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Christ Bearing Our Sins

The pow'r of sin and evil reigned
O'er all the human race;
The heart of man was darkly stained
By Satan's dark disgrace.
But from the skies a Holy One
In love and grace came down,
A mortal body taking on
To gain for us a crown.
In His own body did He bear
Our punishment for sin;
Our pain and sorrow did He share:
What sufferings within!
All we like sheep had gone astray,
Unheeding heaven's call,
But upon Him the Lord did lay
Th' iniquity of all.
In His own body on the tree
He bore our sin and shame,
A curse became for you and me:
And Jesus was His name.
The thorns that pierced His noble brow,
The nails that pierced His hands,
The whip that o'er His back did plow,
Released sin's woeful bands.
These wounds and bruises caused to flow
A precious fount of blood,
Atoning for our sins, we know,
A gracious cleansing flood.
Because He bore our sins and wrong,
To sin we all can die,
And sing redemption's holy song
And unto God draw nigh.
Oh, let us love and serve Him now
And praise Him more and more,
To His sweet will in meekness bow,
Serve, worship, and adore.

—Leslie C. Busbee

Wholly Following Christ

"It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master. . . ." Matthew 10:25.

In this passage of Scripture lies the uttermost truth for all who would call themselves Christian. Our eye must be single, for the goal of our faith is Christ Himself, and only when we become "as He is" will it be enough. We read in I John 3:9 that "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; . . . because he is born of God." There is no calling upon one's life to be a pretty good Christian, for anything less than total devotion to Christ is not enough. It is not for us to determine how we shall serve Him, nor what degree of obedience we shall choose. We are not treading upon untested ground, neither are we conducting an experiment. The way has been prepared, and we must follow it as it is or abandon it altogether. The Lord Jesus Himself said, "I am the way," and we read in the Bible that He left us an example ". . . that ye should follow his steps:" I Peter 2:21.

Beloved if we are going to take upon ourselves the name of Christian, then we may have but one purpose in life: to be as He is! If we have in our hearts any desire other than this, then we have strayed from the prepared way, and we are out of His will! If our heart allows us to seek anything other than Christ, then our faith is false and we are following a god that we ourselves have created. The Bible tells us, ". . . Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. . . ." Mark 12:30. We must engage all our faculties to follow Christ, for as the second part of this same verse says, "this is the first commandment." God will not accept partial commitment, and to believe otherwise is to believe a lie! "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33.

Understand dear friends that there is a vast difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about Jesus. (Witness the seven sons of Sceva.) There are many today who can quote Scripture and seem very knowledgeable, but they walk in darkness for they do not know Jesus. There has to come a complete surrender, and there has to be the realization that it is Jesus we are after, and not religion. You must now understand once and for all that going to church is not enough, giving is not enough, prayer is not enough, doctrine is not enough. These are all essential, and very necessary, but of no value until we have come to know Jesus personally and are devoted to Him alone.

In order to become like Christ, we must abandon everything that does not have its foundation in Him. We must turn away from this world and its enticements and set our hearts upon the Lamb of God. It is impossible to have the world and Christ. It cannot be done (I John 2:15-17), and until that is understood, He cannot be found. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." Romans 8:5-8.

We are told in Ephesians 5:1, "Be ye therefore followers of God." Some would tell you by this that we are to "imitate" the Lord. Beloved to be a follower of the Lord goes far beyond imitation. Our best imitations would be nothing more than cheap copies, and would render us as merely "imposters." No imitation will ever suffice. We must be those "which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, . . ." If we are determined to follow our own hearts, His will never be revealed to us. If we are set to carve out our own way we shall meet with utter failure "For without me," Jesus says, "ye can do nothing." Without Christ there will be no heaven, there will be no blessing, there will be no victory, and there will be no everlasting life. If we do not press on to know Him we shall be without hope, for the hope belongs to those who will forsake all to gain Christ. —Bro. Jim Baxter

Many would like to die the death of the righteous, but they are not willing to live the life; they would like to have a crown, but they shun the cross; they want to live with Christ, but they are not ready to die with Him; they want to reign with Him in heaven, but they are not willing to suffer with Him on earth.

—Selected

Reasons Why We Know The Bible Is A Supernatural Book

It Is Astronomically Correct

We now have telescopes through which we can read ordinary print 25 miles distant. Such powerful glasses knock holes in false systems of the past.

During the centuries the Bible was being written, many works on astronomy were also being written. Great havoc has been made with all ancient systems by the telescope. Not so with the Bible. It is astronomically correct.

Anaximenes taught that the world was the shape of a table, Leucippus, a drum, Pindar, that it stood on pillars; others on the head of Atlas; others that it stood on the back of a huge elephant and when it moved there was an earthquake.

Plato, Aristotle and Pythagoras argued that the earth was a living being. The volcanoes was the earth vomiting.

The telescope, spectroscope, and navigation have torn to shreds all these teachings. But five thousand years before Columbus the Bible declared,

"He hung the earth upon nothing."

"He sitteth upon the circle of the earth."

"Behold the circuits of the earth." All this plainly teaches the rotundity and globularity of the earth.

The Stoics taught that the moon was larger than the earth. The Shastas, to this day, claim that the moon is many times larger than the earth and fifteen thousand leagues farther from the earth than is the sun. Heraclitus, Parmendes, in fact all the ancients insisted that the moon was much larger than the earth or sun and shone by its own light.

We know that the moon is smaller than either the earth or sun and shines by a borrowed light.

Listen to God's book.

"He made the greater light to rule by day and the lesser light to rule by night." And as to the light of the moon, it says, "Behold the moon; it shineth not."

The Ancients taught that there were at most a thousand stars.

How comes it that when all other ancients were saying a thousand stars, Moses wrote "Like the stars without number."

It is unthinkable that as late as 175 years ago the Ptolmaic system of astronomy was taught in Yale College. This theory held that the earth was the center of our solar system. The Bible is in harmony with the Copernician system. It was there when the scientists arrived. Why? Because it is God's book.

The Bible is full of astronomical statements that until yesterday caused the laughter of the skeptics. Job speaks of the empty place in the north.

The skeptics have had many a laugh over that. What are the facts?

In every direction the telescope is turned we see innumerable stars but to the North—the empty space.

No wonder the great astronomer exclaims, "The telescope but tells the story God has written in His Book."

The Bible Is Geologically Correct

In the first chapter of Genesis we have the story of creation, which Yale's great geologist says "is in perfect harmony with geology," and of which Harvard's great geologist says, "The order of creation as given in Genesis is faultless." Princeton's great geologist says, "The more the leaves of the book of earth are turned, the more they show the Old Book, the Bible, is true."

The Bible Is Psychologically Correct

Many of the ancients located the intellect in the blood, the heart, the abdomen, the chest, the stomach. The Bible writers lived in just such crude times, yet they are free from these errors. Not only are they free from these errors of their day but their psychological statements in reference to the mind, its seat in the brain, its powers and functions, the memory, the imagination, the conscience, the soul, are in harmony with the present day well known facts of established psychology.

The Bible Is Historically Correct

Ancient histories more than a generation old we find full of mistatements, not so the Bible. But a few years back the story of Joseph and the seven years of famine was pronounced by profane historians as a myth. The idea of the Nile not overflowing for seven years was unthinkable by them.

Recently the spade has revealed tablets and monuments upon which we find the story recorded to the last and least detail.

Five thousand places spoken of in the Bible have been definitely located by geographers and explorers. Perfectly marvelous confirmations have been worked out.

The deeper the archeological spade goes down, the higher Bible chronology and history go up.

The Bible Is Medicinally Correct

Three hundred and eight years ago Harvey discovered the circulation of the blood. Solomon told us all about that 2,616 years before Harvey's time. He tells us all about the streams

that pour forth from the heart through the circulatory system, making the circuit every three minutes.

We are coming to a drugless age. Medical science now announces three essentials to health: "Freedom from anxiety," "Temperance," and "Occupation." Long ago the Bible said all of that. "Take no anxious thought," "Temperate in all things," and "Diligent in business."

Medical science is more and more insisting that the physical and mental man demand one day in seven for rest. The Bible put that in the Ten Commandments.

Two hundred years ago leprosy was all but general in England. Isolation was finally resorted to to stamp it out. Moses did that 4,000 years before the English doctors were born.

The Bible Is Botanically, Zoologically And Meteorologically Correct

More than 250 plants, flowers and shrubs are mentioned and described in the Old Testament alone. Botanists, themselves being judges, claim that the Bible is flawless botanically.

Men of no mean gifts like Empedocles, Plutarch, Plato and Aristotle were among the early ancient botanists. Their works, today are but curios of botanical errors.

For centuries botanists classified plants by the Linnean system—by flowers. Long ago that system was discarded. All now classify by seeds.

In other words we have advanced as far as Moses who does that in the first and second chapters of Genesis. It took us four thousand years to advance that far.

The English poet sings of the vulture scenting the carrion afar. Scientists held this view for centuries. The Bible states that the vulture discovers its prey by sight, not by scent. Scoffers laughed at this so-called error. Now we know that the eye of the vulture is a powerful telescope. Animals are found to be correctly and scientifically described in the Bible.

Mysteries of evaporation, rain, and water currents have but recently been solved.

Thousands of years ago Solomon told us that "All rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the places from whence the rivers come, thither they return again."

Any up-to-date physical geography tells us how the currents of the air flow from the equator to the poles and back, one current above the other, and how they whirl around a mass of air at the poles, never resting.

Wise men 3,000 years ago told us this, "The wind goeth toward the south and turneth about into the north; it whirlleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his

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EDITORIALS

Once again God has made it possible to publish another *Faith and Victory* paper. Since an August edition was not printed many events have taken place since you heard from us.

The National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO proved to be a profitable gathering. It was well attended throughout and saints were edified and refreshed. There seemed to be more altar work this year than for several years previous.

It was a real blessing to have the new bookstore in operation. We thank everyone who patronized it and trust the literature dispersed will have long-reaching effects.

Even the children attending the camp meeting had a part in sowing the Word. With the supervision of Sis. Charlotte Huskey and others, those attending Children's Meeting wrapped, addressed and prepared for mailing, approximately 100 Bibles and 100 packages of tracts to go to West Africa.

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The first part of July I was privileged to spend several days on the island of Jamaica. I had some memorable experiences during this short stay and was glad to meet some individuals who really love the Lord. It brought a renewed realization that there are many souls all over this earth that are heading for eternity.

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I am sure it would be of interest to many to know that the man responsible for the death of Bro. Charles Smith was apprehended, and has confessed. On August 4 he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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A number of subscribers did not receive their July *Faith and Victory*. We regret any inconvenience this has caused and have attempted to remail papers to those who have notified us. If for any reason you do not receive literature or material on time, feel free to contact this office.

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One reader of the *Faith and Victory* recently wrote, and in commenting on the paper said, "So often I read something special and I hope everyone else reads it. . . ." We are encouraged and appreciate all those who do receive the *Faith and Victory*, but we would like to see it have a wider circulation. If you are not on our regular mailing list we encourage you to send in your name or the names of others who do not receive it on a regular basis.

The aim of this work is to print that which will encourage, enlighten and notify the saints

of vital information. Likewise, we have a burden to offer the gospel to those in sin. We appreciate your interest in helping us reach these goals.

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Do you ever grow weary of the many religious ideas and theories that surface and are propagated with much fanfare? In one bookstore I entered there was more material on the "New Age Movement" in the religious section than there were of all the other religious books put together. In studying the "New Age" theory I have found it to be a conglomeration of old mystic and Eastern religious beliefs dressed in a new cloak. The principles taught are worn out theories history has proven do not bring life and vitalization to the soul of man.

We read of something better in the Word of God. It speaks of a "new and living way." (Hebrews 10:20). The plan of salvation that Christ brought was something totally new and refreshing to those who received it. It was not comprised of ceremonial laws nor stale pagan beliefs. It was not a worked over or patched up system.

The history of the world was full of religions. The Egyptians had their religious symbols and rites, and there were Medes, Persians, Canaanites, Hittites, Philistines, etc., all having their pagan worship system. The Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Essenes, Nazarites, etc., were all deeply involved in forms of religion, but Christ used none of the tenets derived from these people. He had more than old dogmas refurbished with a new coat of personality. He offered something vitally different.

When the Apostle Paul was at Athens, we read of his contact with certain philosophers of the Epicureans and the Stoicks. Athens was a hotbed of ideas, for there were some there who did nothing but discuss new things. However, they had heard nothing similar to the gospel Paul preached. It was free of ignorant and unknown worship.

On an airplane I overheard a woman passenger talking to someone who must have been a car salesman. She said that she and her husband were of the opinion that if you purchased a used car, you were buying someone else's troubles. There is some validity to that. There is also a different opinion that many times a new car may have "bugs" in it that have to be worked out. Christ instituted a completely new way of life, but before He passed it on He proved it free of flaws by the life He lived. He proved that a person could be slapped on the face and with grace in His heart, say nothing; be tempted in all ways and yet be victorious.

When Jesus went into Capernaum He entered the temple and taught the people as one having authority. Then He beheld a man with

an unclean spirit and He cast the spirit out. The people, hearing and beholding, said, "What thing is this? what new doctrine is this?" (Mark 1:27). I feel sure that the man delivered of the unclean spirit would testify that although this may be a new doctrine, it was a way of life.

The secret of obtaining this new and living way is in having the Spirit of God in our hearts. The Church on the day of Pentecost experienced this and the Apostle Paul, in II Corinthians 3:6, testifies to it. "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

Let's entertain this "new and living way" in our hearts and search out its riches. Let's enjoy it and put it to full use, and be as one elderly Christian man of 82 who said, "I'm going to live till I die and then I'm going to live forever."

—Wayne Murphey

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—Pearl Steele

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—Sis. Alice Rhodes

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—Grace Jones

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—Bro. Charles Mason

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—Sis. Louise Strickland

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—Juanita Blankenship

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—Sis. Lydia Benett

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—Sis. Agnes Huskey

OK—Sis. Icylee Tillman has requested prayer for a daughter who is going through some hard trials.

Liberia, West Africa—"Please pray for me and the work in Liberia. Also, pray for my daughter, Joetta Pah; she is suffering from internal bleeding."
—Bro. Josiah Pah, Sr.

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

GREENBANK, WV CAMP MEETING REPORT

The meeting ended here at Greenbank, WV the 25th of June. There are no words to express the way the dear Lord moved in this meeting. The messages were so timely and encouraging. There were souls at the altar in both the morning and evening services.

Your brother, —Lloyd Cassell

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LORANGER, LA CAMP MEETING REPORT

We report to all who supported the Loranger Camp Meeting with your prayers that the Lord answered your prayers and blessed. The meeting was effectual. Many took the offered opportunities and put in for help from God. Each one receiving help more than repaid every effort and fulfilled the meeting's purpose.

Pray that the good wrought will be accompanied now with perseverance and the grace of God. We must press on to receive a full reward.

Yours in Christ, —Nelson Doolittle

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FRESNO, CA CAMP MEETING REPORT

Fresno was blessed with the most glorious camp meeting of many years. The Lord came down and anointed His Word with such an anointing that many souls sought salvation and spiritual help all through the meeting. The last Sunday, morning worship service started at

10:30 a.m. and continued until 4:30 p.m. The ministers would start to close the service and more souls would go forward. At the last the saints were on their feet rejoicing until the service could hardly cease. Many said it was the most glorious outpouring of the Spirit of God they had ever witnessed, and some said it reminded them of the account on the day of Pentecost.

We truly praise God for His blessings and for the ministers present to give forth the Word. Thank God for knowing whom to send, and for anointing the Word for the hour.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers.
—The Fresno Congregation

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TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING REPORT

Our camp meeting in Tulsa was a success through the prayers of the saints. Every message was blessed of God. As ministers would leave the meeting, God would send others.

The Ordinance Service was just precious and well attended.

I appreciate all the prayers of the dear saints of God and your loving kindness shown to all of us.

God is doing His part, and we want to do our part in getting this truth to the people. Pray for us.
—Sis. Eva Hardman

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WICHITA, KS FALL MEETING

The Wichita Fall Meeting has been set for September 15-24. We are trusting God to bless us with victory in every way. We know He knows every need and we are looking for Him to so supply.

On both Sundays we will have three services. Starting Monday and continuing through Saturday we will have two services daily: 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and be in the battle with us and receive desired help and blessings from the Lord.

If further information is needed, you may contact: Bro. Charles Taylor, 2839 Ellen, Wichita, KS 67219, phone (316) 686-3465, or Bro. Keith Marsh, 501 Topaz, Wichita, KS 67209, phone (316) 722-8114. —Submitted by Shirley Knight

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MISSOURI STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The 2nd Missouri State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, on Wednesday, September 27, and continue through Sunday, October 1. There will be three services daily: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this meeting. If you can't come, please pray for

the meeting. Last year's assembly meeting here was our first, and it proved to be a great success and a blessing. We are expecting the Lord to give us another special visitation this year. Everyone is welcome to attend!—Harlan Sorrell

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HOLLY HILL, SC REVIVAL

We are planning a revival October 6-15, if the Lord wills. We send a welcome to all. Pray for the success of the meeting as we want to see an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

—Bro. Utson Platt

CAMP MEETING TAPES

Sis. Doris Halladay has cassette tapes of the sermons preached at the Guthrie, OK and Monark Springs, MO Camp Meetings, as well as various other meetings. You may write to her for a listing of the tapes along with the prices. Her address is: 1406 S. Pine, Guthrie, OK 73044.

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NOTICE OF TAPES TO BE AVAILABLE

Several have asked me if tapes of singing from the Monark Springs Camp Meeting will be available this year. Lord willing, tapes of singing from that meeting will be available around the 1st of October, and a notice will be put in the *Faith and Victory* that month informing you of the number of tapes and the prices.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely, —Harlan Sorrell

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SINGING TAPE

The "Gospel Harmonizers" of the Church of God in Sacramento, CA have recorded a beautiful cassette tape now on sale for \$8.50 (includes postage and handling). The tape is entitled "Hope" and includes ten uplifting and inspiring songs. To order these tapes, please write: Sis. Pam Garnett, 6830 Walerga Rd. #159, Sacramento, CA 95842.

Make checks or money orders payable to: Church of God.

Chapel and Campground Relocation Progress Report

The urgency of the need for this relocation building project at Guthrie, OK was forcefully brought home to us once again as the present campground suffered yet another flood on August 15. The present dining hall was under five inches of water and water backed up into the chapel heat and air return duct. The flood-

ing caused the sewer to back up into the buildings, stopped up drains, and created very unsanitary conditions. As the water receded it left behind all kinds of trash and a slimy layer of nasty mud on everything it touched. The clean up that followed was a pretty major job. Fortunately we had sufficient warning of possible flooding and took some precautionary measures. This kept damage to the building contents at a minimum.

We thank the Lord that work is going forward on the second phase of the campground relocation and building project. Phase two, which consists of the building footings and floor, the plumbing, electrical, and heat and air ductwork in the floor, should be completed by the time you receive this report. We are trusting the Lord that as soon as phase two is completed we will be able to go right on into phase three. Phase three will be the purchase and erection of the structural steel building frame, the roof, and the exterior walls. The final step of this phase will be bricking the outside; this will seal the building in and protect the internal structure from the elements. We would like to be able to get this completed before winter sets in so the floor and plumbing etc., will be well-protected from the winter weather.

At present the Lord has supplied about 25% of the estimated cost of the third phase. We are looking to Him for the balance so we can get the steel structure on order and keep the project moving.

Once again we want to express appreciation to those who have inquired about the needs and progress of the project and have offered financial and physical assistance to help it go forward. This is God's work and God's work, done in God's way, will not lack His support. God will bless each one of us as we willingly do what He shows and enables us to do. The end result will glorify God, advance His cause, and bring joy in knowing one has done the will of his Father.

Offers of assistance and comments or questions are being addressed to: Church of God, % Brenda Wilkins—treasurer, Route 6, Box 797, Guthrie, OK 73044.

We appreciate your prayerful support and ask that each one share in this work by taking this need to the Lord in prayer each day.

—Bro. Bob Sallee for the Campground
Relocation Committee

—Primarily, there is but one object in this life, and that is to serve and worship Him who created all things. All other callings are secondary, are temporal, fleeting; but the Christian's calling is an everlasting, joyous reality."

—H. Dale Freeman

From the Mailbox . . .

CA—Dear Sister Maybelle: Lovingly we send you greetings. I trust that this little letter will find you well, happy and encouraged to keep keeping on in this Christian race. Although at times it seems hard to press on, we realize that we are winners and have everything to gain if we do keep on, and everything to lose if we don't.

I have been with some really sick people as of late and have known of some horrible accidents. Then to hear of Brother Charles Smith's tragic death makes me feel even keener than before that life is so short and so uncertain that we dare not play with our lives, the most precious thing we have.

If the Lord permits us, we will leave Sunday morning to go to the meeting down in Chapultepec, Mexico. I think several folks want to go to this meeting including my brother David Cole and his family. I don't guess that any of our family will be able to go to the meeting in Bakersfield, CA this time. We wanted to go very much, but it wasn't possible for us.

We appreciate an interest in your prayers for the meeting and the work in general in Mexico, especially for all of those that have heard the truth.

With Christian love, —Edith Cole Lara

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OK—Dear workers at the Print Shop: We thank God for His mercies to us each and every day. The blessings of God are surely needed in this world today. We need to ponder the path of our feet as recorded in Proverbs 4:26.

Each of us need each other's prayers, because we know that prayer changes things.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. and Sis. Hubert Corteway

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AL—Dear Bro. Wayne: With brotherly love I send you greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. As I was considering the Lord today my mind turned to Psalm 18:31 which says, "For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?" As I considered these things, my heart was filled with the warmth of His love, and the "peace which passeth all understanding." What a joy it is to know that in the midst of such turmoil as we face today, the Lord is upon His throne and we need but rest in His arms. I am reminded at the moment of the passage from Nehemiah 8 that says to us, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Glory be to our great King!

I do pray my brother, that the camp meeting went well. May it be that the Spirit of God

moved mightily among the people to wash their hearts anew with His holiness, love and devotion. May the dear God of heaven pour out His Spirit on us all that we may be conformed to the image of His wonderful Son. . . .

Yours for Christ,

—Jim Baxter

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FL—Dear Sister Maybelle Pruitt: Well, today we are getting some much needed rain. The lightning and thunderings were severe. . . .

I hope and trust that all is well there with you. I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper so much.

I am praying for the camp meetings, as I used to enjoy them so much when I was younger. It really makes me "homesick" for them.

My friend that has cancer needs prayer. Please pray for her.

This is all for now. May God bless you and the work there.

With Christian love and God's blessing,

—Judith Klokner

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IN—Hi there at the work shop: As my subscription will be running out in a year or two, I would like to renew the subscription for the *Faith and Victory* paper. We appreciate the good newspaper. It is referred to often and reread around through the family and friends. I have tried to keep the paper through the years. It is such a comfort to me and a blessing to my spiritual life.

Thanks so much and may the Lord bless and keep you in this dear work for souls.

—Mary Davis

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KS—Dear Wayne and saints: Just a few lines to say praise God for salvation and the privilege to serve such a wonderful and great God! I sure appreciate my Saviour and all He has done for me.

I think the journey to heaven is a great and an exciting one. I thank God for His wisdom and how He teaches and trains us along the way as we go. Truly He is gracious and full of mercy. I appreciate that, because it takes much to get us as humans to understand just what God would have us do and how He wants us to come to the full stature of the measure of Christ. Praise God from who all blessings flow. . . .

Christian love,

—Sis. Shirley Knight

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The true problem of living is to pass unhurt in our real character through the greatest trials, and to have our life softened, enriched, and refined by every trouble we endure.

—Selected

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Can.—Dear Sis. Pruitt, Bro. Murphey and all the workers in the Print Shop: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord for the blessed meeting in Guthrie, OK. Wife and I received the help we needed for soul and body. How good it is to know that we are His children, and the Lord is looking after us.

We just want to tell all of you how we do enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper, also the monthly *Bible Lessons*.

We just came back from the Greenbank, WV Camp Meeting. It was a glorious meeting. The Lord really worked everyday. Wife and I had a bad cold so we did as it says in James 5:14, and the Lord healed us. Glory to God.

We surely thank and praise the Lord for all He has done for us. He is truly a very present help in every time of need.

We will keep praying for all at the Print Shop and all the saints everywhere. We need each other's prayers.

Yours in the name of Jesus Christ,

—Bro. and Sis. George Schroeder

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Dear Bro. and Sis.: Greetings in His dear name: I became sick with a soreness in my stomach while I was at the Monark, MO Camp Meeting this year. I am thankful to the Lord and those who prayed for me for the healing I received.

My wife and I are thankful for all the things God has bestowed upon us both. I am glad that I have joy and peace in my soul and that I can take Him with me all the time.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

—Charles Mason

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OR—Dear Sis. Maybelle: Greetings in Jesus' name. It has been a little while since I have sent in my testimony for God's glory. He has kept me by His love and I am determined as time goes on to keep my hand in His so I can make heaven my home. I love Him more as time passes, because He cares for me by giving me a hope in these evil times. Just pray that I trust Him more and more each day. . . .

Yours sincerely,

—Sis. Naomi Jones

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AR—Dear Sister Maybelle and all at the Print Shop: I am so thankful for God's mercy. He is so good to us all. He watches for our souls both night and day. Some nights, like tonight, I can't sleep, but I can pray. I still love to serve God and love His Church that was bought with His precious blood.

I burned my hand the other day and it looked pretty bad for awhile. I called on God and it is getting well fast. . . .

I really enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper and books from the Print Shop. I love to read the "Window To The Past." This month's told about Bro. and Sis. Eck and Delores starting out with the evangelistic tent to carry the Good News. I guess that is when they first came to Grubbs, AR. Those are happy memories to me. Oh, if we still had the little chapel at Grubbs, and could have meetings, it would be so good.

Pray for us to hold on. So many have gone on to be with the Lord. We never know when our thread of life will be clipped and we will be gone, so pray for me and my loved ones that we will make it in.

—Sister Nellie West

FL—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: I have not written a testimony for a long time. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." "His service is my sweetest delight."

I truly thank the family of God for praying for my daughter. The Lord has raised her up again, but she still needs prayer. Pray with me that she will turn to God and be saved.

Your sister in Christ,

—Kathleen Williams

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FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From the Philippines . . .

June 26—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and Sis. Maybelle Pruitt: Greetings of Christian love in the glorious and sacred name of our Lord Jesus, who is worthy of all praises and honor. Hope you are all in the best of health in serving the Lord.

I am thanking God for the grace, love and peace He has bestowed on me and my family. All praise be to our heavenly Father. He created me to serve and glorify Him.

As to my work to the Lord, it's going well and fine. I have almost gone in and out of the City of Gingoog preaching the Word of God and enlightening and encouraging our brothers and sisters to be faithful and true servants of the Lord. I keep going around especially to some areas which need to know the truth. My main desire is to bring them closer to God and to be more like Jesus. . . .

With Christian love,

—Bro. Nonilon Capuyan

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From India . . .

June 27—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, Sis. Maybelle Pruitt and the chosen ones in Christ: It is a pleasure to greet you in the matchless

name of Jesus Christ who is our hope of glory.

I started my return journey from Tulsa, OK on the morning of June 7 and I arrived home on June 10 at 10:30 p.m. My flight to Bombay was late by 8 hours due to engine trouble at New York. But I had God's closeness and care and He did everything in a better way for my safe travel.

I would like to thank all the saints who extended their love and concern for me while I was in America. I cannot write you individually, therefore, please accept these few lines as my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for what you have done for me.

I have resumed my responsibilities in the church activities and have visited three churches. Also, we are planning to hold a worker's meeting (of the northern area) on July 15 to share our problems and possibilities, to pray to the Lord for new strength and power, and to hear from the Lord so that we may have a clear vision for the work. There are possibilities to start new works in this area.

We are very covetous of your earnest prayers for the work the Lord has entrusted to us in this Hindu land.

Yours in His service,

—P. D. Mathunny

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July 24—Dear Sis. Maybelle Pruitt, Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints abroad: Greetings to you dear ones again in the marvelous name of Jesus Christ.

I am glad to know that the camp meetings in America are going on with blessings and good results.

We had a wonderful minister's meeting on the 15th of July at Trichur, and a blessed monthly meeting on July 22 at Karikkom. We got some new souls very recently. Six dedicated young men came to fellowship with us two weeks ago. We need to pray for their families.

Our monthly paper, *Evening Light* in the Malayalam and Tamil languages are getting good response and results.

Edappally, near Cochin, is the new field opened for our work. We have a nice gathering there now to worship. They assemble in a rented hall. . . .

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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"Some people want to live because they do not want to die. Others want to live because their earthly plans are not all completed. Some want to live because it is the only world with which they are acquainted. The sublimest reason for living that ever throbbed in a human soul is to live to do God's will." —Selected

In Memoriam

Richard A. Williams, 81, of Shawnee, OK died Tuesday, June 13, 1989.

Graveside services were held on June 15, at the Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Gaskill Funeral Chapel. Brother Merrill Smith officiated.

Williams was a retired shipbuilder. He was born April 6, 1908 in Cherry Valley, AR, and had lived in many states including California, Missouri and Texas. He had lived in Shawnee since 1978. He married Verlene Latham September 16, 1934 in Bossier, LA. He was a member of the Gordon Cooper Chapel Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Verlene Williams, of the residence; a son, Richard D. Williams, CA; a sister, Neva Williams, North Little Rock, AR; three grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Richard Williams wants to thank you for the letters, love offerings, flowers, the lovely lunch that was prepared and all other tokens of love. They were a real encouragement. Your prayers were highly valued. May the Lord reward each one.

Your sister in Christ, —Verlene Williams

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Dahlia Macavinta Ivy was born October 4, 1960 in Stockton, CA. She was the eldest child of Ambrosio and Melbina Macavinta.

Dahlia attended local schools in Stockton, graduating from Edison Senior High School in 1978. She then attended California State University, Sacramento, majoring in business administration. From 1983 until her illness, she was employed by American Savings and Loan.

Dahlia met her husband, Aaron Dennis Ivy in 1978. They were married May 15, 1983. She was a faithful, loving and devoted wife and will be greatly missed by him.

In 1978 Dahlia accepted Christ as her Saviour, and worshiped with the Church of God in Stockton. She was a faithful member of the congregation and served as the congregation songleader. She also sang in a quartet with her husband and his brother and sister, Eric and Karen.

After a long and painful battle, Dahlia died on Sunday, June 18, 1989. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Dennis Ivy; her parents, Ambrosio and Melbina Macavinta of Stockton; her sisters, Evelyn Macavinta of Stockton and Melrose Tabatabaee of Whittier,

CA; as well as many relatives and friends in the Philippines, Guam and states of Washington, Utah and California.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. E. J. Trotter, Ernest Jordan and Ronald Hattley.

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Howard Ora Boulden, of Myrtle, MO, was born at Britten, MO on November 2, 1908. He was the son of the late John Frank Boulden and Cora (Moses) Boulden, and died at his home at Myrtle, MO June 22, 1989, at the age of 80 years, 7 months, and 21 days. He had lived at Myrtle one year, having previously lived the past 10 years at Holly Hill, SC. Survivors include 1 son, Harold Boulden of Omaha, NB; 2 stepdaughters, Thelma Dangerfield and Georgia Lee Reeves, both of Summersville, SC; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Bro. Howard was the pioneer type. He had lived in New Mexico, Washington, Indiana, Michigan, South Carolina, Missouri and possibly others. He had been born again from above which made him a member of the body of Christ, the Church of God. He was very active in the community: visiting and giving out tapes, books, etc. In the one year that he lived in Myrtle he made a remarkable impression.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God Chapel, Myrtle, MO, and burial was in the Church of God cemetery with Bro. Paul Sorrell officiating.

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Ray C. Butcher, son of Wesley and Clara Claxton Butcher, was born in Norwood, MO, on April 23, 1910. He died Saturday, August 5, 1989 at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 12 days.

At the age of seventeen Ray moved from Norwood, MO to the Fortescue Area where he farmed until retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Church of God.

On August 18, 1937, at Sidney, Iowa he married Mamie Stroud. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Hall, in October of 1988, and by two brothers, Arthur and Troy.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Ramah Gray, Richmond, MO; a sister, Sedalia Binckley, Ventura, CA; five grandchildren, Robert Ray Hall, Mont Verd, FL, Dr. Gary Hall, Mission, KS, Darren Gray and Lisa Clay both of Richmond, MO, and Rona Estenbaum, Henrietta, MO; two great-grandchildren, Caleb Clay and Brooke Estenbaum and several neices and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Petijohn and Crawford Funeral Home, Mound City, MO, officiated by Bro. Wayne Murphey. Interment

was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Mound City, MO.

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to all who have been so kind during the illness and death of our loved one; for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and flowers and many other kindnesses extended to us. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks.—The family of Ray Butcher

Question and Answer Column

by
Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Did the Jews, their children, priests, or prophets have power to cast out devils before Christ came on the scene? I refer to Matthew 12:26 and Acts 19:13-20.

Answer: I am a little reluctant to enter into a discussion on this question because I like to have a solid scriptural foundation for everything I put out for the public to read and I find that to be somewhat lacking in regard to this question. I have searched but have found very little if any direct scriptural references on this subject.

I find this reference in the writings of Josephus who is accredited with being one of the most renowned of Jewish historians. In book 8, chapter 2, paragraph 5, pages 240-241 of "Antiquities of the Jews" he says in discussing the superlative wisdom which God gave unto Solomon, "God also enabled him to learn that skill which expels demons which is a science useful and sanative (curative; restorative). He composed such incantations also by which distempers are alleviated. And he left behind him the manner of using exorcism, by which they drive away demons, so that they never return; and this method of cure is of great force unto this day; . . ." Josephus in the same paragraph states that he had seen a man named Eleazar driving out evil spirits from people and still making mention of Solomon and reciting the incantations which he had composed. Now Josephus lived shortly after Christ's time and he declares that these things were going on then and that those who did this were still using the name of Solomon and reciting the incantations which he composed. It would then probably be safe to conclude that this practice had been going on all down through the annals of Jewish history from the time of Solomon and that his name was being used in connection with it all along.

However, to be fair to everybody, I will also insert a footnote from these same pages (240-241). I do not know who wrote the footnotes throughout this volume but suppose it to be the translator of the volume, William Whitson, a Cambridge University professor of mathematics. He says, "I entirely differ with Josephus in this his supposal, that such books and arts of Solomon were parts of that wisdom which was imparted to him by God in his younger days; they must rather have belonged to such profane and curious arts as we find mentioned in Acts 19:13-20, and had been derived from the idolatry and superstitions of the heathen wives and concubines in his old age, when he had forsaken God, and God had forsaken him, and given him up to demonical delusions." He concludes this footnote with this, "As for the following history, it confirms what Christ says in Matthew 12:27, 'If I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out?' "

No matter which opinion we choose to adopt, it seems certain that all through Jewish history from Solomon on, there were men among the Jews engaged in casting out demons or evil spirits. And it is certain, and we do find solid scriptural foundation in Matthew 12:27 that there were such people in the time of Jesus. In the case in Acts 19:13-20, these seven sons of one Sceva, a priest, must have been familiar with the practice of calling someone's name (perhaps Solomon's) in expelling demons, only in this case they repeated the name of Jesus whom Paul preached. At any rate it never worked. They were practicing a curious art, and God never gave His support to it. It would appear that all that kind of work that went on in Jewish history was spurious also.

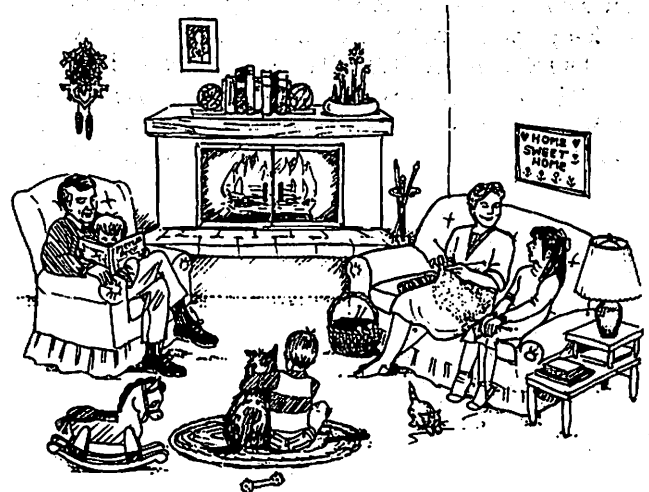
"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind. . . ." Ephesians 4:14.

There are many winds blowing all around us. Some are strong and overpowering; some are softer and more cunning. Doubt can begin as a very small breeze, but it will always increase in velocity until we are blown over. Breezes of fear, self-gratification, self-exaltation, unforgiveness and false doctrine, if allowed to continue in one's heart, will become so fierce a wind that the Christlike virtues of faith, hope, love, kindness, forgiveness and forbearance will be uprooted from our lives.

We are in a world of fiercely blowing winds and cannot escape its whipping around us. It does have an affect on us. It is up to us to decide whether we will be uprooted or bent. Let the wind bend us towards Jesus. Let His strength be in us and we will never be uprooted.

—Cynthia Meek

HOME LIFE



An Open Letter To All Parents

Dear Mom and Dad,

If I am "affectionately yours," PLEASE . . .

DON'T SPOIL ME. I know quite well that I should not have all that I ask for. I'm only testing you.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE FIRM WITH ME. I prefer it. It makes me feel more secure.

DON'T LET ME FORM BAD HABITS. I have to rely on you to detect them in the early stages.

DON'T MAKE ME FEEL SMALLER THAN I AM. It only makes me behave stupidly "big."
DON'T CORRECT ME IN FRONT OF PEOPLE IF YOU CAN HELP IT! I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.

DON'T NAG. If you do, I shall have to protect myself by ignoring you.

DON'T MAKE RASH PROMISES. Remember that I feel badly let down when promises are broken.

DON'T FORGET THAT I CANNOT ALWAYS EXPLAIN MYSELF AS WELL AS I SHOULD LIKE. That is why I'm not always very accurate.

DON'T BE INCONSISTENT. That completely confuses me and makes me lose faith in you.

DON'T PUT ME OFF WHEN I ASK QUESTIONS. If you do, you will find that I stop asking and seek my information elsewhere.

DON'T TELL ME MY FEARS ARE SILLY. They are terribly real to me and you can do much to reassure me if you try to understand.

DON'T EVER THINK THAT IT IS BE-NEATH YOUR DIGNITY TO APOLOGIZE TO ME. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm toward you.

DON'T FORGET I LOVE EXPLORING. I couldn't learn without it, so please put up with it.

DON'T FORGET HOW QUICKLY I AM GROWING UP. It must be very difficult for you to keep pace with me, but please do try.

DON'T FORGET THAT I CAN'T THRIVE WITHOUT LOTS OF UNDERSTANDING LOVE, BUT I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU, DO I? YOUR CHILD

Reasons Why We Know The Bible Is A Supernatural Book

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circuits." And again, "He bindeth up the waters in a thick cloud, he draweth up the drops of water: rain is condensed in vapor." That tells us all we know about evaporation to this day. One would think this wonderful Book might have been made yesterday at the signal station at Washington.

The Bible Is Prophetically Correct

One hundred and fifty years before Cyrus was born, the Bible stated that he would be born and where, and that he would become a ruler of a people not his own, and that he would free from bondage the children of Israel. It all happened as prophesied.

In the golden age of Ninevah the prophet announced that Ninevah would become a "gazing stock." It was destroyed, buried, for centuries was unknown, but is now unearthed and is to be seen in museums literally "a gazing stock." The same thing happened to Tyre.

When Israel was passing out of the wilderness, Moses told them that they would return, not as they had come out, but by ships: that they would be sold as bond men and women and that no man would buy them.

Titus, A.D. 79, 1,530 years afterward, destroyed Jerusalem, crucified tens of thousands and put 100,000 in boats, took them to Alexandria where they were sold as slaves. The market was so glutted that no man would buy. The prophecy was fulfilled to the letter.

Five hundred prophecies of like sort have been literally fulfilled.

One hundred and ninety-eight direct, definite prophecies are found in the Old Testament concerning the coming of Jesus—the world's Redeemer. There are three hundred and thirty-three indirect prophecies concerning the same. There are eight times as many prophecies concerning the second coming of Jesus, to complete the redemption program.

Supremacy Not Only In Accuracy, But In Its Universality Of Fitness Of Time, Ages, Or Conditions Of People

The Bible is not only correct as to the former interesting matters but equally so in law, civili-

zation, art, architecture, music, poetry and in practically every realm, but it fits every age of history. Books are constantly passing into discard because they are out-of-date, not so the Supernatural Bible. Historically, scientifically and prophetically correct makes it a book for all time.

Its majesty of style combined with simplicity of statement makes it a book for the philosopher and yet for the humblest believer. Its simplicity is equal to its sublimity.

Its Sublime Unity

Although written by some forty different writers, over a period of some one thousand years and under the greatest conceivable differences of conditions and educational equipment, yet the Book stands, a Unit in teaching and spirit. It contains prose, poetry, theology, history, travel, stories, and is written by kings and peasants, yet it is one message. It would be as easy to have forty men, living utterly independent of each other having no common pattern, hew out stones of different shapes and sizes that when brought together would fit perfectly into each other and form a palace of beauty, symmetry and definite design. Yet that is just what has happened in the making of the Bible. What clearer proof of a Divine hand could there be?

The Writers Claim It As God's Book

The writers themselves state two thousand times: "Thus saith the Lord." Explain the moral tone of the Book if these men were liars.

Jesus' Recognition Of The Scriptures

Jesus quotes twenty-two out of the thirty-nine Old Testament books. Jesus corroborates every book attacked by modern critics.

Excellence Of Spirit And Atmosphere

Wherever it goes, civilization, great thinking and fine living follows. Its doctrines, precepts, promises and lofty moral tone are the world's greatest uplift.

The supremacy of the Bible as the inspiration of art, music, letters, civilization, education and the home is recognized. Could this be true if the Bible were but the invention of designing men?

Promises True In Answered Prayer

The promises of the Bible form the basis of answers to prayer. The Bible is the great inspirer and guide in the prayer life. It points the way to direct relations with God. Man's soul thus finds what he craves, a place in the heart of God.

The Spiritual Power Of The Bible

The soul cries out for truth. The Word meets the spiritual needs of the human heart. It points out the path of salvation to the sinner, gives strength and encouragement to the struggler and comfort to the mourner. It is bread to hungry souls.

How logical is the place the Bible occupies! Naturally the Father would speak to His children and the Bible is just such a book as we would naturally expect from a heavenly Father. There is no disappointment in it anywhere, and best of all it answers, so marvelously, all our questions.

The Chart Of The Sea Of Life

Providential guidance. It gives most marvelous records of God's hand guiding and directing men and nations. As of old, so now, men are experiencing that same providential guidance under the inspiration of the Bible.

It Answers The Inquiry Of The Soul For Immortality

Its promises make downy pillows for the dying. It assures of life eternal in a way that gives supreme soul rest. The Book must be Divine.

Proven The Majesty Of Man

It assures us that destiny is comradeship with God. It holds out a future as big as the universe is boundless and as great as the dreams and hungerings of an awakened soul demand.

It Is The Book Of Rest For The Troubled And Perplexed

The Bible—the Book of rest. It and it alone has a message that satisfies the human heart. It sweetens the home and feeds a mother's heart. It inspires youth and sustains the martyr in his sacrifice.

It Is Unquestionably The Greatest Book Ever Written

Most popular, most hated, most attacked. It has been subjected to the most severe criticisms and examination. Every statement, clause and precept has been tested to the limit. Through it all it stands stronger everyday. —Selected

Press The Battle On

This year during the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO, the major message seemed to be "Press the Battle On." Each one must enlist in the Master's service and be trained just as a good soldier needs to be trained. It is urgent that the saints of God

involve themselves in the spiritual warfare of these last evil days.

Two of the first things a good soldier must know is "Who is the enemy?" and "When is the enemy around?" The enemy paid Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, a personal visit while Jesus was out in the wilderness fasting and praying. Slyly the enemy came quoting Scriptures as an "angel of light" (II Corinthians 11:14), desiring to deceive the very elect. (Matthew 24:24). Jesus was prepared for battle. He recognized the voice of Satan because it disobeyed the Word of God; it had vain glory and false power behind it; and there wasn't any good spiritual strength with the counsel. (Luke 4:14). These are three stable testing points in discerning Satan, for we must not be ignorant of his devices. (II Corinthians 2:11). Jesus quoted Scriptures right back to Satan which made Satan fabricate another dark, subtle suggestion.

Truth floods the soul with a gentle urgency toward the right. Truth will speak with abiding assurance to the soul that all will be well in obedience. However, Satan will come with nagging hints, discouraging whispers, maybe neon-lighted signs telling what must and must not be done. Jesus said Satan was the father of lies (John 8:44) and once his lies are exposed, he will run. A child of God can feel Satan leave as he takes his dark, heavy cloud with him. As song number 130 in *Evening Light Songs* declares: "... Christ, our Captain, is forever near; Be courageous, full of hope and cheer, With full assurance press the battle on." So it is, a soldier will know the voice of the Captain from the voice of the enemy so that he will not become confused in the battle.

A good soldier will keep guard against the enemy. Ephesians 4:27 says, "Neither give place to the devil." I Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant [watchful]. . . ." James 4:7 says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Ephesians 6:10-18 describes the whole armor of God that a soldier must wear at all times. "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Each item of equipment listed in this passage of Scripture is essential to a soldier when standing against the enemy and when in combat against the enemy. It is one thing to stand against the devil and it is another thing to fight against him. Saints of God who are "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" need to be aggressive at times instead of defensive.

Here are some strongholds that are to be pulled down by the mighty power of God. "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations, and

every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" II Corinthians 10:4, 5. Evil imaginations and proud thoughts corrupt souls and cause ugly wounds such as lying, stealing, hating, backbiting, murdering, wrecking families, and having loose morals which lead into other depraved poverties of body and soul.

A soldier strong in the Lord and in the power of His might will work to pull down Satan's strongholds which is aggressive warfare, but all soldiers must always stand against the wiles of the enemy, which is defensive warfare. The mind is where the battlefield lies. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:2. Only wicked minds begin physical wars which cause human suffering and grief. Likewise, minds which are transformed to the mind of Christ (I Corinthians 2:16) resist evil and prove what is good and righteous. The devil knows he must first conquer the battlefield of the mind before he can claim the victory. When the devil is ruler in the mind's high place, then there is spiritual wickedness in the soul and heart.

For God's soldier, there is relief in the battle. When Jesus was born and peace was declared, it was that peace which passeth all understanding for the mind and heart of men and women. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:7, 8. Following the instructions given in this passage of Scripture is like handing a cool, refreshing drink of water to a weary soldier. Right in the heated furnace when the fiery darts are flying thick and fast, there can be a peace that passeth all understanding when we think on these things and praise God. When Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world, He purchased abiding peace for the hearts and minds of all those who would believe in Him and forsake their sins, giving their all to God. It is not the peace of this world, but a quiet, confident peace that a sanctified person possesses. (John 14:27). Satan, the enemy he is, daily desires to steal away this peace because he knows its value of fortification.

Someday we shall see the Captain of our salvation and say with Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



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Bro. and Sis. Wilson's Journey
to Nigeria

"Bro. and Sis. Ostis Wilson embarked on a ship of the West Africa Line on Wednesday, July 15, at New York. Leaving New York, their ship passed the brightly illuminated Statue of Liberty about midnight. On July 16 Bro. Wilson wrote us a letter when they had been out 10 hours. They reported that they had real nice first class accommodations. He was doing well, but Sis. Opal had been feeling a little sick. All twelve of the passengers aboard were missionaries bound for different fields in Africa. The ship was going up the coast of New England enroute to Halifax, Nova Scotia to take on some more cargo of flour, as this is primarily a freighter. From there, after a one day stop, it would head out to sea to cross to Monrovia, Liberia. On August 9 Bro. Wilson sent an interesting letter of their sea voyage from their ship anchored outside the port of Lagos, Nigeria to Bro. and Sis. Stover. They had been on the ship over three weeks, and were anxious to get to their destination at Port Harcourt which was not too far away. At the time of writing their ship was waiting its turn to get into the port of Lagos. Two letters in the same mail came from Bro. Wilson just before this paper went to press, telling of their safe arrival at their new mission home in Nigeria, West Africa. Thank the Lord for answered prayer thus far!"

—Lawrence Pruitt

At the Monark Springs Camp Meeting—
"About 40 ministers were present. Forty-three converts were baptized and about 151 happy saints observed the ordinances."