mighty name of our Redeemer. We have received the sad news of the death of our dear mother in Christ, Dorothy Keiser. We were greatly shaken, but took consolation in the fact that our precious Father knows what is best for us.

Madam, as she was affectionately called, came to Ghana at a time when most of us were searching for the real thing in Christianity. We were really dissatisfied with where we were; huge human institutions devoid of any spiritual life where we could do whatever we liked. Through divine guidance we were led to this child of God. At the time of our meeting she spoke about Holy Spirit leadership. During our subsequent meetings she talked about holy life, sanctification, divine healing, etc. I knew we were right in the presence of the Spirit of God. We were so overwhelmed. I could not sleep for many nights.

I remember, at the time, Madam gave me a heap of Church Literature and many books to read. I read them day and night, searching the Scriptures and asking a series of questions, which she answered to the utmost extent.

Madam firmly believed God sent her here (this is indisputable), and that she could not be happy anywhere apart from Ghana. With this realization she went about her work with great zeal. She saw the immense need, spiritual and temporal, and in the power of the Spirit addressed herself to it.

Her great sympathy, kindness, humility and love endeared her to many Ghanaians. Before a poor peasant farmer or an influential government official Madam was the same. Circumstances and personalities could not make her any different. Her great faith in God and indomitable courage kept her moving. Where the Truth was concerned she was uncompromising. She stood up for her Lord everywhere, anytime. I remember on one occasion we went to see a government official about her resident permit. The man was so impressed about her honesty, humility, fearlessness and her earnestness to preach Christ, that he encouraged her, "Don't give up!"

Madam's work here has never been easy. She suffered heart-rending persecution during the "second part" of her work. It was so severe that sometimes she wondered whether it would not be profitable for her to go home leaving "the little flock" to carry on with the fight. She always decided to stay because she felt true soldiers never ran away from battle.

The full Truth has been established here by the Spirit of God through the modest lady from America. It is our humble prayer that the Lord touches another heart to come down and continue from where Madam left.

In the meantime we (the workers) have given ourselves to prayer, fasting and witnessing.

We are taking this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the many brothers and sisters who in diverse ways gave Madam the encouragement during her ministration in Ghana.

Yours in His Service, —John Y. Peprah

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From the Mailbox . . .

TX—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord who died that we might live. Praise His dear name forever.

Yes, I'm still saved and sanctified and living for the Lord. He leads me by His Spirit to do what He wants me to do.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, and can hear His still small voice. Yes, the Lord will reward me plenty if I hold out faithful to the end. Praise the name of Jesus.

With Christian love and prayers,

—Nellie Lovell

OR—Dear Sister Pruitt, Brother Wayne and all the workers at Faith Publishing House: Greetings in our Saviour's name. Today we are thankful we can call upon our Lord, for truly He belongs to us. We are thankful for His love. Even though we don't understand the reasons things happen, we do know all things are best if we trust our Lord.

We were glad to be able to attend the Nov. assembly meeting at Jefferson. It was good to see some of the ministers we hear on tapes, also to see that the older saints' children have grown up in the way that they were taught.

We were saddened to know of Sister Dorothy Keiser's passing, but how thankful she was in the United States when God called—we pray for the work started there and other places in foreign countries.

We are thankful for God's healing our afflictions. We know He is answering saints' prayers yet.

Our prayers are with all of you daily—please remember us.

Yours in God's love,—Doris and Bill Busch

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WA—Dear Saints: Greetings to all in the lovely name of Jesus. We are so thankful He made a way for our salvation. We are thankful to be saved and endeavor to live to please Him.

We trust all are well there. We are thankful to be quite well this winter, and give God all the glory.

Love in Christ, —Sister Violet Thomas

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AL—Dear Maybelle, Wayne and Co-workers: I trust this finds each of you well and happy. I have had the flu since I came home, but I am well now. All Praise be to God for healing me once again. He is so good to us daily, showing such love, mercy and grace.

I am still rejoicing over the good assembly meeting there at Guthrie during the Christmas holidays. I truly felt God was there in a mighty way. The services were good; the preaching, singing, praying and testifying.

May God bless each of you there at the Print Shop, and reward you greatly. If I knew I had only one year to live I would fall on my knees, and pray that each one of God's dear children would watch and pray, and draw close to Him and be filled with such love, kindness, mercy, grace, patience, forgiveness and truth, that the light of Christ would shine out to the world. If I had only one year to live I would want to hunt for His little lost sheep, and help to bring them in. We may have only one year,

so I want to live as if it were my last year. We never know when will be our last time to meet here upon this earth. My prayer is that each of us will be ready when He comes or calls for us. I want to meet you all in heaven.

Much love and prayers,

—Sis. Pearlene Whitson

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LA—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: May the Lord bless everyone in every way needed is my prayer.

I truly thank and praise the Lord for all He is to me. He is all I have need of in this life. I truly love Him with all my heart.

I was reading the tenth chapter of Acts a few days passed, and was blessed so very much the way the Lord worked so wonderfully in showing Peter just what he was supposed to do; go to the home of a Gentile, Cornelius, to show him the way of the Lord. Peter had thought it was unlawful for him, a Jew, to keep company with one of another nation, but God showed him that he should not call any man common or unclean.

At the same time He told Cornelius just where Peter lodged and to send for him. The angel also told Cornelius that his prayers and alms had come up for a memorial before God. This was a challenge to me that my prayers and alms, deeds of love and mercy to those in need would be as such as would come up before God as a memorial in answering my prayers for others and myself. Lord, help us to pray effectual, fervent prayers that will avail much, for there are so many in need.

Praying for you and the work,

—Sis. Myrtis Flynn

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CA—Dear Brethren: Greetings to each one in the name of the Lord. We would like to relate a dream that the Lord gave us to the glory of God and the edification of the saints.

I dreamed I was standing on a cliff overlooking a great chasm. Behind me there was nowhere to go and in front of me was a feeling of endless space. The chasm itself was dark and mirky with dense fog so that I couldn't perceive any bottom or sides to it. The Lord asked me to give up a particular thing and to prove that I was going to do it, I had to jump into this mirky pit. I knew I could never jump to the other side even if there was one. I was afraid and I began to try to jump, but I couldn't move. After numerous tries, the Lord made me to know that if I didn't jump into this chasm, I would be backing up on God. That thought horrified me more

than anything, so I told Him that even though He were to dash me to pieces on the very bottom, I would be obedient to Him and jump. I consecrated to that and although I was still afraid, I gathered all my courage together, began to swing my arms to get a good jump. No sooner had I jumped off the cliff and was in the air, the Lord immediately took me straight up towards heaven. I hadn't begun to fall yet. It was so wonderful, all I could say was "Glory!", because that's what it was!

Saints, the trials and tribulations we face may look dark and mirky to us, but there's glory in it as long as we stay true! Pray for me.

In His service, —Sis. Diana Kissling

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

MO—Dear Bro. Wayne, workers at the Print Shop, and Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Christian love. The good Lord has done so much for me. About six weeks ago I got the flu or a cold. The saints prayed for me and I was healed. I have had such a cough for some years. I coughed both winter and summer. It was a cigarette cough that had turned into a bad bronchial problem. The Lord had taken the cigarette habit away when He saved me at Monark, MO in 1951. The Lord let me cough till He healed my cold which only lasted about two days at which time He completely healed me. Praise His holy name.

Your saved Brother in Christ,—Ralph Sell

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VA—Dear Sis. Maybelle: Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour. Where would we be today without this precious Saviour called Jesus? He has done so much for us we could never repay Him for His goodness and mercy. I love Him because He first loved me and gave His life for me. Because I love Him, I ever want to be true to my precious Lord. My heart's greatest desire is to please Him.

It was 12 years ago this month that I gave my heart to the Lord. The years have brought many tests and trials, but the Lord has given the victory time after time. Time would not permit me to write it all. He healed my body, my children and blessed my marriage. He changed things in my life that looked (from a natural viewpoint) impossible to change. Only Jesus could have solved those problems. Only He could have and He did. Praise His precious name.

The Lord worked it out for my boys and I to attend the Loranger meeting this past November. That was another direct answer to prayer.

For several years I prayed to go to Monark and the Lord was faithful to work it out. It took a while but I knew He could and would, and He did. We are getting to attend the meeting at least every other year now when before we couldn't go at all. My unsaved companion wouldn't allow us to go for a long time, but one day the Lord showed me that He was going to work it all out for us and when He began to work He did far more than I asked for. Praise His name! He not only allowed us to go to Monark but we have attended other meetings also. I'll never forget the day my companion gave up his opposition. That victory was sweet. I saw the power of God manifested here that day. Praise the Lord.

Looking back at the victories encourages me to fight on. We can have the victory if we count it so.

Pray that I'll never turn loose of His keeping grace.

I love the Lord and all His dear saints.

Your sister in Christ, —Nancy Wagoner

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TN—Dear Sister Maybelle: I feel it is time for me to send in my testimony as to how the Lord has been blessing me both in body and spirit. He has healed my body of many different light afflictions. I haven't had anything of a real serious nature, but I've learned that He heals minor problems as well as serious ones. I just can't praise and thank Him enough for His many blessings to me and mine.

I love Him more and more each day and realize that each day brings me just one day nearer home. By the help and grace of God I do mean to make Heaven my home.

I also want to thank each of God's children that have sent up prayers for me along from time to time. I love each one, and do appreciate every prayer.

Much Christian love and prayers for each one,
—Sister Mary Rogers

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OK—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: I trust all are encouraged in the things of God. Surely God is good to all of us.

I felt I should write my testimony and tell how the Lord miraculously spared my life and glorified His name on November 25, 1985.

It was a very foggy morning and the streets were very wet. I was going south on Highway 75 in Glenpool. There is a traffic light at the intersection of 141st and Highway 75. As I was approaching this intersection, but still a ways from it, an 18-wheeler going north apparently

didn't realize in time that the traffic in front of him was stopped, or maybe he didn't realize the lights were there. There was a pickup in the outside lane and a small car to his left. The truck driver swerved toward the left turn lane but couldn't miss the car. He knocked it into the pickup and then it spun around and hit the guardrail. The woman in the car was killed. Then the truck came across the center median and across all the southbound lanes. As it jackknifed the back part of the trailer hit my car on the drivers side, rolled completely over my car, and then landed on its side on the north side of my car. The impact of rolling over my car caused my car to turn around and upside down.

Apparently I was knocked unconscious for a few seconds. When I came to I was laying in broken glass and no one was to my car yet.

I didn't know if I was badly injured or not, so I began to pray for the Lord to have mercy and help me. About this time a man reached my car. He was so scared looking that I guess he thought I would be dead. He said he was following right behind me and saw everything. He said, "No one goes through an accident like that and lives, but you did." I told him, "God was with me."

My legs were pinned and I could not get out. Finally they brought something called "Jaws" and pried the door loose on the driver's side so my legs were freed. Then they helped me out on the passenger side. This was about 30 minutes after the accident.

They kept asking me during this time which hospital I wanted to go to. I kept telling them I didn't want to go to a hospital that I wanted to go home. Finally they said, "We can't make you go, but you'll have to sign a release." So I did.

They unstrapped me and I got off the stretcher, walked down the highway to a friend's pickup and my husband brought me home.

The police asked me to come to the police station that night and make a statement. When I walked into the police chief's room, he smiled and asked, "Do you believe in miracles?" I said, "I believe in God." It was almost like they couldn't believe I was alive. One policeman said, "I want to see that woman." They told me that every time they told someone there was a fatality, they thought it was in my car.

My husband and I went to a meeting at City Hall. Just before they closed the woman said she was glad we came, then she told the others on the Board, "This is our miracle Lady." They all knew about the accident and felt it was a miracle that I lived.

Since I have been saved I have desired to see a real miracle performed and I have desired

to see an angel. I saw my miracle. I didn't see an angel, but there must have been one mighty close.

My goal in life is to live to please Him and to be an example in every way. Pray for me.
Christian love, —Daisy Harris

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AR—Dear Bro. Wayne, co-workers and Saints abroad: It has been some time since I have written my testimony for the *Faith and Victory* paper; however, I feel impressed of the Lord to write one at this time.

My heart overflows with gratitude to the Lord not only for Salvation but also for the wonderful wife and family He has given me. Kathleen and I have been married for fourteen and a half years and have had a good life together. We have two children, James who is 13 years old and Janet who is 12. They are both saved and living for the Lord to the best of their ability, for which we thank the Lord.

The Lord has blessed us with a business of our own and very good customers who send their friends to us when they need work done. We have not even needed to advertise for some time while others in the same business are advertising in the newspaper. Our customers respect us and many of them pay us more than we ask them.

Our hearts were deeply saddened by the passing of Kathleen's father, Bro. Willie C. Murphey, last September. We will always miss him, but we feel he is in a much better place. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the many saints and friends who sent cards, offered words of sympathy, etc. during that time.

Being somewhat isolated, we are not able to attend services as regularly as we would like to but we go when the opportunity presents itself and usually have Sunday School at home with our family when we cannot go. The Lord has been gracious to us even though these circumstances exist.

Please pray for my family and me that we will ever do the Lord's will.

In Christian love, —Alvin McMurrin

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CA—Dear Maybelle: I am home now and I hope to stay. I am trusting God completely and He is doing a much better job than any man could ever do. I praise God for all His healing power. He has healed me and that is what we prayed for.

Since I made my decision about the machine feeding and everything I feel so wonderful and light inside. I am so happy . . . I know I

will always have certain problems but I believe God wanted me to decide on my own to be completely in His hands.

I thank all the saints who prayed for me and I ask them to please continue to remember me, as I need their help. Whatever God has planned for me, I am willing to accept and I want to serve Him the best I can. I need lots of prayer though to help me along. Keep me in your prayers.

My love, your sister, —Wilma Anderson

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LA—Dear Sis. Pruitt, Bro. Wayne and all saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are glad to report victory through His blood.

I arrived back in the states Jan. 15, 1986 sick, but praise the Lord, He has touched my body and I am much better now. I am thankful for the prayers of the saints and their love. I feel the Lord brought me from death's door the last week of December. I left home (Poltilibite) to go and make a phone call to my husband who was back in the United States. I was feeling sick when I left but not too bad. After arriving at Coxen Hole I decided to go to the mainland to be with some of the saints where I could get rest and recuperate. I became very bad sick when I reached the mainland. Two sisters there labored in prayer with me and also called the States for my husband, and to the saints to pray. I was very sick but the Lord heard prayer and touched my body to where I was able to get a plane. (My husband's wish was that I come to the States, if I were well enough to travel). I arrived in the States on Jan. 15 still sick. The Lord continued to touch my body and has healed me. Praise God! During my sickness, after getting into New Orleans, LA, the Lord gave me a promise, Deut. 33:25, "Thy shoes shall be as iron and brass: and as thy days, so shall thy strength be." I am healed of that affliction. I feel that I had Malaria. I had all the symptoms. I was so low sick that the saints thought that I was passing, but I thank God He raised me up to continue the work He has given me to do.

Earnestly pray for the work in Honduras that the Lord will continue to work, I sure do thank Him for what He is doing.

I thank the Lord for being born into the Church of God (a spiritual birth) and for the vision I have of it. Everyone that is saved, sanctified and living free from sin is a part of it. I'm thankful that it is not a building, but the birth (through the blood of Jesus) that puts us in the one and only Church. My desire is to do the will of God and to take the message of love, the love

of Jesus, to lost souls. Even though many troubles, trials and persecutions befall me, and many await me, I am determined to stand firm on the Word of God. (Romans 8:35-39) My prayer is that God will give me transportation (car or truck) that I may be able to cover more of the villages on the Island. There are many that are asking for me to come. It is too far for me to cover walking.

Continue to pray for me as I plan to leave the States this month going back to my place of labor.

Yours for souls, —Sis. Liurie Sanders

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OH—Dear Saints everywhere: Greetings of Christian love. Today leaves me well and still holding to God's unchanging hands.

I hope all is well with you. The Lord is sure blessing us here in Sandusky, Ohio. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Bro. Bruner, and their faithfulness in the work of the Lord here. There are only a few of us here, but the Scripture says "for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

I want to thank the Lord for His mercy He showed unto me on November 14th, 1985. I had walking pneumonia. I was so sick I could hardly get my breath, so it was almost impossible to rest, or sleep. About 6:00 p.m. one evening, my daughter called Bro. and Sis. Bruner for prayer. The saints went in prayer for me and in about fifteen or twenty minutes my breathing was normal and I went to sleep. Thank the Lord. Oh, how I love Jesus. He has done so much for me.

I am going to serve Him all the days of my life. "When we all get to Heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be."

I am hoping and praying to be able to get to more of the good meetings this year and see and meet more of my Brothers and Sisters that I haven't met.

Christian love, —Sis. Mattie Green

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Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Please discuss Isaiah 51:4 and Daniel 12:7.

Answer: This is part number two of this question. I discussed Isaiah 51:4 last month and the focus will be on Daniel 12:7 this time. This

text in its entirety reads thus: "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half, and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

There are different texts both in Daniel and the Revelation which incorporate this same time period. In the seventh chapter of Daniel, Daniel had a vision of four beasts with the fourth beast being different from all the others and claiming Daniel's special interest. It was explained to him in verse 17 that these four beasts were four kings (kingdoms) which should arise out of the earth, but Daniel's attention was focused on that fourth beast and he made special inquiry concerning it. I refer the reader to Daniel 7:15-25 for a description and discussion of this beast. Please read.

Verse 23 describes his fierceness—treading down, breaking in pieces and devouring the whole earth. The ten horns out of this beast are declared in verse 24 to be ten kings which shall arise, but there was a little horn that came up among the ten horns and subdued three of them (verse 8). Verse 24 also describes another king arising up among these kings which shall be diverse from them. Verse 25 describes this king and his blasphemies against God and his boastfulness and exaltedness. The times were to be given into his hands for a time, times and the dividing of times. This is the same time period used in Daniel 12:7. Both of these powers are described as doing the same work and accomplishing the same thing. Daniel 7:25 says he shall wear out the saints of the most High; and Daniel 12:7 says he shall accomplish to scatter the power of the holy people. Inasmuch as the agents in these two passages of Scripture are allotted the same time period and do the same work and accomplish the same thing, we conclude they are the same. The seventh chapter gives us a better handle to work on, in that it gives a good description and identification of the power, so we will found our discussion from there.

(To be continued next month)

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"Some have said that unless the children of God are urged to give a tenth or tithe as under the law, many of them would give nothing. I cannot believe that such would hold true, especially if they were taught the New Covenant way of giving. The love of Christ in the soul would constrain one to sacrifice and give freely to the cause of God even as Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for the redemption of our souls. (II Cor. 8:9)." —Fred Pruitt

"I mean to be true until the end. I know it won't be long at the longest. I will soon be 80 years old. God has given me a long life and so glad He saved me when I was a child. I have lived for Him these many years, and wouldn't exchange it for any other way." —Sister O. K. Myers

"You who are isolated from the saints, hold on to the Lord. Though the saints may be many miles away, God is very near and has promised to never leave you nor forsake you, so that you may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper'." —Becky Barnes

"The prevailing belief is that the knoll called Golgotha is shaped like a skull. The other two that were crucified with Him [Christ] were robbers. We read how one repented and was saved in the eleventh hour but the other rejected Jesus. Three hanging on the cross. One died for the world and one died to the world, but the other died in the world and went down to damnation." —Marie Miles

"The prodigal son thought he could 'paddle his own canoe,' but he paddled it right down in to the pig pen." —Sel.