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THE COMING KING

Thou art coming, O my Saviour!
 Thou art coming, O my King!
 In Thy glory all-transcendent;
 In Thy beauty all resplendent;
 Well may we rejoice and sing!
 Coming! in the open east,
 Herald brightness slowly swells;
 Coming, O my glorious Priest,
 Hear we not thy golden bells?

Thou art coming, Thou art coming!
 We shall meet Thee on Thy way,
 We shall see Thee, we shall know Thee,
 We shall bless Thee, we shall show Thee:
 All our hearts could never say!
 What an anthem that will be,
 Ringing out of love to Thee;
 Pouring out our rapture sweet
 At Thine own all-glorious feet!

Not a cloud and not a shadow,
 Not a mist and not a tear,
 Not a sin and not a sorrow,
 Not a dim and veiled tomorrow,
 For that sunrise grand and clear!
 Jesus, Saviour, once with Thee,
 Nothing else seems worth a thought!
 O, how marvelous will be
 All the bliss Thy pain hath brought!

Thou are coming! We are waiting,
 With a hope that cannot fail;
 Asking not the day or hour,
 Resting on Thy word of power
 Anchored safe within the veil.
 Time appointed may be long,
 But the vision shall be sure;
 Certainly shall make us strong,
 Joyful patience can endure!

—Selected

NEGLECT

"Is your name enrolled in heaven, on the Book of Life so fair?" —*Evening Light Songs*, number 403.

Since this is an election year and so much is said about it, I was asked if I still voted. I said, "No." Then they wanted to know if I had ever voted and I answered, "Yes, I used to years' ago." This brought to my mind the following experience I once had which I felt might help someone else.

When I first moved to Anthony, KS, I registered to vote. They put my name on the book and I voted several times. I went to the city office where the book was kept, once or twice a month to pay my utility bills, but I neglected to ask them if my name was still enrolled in the book. I just supposed it was because I had seen my name written in the book and so gave it little thought. When the next time came to vote, I confidently lined up with all the others to go in. When my turn came and I gave my name to get permission to vote, the lady looked at the book and said, "Your name is not in the book." There was nothing I could do but step out of line and watch the others go on in. My neglect to see if my name was still enrolled had caused the problem and it was too late to remedy it. Do not neglect to make sure that your name is enrolled in the Book of Life. Just because it was once enrolled, doesn't mean it is still there, as our salvation can so easily slip away if we are not watchful and diligent. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation. . . ." Hebrews 2:3. It is so wonderful to know we can have our name enrolled in heaven.

—Dolly Gideon

"Negligence is the rust of the soul, that corrodes through all her best resolves."

—Owen Feltham

Comfort For The Weeping Heart

Life is a mixture of tears and laughter, joy and happiness, grief and sorrow. We always welcome the pleasant, happy times and feel we have to endure any hardship that comes along. But God has a special treasure He wants to give us and it can only be obtained through suffering in some form. Why do we have to suffer in order to receive it? Only when we realize our full dependency upon God, and prove our faith in Him, are we worthy to receive it. It is a precious and priceless treasure—**comfort**. Webster defines comfort: "to strengthen greatly, to give hope and cheer, to ease the grief or trouble of, console."

We are living in a world filled with problems, trouble and sorrow. Our only hope is to get real close to God and obtain His comfort He wants to give us.

We may experience something that affects us so deeply that we despair of ever knowing happiness again. There is only one way to find true happiness. Open your heart to God and say, "Not my will, but thine be done." Invite God to talk to your heart, and then listen.

fort to know Jesus understands our humanity and is interceding for us.

"... And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." This is such a precious promise to stand on. No matter what or how complicated a situation is, we can rest assured that it will all work together for our good. However, I believe we hinder God's working if we fret or become impatient. Many verses tell us to wait upon the Lord, so in order to please God, we must wait and have faith.

Here is another precious promise to stand on, and one of the most descriptive verses I know in the Bible. Read this verse and say it over and over, and it is certain to increase your faith.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Ephesians 3:20. If we have God abiding in our heart, what power we can have with God!

I would also like to share a song with you that God has used to comfort me so many times.

"We may experience something that affects us so deeply that we despair of ever knowing happiness again."

God is our Father, Jesus is our brother, and the Holy Spirit is our guide and comforter. There are three verses in Romans 8:26-28, that show so clearly how they all work together as one.

"... For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." There may come a time in your life when you will fall on your face before God with such a heavy heart, that you can only groan and cry out to God for help and mercy. But God hears that kind of a prayer, for the Spirit is making intercession for you.

"... And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Though the Spirit is interceding for us, Jesus works hand in hand with the Spirit, and is also interceding for us. When we consider that Jesus was willing to leave the splendors of heaven and was willing to become a part of His creation, this manifested greater power than even creation itself. To become a part of the created is astounding! What a com-

I believe the words will always be stamped upon my heart as they have been such a consolation to me.

Dear reader, if you are experiencing something so hurtful that words cannot describe it, slowly read this song, and let its truth sink into your heart and soul. I pray you will receive the comfort that I have received from it, and let the words inspire you to greater heights and deeper depths in God.

SONGS IN THE NIGHT

As we travel along on life's pathway,
If dreary the road seems or bright,
We shall find that our sorrows are blessings.
Our God can give songs in the night.

Chorus:

Songs in the night in spite of our fears.
Songs in the night thro' the long, long years;
If we but follow His steps aright,
Our God can give us songs in the night.
Let us go then with singing, not sighing;
His love fills the darkness with light.
Thro' His grace we can bravely meet all things,
Our God can give songs in the night.

Tho' the road may be rough where we journey.
His heart planned the way that was right;
If we trustfully follow His leading,
Our God can give songs in the night.

I will never forget the last time the Lord brought this song to my mind. Before I had retired for the night, I had brought a heavy burden before the Lord in complete confidence and submission. I then asked the Lord to help me go to sleep, which He did, but in the early morning hours I awakened. It seemed that the burden had come back on me and would crush out my very life. I was sobbing and crying so hard that I couldn't stop. Suddenly, I heard the words of this song, *Songs in the Night*, singing very loud! It soon drowned out all my sobs and cries, and I stopped and listened. Such a calmness came over me, and then the Lord spoke comforting words to me. What a blessing to feel God's comfort and hear His loving voice! God let me know that He would give me:

"Songs in the night in spite of my fears,
Songs in the night thro' the long, long years."

God longs to give comfort to all of His trusting children. Pray and talk to God, and then—listen! If we are faithful to bring all of our trials and heartaches to God and rest in Him, He will be faithful to work them all out for our good, and the end result will be a strong and steadfast Christian. It takes the storms of life to develop our love for God and our spiritual understanding. When we learn to make God the center of our life, it is then that we can experience ultimate happiness, regardless of our grief or pain. God will **always** send comfort and consolation to your weeping heart.

Yours for Christ, —Carol Cole

"What Is Truth?"

A few weeks ago when I walked up behind our car, I noticed that my husband had put a new bumper sticker on the back of the car. It proclaims: "THANK GOD FOR THE TRUTH."

I smiled. "Now that might cause some people to question," I thought out loud, and I have found myself explaining the same question that Pontius Pilate asked Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago: "What is truth?"

In His brief trial with Pontius Pilate, Jesus had already said, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." (John 18:37).

The truth that God promised Abraham 2,000 years before then, bore witness in Jesus Christ.

God had told Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:2, 3).

Today, we read and study about Abraham and His descendants, the children of Israel, **only** because through them, God kept His promise of truth and blessed the earth with His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. The promise God made to Abraham, the **truth of God's Word**, can be followed all the way through the pages of the Old Testament.

God had promised a truth unto Abraham, and Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of that truth. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14. Faithful disciples of Jesus Christ explained how Jesus fulfilled the promise of truth through His miracles of healing, through His death and through His resurrection. Divinely convinced that Jesus is forever the Christ, the Son of God—the truth promised unto Abraham—these faithful disciples suffered painful deaths rather than deny this truth. Jesus Christ fulfilled the promise. He is the truth.

Honest history will disclose that many have believed on this truth, have been saved by this truth, have been blessed by this truth, have trusted in this truth, have been healed by this truth, and have died for this truth. It is just the same today. Praise the name of Jesus!

Again we look at the age old question: "What is truth?" Do you really know who Jesus is, what life He represents, what He likes or dislikes? Do you know what He expects from you? Do you know what He can do for you? I pray that God, the Father, will reveal His truth unto darkened souls of men and women in our world today. Like never before, our world needs the truth right in this present day before ignorance and destruction ends the tabulation of time on this planet earth.

The basic truth to be acknowledged is that men and women need help out of their sins, troubles and despair. When a soul will fully admit the fact, "I am lost and undone without Divine help!" then that soul is ripe to receive this truth and gain help even unto eternal salvation of the soul.

It is recorded in John 8:31, 32, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The Jews questioned

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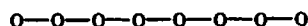
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EDITORIALS

There have been many who have attempted to discredit the things of God in one way or another. However, nothing can be disassociated from eternal truths as God planned it and set it in motion. This is what the hope of a Christian is founded upon. Because it has such a sure foundation, there is no validity for doubt in the Christian's hope. There is not one missing link in the chain that binds the Christian to his eternal home, nor a step left out of the ladder that lifts a man out of sin and elevates him to an eternal reward of bliss. Man may have gaps in his theories, but God offers a full and complete salvation.

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—Wayne Murphey

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OK—Sis. Hattie Gaines has called several times for prayer that God would relieve the pain she has been having.

OR—Bro. Bill Busch desires prayer for his cousin, Wilbert Busch, who has a serious affliction.

AR—"Please pray for my complete healing."

—Esther Null

Sis. Null has other requests too, her son needs healing.

BOOK AVAILABLE

Many people, through the years, have asked me to write a book of my experiences in Mexico, saying they felt it would be an encouragement to many to have more faith in God.

Consequently, I have prayerfully written of those instances that would please the Lord, that which would show forth the workings of God in and through the incidents whereby He could be glorified, doing it as unto the Lord. "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad." Psalm 34:2.

It is my prayer that the book will prove a blessing to those who desire to be in the center of God's will.

The book is entitled, "I Want You To Go To Mexico." Those are the words God first spoke to my heart.

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—Sister Opal Kelly

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

BAKERSFIELD, CA CAMP MEETING REPORT

We thank the Lord for another wonderful camp meeting in Bakersfield, CA this past summer, held August 4-15.

Souls were saved, saints edified and there was a deepening of consecration.

There was good attendance throughout the meeting. It was so precious to see the saints from far and near, gathering together in a battle against sin. God is surely stirring His people.

We do appreciate the ministers and gospel workers He sent to help labor in the meeting, also the many saints which were able to attend the meeting and be a blessing. We trust they also received a blessing.

May the Lord bless each and every one for their labors of love.

Christian love, —Bro. Robert C. Mays

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WICHITA, KS MEETING REPORT

We are thankful for the spiritual blessings received in our meeting. Love, joy and peace

were brought forth beautifully in different messages. We were very explicitly told how important the soul of man is and exhorted to live true and pure lives for God. We were also urged to hear and harken to the voice of God.

The Lord blessed in saving a soul who was much in need of deliverance. I want to use her name so it can go down in history, in writing, because she says she is going to keep saved and go all the way with the Lord. We want you to congratulate and welcome Sis. Shirley (Johnson) Phillips into the family of God to stay. Praise God!

We trust that all who attended the meeting received some good to their soul. May God bless and keep us all faithful and encouraged.

—Submitted by Sis. Shirley Knight

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LORANGER, LA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The assembly meeting will be November 20th through the 27th. Come expecting a blessing. Now is the time to draw near unto the Lord. He is looking for people to live faithful and be settled.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings. From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40.

For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy. 40).

If you are unable to attend, we ask you to remember this meeting in your thoughts and prayers.

For more information call Bro. Eddie Wilson, (504) 878-4559, or write Bro. Nelson Doolittle, Rt. 1, Box 192, Loranger, LA 70446. The chapel phone is (504) 878-2788.

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GOULDS, FL REVIVAL

The revival meeting for the Church of God, Goulds, FL, will be, Lord willing, November, 21-27, 1988. Services will be held nightly.

For more information contact the pastor, Bro. H. Hargrave, phone (305) 258-4102. The chapel phone is (305) 251-3873.

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"Man is of greater value than any thing on earth. When you are seeking after money, pleasure, honor or reputation you are seeking trifles. Seek after men. They have capacity for holiness, for manhood and for God. Seek after them with a mighty passion."

—Selected

From the Mailbox . . .

Grand Cayman—Saints at the Publishing House: I greet you once more in the mighty name of Jesus, our loving Lord and King. I received your tracts and paper *Faith and Victory*, of which I am grateful. I just need to say a few words about your *Faith and Victory* paper. I have received it for the past two years. I enjoy reading it. I receive so many blessings from the "Testimonies and Answers to Prayer," also the short stories. But this July paper really brought a special blessing to my soul. After reading it, I had to read it over again. In about everything, there was a blessing. I even gave it to a friend to read. God bless you all over there and keep up the good work sending the Word of God around the world that souls might be born in God's kingdom. Please pray for me while I do the same.

Yours in Christ, —Lenneth Wentworth

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CA—Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' name. I thank the Lord for being saved and encouraged in the Lord. I am very happy in the Lord. He supplies all my needs and works out all my problems, more than I could ever think or ask.

I am striving each day to live for the Lord. As more light shines on my pathway, I am doing my best to walk in that light.

I am striving to enter in at the straight gate. At the most, time is short. All my aim is to please God, and make heaven my home. Please pray for me.

—Sis. Geneva K. Norling

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OK—Dear Saints at the Print Shop: How have you all been? Fine, I hope. We are still encouraged to live for God. God has again wonderfully answered a request we had before Him. Thank God for His goodness. We are still holding another one and we know He will answer this one, too. We ask the saints to pray for us that we will be where God can depend on us as we so dearly depend on Him. God bless all of you there and may He continue giving you all strength to do His work.

—Jackie Robinson

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

MO—Dear Saints at the Print Shop and scattered abroad: I greet you all in Christian love, in the sweet name of our dear Lord. I want to announce that we had a good meeting at my home, September 25th. My husband's cousin came and I have received a wonderful report from her. She had been having a lot of suffering

from her hip and since the meeting she reports no misery in her hip and she sleeps a lot better. I give God and prayer all the praise. It made me feel good to know someone got help. I know I did and I am sure others did. Thank you all for your prayers and I desire prayer always. I am sorry that I never got the announcement in the October paper that the meeting still will be on the 4th Sunday of every month.

I have been very poorly with a breathing problem from sinus. After the meeting the devil really worked against me. But thank the Lord, if God is with us, who can be against us. He has wonderful promises for us and I want to stay encouraged and steadfast for Him.

I feel good in my soul and want to be obedient to His still voice. I realize my time is limited. I will be 81 this next May. It's good to know our wait is about over to go on to our heavenly Father.

I have a heavy burden for lost souls. Do pray with me. We are in perilous times.

God bless all, —Hettie Mae Clements

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KY—We send greetings of much love to the most wonderful people in the whole world: the people of God. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . ." I John 3:1. Oh, how blessed we are to have such a loving Father who loves and cares for us and we can cast our every care upon Him.

I feel the Lord would have me to give my testimony of how He so wonderfully healed my body. In the early spring I had some real heavy burdens and I was earnestly seeking the Lord for a closer walk with Him. I had a burden for lost souls and for some souls that seemed to be drifting from the truth and for my dear companion that had been quite ill. I was looking to the Lord for his healing. One morning, just a few days before I took sick, I had a deep soul-searching time with just me and the Lord. I wanted to know if there was anything, any little thing, that would hinder my prayers. He showed me where I could be more patient, and I purposed in my heart to do better by His help and grace.

On March 11th I got up early, feeling real good. I was expecting company, so had a full day planned. We had a riding lawn mower with a dead battery and Curtis was going to move it from the shop to the house. Since he hadn't been too well, I didn't want him to push it by himself. It was real cool so I put on a heavy coat and helped him. It wasn't all that hard to push, but I think it was the pushing and breathing the cold air that had an affect on me. I have

breathed cold air into my lungs before and it hurt, but this was different. I began to get dizzy. I knew I had to get to where I could lie down. I didn't have much time to explain, I just said I'm going into the house, so Curtis didn't know there was anything wrong. For the past one and a half years I had had some kind of weak spells, so I just thought maybe this was another one. I made it to the couch and my heart was beating hard and fast, but the pain wasn't too severe then. I broke out in a cold sweat and felt nauseated, but I did this when I would have other weak spells. After a short while my heart just stopped and my first thought was, "I'm going to die," but it started back with a jerk. It gave a few slow hard jerks, then it got real faint. I'm sure this happened in a short time, but it seemed like a very long time. Of course I felt this was my time to meet the Lord, and my first thought was, "Is there anything between me and the Lord?" Then such a sweet peace filled my soul. The song came to me, "Nothing Between My Soul And My Saviour." I cannot put into words the value of that peace. No wonder the writer said, "Peace that passeth all understanding." (Philippians 4:7). It is good to have peace when you pillow your head at nights and to have peace in time of trouble, but oh that peace when you think you are facing death. There is **nothing** more precious. I now place a higher value on my peace than ever before.

Curtis came into the house and saw me lying on the couch with my coat on, so he knew something was wrong. He prayed for me and I soon got better and was able to be up. The next day I began to get much weaker and had to go to bed. When the pain and discomfort would leave my chest, I would think, "I will get up and push against this weakness and I'll be alright." I realize now I didn't use wisdom. This went on for three weeks, then I had another real bad spell. Again I thought my time had come. I was lying on the couch, so I had to stay there all night. The next morning I was very weak, but I made it back to my bed. I have always been pretty healthy and it was hard for me to lie in bed. I don't think I've ever laid in bed a whole day without getting up some. When I laid down in bed that morning, I just surrendered, just melted before the Lord. Now as I look back, those weeks I spent in that bed were precious. I don't know when I ever had more sweet communion with the Lord. Truly He was a present help in every time of need. I'm sure I learned precious lessons I would not have learned otherwise. The Lord gave me two Scriptures, "Be still, and know that I am God. . . ." Psalm 46:10, and "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on

the Lord." Psalm 27:14.

My dear companion stayed right by my side and waited on me when there were times I felt he was suffering more than I was. He didn't go to any of the camp meetings, so since I was feeling much better when it came time for the Monark, MO camp meeting, I insisted he go to the meeting. He got things ready to go. The morning he was to leave he told me he wasn't going. He said he felt like the Lord showed him to stay with me. In a couple of hours I had a severe weak spell and was back in bed for almost another week. Sis. Sharon Fowler, from Green Bank, WV, had offered to come and stay with me while Curtis went to Monark, so when the time came for the PA meeting, I again encouraged him to go and let Sis. Sharon come and stay with me. She was a real blessing. She had to leave about four days before Curtis got home, but Tonya was with me at nights. The Lord began to deal with me about my healing. After Curtis got home we were praying for my healing.

In a couple of days I got up one morning and noticed I wasn't dizzy. Sometimes I would almost black out from dizziness. Then I noticed I wasn't weak. I would always be weak when I first got up, and would feel stronger as the day went on. Later I noticed there was no shortness of breath, no discomfort in my chest. I told the family, "The Lord has given me a definite touch." The devil said, "You better not claim healing. You know how many times you have gotten better, then worse." But he couldn't make me doubt the Lord had given me a definite touch. This went on for a few days. Finally one morning I said, "Devil, I don't care if I have another heart attack tomorrow, I am claiming my healing." That very week I made a trip to VA and WV, and since then I have probably traveled 2,000 miles and have been able to do all my housework. In fact I think I feel better than I did before I had the heart attack—it seems I would tire so easily. Praise to our God!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the dear saints for their prayers, for the many phone calls, beautiful cards and letters of encouragement and for every act of love and kindness. My dear family was so sweet to me. They all came home, then the girls came at different times to care for me. I feel so unworthy! "If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him, I could not enough my blessed Lord adore." I desire your prayers that I'll always be faithful. I also desire prayer for my dear companion. He has a severe problem. God has healed him many times. We know He can heal this also. Our determination is to make heaven our home at any cost.

—Curtis and Burnice Williams

CA—Dear Brothers and Sisters: I would like to give thanks for the healing power of God. For many years I had been afflicted with eczema on my right hand, which then spread to my left hand.

In October of 1987 my mother and I felt inspired to pray for the healing of my eczema. After nearly a year the enemy reminded my mother that nothing had changed. Less than a week later I looked at my hands and they were well. She had to ask which fingers were scarred. This is an encouragement to hold fast once the prayer of faith has been prayed. May God bless the work there in the Print Shop.

Love and prayers, —Sharon Davenport

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KS—Dear Saints: "It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done." He has saved my soul and kept me saved and encouraged and happy in the ways of the Lord. I thank Him, I love Him and I want to serve Him and trust Him all the days of my life. Praise God for this wonderful salvation. . . .

We do thank the Lord for His many blessings.

We thank the saints for their prayers concerning our daughter, Sarita Phillips. While expecting this last time, she had quite a troublesome time, but the Lord brought her out in a good place with a good and safe delivery on September 1st. It was my first grandson. I have four granddaughters. We do rejoice and thank and praise God. . . .

Christian love, —Sis. Shirley Knight

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OK—What a blessing to know we serve such a Lord and He has proven Himself true so many times. I want to take time to express our love and gratitude to God for His many blessings in our home.

This summer we took a short vacation in the Smokey Mountains with our children. Our hearts were so full of love for God. As we traveled along we sang and discussed many things. We pondered on the Scripture, ". . . Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8. I remember whispering a little prayer, "Oh, God, I want you to find faith in me!" Little did we realize God in His love was preparing us for what was ahead. But doesn't God always prepare His children for the hard knocks ahead?

We enjoyed our time in the Smokies immensely. God just seemed like the sixth member of our family, His presence was so real. On our last evening there, we were walking in the river when I slipped and fell. I was carrying a

large rock and that rock smashed my hand against another rock. It was immediately evident that some bones were broken. As we sat there praying for God to keep me from passing out, my heart seemed to leap in love for God. I was so thankful to know our God was with us. We were an hour's drive to the nearest town and our cabin had no telephone. God was so wonderful! I have never felt the Lord's presence so strong in my life as then and in the next several weeks. As my children and husband called on God, He immediately eased the pain. Again in the evening and night when the pain became severe, God answered prayer every time we called. The next morning as we were preparing to leave, my back collapsed and I didn't think I would be able to travel. Again we cried to God and He helped us so much.

We made the trip to my parents home for a family reunion without a lot of pain, then a couple of days later the 900 mile trip on home. Time and again we called on God for mercy. He never failed us.

One night my nerves were so bad I couldn't sleep. The devil tormented me with doubt that if we prayed God wouldn't answer so speedily as this wasn't pain. I was so thrilled with all the instant answers to prayer, I was afraid of being disappointed. Finally after a few hours I laid across the bed and told my husband to wake and pray. I had to have help. In less than five minutes I was sound asleep and didn't awaken till my husband was leaving for work. I felt so ashamed for listening to the devil.

As time went on I knew something wasn't quite right. I was having pain and swelling with fever. We were having a revival meeting in our congregation and I felt impressed to be anointed. After that I had no more pain or fever. God had given me the Scripture in Malachi 3:6 and 10, "For I am the Lord, I change not . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will . . . not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." My hand started gaining strength except for one finger. It was so straight, nor could you feel a joint there. Several mentioned that it didn't look like I had a knuckle. Once again we cried out to God one morning in prayer, and that evening when my husband picked up my hand he exclaimed that it looked so good. You could see a definite knuckle and there was now some movement. I feel God did a painless operation on my finger.

At this time my hand looks perfect and there is only a little stiffness yet to be exercised out. Some may question why God did not heal me instantly, but I would not have wanted to

miss all those wonderful blessings we received along the way. It is a definite Ebenezer stone for our children. They saw God at work many times. Surely we can proclaim, "Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses." Psalm 107:28. I can truly say, "Thank you God for this cross, it has become a beautiful crown!" To God be the glory!

Christian love,

—Brenda Wilkins

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CA—Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. Again we are thanking the Lord for His manifold blessings to us, but most of all for being His child. He wants us to trust Him as one does their earthly parents and even more. He is Divine.

Recently a condition developed which seemed to gradually worsen, causing me to become anxious. The Lord tells us in His Word to be careful for nothing, (Philippians 4:6), also to pray and not to faint. (Luke 18:1). While in prayer concerning the matter, the Lord gave me the Scripture in Matthew 10:29-31 where it speaks of the hairs of our head being numbered and His care for the sparrows. After reading and meditating on these and other Scriptures, the Lord just relieved me of the anxiety, although the condition still exists.

In another situation He responded with the song, "God's Way Is Best," which still gives me grace and glory in time of need. He is so mindful of His children and knows just what promise or song to give us for each situation.

We do not want to close without again thanking the Lord for how He protected my husband and I from what could have been a more serious accident. The Lord's presence gave me such a calmness right while it was happening. Earlier that day I had witnessed a similar calmness. He also had a witness present which sure helped in legal matters. He certainly is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

By His grace we intend to remain faithful.

—Sis. Olive Davenport

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OK—Dear precious Saints: I want to praise God for allowing me to survive a severe heart attack. On the 9th of September, I awoke at 6:30 a.m. with severe pains in the center of my chest and my left arm. I was in pain for two days and then left very weak. Several saints began to come in to pray and help me. Several times I had to call Sis. Fern Stubblefield as she lives close to my home. She was faithful to pray for me until God eased the pain.

Because of overexertion I had another bad attack a few days later which left me very weak. I was unable to walk around the house without support. I also want to mention that about a week after the first attack, I noticed that I could not move my left leg without pain. It felt like there was a blood clot in it. We called for prayer and I awoke the next morning with a normal leg. Praise God!

Most of the time I had to lay flat down on my back on the couch. On the 18th of September I suffered my last bad attack which lasted several hours. I just watched the clock as the saints were in service here at Guthrie, and I knew Bro. Carl and Sis. Rebecca Shaffer would be coming by soon. Jerry (my husband) had a chair by my side, holding my hand and praying as I lay on the couch in pain. In the early afternoon Bro. Carl and Sis. Rebecca arrived. While we were agreeing in prayer, the devil and the heart trouble was rebuked. Praise God, I have never had a bad attack since that day! I have been in a little pain since then because of overexertion at times, but I am gaining and I am now able to go to service. I just really thank God for how He has taken care of me. As He has healed my poor needy soul, He has healed my needy body.

The Lord inspired me with this poem after this severe illness.

Why take me now when I've begun
To see more light and sin I shun?
So much for needy souls to do:
Why take me now when I've been true?

I want to walk this path below,
The ones in sin this truth to show,
To teach to them a better path
For this will save from future wrath.

Why take me now? my soul must cry:
I'm way too young; why must I die?
I want to live and show thy grace
And run a faithful, holy race.

I want to pray and sing again
And work to shun the path of sin;
I want to pray and sing and teach,
Then let my life the gospel preach.

Why take me now? There's much to do,
And in this truth a faithful few;
so give to me a heart of strength,
Add to my life and give more length.

I want to walk this narrow way
To speak the words you'd have me say;
Amid such sin and hate and strife
I'm glad to share a holy life.

Why take me now? There's work for me
To tell of Christ, He'll set them free!

I now can feel a touch of power
From Christ our Lord, a healing shower.

So I must now take up my bed;
Go tell the lost as Christ has led
Then they will know my Saviour too
Who died to make them pure and true.

Thank you dear ones for all your prayers,
visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, and just everything! I appreciate each and every deed. May God reward you in this life and in the life to come. Please continue to pray for my strength and continual blessings from our great Redeemer.

Your sister and servant in Christ,

—Sister Marsha Corteway

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From Nigeria . . .

Sept. 28—Dear Sis. Maybelle Pruitt and the holy vessels: Greetings in holy Christian love, the tie that binds us together in one family in Christ.

The Lord is blessing and prospering the gospel work and souls are turning from sin to salvation through believing the Good News of Christ's atonement for their sins. We praise God that as we love the Lord sincerely, so are we blessed with His power and authority. Love, and not force, we are given to believe, is His weapon of conquest, the touchstone of a sincere profession.

A great flood is descending on our farmland with frightening rapidity, having disastrous intention. But faith in our prayer unto Him to halt its advancement is firm, indissoluble, doubtless and capable. "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed. . . ." Job 38:11.

Bro. Isaiah and Bro. Christian were at Kwale from Benin City on invitation. It is praiseworthy of our God to find them to have oil in their lamps and they are shining. Thanks to God for the downpour of the Holy Ghost fire in the congregations.

We are flexible in His hand, enabling our neck to be bent to His will. Amen.

Yours to make Christ known,

—Titus U. E. Enu

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Honduras, C. A. Report

Oct. 18—Greetings to Bro. Murphey and Saints abroad: We want to say thanks again for the saints of God and their burden for the work in Honduras, C. A. The work is still progressing and the devil is still trying to hinder, but God is faithful to give power over the enemy. We have purchased a truck (Datsun) for the work, and we

have a balance of \$2800.00 to complete the payments. Also, we don't know yet what it will cost to get it into the country of C. A. We will take it to Florida when it is ready and put it on the boat. The cost of shipping will be \$550.00. Please continue to pray for us that we will stay in His will. We covet your support, as always, for this great work.

We are planning, Lord willing, to have a nine day camp meeting next year as the Lord will provide, sometime around the first of May, 1989.

Yours for souls in Honduras, C. A.

—Bro. Louis Kimble and company

In Memoriam

Betty Jo Brisker was born April 12, 1930 to Herbert and Dorothy Mae Foster, and passed away in September of 1988. She was the only child. She spent her school days in Indianapolis, IN. Her mother died when Betty was twelve years old.

On August 9, 1947, she married Webster Lee Brisker. To this union ten children were born—nine daughters and one son.

Betty was saved in the Church of God, February, 19, 1957. She was a faithful sister and worker and a loving and devoted mother.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Webster; one son, Ronald Lee; nine daughters, Jacquenette, LaVerta, Joycillia, Patricia, Goldie, Linda, Dorothy, Gwenneva, and Idella, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma; twenty-nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and a host of other relatives, friends and saints.

Bro. Charles Lowe officiated at the funeral service which took place in the Church of God chapel, Tulsa, OK. Interment was in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Sister Betty Brisker would like to thank all of you for the many expressions of kindness shown to us in the sickness and loss of our dear Mother. We appreciate all the prayers, phone calls, offerings, cards, your presence and the love that was shared. Words alone simply cannot express our heartfelt appreciation. May the Lord bless each of you.

—Sis. Jackie Robinson

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Celestine Carter, the daughter of Joe and Hattie Laws, was born June 1, 1910 in Boley, OK and passed away in September of 1988, in

Bakersfield, CA, at the age of 78 years and 2 months.

Sis. Celestine lived in and around Boley for many years where she grew to womanhood. There she attended the local schools and church. She heard the teachings of the Church of God as taught by Bro. Manley Spears and other pioneer ministers. She accepted it and was saved. She served the Lord down through the years.

In Boley she met Mr. Ellis Carter. In 1937, in Oklahoma City, OK they were united in marriage. To this union two children were born.

Shortly after marriage, she and her husband moved to Bakersfield, CA, where she made her home for the past fifty years.

In Bakersfield she worshiped with the Church of God, under the pastorship of the late Bro. I. C. Chandler.

During her many illnesses she was always cooperative and manifested a sweet and humble spirit, never complaining, but always expressing thanks to those who ministered to her needs. This was an example for all of us to follow.

She leaves to cherish her homegoing, her husband, Mr. Ellis Carter Sr., of the home; one son, Ellis Carter, Jr., of Bakersfield, CA; one daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Lee Prince, of Pasadena, CA; three grandchildren, and many other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in the saints chapel in Bakersfield, conducted by Bros. Robert C. Mays, assisted by Bro. Archie Sherman, Bro. Eddie Johnson and others. She was laid to rest in the Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Bakerfield, CA.

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Joyce (Butcher) Hall, of Forest City, MO passed from this life on October 3, 1988 at the age of 49.

She was born to Ray and Mamie Butcher in Fortescue, MO and was a lifelong resident of Holt County, MO. She graduated from the Craig, MO, High School and later attended Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

She married Robert Dean Hall on June 2, 1957 at Fortescue, MO. He survives of the home.

Joyce was a member of the Church of God and a real influence on all those she was around. Even in her protracted illness, she radiated joy and happiness and was not one to complain. She found the Lord to be a constant companion and strength.

Besides her husband, Robert Hall, of Forest City, MO, she is survived by two sons, Robert Ray, of Winter Garden, FL, and Gary Dean of Mission, KS; her parents, Ray and Mamie Butcher of Forest City, MO; a sister, Ramah Jane Gray of Richmond, MO; several nieces and nephews, many saints and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Petijohn and Crawford Funeral Home, Mound City, MO, on October 6, officiated by Bro. Wayne Murphey. Interment was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Mound City, MO.

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Emma (Graff) Dornhofer was born December 20, 1913 and departed this life October 10, 1988 at the age of seventy-four.

Sis. Dornhofer met Bro. Henry Dornhofer in York, NB and they were married on January 25, 1937. They were a devoted couple. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1983.

Bro. Dornhofer worked 35 years for General Motors. Upon his retirement Bro. and Sis. Dornhofer moved to the Golden Rule Rest Home in 1970, where they resided until their passing.

Sis. Dornhofer was a light to all those she was around and will be missed by many saints and friends. She is survived by three brothers.

Funeral services were held in the Resthaven Funeral Home on October 13, with Bro. Charles Smith officiating. Interment was in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Please comment on the "mark of the beast" in the "Question and Answer" column.

Answer: To intelligently discuss the "mark of the beast" it will be necessary to understand what the beast is. Since that subject was discussed in considerable detail in the January issue of the *Faith and Victory*, I will not go into it extensively here again. However, I must go into it briefly to establish a link between the beast and his "mark." In the 13th chapter of Revelation there are two beasts brought to view. Also, in the 12th chapter "a great red dragon" is introduced. This dragon and the two beasts are symbols of the three major systems of false religion which the world has known through the ages of time which have stood diametrically opposed to the true religion of God and the true gospel of Jesus Christ. The dragon was the first one and was on the stage of action at the time Jesus Christ appeared here to introduce His soul-saving gospel and to set up the Kingdom of God. Jesus met him head on and the conflict was severe, bloody and deadly. But the followers of the "Lamb of God" eventually overcame him and cast him down and the truth of the true Kingdom of God was firmly established. It was

Jesus who said that the violent take the kingdom of heaven by force (Matthew 11:12), and we can see a clear picture of this truth through the 12th chapter of Revelation. This dragon was a symbol of paganism (idolatry, plurality of gods) and was called "the devil and satan" (vs. 9) because it was a religion of the devil and actuated by his spirit.

The first beast introduced in the 13th chapter was a symbol of the next major system of false religion which followed paganism after it went down, and was a symbol of the apostate, corrupt system of Roman Catholicism (the Papacy). He received his power and authority from the dragon (verses 2 and 4) and they worshiped the dragon (vs. 4) which makes it clear that the same spirit of the devil permeated this system as was in the dragon system.

Then in verse 11 another beast rose up out of the earth (it was of the earth and "man-made,"—a human system) and did not come down from heaven as Jesus and His true gospel did. This beast was a symbol of the third major system of false religion, "Protestantism," which is a world system of religion today. He exercised all the power of the first beast before him (vs. 12), also he caused all of his devotees to worship the first beast (vs. 12). This makes it clear that the same satanic spirit that permeated the Papal system also activated the system of Protestantism. In fact, all three of these major systems of false religion can be traced merging each one into the other and all actuated by the same spirit of the devil and satan. Strong efforts are being put forth now through the ecumenical councils being held periodically to bring all of these systems (paganism, Catholicism, and Protestantism) into one world church and that is the way I understand what I read in the book of Revelations. I believe there will be a vast combining of the three major systems of false religions (the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, which was the name given to the second beast, Protestantism) under one head and dominated by the spirit of the dragon which is called in Revelation 12:9 the devil and satan. This combining is what is called "Gog and Magog" in Revelation 20:8 and is said to encompass the four quarters of the earth.

Well, I have said more about these beasts than I intended to when I started, so will now proceed to discuss the "mark of the beast." I will kind of take roundings and come in the back way on it by discussing first how God seals (marks) His people. In II Timothy 2:19 we read, ". . . The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. . . ." God has every one of His people clearly marked. In Ezekiel 9:4 we see God had a

special concern for all the people who were grieved and burdened over the abominations being done in Jerusalem and sent a man through the city to set a mark upon their foreheads so they would be protected from the judgments which were to come upon that city. In Revelation 7:1 we see four angels standing on the four corners (quarters) of the earth having the four winds of the earth in their hands. In verse 2 is another angel having the seal of the living God. In verse 3 this angel is commanding those angels to not release their winds which were to hurt the earth until he had sealed (marked) the servants of

God's laws written in their hearts and minds and sealed there by the Holy Spirit.

Then it begins to come clear by way of comparison and in contradistinction with God's seal or mark upon His true people, what the "mark of the beast" is. It is exactly the same as God's mark on His people, but the doctrine they are marked with is a false doctrine instead of the true doctrine of God and it is sealed into their hearts and minds by a false spirit instead of God's Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, it is so sealed in them that it will take a strong manifestation of God's Spirit upon them to ever get them out

***"There is victory and deliverance from
the beast religion and its mark for anyone
who will open his heart and humble
himself before God . . ."***

God in their foreheads. In the following verses, through verse 8, we see there were 12,000 out of each of the 12 tribes of Israel that were sealed. This was 12x12 making a total of 144,000 which was the number given in verse 4. These figures are all symbolic. Scripturally and prophetically twelve is a number denoting fulness or completeness. This, then would represent the Church of God, the body of Christ in its fulness and completeness, every member in it marked with the seal of God in their foreheads. What we have in this 7th chapter of Revelation is a picture of God holding in check all the turbulent, devastating storms and winds of false doctrines and deceptions which were ready to sweep over the earth until His people became sufficiently confirmed and established in His true doctrine to not be swept away by it.

Now the glorious part: After the narrative of the Revelation has brought us through the severe and bloody conflict with paganism in chapter 12, and through the dark ages with more, much more, violence and bloodshed under Papalism, and then through the dark and cloudy time of Protestantism, then it comes out in chapter 14, verse 1 with 144,000 (the complete and entire Church) standing on Mt. Zion with the Lamb of God and all having the name of the Father in their foreheads. The gates of hell had not prevailed against the Church Jesus had built. The term "forehead" in all these texts is a symbol of mind, intellect and intelligence. Thus God's Word says in Hebrews 10:16 concerning His New Covenant, "... I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them." God's mark upon His saints, then, is

of it into the truth. Also it is said in Revelation 13:17 that no man could buy or sell if he did not have the "mark of the beast." Buying and selling would represent just the regular, ordinary pursuits of life—giving, receiving, exchanging, communicating with society. If one is not marked with their doctrine and not possessed of their spirit, he cannot go into their services and give his testimony and have freedom there. He is looked upon as a foreigner and ostracized from their society, spiritually speaking. He cannot do as true Christians do or are expected to do. It makes no difference what part of the beast religion; whether the first beast (Roman Catholicism) or the second beast (Protestantism) with all its multiplied fragments, denominations, sects and creeds, the "mark of the beast" is always the same and its effects are forever the same; to seal its people in darkness, deception and error.

However, here again comes the glorious part. In Revelation 15:2 we read, "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of His name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God." Thank God, there is victory and deliverance from the beast religion and its mark for anyone who will open his heart and humble himself before God, earnestly seeking Him to reveal His light and truth to him. God will surely hear his cry and reveal the truth unto him and give grace to walk in the light. But that is the only way out for a soul who has been marked with a beast doctrine and sealed with a beast spirit.

"What Is Truth?"

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this, saying they were descendents of Abraham, but Jesus explained in spiritual, soul-cleansing words, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." (John 8:34). Sin had them bound and enslaved to trouble and despair. If they would face this fact and honestly admit sin in their lives, Jesus could free them from sin, lusts, and despair. They did not have to live in a sinful state any more, but they could be free from binding lusts and eternal damnation. Many followers of Jesus did abide in His Word and are now singing praises in eternal heaven where the glorious truth awaits all the faithful. The faithful of today will be there someday, also.

A person who abides in the truth must be determined to resist evil and do righteousness. Here is the reason why Jesus has sent the Spirit of Truth. (John 14:16, 17) It is "as the same anointing [that] teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie." (I John 2:27). Truth can continue to erase errors and faults in a life as long as that person admits he must have help to live free from sin. Souls that cover up errors and faults soon will destroy truth in their life because they are denying what truth has exposed to them.

Truth will set a person free only when that one acknowledges what truth exposes as trouble spots which need divine help. There is abundant strength in Jesus to overcome every obstacle in life, but first the person must see the obstacle and then ask Jesus for His conquering grace. The Spirit of truth will expose the trouble, and the truth will set the soul free from it. Praise the Lord!

In our world full of stress and confusion, truth needs to be expressed more than ever before. It is not expressed as well in explanations as in godly actions, honest speech, wholesome attitudes, modest dress and clean living. Those who know the truth need to set a distinct difference in their lives between the lusts of sin and the pleasures of God. Therefore, when an honest soul seeks the truth, they will be able to find the answer to "What is truth?" Sin binds the heart and mind, but truth will set it free. It is an honest daily walk with truth that will lead us all to heaven.

Yes, thank God for the truth!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

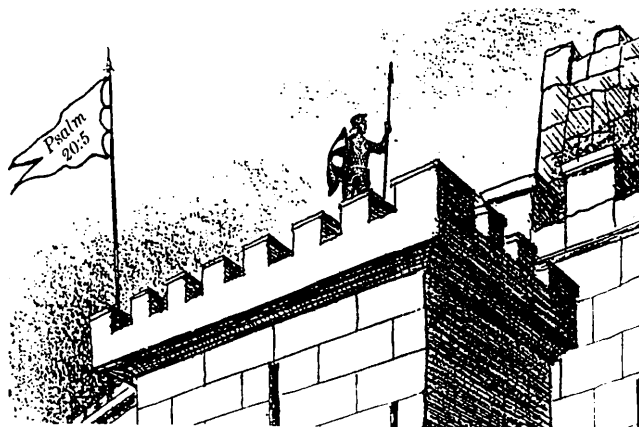
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Jesus makes even steps for us to step in—
steps that lead us onward and upward.

—Selected

The Watchman On The Wall

By Wayne Murphey



Part 4

Redeemed lagged behind in his walk that morning for he wished to avoid the company of his fellow workers. He attended the pre-watch meeting, but his mind was not on what was being said. He was thinking of the late night revelation.

As he mounted the wall and assumed his post of duty, he scanned the plains, but his heart was not in it. Toward noon he went to the water station and as he talked with the attendant, he drew a deep breath of the cool air and enjoyed being out of the hot sunshine. His eyes wandered over the city from the advantage of the height of the wall. Redeemed was again impressed with the beauty of the city, having often extolled its virtues to others. He was deeply aware that he had never seen its equal for situation.

Then something attracted his gaze. There on a little knoll inside the city, stood the house of Persecuted, for so was the name of the watchman whom Self-interest had indicted. As Redeemed beheld the house, it renewed his wonderment about the meaning of the message of the previous night.

Redeemed thoughtfully returned to his position on the wall, but his gaze was now riveted on the house of Persecuted. He fell into deep meditation and spent the entire afternoon gazing *inside* the city. By the end of the shift, Redeemed had arrived at some conclusions. He felt absurdly that Self-interest meant to make him aware of the peeling paint and unkept appearance of Persecuted's house. It did not look nearly as nice as his own, Redeemed reasoned. Surely Conscience would have protested if he had allowed their dwelling to get in such a shape.

Redeemed could distinctly remember the Commander's advice about how the inhabitants of the city should represent it well so that those

living outside would admire its beauty and wish to become occupants.

The evening was spent in a much more comfortable state of mind, for no longer was there a mystery to puzzle over. The next problem was to consider what action to take and how to make the case against Persecuted a public issue.

The problem was temporarily cast aside by the arrival of another visitor that night. Redeemed was expecting Self-interest and when a figure appeared and beckoned through the bedroom window, Redeemed readily entered the courtyard. "It is good to see you, Redeemed," said the visitor. Redeemed was taken aback, for this was not Self-interest.

"Who are you, and where is Self-interest?" inquired Redeemed.

"My name is Desire. Self-interest was unable to come tonight and asked me to appear in his place. I must say, your perception is very keen to have so quickly grasped the meaning of the hint which my kinsman left you last night."

Redeemed was astounded at this comment and asked, "How did you know about that? I have told no one."

Desire laughed and replied, "I am connected to quite an intelligence system. However, let me announce my business. Have you considered the position on the wall that Persecuted has? He is on the west side of the wall and you must face the glare of the sun each morning."

"Well, that is true," agreed Redeemed, "but it is no great matter."

"Then why are you developing squint lines around your eyes?" asked Desire. Redeemed wondered how Desire could see squint lines in the dark, but the thought was worth considering, he mused.

As Desire climbed the fence, Redeemed watched his cloaked form disappear from sight. If Redeemed's gaze could have penetrated the cloak, he might have recognized Desire's real identity: Envy. But, much to his own hurt, he remained ignorant of this fact.

Redeemed had no sooner re-entered his bedroom than Conscience declared, "You are surely headed for trouble now."

Redeemed did not feel like hearing from Conscience right then and snapped, "Why don't you just be quiet. Sometimes I wish I hadn't married you. You are always interfering with what I do." Although the room was dark there was plenty of moonlight to show the hurt that crept into his wife's eyes. Redeemed really didn't think he meant what he said, but not knowing just what to say he sought to spend the remaining night hours in sleep.

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"Hitherto, the great and wonderful sun has been thought to be the greatest of heavenly bodies but lately it has been claimed that astronomers have discovered another body compared to which the sun is a small affair. And who knows where it stops beyond that? These are the creations of the infinite mind of our most wonderful Creator. My soul is adoring His matchless name this morning."
—J. H. Pierson

"The fight of faith is a fight for life. Life is what we want; life is the glorious promise (or prize) on which we must keep our eyes on from the beginning to the end."
—G. W. McMillan

"Brethren, if ever God's ministry needed to launch out on the promises of God, and do all possible for the salvation of lost men and women, and for the encouragement of God's dear people, it is now."
—H. W. White and wife

"Souls that really forsake all the world to follow Jesus get a real definite experience of Bible salvation. There is no sham about it for the Holy Ghost from heaven falls upon them, enters right into the heart, cleanses and purifies it and begins to dwell there. Jesus said to the disciples: 'If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.' John 14:23."
—Fred Pruitt

"The Lord understands your heart. The devil may whisper and tell you that your prayers are in vain, but they are not."
—Selma Hiebert