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The Path of Understanding

There is a path divine and sure,
And follow it we must,
If we would gain a hope secure
Beyond our lives of dust:
The path of understanding true
Of knowledge wise and free;
The shining way to live and do
As God would have us be.
Man born in darkness enters in
And finds the world around
By error cursed and stained with sin
Where sorrow does abound.
To pick and find his way amid
Confusion, strife, and wrong;
To know the right so often hid,
He ponders in the throng.
Oft in despair he launches forth
In careless, dark pursuit
Of pleasure, pride, and mortal worth
Like those of fellow-brute.
But for the hungry, thirsty soul
Who craves a higher plane,
This path of wisdom's sweet control
Finds easy access gain.
For in the gospel's light of love
Through Christ, the Saviour's grace
The wisdom coming from above
Reveals the Father's face.
The knowledge of His holy will
Sweet counsel doth provide:
A treasure all the heart to fill
And prove a constant guide.
Thus understanding proves to be
A constant need below—
Far, far above earth's vanity
And all that it can show.

—Leslie Busbee

Dreams

This message by Bro. Ed Wilson is continued from last month's issue.

What is your dream? Are you strong enough to make sure your dream will be safeguarded? Can you take care of it for yourself? Well, let me tell you that the world around us is full of lightness and pleasure but it is like froth on the top of things. Underneath the laughter, if we could just see it, there is many a heavy heart, many a sad and lonely person. Do you want to end your life that way? Well, I don't. I suppose you are thinking that maybe I'm going to say by getting saved you can guarantee that won't happen to you. I'm not going to say that because it is not true. There are saved people who have had bad things happen to them too. Just because you get saved will not guarantee that your companion will be true to you all your life. It will not guarantee that you won't ever have tragedy or disappointment come into your life.

Do you know what the Lord Jesus said about dreams? "He that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man that built his house upon a rock and the rains came and the winds blew and the floods came and beat upon that house." When people build a house, they build for wind and rain. If folks knew that they were building a house where there would be a flood every ten years they would not build it there. Nobody builds expecting to be flooded, but there are things that come in people's lives that they never thought would ever come their way. A flood ruins everything in the house. Beds that are left down in the flood become useless; groceries, woodwork, doors are ruined by floodwaters coming in on them. There are things coming in your life that will twist its direction and point it into

different things than you thought that it would be. Getting saved is a great help to that, but it is not my message tonight to try to tell you that you can guarantee all your dreams will come true by getting saved.

I had a dream myself the other night. This was a sleeping kind. When I woke up I was shaken by it. It was a thought that had been on my heart quite a bit lately until it seemed to me I could hardly bear it anymore. I thought of one who went alone and sacrificed so much for me. It seemed in my dream that I was there on Calvary's hill and I saw the soldiers putting the spikes down through His hands. I saw in my dream, but it was only a dream, I'm telling you what the Scripture teaches us it was, how that that One cried and writhed in pain and groaned when they drove the nails in His hands. Then they dug the pit and stood that old cross up and let it drop down into the pit and His weight sagged against the nails in His hands and His feet. In my dream I saw the blood running down and I heard Him cry and He was so pale and it touched me in my heart. When I have come against the things in my life that have been crossroads to me and when my dreams have been challenged and shattered I see Him before me, the man of Galilee. Who was His wife? He sacrificed whatever dream He might have had. He sacrificed it for my soul that I might be saved. I got a vision of that and it did something to me. He carried His cross up that old hill and the soldiers gathered around at the foot of the cross, separated everything that He had and cast lots for His garments. They walked by in the road while He was hanging there and mocked Him. What kind of a dream is that? At the end He cried out and said, "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?" That vision burns like fire in my mind and I can never forget it in the times when I have been tempted to turn aside, when the world has tugged on me. I don't know how it is with you, maybe you have got so much victory that you don't have any temptation anymore, but that old song is real to me, "the world's fierce winds are blowing, temptation's sharp and keen, I feel a peace in knowing My Saviour stands between, He stands to shield me from danger When earthly friends are gone." I have safeguarded my dreams, I have given them to the Lord. If you dream earthly dreams, you dream at danger, my friend. If you point your life toward earthly things you stand a risk most likely to lose all. The percentage of people who find happiness in this world is very, very small. If we could see ten years into the future it might surprise us how many people that we know in our life acquaint-

tance would see their dreams shattered and broken.

Just the other day I attended a funeral and I heard the poor man, staggering away from the grave where he had left his wife after she had taken a pistol and blown out her brains, saying as he clung to his son and daughter, "I never thought that this would happen to me. I never thought my family would ever have to face anything like this." Folks, those things tear at my heart, but they are real. This is life. This is the way it is around us. I want to tell you, if you commit your dreams to One who gave up His dreams for you He'll give you a new dream, a dream of salvation, a dream of life, a dream of peace; not of money, but of contentment and satisfaction in your soul.

Would you give your dreams to the Lord? Will you turn your life over to Him because Jesus, so wise, so able, knows what to do with your life to fill it with happiness? If you are young, now is the time before the devil gets in his best licks at you, before life can hurt you. Build on the Rock. It will make you solid. It will make you strong, when you have to face death.

You don't have to be an alcoholic for six years. You can come through it with victory. One dear old sister, who has gone to her long home now, when her husband died, folks came to comfort her. She had been in the gospel for many years. She said I know it is grief, I know it is disappointment but I just can't feel it like I know it is, because the Lord has lifted it from my heart. Folks, I know what that is to have Jesus go with you through the hard and bitter places.

If you are young, I beseech you tonight, give your life to the Lord. Give it to Him now, He will fill it. He will change your dream and make it rich and real and He will go with you every day to make your life pure and valuable and blessed. If you have gone on into years and they have scarred and wounded you, Satan may come to tell you there is no hope for you any more. It is like a broken crystal on a watch. It is like a vessel, though one time beautiful, it is now shattered, you may have a shattered and broken life, a broken home. The best thing you can do with it all, is to put it in the Lord's hands. He will listen. If you have destroyed things in your life that cannot be repaired, you cannot come to this altar tonight and make it as if it had never been, but if you will come and put your life in the Lord's hands, He will pick up the pieces and make the best out of your life that can possibly be made. I have no hesitation to recommend to anybody, no matter what their conviction is in life, to put it in Jesus' hands. He knows what to

do with it. How does the old song go, "broken pieces, ruined lives," that Jesus came to put back together again? Put it in the Lord's hands and He will take and make another beautiful vessel out of it of His choosing and your life can be full, satisfied and rich. Give your dreams to the Lord and you will be glad that you did. He will fill your vessel with joy and blessing and victory.

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Are you, "The One Lost Lamb"?

"How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray." Matthew 18:12, 13.

"Ninety-nine were safely sheltered, lying in the Shepherd's fold; only one small lamb had wandered, o'er the mountains bare and cold.

"Dearer to the loving Shepherd, seems the one lost lamb astray, then the sheltered nine and ninety, so he seeks it far away.

"Over crags, the lost one seeking, goes the shepherd thro' the storm; then with joyful heart he bears it Homeward on his gentle arm.

"O'er the mountains goes the Shepherd, o'er the steep and rugged way; on the night winds hear him calling, seeking for his lamb astray." Page 396, *Evening Light Songs*.

Are you this little lamb? Have you strayed from the Shepherd's fold? The Shepherd's big loving heart is broken because you have gone away. He is searching, never tiring, ever seeking, for you, Little Lamb astray. Little Lamb, why did you wander so far from the Shepherd's fold? Did you carelessly fail to follow the Shepherd? Were your eyes looking at other things when they should have been on Him? Were you enticed by the green pastures on the other side of the fence? Did you long to taste the grasses from those pastures even though the Shepherd warned you of the dangers over there? Do you realize there are snares just beyond those pastures? There are rugged cliffs, and raging beasts that seek to devour you. You are headed for disaster if the Shepherd doesn't rescue you in time. That is why He is seeking, ever calling for you. He must find you before it is too late, before you are lost without hope.

Little Lamb, are you lonely out there away from the nine and ninety? Do you yearn to return to the fold? Have the pastures on the other side lost their appeal, are they as green as you thought they were? Do you miss the Shep-

herd's protecting arms? Are you contented out there? Or do you long to come home?

Little Lamb, Jesus is calling, seeking for you. He wants to take you in His arms and carry you back into the fold. The nine and ninety love you too and along with the Shepherd will welcome you back with open arms. Let Jesus gently take you in His loving arms and carry you back home.

Yours in Christ,

—Nancy Wagoner

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The Lost Sheep Found

A sheep was slowly dying,
Alone and unwanted she lay,
In murky mud she was lying;
If only she had a dry bed of hay.

Then I looked in the dim fading eyes.
I thought of the dry bed of hay,
I thought of a shepherd who cared
For the sheep that had gone astray.

I thought of a lamb led to slaughter,
Unwanted and dying alone.
Spilling His blood on Calvary,
The sins of the whole world to atone.

I thought of myself as a lamb,
Alone in this world to die,
No one to care for me,
No one to wonder why.

Oh! Father in Heaven forgive me,
Through Jesus thy Son, please save.
Put my sins in the deepest sea.
Lift me out of this grave.

Plant my feet on the Rock—
Christ Jesus, the Saviour of men.
Lead thou this sheep to the fold,
Let my life with thee begin.

—Russell H. Douglas

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What Some Men Have Said About Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer contains the sum total of religion and morals."—Duke of Wellington

"The Lord's prayer is not, as some fancy, the easiest, the most natural of all devout utterances. It may be committed to memory quickly, but is slowly learned by heart."—John Maurice

"Sometimes, perhaps, thou hearest another pray with much freedom and fluency, whilst thou canst hardly get out a few broken words. Hence thou art ready to accuse thyself and admire him, as if the gilding of the key made it open the door the better." —William Gurnall

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EDITORIALS

With this issue, the *Faith and Victory* magazine begins its 65th year of publication. Since this publishing work has been supported, to a great extent, by free will offerings, we consider it a real blessing from God that we have been in operation so long.

As the title of this paper suggests, there have been times when faith has had to be exercised and there have been the same amount of victories wrought. God has been very faithful to this work.

By God's continued help we intend to keep the work going with a concern and love for lost souls and the encouragement of those who are serving God.

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We have corrected the mistake in the book, *Paula, the Waldensian* and have mailed this corrected version to those who took advantage of our special subscription offer of ten names for one year. If you have a book that has a blue cover on it and did not receive another book with a light colored cover on it, notify us and we will send you the corrected version.

We have received several inquiries about the price of the book. Because of this interest, we have decided to make it available for \$2.00 plus postage.

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Beginning on page five of this issue, there is a partial list of other books for sale. Do not forget to include 70¢ for the first dollar and 7¢ for each additional dollar of your total order for postage and handling.

In the near future we will have to reprint our stock of booklists and at that time we plan to make some price changes. If you plan to order any books, now is a good time to do so.

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On Feb. 19, we put in an order for 5,000 pounds of printing paper. Our stock had been depleted to the point where we had only enough paper to print this month's issue. At this time we are unable to meet this large expense, but we are trusting God to provide.

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As I pondered on several different subjects for this editorial, my mind kept reverting to a quote by D. S. Warner that was printed in the March, 1962, *Faith and Victory*. He said, "The only test of fellowship is the existence of fellowship." As I perused the subject of fellowship, it became evident that the Scriptures put the foremost emphasis on our fellowship with the Father

and the Son, Jesus Christ. We are told in I John 1:6, that we have fellowship with Christ only as we walk in the light. How many times in life could God have rightfully withdrawn His fellowship from us because of our failings and stumblings? We find that God is merciful and looks upon the yearnings of our hearts. This is why we are able to have fellowship with God at all.

Walking in this light also creates fellowship one with another. (I John 1:7). To maintain this fellowship we must show the same mercy and understanding that God does. It is a real virtue to be able to discern the desire of the heart of others for God. It is very easy to hold people at arms' length and very hard at times to give fellowship a chance to survive in our relationship.

The Scriptures plainly state that God does not fellowship darkness, and we would clearly be out of step to do so ourselves. We are told to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Eph. 5:11. However, God is so merciful that he will respond to only a little smoke of the fire of desire for Him. (Matt. 12:20). It may take some real discernment on our part to recognize the smoke, and some real patience and care to bring forth the flame in others, but it will only be accomplished through a fellowship of love.

One critic of the early Christians made the accusation, "These Christians love each other even before they are acquainted." It is in a culture like this that the seeds of fellowship can germinate and grow. —Wayne Murphey

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Anyone wishing to borrow these taped messages free of charge is welcome to write for a list of the sermons. Address your correspondence to: Clifford Smith, 4795 Gardner Rd. S.E., Salem, Oregon 97302.

CHAPULTEPEC, MEXICO BUILDING FUND

The saints in Chapultepec, Mexico are in the process of building a chapel to worship in. They have been using the home of Bro. Mayarino Escobar, who is the pastor, as a place to meet, but it has become too small to accommodate the congregation. They have started a chapel building and most of the walls are up, but the roof, windows, paint, plaster and cement floor still needs to be purchased. They are hoping to be able to get this finished before their Spring Easter Meeting. It has been estimated that this will cost \$2,000. There has been some commitment made towards this amount, but more funds are still needed. If you would like to contribute, send your donations to Sis. Edith Lara, P. O. Box 824, Thermal, CA 92274, specifying that it is for the Chapultepec Chapel.

Prayer Requests

GA—"Have special prayer for my daughter, she hurt her back at work over a year ago."

—Beatrice Rogers

Canada—Sis. Helen Thiessen has a serious affliction, needs prayer.

—Wilfried Froese

TX—"I wish also for you to remember me, about my eyes." —Clarence Campbell

LA—"I covet your prayers in behalf of a great burden and sorrow I have."

—Gladys Harper

IN—"Remember my son . . . His back hurts so bad he walks the floor." —Dessie Wilson

CA—Please pray for my nephew, soul and body. —Amelia Smith

MO—Pray for Bro. and Sis. Blackledge.

—Kay Bonham

CA—Please remember Sis. Helen Carson in prayer. She needs complete healing.

TN—Since a recent illness there is a buzzing in my ears, also one side bothers me.

—Helen Derrick

CA—Please remember my wife, Ruth, she has arthritis and suffers so much.

—Ed Upton

OH—Sis. Mary Vice desires prayer for some deep burdens which God alone can work out.

KS—Please remember my eyes, also arthritis in my back. —C. M. Waller

MS—Remember Sis. Ethel Lowery, she needs healing.

Canada—Sis. Clare Smith needs healing, remember her when you pray.

Honduras—We need a small truck to get around. —Lydia Bennett

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

Camp Meeting Dates for 1987

Goulds, FL — April 12-19

Tulsa, OK — June 7-14

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK —

June 12-21

Green Bank, WV — June 12-21

Jefferson, OR — June 12-21

Oakland, CA — June 19-28

General Southern at Loranger, LA —

June 26-July 5

Fresno, CA — July 3-12

Akron, OH — July 3-12

National at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO

July 17-26

Missouri State at Myrtle, MO —

July 27-August 2

Bakersfield, CA — July 31-August 9

Duncannon, PA — August 9-16

Boley, OK — August 23-30

California State at Pacoima, CA —

August 28-September 6

GREEN PASTURES, OK MEETING NOTICE

From March 10th through 15th, a meeting will be in progress at the Green Pastures congre-

gation. Brother H. H. Hargrave is planning to be with us, Lord willing. For information call Brother Charles Chandler, phone (405) 769 7413.

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Singing and Revival Meeting at Shreveport, LA

The saints at Shreveport, LA plan a singing service, Lord willing, on Saturday, March 21, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. The singing will precede a meeting to be held by Bro. Ed Wilson, starting the following Sunday, March 22, and continuing through Sunday, March 29. These meetings will be held at the Church of God chapel located at 4222 Greenwood Blvd., Shreveport, Louisiana.

The congregation will provide accommodations for all they can. Several motels are located nearby and are very convenient as to location.

We extend to all a hearty invitation to come with prayer and song to worship the Lord with us. Freedom in the Lord is extended; testimonies, exhortations and songs are welcomed. We want the singing and following meeting to be Holy Spirit-led.

For further information, contact Bro. Arnett and Sis. Genevieve Carver at 3608 Maywood Dr., Shreveport, LA 71119, phone (318) 635 2214.

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HONDURAS, C. A. MEETINGS

Lord willing, there will be several ministers who will be visiting Honduras beginning on March 25. Sis. Liurie Sanders, who is residing in Honduras, is preparing a number of locations on the Island of Roatan in which to hold meetings. There is not a set time for the ministers to return, but they will hold the meetings as the Lord leads them. On the way back plans are being made to stop on the mainland for several nights of services.

The Lord is blessing in Honduras and much interest is being shown. We do appreciate those who have supported and sent their expressions of love for the work, but ask that you uphold this series of meetings with earnest prayers.

—Sis. Ledolia Fuller

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GOLDEN RULE HOME ANNIVERSARY

The 25th Anniversary of the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, OK, will be observed the 4th and 5th of April, 1987. Saturday night, Lord willing, there will be a Gospel Singing starting at 7:30. Sunday the 5th, morning services will be at the chapel on Gordon Cooper Drive. Dinner will be served at the Home and the afternoon service will be there.

Everyone is invited to come spend the week-

end. Pray much that the Lord will have His way in everything concerning the work here.

Accommodations for any desiring to stay overnight will be made. For more information, contact Janyce Porter, (405) 275 6686 or the Home (405) 273 7106.

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GOULDS, FL CAMP MEETING

Dear Saints and Friends: We are thankful to be announcing the camp meeting in Goulds, FL. Lord willing, it will be held April 12th through April 19th. There will be two services daily at the Church of God chapel.

We are praying that the Lord will send ministers and workers of His own choosing. For more information contact Sis. G. McPhail, (305) 255 6354 or Bro. H. H. Hargrave, (305) 258 4102.

—Sis. Geraldine McPhail

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SPRING MEETING

It has been announced that, Lord willing, there will be a Spring Meeting held in the chapel located at 5900 N. E. 23rd St. in Oklahoma City, OK. It will begin on April 19 and run through the Sunday morning of April 26. On Sunday, April 19, there will be all-day meeting with dinner served at the chapel. Services will be each night at 7:30 with Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:45. It has been arranged for Bro. Mart Samons to be the evangelist. For more information, contact Bro. Archie Souder whose phone number is: (405) 427 9666. The chapel phone is: (405) 427 1223.

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From the Mailbox . . .

MO—Dear Sister Maybelle and all the faithful Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I am so thankful for His many blessings and all He has done for me.

I love the Lord and I love His blessed Word. I enjoy so much the *Faith and Victory*. It brings out the precious truth from God's Word. I love the Church of God and His Saints, the Ones who have been born again.

This new year I want to live closer to Him who died for me. I want to be a servant of His and bring souls to Christ. I want to see souls saved while they have time and opportunity to come to Him. So pray for me that I will be faithful in the Lord's work at all times.

I was so thankful to be at the last two days of the Monark Springs Meeting. The messages were so rich and good. It was good to see so many young people there who are living for

God. Let's pray more for our young people. God bless them.

God bless you dear ones in the service of the Lord. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Lena Bowman

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KS—Dear Bro. Murphey and Sis. Maybelle: I am thankful I can still report victory. I am very much encouraged in the ways of the Lord and determined to get deeper and closer to God and be faithful to the end.

I thank God for salvation and holiness. When you love it and enjoy it, God can show you how sensible and intelligent it is to live for Him. I appreciate God and my Christian journey and give all praise to my Master.

May God continue to bless each of you that have sacrificed to work for God with the printing work and may He supply your needs abundantly.

Yours in Christ, —Shirley Knight

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Dear Saints: It is hard to make this request—I have put it off for some time, but I feel like God's people will understand. I would like to ask those who will, to fast and pray concerning my children. I have a daughter that is about to enter an adulterous relationship, and a son that is tampering with using marijuana.

I believe there is power in unity. I can see the devil loose his hold when a host of God's children agree as touching a matter, or petition God for one cause.

Those who still fast on Wednesdays, please remember my request on Wednesday, March 18th. I truly thank each and everyone. May God bless you in return, I pray.

—A troubled mother

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CA—Dear Brothers and Sisters: Please pray for us, we need your prayers. Ruth has arthritis pains in her legs and hips. She will be 92 years old the 10th of February. She is a praying woman.

We love the Church of God, the one and only "church". May God bless all of you in your work. We love you. —Ed and Ruth Upton

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AL—Dear Ones: I just want to say I am still trusting and praising God for what He has done and is still doing for me. He continues to give me sufficient strength to do my daily tasks.

My greatest desire is to be a help to some one who is discouraged or who doesn't know my precious Savior. I pray daily for lost souls and especially for my loved ones. I may not live to see it, but I believe they will all be saved before

He takes them—I do still believe in miracles.
Christian love, —Leora Frink

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MO—Dear Sister Maybelle and all the saints: It has been some time since I have written to the *Faith and Victory* saints. I hope everyone at the Print Shop is doing fine. I surely enjoy your *Faith and Victory* paper. When I start reading it, it is hard to lay it down until I have read it through, because it feeds my soul. It is so wonderful to be a child of God. I surely miss Sister Marie Miles. I loved her so much.

Please continue to remember me in your prayers. I need spiritual and physical help. God bless all at the Print Shop.

Your sister in the Lord, —Eathel Hill

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OH—Dear Publishers of *Faith and Victory*: It has been quite some time since I have read one of your monthly papers, but I can never forget the beautiful truths which it contains.

Although I am not in the "Ark of Safety" I am still keeping and seeking to endeavor to live a better life. Please mail me the *Faith and Victory* paper. I earnestly desire the prayers of the saints.

—Henrietta Jones

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WV—Dear Brother Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' name to all the saints of the big wonderful family of God. As each day goes by, I am more thankful I am one of them. It is so good to be happy and free in the Lord. It is the most wonderful feeling in all this world. It is the kind of feeling you can't keep, you just want to pass it on to everybody you can.

We appreciate the good work you all are doing for the Lord. —Bro. Golden Arbogast

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AL—Dear Saints: Please send me a list of books and tracts you have to offer at this time. Also pray for me that I will be saved again and return back to where I belong. If you will, please print this request in the *Faith and Victory* paper.

Please remember me in everyone of your prayers, I can feel God's Spirit dealing with my heart at this time in a special way.

I do appreciate all the prayers that have been prayed for me so far. Give all the saints my love.

Love, and hope to soon be your Brother in Christ again.

—Chuck Stewart

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

AL—Dear Ones everywhere: On Dec. 20, my husband, Emmett Gerald, slipped on the bottom back porch steps, as the steps had frost on them. His left side and back hit on the upper part of the steps, hurting him very badly. I helped him into the house and in bed. We think he broke three ribs. He was real bad for a few days. He couldn't get up or turn in bed without help. I prayed for him. I also called some of the saints to pray for him. It was about one week before he seemed to start mending. We knew God was healing him. He got better each day. It has been over six weeks and God has completely healed him. All praise and thanks be to God.

We want to thank all the dear ones who sent get well cards, money and made telephone calls, most of all for your prayers. Do continue to remember us in prayer. We love you all.

Christian love,—Bro. & Sis. Emmett Gerald

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IL—Dear Saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Saviour. We trust you are all encouraged in the service of the Master. Oh, how wonderful it is to be one of the King's children!

We want to share with you how the Lord healed our youngest daughter, Angie. If you remember, before we left Guthrie in late November, a knot came on Angie's left eyelid . . . The knot is all gone, except for a dry patch of skin. We know this too will go away.

Oh, what a wonderful God we serve. He is alive and able to work miracles as He always has. He is a God who changest not.

Our love and prayers,

—Mike, Cilicia, Shelly and Angie Frazier

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From India . . .

Jan. 20—Our dearly beloved elder sister Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey, the dear ones in the Print Shop and the dear saints scattered throughout America: Greetings to you all again in the glorious name of Jesus. Our 21st General Convention came to an end last Sunday with many blessings and victories. The attendance was good. The preaching was very effective and we got good response after each message. Many got saved and sanctified and 16 young men and women got baptized who came out of Roman Catholic families. One Hindu brother and another Hindu lady got saved. The evening of the last day we arranged ordinance

service also. Please uphold these new converts in your earnest prayers.

We will have conventions in all our local congregations and I will be busy with these until the end of April. The newly purchased generator is a real help for our conventions where there is no electricity. The newly printed *Evening Light Songs* books are also a blessing for the conventions. Let us see every day through the eyes of prayer.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

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From Bendel State, Nigeria . . .

Feb. 5—Dear Sis. Maybelle Pruitt and the Saints of God: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus who is now the Lord of lords and King of kings. His people have crowned Him Lord of lords, and all power is in His hands ever since He conquered death, hell and the grave on His resurrection day. Praise Him forever!

All here, appear to arrive in the New Year with a decision of active participation in all activities of our heavenly Father's schedule. This decision is in display admirably. We have heard of some being in the valley of decision (Joel 3:14). Decision without action doesn't bring the blessing.

This writer requests prayer of the saints for means to put his car right. Its engine needs new parts which is beyond his pursuit. Means of transportation to spread the gospel in a great way is needed more now than ever. Thanks for praying.

Yours in His service, —Titus U. E. Enu

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In Memorial

Mary Anna Jones Brown was born in Boley, Oklahoma on July 15, 1907 to Bud and Lizzie Jones. She was the youngest of six children of which Kern Jones preceded her in death. She departed this life January 11, 1987.

Mary Anna finished high school in Boley, Oklahoma. Afterwards she attended Langston University. She taught about five years in Okfusgee County. In 1933 she was united in marriage to Benjamin Brown. To this union, five children were born, two preceded her in death.

Mary Anna leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Benjamin Brown of the home; three daughters, Jewel Doris Brown, Patsy Ann Hollinger of Los Angeles, CA, and Norma Jean

Hawkins of Tulsa, OK; five grandchildren, Darrell D. Brown, Walter Jones III of Los Angeles, CA, Bridgett R. Chiles, Polly R. Caine and Orsbon Hawkins, Jr., all of Tulsa, OK; one great-grandson, Mykel J. Chiles of Tulsa, OK; one grandson-in-law, Augustus L. Caine of Tulsa, OK; one granddaughter-in-law, Rhonda Brown of Los Angeles, CA; two son-in-laws, Orsbon Hawkins, Sr. of Tulsa, OK and Daryl Hollinger of Los Angeles, CA; three sisters, Minneola Jones, Leona Jones and Australia Kelley, all of Los Angeles, CA; one brother, Allison Jones of Los Angeles, CA, and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were held on Jan. 17, 1987, at the Church of God chapel in Tulsa, OK. Brother Charles Lowe officiated.

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Lona Beebe Cryer was born in Boyce, LA on March 30, 1898, to Pleas and Mollie Beebe. She passed from this life on January 30, 1987. For many years she lived in Texarkana, TX. She would often attend services at the Church of God chapel in Shreveport, LA, where she had accepted the truth.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two sons, W. P. Cryer and Herman Cryer, of Texarkana, Texas, and many friends.

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On March 12, 1918 a daughter, **Wilma Hazel** was born to William I. and Lycenia Miles in Clovis, New Mexico. She departed this life on January 29, 1987, at her home in Placentia, California.

In 1922 she moved with her family to Corsicana, Texas, then in 1927 they moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma.

She was united in marriage to Edward Meyers in 1937 and to this union, two sons were born, Edward Louis and William Arnold.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1948. Years later she was married to Paul C. Anderson.

The Lord dealt with Wilma before she became seriously ill in 1985 and later she gave her heart to Him and yielded completely to His will. The last three weeks she suffered so much but the Lord was near to undertake for her. She was always patient and trusted Him to the last. She longed to go Home and when God saw it was enough He took her peacefully away. She testified that "Jesus is with me and I am so happy."

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Paul C. Anderson of the home; two sons, Edward L. Meyers of Los Angeles, CA and William A. Meyers of Orange County, CA; one grandson, five granddaughters and 3 great-granddaughters; two brothers, K. C. Miles of

San Bernardino, CA and Clyde F. Miles, El Toro, CA, two sisters, Maude Hornbeck and Maybelle Pruitt of Guthrie, OK, many nieces, nephews, other relatives, saints and friends. Her parents, one sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

On February 2, 1987 the funeral services were held in the McAuley and Wallace Chapel, conducted by Brother Bryan Rich.

NOTE OF THANKS

We want all of you to know we are very thankful for your prayers for us during the illness and death of our sister, Wilma Anderson. While she was living, she expressed her thankfulness too, for your prayers, letters, cards, telephone calls and flowers sent to her while she could enjoy them. It all meant so much to her.

Maude also expresses her appreciation for the prayers for her. She felt the strength from God to take care of Wilma, which was almost day and night. The love and concern from each one is deeply appreciated. God bless each one we pray.

—Maude Hornbeck and Maybelle Pruitt

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Henry O. Caldwell was born February 13, 1907 to Mary and John Caldwell in Dover, Oklahoma. He was the fifth son and sixth child. He finished grade school in Dover, 7th and 8th grade in Enid, and graduated from Hall High School in Hennessey. He went to Langston University for one year. After an accident, he returned to Dover and married Mary Ross. To this union three children were born. Mary preceded him in death in 1939.

In 1941, Henry married Corinne Phillips. To this union, six children were born. One died an infant.

Henry was a farmer, carpenter and hatchery attendant.

He accepted the Lord as his Savior and attended the Church of God in Dover. He faithfully taught the Adult Sunday School Class and served as one of the deacons until his health started to fail him.

He passed away on February 1, 1987.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Corinne; five sons, Odell Caldwell, Oklahoma City, Marion Caldwell, Dover, Henry L. Caldwell, Clinton, Frank O. Caldwell, Dover, and Irving Caldwell, Enid; three daughters, Richa Ross, Oklahoma City, Jo Ann Warren, Oklahoma City, and Pauline Hardman, Owasso; one brother, Arnia Caldwell, Watonga; 39 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held in the Enid, OK Church of God Chapel on Feb. 7, 1987. It was officiated by Bro. Woodrow Warren.

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Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Please discuss Daniel 10:13. Who was this "Prince of Persia" and how could he withstand a divine messenger?

Answer: I will first insert the full text of Daniel 10:13. "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia."

For several verses prior to this, Daniel had set himself to mourn in total fasting and prayer before God over a certain thing that had been revealed to him by God (Verse 1). He chastened himself in this manner taking no food nor water for three full weeks (21 days). Then at the end of this time, a divine messenger appeared unto him in a vision (verse 12) and announced to him that his words had been heard on the very first day and he had come on account of his words. Then in verse 13 he explained why he had been so long getting there; the Prince of Persia withstood him for one and twenty days.

When he had finished his mission with Daniel, he said down in verse 20, "... now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia." From this verse and verse 13 and other related Scriptures and incidents, it appears evident that this Prince of Persia is a very important person in the drama that is being enacted here; and indeed he was. So let us see a little how he fits in the picture and it will help us in explaining and understanding some other points in the question.

The first four verses of the 45th chapter of Isaiah are very revealing of Cyrus who is declared in Daniel 10:1 to be the king (Prince) of Persia, though he was a heathen king, God called him His anointed. God chose this man and put His hand on him and he was dedicated by God and set apart for a specific and definite purpose; His work to liberate the children of Israel who were held captive by the Babylonians. God had judged them for their disobedience and decreed that they would be captives in Babylon for 70 years. Now the time of their captivity was about up and God was arranging and maneuver-

ing for their deliverance and He had chosen the Prince of Persia and anointed him to accomplish this project. He told him that He would hold his hand, subdue nations before him, go before him, break in pieces the gates of brass and the gates would not be shut. This was certainly a sure guarantee of victory. Read Isaiah 45:1-3. Then in verse 4 we get a little insight into how close God actually got with this man, Cyrus, in that He called him by his name and gave him a surname, etc. And He explained that this was all for the sake of Jacob His servant and for Israel His elect. This makes it altogether clear that all His relationship and work with Cyrus was in behalf of the children of Israel and their deliverance. He was to conquer the Babylonish kingdom and liberate the children of Israel.

This Cyrus did, but at the time the divine messenger (probably Gabriel) came to Daniel (Dan. 10:13) and announced that he had been withstood 21 days by the Prince of Persia it appears that Cyrus perhaps was halting in his decision and hesitating and perhaps thinking it to be a massive undertaking which it certainly was and he needed the presence and encouragement and support of the divine messenger with him to help him to decide to carry out the plan of God for him. But when Michael came, he left him with Cyrus and he went on to Daniel to answer his prayer. Adam Clark expresses this same thought in general in his comments on Daniel 10:13. Then on the basis of this reasoning and conclusion it would seem that the thought stated in Daniel 10:13 of the Prince of Persia **WITHSTANDING** the heavenly messenger, we would get the thought of him **DETAINING** him. The urgency of the need in the face of the halting indecision of Cyrus demanded that he stay with him until Michael arrived to take charge of him and relieve the first heavenly messenger to go to Daniel. Therefore we are not to suppose that Cyrus actually rose up to oppose the first divine messenger and entered into conflict or combat with him to try to turn him back but just had the need of his presence to bolster him and encourage him in what the will of God was for him.

That it was a magnanimous undertaking that lay before him there could be no possible question. Babylon, the seat of government of the Babylonish kingdom, was surrounded by a massive, impregnable wall with gates of solid brass. This must be overcome and the city taken. This was sufficient surely to cause even men of strong spirit and courage to have second thoughts about attacking such a formidable fortress. But with the divine inspiration and anointing of the Almighty God upon him and Michael with him,

he undertook the venture. The Euphrates River flowed under the wall and through the city. There was no other possible entrance but this. Cyrus and his engineers by the inspiration of Almighty God, conceived the idea of diverting the channel of that river. He put his whole army to work under cover of night digging a new channel for the river. Then he cut it through into the main channel and turned the course of the water. When the water in the river had flowed on down to expose the river bed, Cyrus' army rushed through into the city and up to the palace gates. Adam Clark says that when the king heard the tumult outside, he ordered the gates to be opened to see what was going on and when the gates were opened, Cyrus' men rushed in and took charge of the palace, slew the king and victory was theirs.

Cyrus was now master of all the nations of the world (II Chron. 36:23). Then he said the Lord God of heaven who gave him all this, had told him to build Him a house in Jerusalem. Then he made a proclamation that all of God's people among them could go up for this project. Then he issued a decree in writing (Ezra 1:1-4) which was entered in the record books. Then 17 years later in the sixth chapter of Ezra, Darius the king at that time, found the decree of Cyrus in the records and he made another decree that even extended Cyrus' and made more provisions. Then about 62 years later, when Artaxerxes was king he made a more generous decree yet in favor of the Jews. And finally in Nehemiah the command was to rebuild the walls and restore the streets of Jerusalem and to adopt laws and establish their nation.

All this was accomplished under God through the Prince of Persia, Cyrus, whom God had anointed and dedicated to this purpose.

Greatness

Standing under the light of the moon, we began to contemplate the greatness of God in the making of such an orb that could reflect the light of the sun so beautifully. Just then a firefly lighted its lamp just in front of me, and I thought that the silvery moon shows no more the greatness of God than does the little firefly. To be great in great things is not so true a greatness as to be great in little things. If we would form an estimate of men we must measure them not by their great things but by their little deeds. Life's littles makes life's greats. We do not need martyr stakes, mission fields, and building of synagogues to show us the greatness of man. His little acts, his daily life in the home is the best test of man's greatness. —Selected

HOME LIFE



We are often reminded to "Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We tend to think of that as applying to a certain instance in the life of a child when he needs immediate correction, but to train is an on-going proposition. To train is to mold and form through everyday living.

When a child is born, he is born with a natural inclination to rule. Soon after birth he begins to practice the art of screaming when he has a need, and the parent will come running. Before long he expects to be obeyed. A child is helpless to fulfill his needs at this time and it is a right and natural thing for the parents to meet these needs. However, from that very point training should begin. As the child grows in understanding, he must begin to realize that there are certain boundaries for his demands to be met. As he develops in dexterity, he must realize that he has some responsibilities in life. If a child is not taught these things, you will find him dictating the whole lifestyle of the family. Put several children of this disposition into one family and you really have chaos. Such children will grow up to be a burden on the family, the Church and society in general.

The parents must do the molding and not allow the child to push the parents into a mold of service. A child must learn to take a back seat when the needs of others are being attended to. A child can so rule the parent's life that they have no time to rest, do things that they like to do or take care of their own needs.

There is a saying that "Boys will be boys", but we need to realize that boys will be men. It

is important to not just consider a child as a child, but think of what you want it to be like as an adult. With a preconceived idea of what a person of integrity that loves God is like, put every moment into heading your child in that direction. This is training.

We should not be weary in training our children, for God gives us children for a purpose. It is very well expressed by a quote from Mary Howitt. "God sends children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race—to enlarge our hearts, and to make us unselfish and full of kindly sympathies and affections; to give our souls higher aims; to call out all our faculties to extended enterprise and exertion; and to bring round our firesides bright faces, happy smiles, and loving, tender hearts. My soul blesses the great Father, every day, that he has gladdened the earth with little children."

—Wayne Murphey

Humility

Humility is a great principle in salvation. You have to humble down to get it, and stay humble after you get it. God works when all self is off the scene; humble yourself to walk with God. Self is a monster and does not want to be conquered. It wants to stand high and be very important, but when he rises up he only hinders God from working. The prodigal son said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger, I know what I will do, I'll confess that I am not worthy to be called your son, make me one of your hired servants. (Luke 15:17-19). He did not try to take the position of a son, but as a servant. By taking the humble side he was exalted to a higher place than he expected. It happens all the time to people that will be humble. I once knew a woman that thought she was very beautiful and another woman took her husband. She said, "She can't do this to me." She thought she was chief and by exalting her self she made a real bad picture out of her life.

Humility is the best way out of all trouble. The Prophet says this is required of you; to walk humbly before your God and to do justly. (Micah 6:8). This requirement means it is your duty to walk humbly before your God. Being willing to suffer is some of the fruit of humility. Take the low side all the time. Pride will not let you do it. I am asking the Lord to help me to be humble. I have always found that it pays off. Meekness is a relative to humility. Moses was a meek man and God let him see His hinder parts and blessed him by always answering his prayers for the

Israelites. The time when he was not humble he lost the privilege of going over into Canaan land. We lose when we are not humble. Humility will help you to be obedient. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Isa. 1:19. There are many people who would be saved today if they could be humble. Pride is another thing that keeps people from being humble. Pride is not altogether the putting on of apparel but we can have national pride, family pride, etc. We can think our family is better than anybody else's. This is why Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, then died on a cruel cross, yet raised on the third day according to the Scripture. It pays to be humble. The woman that wanted her daughter delivered from a devil that grievously vexed her was classed as a dog by Jesus. However, she humbled herself and said, "Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Mark 7:28. With that kind of humility she got her petition. It always pays to be HUMBLE!

—Bro. Lewis Williams

Hold That Which We Have

"Behold, I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11. I have been reading a book about the past hundred years of the Evening Light movement. It was a blessing to me to see how that when the time came for the Evening Light to shine, God brought it to pass. The truth began to break out in many different places. Not only did the Lord use Bro. Warner, but many other brethren were receiving light and they began to proclaim it. The world was in a condition to receive it, without which there could not have been a gathering of the people together. The time was right, and God had men and women who were humble enough for God to use them.

It is encouraging to know that after all these years, God still has some of the same type of people and ministers. I was reading in the *Gospel Trumpet* of 1898, of twenty-four things that they believed back then. I said, "Thank God we still believe them." I am glad we can go to camp meeting and see the Spirit working; still allowing the Spirit to use the minister He wants to use and still hear the same truth preached that we have always heard. The word is still powerful to convict souls of their sins and save to the uttermost. I appreciate all the ministers who are standing for the truth. I have confidence in my minister brethren. It is encouraging to know that after all these years, and many things have changed in this old world,

that God still has a people and a ministry still standing and preaching these same truths. God still has a paper, the *Faith and Victory*, that is standing for the Evening Light truth. We can still recommend it and thank God for it.

Someone asks, "If we are standing and preaching the same things as they did back there, how come we don't see the results as they did?" Remember I said that back there the world was in a condition to receive it. We must remember that we are living in a time when the world has rejected the truth. We are living in the very last days. "They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine." Jer. 6:9. It seems the harvest is about past, much of America has been gleaned, and now He is gleaning in Israel. If we don't recognize this we will become weary in our labors for Him. But the Word and the Spirit are just as powerful as ever. The Word has the same effect as it always has. We have had some to get saved lately. They are just as happy and rejoicing in what they have found as anyone ever did in the past. We have a young minister among us now who heard a message on tape and came out of sectism, rejoicing in the truth. Yes, thank God it still works. Let us hold what we have and not be weary in well doing. We realize we are living in a completely different time than it was a hundred years ago. We might have to use a little different approach to reach the few that are left, but I would like to urge all of us to hold to these same truths that we have always stood for; humbleness of heart and mind, modesty in conduct and appearance and the simplicity of the gospel. It is right and thank God it still works to all who will let it. Don't be carried away with anything different than we have always had. It set me free almost thirty years ago. I am still free and enjoying it.

I hope to have some young ministers' meetings at the Monark Springs Camp Meeting this year. "Steady as you go."—Bro. Mart Samons

Sunday Savior

Is the love for our dear Savior
In our hearts so pure and true,
Or does it only come on Sundays
When our busy week is through?

We can fool a lot of people
Make them think that we're so good,
But we can never fool our Savior
Even if we wish we could.

So whether it be Sunday morning
Or the whole week long,
Don't let a day pass without prayer
That He will keep us strong. —Selected

Love in Deed and in Truth

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." I John 3:18.

Several years ago an acquaintance of mine went through a time of deep heartache. She was in a crisis of life that made her doubt the sincerity of others. Her children would tell her they loved her and she would reply, "Don't say those words! I don't want to hear those words! If you love me, prove it by your actions."

I thought about the words, "I love you" and wondered just how much weight they carried. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15. We see by this that the proof of our love is not in how well we verbalize the message but in how obedient we are. Jesus advised the disciples against following the scribes' example because "they say, and do not." Matthew 23:3. Paul, in Romans 16:18 and 19, warned, "... mark them which ... by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." Many have been won over by eloquence who later regretted the decision they made or the way they took.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." Ephesians 5:1, 2, 6, 9, and 10.

It is human nature to want to be with those we love. The disciples loved Jesus and wanted to be with Him so they left all to follow Him. (Matthew 10:28). Peter loved the Lord and told Him, "I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death." Luke 22:33. Jesus exhorted them to, "... Pray that ye enter not into temptation." Luke 22:40. Nevertheless, when the Lord was taken from them, Peter went back to his fishing. Jesus was not satisfied with this. When He showed Himself to the disciples after that He was risen, He asked Peter, "lovest thou me more than these [fish]?" Peter answered Him, "Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Three times Jesus asked Peter, "lovest thou me?" and each time Peter vowed his love for the Lord. Jesus then gave him a commission to prove his love, "Feed my sheep."

So it is with us today when we avow our love for the Lord, He is not satisfied with mere words. He wants the fruit of our love. If we say

we love Him and are not willing to spend time reading His Word and communing with Him or working for Him, how can He believe we are sincere. Let us love "in deed and in truth."

—W. D. Luehring

The Chariot of Mercy

The following is from a sermon preached by Christmas Evans: "Christ might have rode in a chariot of fire all the way from Bethlehem to Calvary; but He preferred riding in a chariot of mercy, whose lining was crimson, and whose ornament the malefactor's cross. How rapidly rolled His wheels over the hills and the plains of Palestine; gathering up everywhere the children of affliction, and scattering blessings like the beams of the morning! Now we find Him in Cana of Galilee turning water into wine; then treading the waves of the sea, and hushing the roar of the tempest; then delivering the demoniac of Gadara from the fury of a legion of fiends; then healing the nobleman's son at Capernaum; raising the daughter of Jairus and the young man of Nain; writing upon the grave of Bethany, 'I am the resurrection and the life,' curing the invalid at the pool of Bethesda; feeding the five thousand in the wilderness; preaching to the woman by Jacob's well, acquitting the adulteress and shaming her accusers; and exercising everywhere, in all His travels, the three offices of Physician, Prophet, and Saviour, as He drove on towards the place of the skull.

"Now we see the chariot surrounded with enemies—Herod, and Pilate, and Caiaphas, and the Roman soldiers, and the populace of Jerusalem, and thousands of Jews who have come up to keep the Passover, led on by Judas and the devil. See how they rage and curse, as if they would tear Him from His chariot of mercy! But Jesus maintains His seat, and holds fast the reins, and drives on right through the angry crowd, without shooting an arrow or lifting a spear upon His foes. For in the chariot the King must ride to Calvary—Calvary must be consecrated to mercy for ever. He sees the cross planted upon the brow of the hill, and hastens forward to embrace it. No sacrifice shall be offered to Justice on this day but the one sacrifice which reconciles heaven and earth. None of these children of Belial shall suffer today. The bribed witnesses, and clamorous murderers, shall be spared—the smiters, the scourgers, the spitters, the thorn-plaiters, the nail drivers, the head shakers—for Jesus pleads on their behalf, 'Father, forgive them; they know not what they do. They are ignorant of Thy grace and truth. They are not aware of whom they are crucifying.

Oh, spare them! Let Death know that he shall have enough to do with *Me* today! Let him open all his batteries upon *Me*. *My* bosom is bare to the stroke. *I* will gather all the lances of hell in *My* heart! Still the chariot rushes on, and 'fiery darts' are thick and fast, like a shower of meteors, on Messiah's head, till He is covered with wounds, and the blood flows down His garments, and leaves a crimson track behind Him. As He pauses, He casts at the dying malefactor a glance of benignity, and throws him a passport into Paradise, written with His own blood; rides triumphant over thrones and principalities, and crushes beneath His wheels the last enemy himself, and leaves the memorial of His march engraven on the rocks of Golgotha!

"Christ is everywhere in the Scripture spoken of as a blessing; and whether we contemplate His advent, His ministry, His miracles, His agony, His crucifixion, His interment, His resurrection, or His ascension, we may truly say, "All His paths drop fatness!" All His travels were on the road of mercy; and trees are growing up in His footsteps, whose fruit is delicious food, and 'whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.' He walketh upon the south winds, causing propitious gales to blow upon the wilderness till songs of joy awake in the solitary place, and the desert blossoms as the rose."

What Some Men Have Said About Prayer

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"Prayer covers the whole of a man's life. There is no thought, feeling, yearning, or desire, however low, trifling, or vulgar we may deem it, which, if it affects our real interests or happiness, we may not lay before God and be sure of His sympathy. His nature is such that our often coming does not tire Him. The whole burden of the whole life of every man may be rolled on to God and not weary Him, though it has wearied the man."

—H. W. Beecher

"I have been benefited by praying for others; for by making an errand to God for them I have gotten something for myself."

—Samuel Rutherford

"Prayer without watching is hypocrisy; and watching without prayer is presumption."

—William Jay

"God looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how elegant they may be; nor at the geometry of your prayers, how long they may be; nor at the arithmetic of your prayers, how many they may be; not at logic of your prayers, how methodical they may be; but the sincerity of them He looks at."

—Thomas Brooks



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"I read a story one time of a Chinese man in China (I believe it was) who read a book that he liked so well. He thought it portrayed such a perfect life that he wanted to meet the man who wrote it and get acquainted with him. So he came to the United States and met the man. After a few days he said to the man, 'You don't read like your book.' He was disappointed. Christians must be sure that their lives read just like the book (Bible) if they expect to make a good impression on those who are watching their lives, trying to see Jesus in them. Most of the people of the world are hungry for something they don't seem to be able to find." —Mrs. C. D. Dilley

"Here are some things the Communists say about God and religion: 'Religion and communism are incompatible, both theoretically and practically.' —Karl Marx. 'Our task is not to reform, but to destroy all kinds of religion, all kinds of morality.' —Zinoviev, President, Third International. 'We relegate God and all the philosophical rubble who believe in Him to the sewer and manure heap.' —Lenin."

—Sent in by Bro. Roy Harmon

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—Fred Pruitt