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Nightfall

The calm, full day, so flushed with light,
So draped in placid majesty,
Has sunk beneath the mystic sea
That shrouds the immortal from our sight.

We revelled in its affluent rays,
We sunned us in its atmosphere;
We drank its beauty—breathed its cheer,
And felt its bliss a thousand ways.

What princely flowers filled its morn!
What rich results its noontide hours!
How nobly its unresting powers
Have all the heat and burden borne!

Tis well that kindly night should come With precious silence and release: So in our souls we whisper "peace" At such a tranquil sinking home.

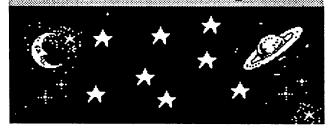
But while we miss the golden bars

That bounded in this day so bright,

We look aloft—and lo! the night

That closes round us throbs with stars!

-Margaret Junkin



The Review of Life

The busy day of life is over. Its pleasures, its duties, and its anxieties have passed away. The sunshine and the shade, which alternately marked its path, have alike disappeared; and the soft tints of evening are gathered over the sky.

The evening of life! Yes: life has its sunset hour, its twilight season. The dim eye, the silvered lock, and the feeble step indicate that the closing period of earthly existence has arrived. How rapid has been the flight of time! How near must be the approach of eternity!

The gradual decline of health and strength is a kind and merciful preparative for the solemn change which awaits us. It seems to lessen the reluctance which our nature feels to give up life; to wean us from the varied attractions of earth; to soften the abrupt transition from the present to a future state of being. It accustoms us to the consideration of death: it assists in the realization of immortality.

The evening of life! Evening is the time for rest. The little bird seeks its leafy roost; the rosy child throws aside its playthings and falls asleep; the weary laborer comes home from his work. The cares of the day are forgotten; and all is hushed and quiet. And life's closing hours, Christian reader, should be distinguished by serenity and repose. You must not harass and perplex yourself now with occupations which were once both appropriate and necessary, nor repine because you are unable to exert yourself as in former days. Your strength is to sit still. Old age is the resting place in the journey of life; and the feverish heat of noontide is exchanged for the refreshing coolness of twilight.

An impatient, restless, grasping, or dissatisfied spirit is not consistent with the character of an aged pilgrim. Habitual quietude and self-possession should mark his demeanor. Neither the excitements of the world, nor the agitations of the moments which are necessarily devoted to busiprofessing church, should ruffle your equanimity; for you are too experienced a traveller in this vale of tears to be discomposed by the distractions around you, or to doubt the wisdom and faithfulness of Him who makes all things work together for good.

Your rest in Christ, your trust in Him as your Saviour, should be more perfect, more unwavering than in earlier years. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," (II Tim. 1:12), should be the assured expression of your confidence in Him. Firmly placed on the Rock of ages, and fully conscious of the security of your position, your closing life should be a realization of that promise in which God has engaged to keep in "perfect peace" those whose minds are stayed on Him. (Isa. 26:3). The cheerful, all-sustaining faith of an aged Christian is one of the best testimonies to the worth and reality of religion, and furnishes a bright and encouraging example to the lambs of the flock. Weary and distressed by the arduous conflict in which he is engaged, the youthful Christian is frequently too ready to conclude with the desponding patriarch, "All these things are against me," (Gen. 42:36), or to exclaim with the sorrowful Psalmist, "I shall perish one day," (I Sam. 27:1). At such seasons in his experience his faith is strengthened and his hope is revived as he beholds the tranquility and peace of some advanced believer, who has safely passed through similar trials and successfully surmounted similar temptations to his own, and who is now enjoying a foretaste of that rest which remaineth to the people of God. Such repose is to him a pledge of his own partial deliverance from toil and conflict; and the contemplation of it enables him to gird up the loins of his mind, and to run with patience the race set before him.

Then let those around you, Christian reader, see that your hope is like an anchor sure and steadfast; that you are now confidently resting upon those principles which have hitherto sustained and guided you. Let no doubt shadow your peace; no anxiety ruffle your composure. You have struggled long with trial and temptation; you have tested in your own experience the truth of God's promises; you have done His work among your . fellowmen; and now you must calmly wait until your Father's living voice bids you welcome home.

The evening of life! Evening is the time for reflection. Amidst the busy and exciting occupations of the day there is seldom much opportunity for serious consideration. Well disciplined minds, it is true, can control their thoughts, and gather them around high and holy subject, even in those

ness; but most persons are so harassed and engrossed by the constant claims upon their time and attention as scarcely to be able to cast a hurried glance on things which are unseen and remote; and they feel how welcome and how desirable is the evening hour for quiet meditation, for self-examination, and for the formation of wise and good purposes.

Now, reader, your eventide of life should be consecrated to calm and elevated thought. Through the long period which is passed you have not perhaps redeemed much time for hallowed consideration. Martha-like, you may have been cumbered with much serving; or, Israel-like, you may have forgotten the Lord your God. But whatever has been your previous history, you are now, by the infirmities of age, withdrawn from active duties, that you may muse upon coming realities. How thankful should you feel that there is yet a brief space allotted you for pious thought and preparation, before you go hence and be no more seen!

In the peaceful twilight hour, when we sit alone and commune with our own hearts, our thoughts naturally turn to the occurrences of the past day. Little incidents, too trilling perhaps to speak about, are reviewed and dwelt upon; virtuous actions which have been performed win the approval of conscience, and wanderings from duty call forth feelings of regret; pleasing events and painful trials have each a share in our pensive musings; varied indeed are the scenes which one day's panorama brings before our view. And then we generally glance at the future. We arrange our plans for the coming day; we look forward with glad expectancy to the joys which are in store for us; or we shrink in fear and despondency from the troubles which seem associated with the morrow; and will not your thoughts, aged reader, thus chiefly divide themselves into retrospection and anticipation?

The evening of life! Have these words a melancholy sound? They tell, it is true, that the bright sunshine of youth is past; that the health and the energy which impelled our steps in the path of usefulness and renown have departed; that the night of death will soon gather round us, when we must close our eyes upon all that is loved and lovely here. itaria garaj

But are these facts unwelcome to Christian? Nay, are they not rather the incentives of his hope and his joy? Long a stranger and a pilgrim upon earth, do they not assure him that he is now on the borders of that country which he has so earnestly been seeking? The worldling may mourn over the flowers which have withered in his grasp, but the Christian has a treasure laid up in heaven, and his heart is there also. The orphan spirit may shrink from the prospect of an unknown eternity; but the child of God cannot but rejoice in the thought of soon going home.

The evening of life! Aged Christian, an everlasting morning will soon dawn upon your redeemed and perfected spirit. "Now is your salvation nearer than when you believed," (Rom. 13:11). Mark with thankfulness the shadows of evening as they deepen around you, for they are the necessary precursors of the coming day. —Selected

Who "Mythed" The Boat?

Most evangelical Christians have been shocked by the recent announcement made by a large church denomination about revising all their Sunday school lessons. The aim, according to their proponents, is to make the Bible more acceptable to the modern scientific minds. With this lofty purpose in view they will now teach their pupils that the story of creation recorded in Genesis is a myth. The story of Noah's Ark is said to be a fairy tale. They tell us that David did not really kill Goliath, and further state that the glorious account of the Virgin Birth is nothing more than a myth.

It really looks as if these people may have "mythed the boat." It would be difficult to convince Noah of any myth about it. He not only spent 120 years constructing it, but he was the captain who navigated it on a shoreless sea for a long period of time. The people who mythed the boat in Noah's day, mythed everything.

Now if David had mythed Goliath with his stone there would not be much history of Israel to record. Goliath was very real as he brandished his mammoth spear and terrified every Israelite except David. His vile oaths rent the air and his savage threats caused the armies of Israel to reel backward without encounter. Goliath rattled his saber, flashed his shield and clattered his armor as he hurled vile insults and blasphemous curses at the hosts of Israel when David approached him. David met the Philistine giant in the name of the Lord and soon the giant was slain. I am glad David did not myth the mark he aimed at.

Now these people seem to have mythed the Virgin Birth as well. This means that they must have mythed the angels too. No doubt they mythed the shepherds and the wise men also. A little later they seem to have even mythed the resurrection. The farther you probe this interpretation, the more it becomes obvious that it only leads to

mythunderstanding the Bible.

That is the trouble when you discount the inspired revelation of the miraculous creation in Genesis. You just have no place to stop. If man decides that the Bible account of creation is a myth, then man becomes the judge of the Book instead of being judged by the Book. There is a dangerous fallacy in the wisdom of man... "The world by wisdom knew not God." (I Cor. 1:21). It is better to be simple and safe than to be worldly wise and be lost. For if the Virgin Birth is a myth, then salvation is too. But millions of people have experienced salvation and the evidence is all around us in transformed lives of believers. Those who mythed the Ark drowned. Those who myth the Saviour forfeit eternal life. Be sure you don't myth it!

-Selected

The Value Of Wisdom

Wisdom is golden oil; the soul's richest resource.

Its healing qualities are unsurpassed, and its value unlimited.

It is gentle in its spirit, but strong in its power. It is favorable in its action, objective in its purpose; yielding the fruitfulness of peace.

We receive this gift of wisdom when our hearts have been brought into humble submission to a holy God, letting Him use us in His own way.

The testing and purifying experiences we go through removes from our personality all unprofitableness, like chaff is removed from the wheat. Then the pure kernels of wheat can be used. In the corner of each grain of wheat is golden oil that when extracted is used to cure many ills. It is known as vitamin E, or wheat germ oil.

Wisdom, the golden oil from above, is God's medicine to the soul of man and is therapeutic in its action.

Wisdom is better than rubies. (Prov. 8:11). It is pure, peaceable, and gentle. (James 3:17).

-Lillian Gertrude Mayberry.

Things done in pure, sincere love are not done for reward. He that does things for reward is an hireling. If you wish that the work you are doing would come to an end you are not doing it in purest love. He who does things in pure love to God has no wish how hard the toil may be or how long it may last. He is doing it in love to God and the God of love will have it be no harder, nor last any longer than He will and in this is the godly man happiest.

—C. E. Orr

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Editorials

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way. . .?" Psa. 119:9. This is a question pondered by the Psalmist David. David knew in a very real way the grief of youth that is spent in folly. Once his own son, Absalom, in a misguided pursuit, took up arms against him. When the news came that the king's troops had been victorious and Absalom had been killed, King David went to his chamber and cried, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son!" II Sam. 18:33. When a misdirected life is viewed there are two emotions that accompany it. First, there is indignation at the evil that the life has wrought. A more personal observation brings grief for the individual whom the Devil has taken advantage of.

As we look upon the condition of the youth of our land we tend to ask the same question David did, "How can they be changed from their evil ways?" It is not uncommon for small children to use words that are a disgrace to a civilized people. To many young people, an immoral life is a standard way of living.

The Psalmist David had the answer to his question. "... by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psa. 119:9. This is the solution, and conditions cannot be expected to improve until it is implemented. When we see children that not only come from broken homes, but are abused physically and mentally, it is easier to understand why they are as they are. When pornography is easily obtained and adults are publicly participating in lewd practices, what kind of moral standards can we expect from the children of our land? When a 5th grade public school textbook, in a light hearted manner, describes a child having its head torn from its body, do we anticipate that young minds will know the sanctity of life? When a 4th grade textbook describes a child's arms being brutally ripped away, why do we wonder at the cruelty teenagers commit? When school children are told to compose spells and are urged to chant them, we should not wonder at the Satanism that is prevalent.*

There is hope, and that hope is in God. As parents we have the responsibility of seeing that our children are taught the Word of God. As Christians we are obligated to let our light encompass all those we come in contact with. When the blood of Christ is upheld as the answer to the sins

"The school text books mentioned are part of a current series called "Impressions" and printed by Holt Rinehart and Winston. of the oppressed, there then can be the opportunity for youth to cleanse their ways.

We again have the book, Birth of a Reformation in stock. All of the backorders on the book have been mailed out. We are sorry for the length of time it has taken to get this project completed.

As of this printing, we have received a partial shipment of the paper that was ordered in August. The balance of it is scheduled to be delivered in the near future. Not enough funds have come in to meet the entire financial obligation, but we want to thank the ones who have been so kind to respond to this need.

Just prior to printing this paper, Sis. Agathe Friesen, of Ontario, Canada, arrived in Guthrie to help us with the office work. Aunt Maybelle Pruitt's daughter-in-law, Maxine, stepped in and was a big help to the work after Aunt Maybelle's death, but for several months she has been unable to be here on a daily basis due to the responsibilities of another job. Sis. Agathe felt a burden to come and assist us and we are glad to welcome her.

—Wayne Murphey

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-Helen Carson

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—Jeanette Mooney

AR—"I'm in need of prayer for my body."

-Alice Rhoades

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—Edwin and Ruth Yetzke

AR—Sis. Nellie West desires prayer for a friend who is having physical problems.

SC—"I am still encouraged, but need prayer for wife and myself."

—Bro. Utson Platt

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING REPORT

The Lord blessed the Tulsa congregation with a blessed camp meeting by the help of your prayers. We do thank all of you for your support in every way.

Souls were saved and helped. It was so precious to see one elderly lady take her stand for the truth.

Your sister in Christ, —Eva Hardman

DURHAM, NC CAMP MEETING REPORT

We are thankful that God blessed us to have a good meeting this year. Souls received help and encouragement from the Word of God. The Word of God was preached under anointing and was so precious to our souls. May the Lord reward all the ministers, workers and saints who labored so faithfully during the camp meeting. We are thankful for all the saints who supported us with their prayers.

Christian love, —Bro. Jerry Lennon

ENSENADA, MEXICO CAMP MEETING REPORT

We appreciate the wonderful support from the saints for the Ensenada, Mexico camp meeting.

After many weeks of hard work, the chapel was finished enough to put in the seats. At this point it has unplastered cement block walls, a cement floor and plywood roof which will be the floor of the upper level. It has no doors yet, but windows were installed during the meeting. Electric lights for the meeting were supplied by Bro. Tom Pollock's light plant on his camper bus. On Sunday, August 12, the first service was held. It was a time of great rejoicing for those who worked so hard.

On this day the kitchen contained two nice propane stoves, and a set of metal sinks with a bucket under the drain to catch the water. There wasn't much fear of the bucket running over, for there was no water. Besides those who were already there working on the construction, several Americans had already come in for the meeting. Having no water was quite an inconvenience! The next day, two 50-gallon barrels of water were brought in. These were refilled daily.

The few camp meeting utensils and dishes were unpacked and washed by the girls, while James and the boys built kitchen cabinets and a serving counter using cement blocks and strips of plywood. A work table and eating table were made of plywood and saw horses. A lot of paper products were used because we had very few dishes, glasses, or silverware to serve about 50 persons each morning, 125 for dinner, and up to 75 each evening.

During the meeting a 90-gallon water tank was put on the roof and filled with water, a faucet was installed, and the sink drain was connected. By the last Sunday things were getting real modern. Some had the privilege to shower with solar heated water from the tank on the roof above the shower room.

The camp meeting began at 6:30 a.m. Monday morning. Each day the early morning prayer meeting was well attended and many felt that it was the best service of the day. Bro. Mayarino, Bro. James Bell, and Sis. Sherri Rich brought most of the messages, each morning and evening. Children's meetings were well attended and there was also a class for English speaking children and young people.

The last Friday night we were surprised by the visit of a pastor and 12 persons from a congregation in Tijuana. The director and his wife of a street rescue mission came with them. They seem to be a very humble group. Please pray for them. We want to go visit their place in Tijuana. We found out that our son Tim had talked to them by the road and invited them to the services. Tim also brought some from La Mision each day.

I was touched Saturday when an old sister from Ojos Negros came to the meeting. She had

come on the bus from Ojos Negros to Ensenada then on the city bus to Chaputalpec. From the bus stop she had walked about a mile and one-half to the camp.

Friday afternoon there was an ordinance service, and seven were baptized.

James was informed today that nice wooden doors with metal frames left over from remodeling the office building where he works are being donated for the project in Ensenada. We are looking forward to having dorms and bathrooms for the next meeting. —Sis. Charlotte Huskey

BOLEY, OK CAMP MEETING REPORT

We thank the Lord for the good camp meeting He gave us in Boley, for the ministers, workers and saints who attended to help fight against sin, and make the meeting a blessing.

The Word of God was preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The Word went forth on many lines, such as, "Wisdom," "Redeeming The Time," "Love," and other precious truths. Our souls were fed from heaven as the Lord supplied our needs. Praise the Lord!

May the Lord bless every one for your labor of love.

With Christian love and prayers,

-Katherine Williams

HOLLY HILL, SC REVIVAL MEETING

The date of Oct. 5-13 has been set as a time for revival meeting in Holly Hill, SC.

If you are interested in further details, contact Bro. Utson Platt, Rt. 1, Box 194, Holly Hill, SC 29059

MISSOURI STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Missouri State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Myrtle will convene, Lord willing, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, and continue through Sunday, Oct. 14. 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. We are expecting the Lord to give us another special visitation this year.

—The Myrtle congregation

GREEN PASTURES, OK MEETING NOTICE

The Lord willing, we are planning to have a singing on Saturday, Oct. 13, and all-day services,

Sunday, Oct. 14. We would like to welcome each one. We are looking forward to a blessed time in Zion.

If you would like additional information, please contact Bro. Charles Chandler, (405) 769-7413.

-Lawana Gladney

FRESNO. CA MEETING NOTICE

The Fresno, CA congregation of the Church of God invites you to our fall revival meeting, beginning Oct. 26-Nov. 4. All are welcome.

For further information contact Bro. Charles E. Taylor, (209) 348-1016, or Bro. Charles Parrish (209) 485-3465.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK FALL MEETING

The Oklahoma City, OK fall meeting will commence Oct. 28, Lord willing, and continue through Nov. 4. All are cordially invited to attend. Come expecting God to help us in this endeavor for souls and the edification of the Church of God. For additional information please contact Bro. Loren Busbee, (405) 341-7291, or Bro. Johnny Williams, (405) 628-1241.

JEFFERSON, OR ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Annual Assembly Meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, OR will be held from Friday, Nov. 2 through Sunday, Nov. 10. The first service will be Friday night at 7:30. Both weekends there will be services at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. During the week, Monday through Friday, there will be services at 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

We are praying for the Lord to send us ministerial help of His own choosing. We would appreciate earnest prayer for the meeting.

Anyone coming by public transportation, please contact us and we will meet you at the proper terminal. R. V. hookups are available on the grounds. Those needing further assistance, please call Bro. Clifford Wilson, (503) 362-4384, or Bro. Clifford Smith, (503) 581-4575.

GUTHRIE, OK FALL REVIVAL

The fall revival of the Church of God congregation of Guthrie, OK will convene, Lord willing, Sunday night, Nov. 4, and end Sunday night, Nov. 11. Night services are to begin at 7:30 p.m. except for Saturday night, Nov. 10, 1990 which begins at 6:00 p. m. to give extra time for anointed special singing. Also on Saturday, plans are being made

for some young people's gatherings. We want to invite you to come and be with us in this meeting, praying for the Lord to visit our hearts and lives.

For further information, you may contact Bro. Carl Shaffer at (405) 282-1954.

LORANGER, LA ASSEMBLY MEETING

The prayers and interest of the saints are solicited for the planned assembly meeting. The meeting's purpose is for the spiritual good of all, to establish, strengthen and settle the faith of believers, and to extend salvation to sinners. Let every effort be expended to rescue the perishing.

Services will be held daily from Sunday, Nov. 18 through Sunday Nov. 25. You are invited to come. There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. power and water hookups are available for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings. From Loranger, go two miles south and 3 1/2 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).

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

From The Mailbox . . .



VA—Dear ones: My husband and I enjoy the paper very much. We love the testimonies and all. I can't read it as much as he, as I have an eye problem. Please pray for my eyes. He became a Christian about four years ago. He is getting up in age, but is doing fine physically.

Again, I will say we love the Lord and the little paper. May God bless your work. —Lovell M. Davis

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: We send you greetings in the name of Jesus. I fell over a year ago and hurt my back very badly. As a result I had to sell my flower shop. I can do very little. However, I am better than what I was. I can be up and around and drive some.

I would appreciate your prayers and the prayers of the saints. I appreciate the work that you are doing and enjoy reading the Faith and Victory. Pray for us.

Your brother.

-T. Gus Poulos

LA—Dear ones: May God bless you and all you are doing there at the Print Shop. We trust many souls are being led to the truth through your efforts.

Max and I are both doing very well at present. God has proved a present help to us many, many times. It is a real blessing to be able to look to Him in faith and trust.

We appreciate the prayers of all God's people. We know they have been effectual.

May the Lord bless you all is our prayer.

-Max and Lula Williamson

LA—Greetings to all of the children of God: I praise Him for the impact of that wonderful Scripture, John 3:16; for the power of that wonderful and marvelous event.

I praise our God that He so valued His creation that He provided for us eternal life! He loves and values us enough that He wants to keep us always, eternally, His treasure! He counts us too valuable to ever let us be destroyed. Think of it! He counts us worth keeping and He promised to "keep us in perfect peace." What a shelter He is. Isn't it worth selling all else to possess a love that cannot die? When the world is on fire and darkness veils the sun, His love will be there to cradle His saints in His arms and carry us safely to eternal bliss.

May all give up the world of sin. It is but rubbish fit for burning. Jesus has a table spread. Come and dine eternally with Him.

-Sis. Gladys Cashio

CA—Dear Brother Wayne: May our Lord keep and bless each of you there. Another month is before us all to do what we can for the Lord while it is yet day.

Do pray for us both. Our house is up for sale. We want to be near where we can be fed in our souls. My husband doesn't drive any more. He will be 88 November 30. . . .

With much Christian love,

—Sister Margaret Hall

AR—Dear Brother Wayne: I have wanted to get a short message of love and appreciation to every saint of God that helped make the past Monark camp meeting a little bit of heaven right on the campground. The oneness of God's people and the unity of love was a blessing. I appreciated the good messages by the ministers, the beautiful singing and wonderful testimonies. I was so refreshed after the meeting in body and soul, and am still enjoying it.

I think of prayers that were answered there. God is still on the throne answering prayer every day for those who trust Him.

I did have to sigh as I missed some people that were normally there. I am sure some missed being there, and I will add they missed what money cannot touch. The presence of God in one's life is priceless.

Do pray for me that I will continue to follow a light which never goes out.

I want to be an example and point souls to Christ that need Him so.

Yours for Christ.

-Sis. Lou Bray

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: I thank God for victory and the determination to press all the way to glory. I am yet encouraged and pleased with the ways of God. Truly the life of a Christian suits me and I am happy, redeemed and free. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I appreciated the meetings I was able to attend this year and thank God for the blessed Word I was able to hear. I am so thankful that we yet have freedom to assemble together in America and worship God together. I love the services of God and really get blessed because of the joy of it all. I love God and mean to endure to the end.

Christian love. —Shirley Knight

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the workers at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am so thankful for all His wonderful blessings. I have had many trials for the past few months, but He has been with me and given me grace to carry me through with victory in my soul. Praise His Holy name.

I received my September Faith and Victory with the messages of encouragement and much help as usual, for which I am so thankful. I always pray for you and the work you are doing there. . . .

Love and God's blessings, -Sis. Ruth Donnelly

MS—Dear loved ones at the Print Shop: It has been a long time since I have corresponded with you. I need your urgent prayers. In January of 1989 I had a stroke, I fell and broke my left leg twice. I was unconscious for some time. The use of my hands have not fully returned. Thankfully I can use them well enough to scribble. I am not normal yet.

May the good God of grace and love keep you all busy and encouraged for Him.

Love in Jesus, —Ethel Lowery

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the Lord's dear workers: Greetings in Jesus' dear and holy name. I pray all is going well with all of you. . . .

I want to thank all of you for your prayers for me. I need them.

I pray many souls will be won to Christ through the Faith and Victory paper. I am so glad for that good paper. It has such good soul food which we all need so much.

May God bless and be with you all each day as you work for Him.

All my love and prayers, -Sis. Olive Getterson

IA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I fell in the house and have a sore spot on my right side, also I have stiffness in my right arm from my shoulder down to my fingers. I need prayer for this.

My wife needs prayer for her heart. It is very weak and she has other afflictions. . . .

Christian love, —Charles and Dorothy Mason

OK—I am a senior citizen of 88 years and have been told by my younger friends and family not to go walking by myself. I don't usually pay any attention to dreams, but I had an unusual dream last week. I was walking by myself. I don't go very far on my walks, and I had gone my limit and was ready to turn back. There was a car coming, so I stood waiting for it to pass so I could cross over to start back. Instead the car stopped and a man demanded me to get in the car. It scared me. I screamed hoping someone would hear me. I tried to run from him, but I fell down. I then woke up.

The next night I had another dream. A man came in my house and into my bedroom. I was not a bit afraid of him. I began to quote Scriptures to him. I told him the Lord fought my battles, and that I didn't have to fight, because He would protect me. I quoted all of the twenty-third Psalm. I told him how Jesus came here as a baby, grew up and gave His life on the cross for our salvation and His blood cleanses us from our sins. He never touched me. He said he couldn't touch me and left. I quoted a lot more Bible to him than I have told here. It seemed the Scriptures came so fast to my mind.

Now I know the Lord is my Shepherd. I know He cares for His own and I know He fights my battles. I love the Lord and want to please Him in everything I do. I am sure I don't have much more time here on the earth. I must live every day as though it were my last day so I will be ready when He calls for me.

I feel that is the duty of us all, if we don't watch

and pray and live every day expecting Jesus to come anytime, it might slip up on us when we are not ready.

May the Lord bless every one to be ready.

-Sis. Emma Dillev

LA—Dear readers of the Faith and Victory: I am so happy to be in the family of God. I love all my brothers and sisters in the Lord scattered over the world. Every truly born again soul, the Lord knows who they are, is in the family of God.

We studied Colossians 3:12-17 in Sunday school class last Sunday, and it rejoiced my heart so much. I wanted to increase more and more in these wonderful characteristics. I just wish people who think the saints don't have things to enjoy like they do out in the world, could witness the **true** joy and happiness of sins forgiven. . . .

Pray for me,

-Sis. Myrtis Flynn

OR—Dear saints scattered abroad: We send Christian love and greetings in Jesus' name. . . . I would like prayer for an arthritis affliction. I am still pressing on in His service, visiting shut-ins and taking folks to church.

I received the September paper and noticed many requests in it for healing and prayers for various needs. I laid that paper before me and prayed for each one. Some I have never met, but they are my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We should pray for our Americans over in foreign countries to be allowed to return to our country. God has promised He would be with us in trouble, and America really needs to pray mightily not to let another war break out and destroy many lives.

I am encouraged to press on to the end and be faithful to our Lord.

Christian love.

-Sis. Grace Jones

Testimonies And Answers To Prayer

WV—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers there, and to the dear people of God: We greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus. We feel we surely owe the dear Lord a testimony for all He has done for us, especially these last few months. Sometime the first part of the year, I had some places on my body that began to itch. As time went on it kept getting worse. It spread over most of the upper part of my body. One night I dreamed I was being roasted over a fire. When I awoke I was burning all over. I feel I know how those that were burned at the stake must have felt, as well as Job.

This went on for two or three months. Wife had gotten real bad by this time, so we couldn't help each other. The congregation was doing all they could, but we told the Lord we had to have some help. I couldn't help myself, couldn't sleep in bed or read or pray. I just about lost interest in everything. My nerves were ready to break. Then the Lord sent dear Bro. and Sis. Harold Purvis from Louisiana to be with us. What a blessing they were. Bro. Harold stood by me day and night for two months. Sis. Purvis stood by wife. What a blessing they were.

On the special fast day they had for us I got a touch from the Lord. I began to mend. Our camp meeting was coming up in June. I kept praying that I would be able to be in the meeting. About three days before the meeting the Lord healed me. I was able to attend all of our meeting and even preached once.

Then I began to pray the Lord would make me strong enough to care for my dear companion. I knew the folks would have to leave. I had lost a lot of weight and was real weak. The Lord gave us our desires. I am almost back to normal now.

I can testify that God was faithful. Not once did He ever fail us. When I would feel I couldn't stand it any longer, God always gave relief and enabled us to go on. I feel it was a purifying time for me. I felt so clean and pure after it was over. A lot of things had been troubling my mind. He just cleansed them all out.

We had to miss Monark this year for the first time in 27 years, but we are content to stay home and care for my precious wife. We are yet in a great conflict, but our faith and trust is still in the one who has brought us through everything we have faced these last 33 years. We know the same grace, love, power and mercy He showed me, is for her too. She suffers a lot, but every time it gets real bad He always gives relief. We are expecting the Lord to bring us out into a wealthy place. We want to be healed so we can work awhile longer for Him who has done so much for us. We want to thank all who have prayed, and for all the love and concern that has been shown to us. As we pass through these troubled waters, the hundreds of cards, calls, and offerings mean so much to us. Our desire is to hold true and steady as we continue on. Keep praying for us.

Your fellow servants,

-Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons

OK—Greetings in Jesus' dear and precious name:

Thursday, August 23, my husband, Charles, had a severe hurting in his shoulder blade. The

pain got progressively worse and we called for prayer on his behalf. The pain was so severe that he could hardly breathe. He was perspiring heavily and it seemed as though he was taking his last breath. We fervently prayed while waiting for the saints to come to help us in the battle. The Lord worked in a miraculous way, and Charles got relief. Although weak, he was able to walk around and seemed to be getting better.

Then, Saturday, August 25, the Devil attacked his body again, through the night. Again the precious faithful ministers from our congregation came to be with us. Prayer was offered up. Faithfully the Lord gave relief for the rest of that day.

That afternoon, I prayed a special prayer that the Lord would give us a Scripture to comfort our hearts. He led me to II Kings 19:32-34, where the King of Assyria had sent to Hezekiah a threatening letter. Hezekiah spread the letter before the Lord. The Lord spoke to my heart in verses 32-34. "... Concerning, the King of Assyria [Satan], He shall not come into this city [Charles' body], nor shoot an arrow there [pains cannot dwell there], nor come before it with shield [the prayers of the saints would not be blocked by Satanl, nor cast a bank against it [the healing virtues would continually flow as water]. By the way that he [Satan] came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city [Charles' body], saith the Lord. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake. . . "

Although pain returned we held onto this Scripture, and believed that the Lord would come to his rescue. He did. "Since I'm dependent, Lord, on thee, How can I doubt thy saving grace. If by resisting, Satan must flee, Then I behold thy smiling face."

Charles has been back to work for three weeks and is doing fine. We praise and give God the glory. He is a wonderful and faithful physician.

Love and prayers.

-Patricia and Charles Rhodes

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

From India . . .

Aug. 20—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and each dear one in the Print Shop and saints abroad: Greetings to you all dear ones again in the marvelous name of Jesus.

I am glad to know that you were all richly blessed this year through the camp meetings in different places.

We are unhappy to know about the fearful situation in Arabian countries. Many, many In-

dian people are living there and we pray God for peace in that area.

I just came back home after visiting our new congregations, one at Kothamangelam and another at Trichur City. I am really quite satisfied with these newly started congregations. At Kothamangelam we need to buy a small lot of land to build the building for their gathering for which your special prayers and attentions are essential. At Trichur we have already rented a building for services.

Before the night comes we are supposed to extend the gospel and expand the boundaries of the Church of God to east, west, south, and north. Time is very short for us to work

At Karickom we will have a ministers conference and revival meeting during the last week of September.

Our prayers are for you all.

Yours in His service, —John Varghese

From the Philippines . . .

Aug. 21—Dear Brother Murphey: I hope this finds you all happy in the service of the Lord. We are so happy for your unending love for us. We treasure so much the privilege to be a member of the holy family of God, because we have brothers and sisters in far away America who think and care for us.

I am happy to report to you that we are on the victory side in spite of all the many calamities in the Philippines. I baptized two precious souls in Caridad last August 12 and some are desiring for water baptism in Sibut, but they are waiting for the river to become clear because it is still muddy. We ordained a brother to be a voluntary worker in Palistina last Sunday service. He will receive a small allowance from the congregations in Sibut and Palistina for his expenses. He and his wife were so happy for their privilege to preach the gospel. Some brothers who have better jobs promised some small monthly pledges for the workers. Sister Veronica Iglesia volunteered to teach children and young people in Palistina every Sunday. She is a public school teacher.

My radio program was stopped for several weeks because of a change in administration, but thank the Lord, our petition is granted and we shall continue again. I rejoice for the opportunity to preach on the radio.

We are opening new gospel works in several towns east of Cabanatuan, a place where I can easily take a ride after my evening Bible studies in Cabanatuan.

Yesterday a strong typhoon hit the northern part of Luzon and we are much affected with flood.

Since the killer earthquake, there are still aftershocks and heavy rains.

Our Lord is coming soon and then we shall go to our eternal home.

Your brother.

-Matias S. Tangunan

From Port Harcourt, Nigeria . . .

aug. 23—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings once again in the precious name of Jesus, our Saviour, sanctifier and healer. . . .

Several of us recently afflicted in various ways, including cholera, malaria and cold fever resulting from incessant rains last month and this month. The promises of healing God made for His obedient children were manifested in all that were afflicted, so much so that none passed away. Immense thanks be to God for giving us an abundant life such as this, through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. May the name of the Lord be glorified and praised forever.

May God bless all your efforts in helping others to propagate the gospel news in Jesus' maine. Amen.

Yours for the entire truth,

-Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

In Memoriam

Leagertha Moore Lennon, the daughter of the late Mott Curley Moore and Susie Lee Moore, was born on March 8, 1928 in Fairbluff, NC. God in His infinite wisdom called our beloved sister to rest on Friday, Aug. 3, 1990.

Early in life she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. She was a very dedicated worker in the Church of God, and also a very faithful missionary worker. Her ministerial duties were to pray for the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and preach good tidings of great joy. She had a special love and understanding for humanity. Her spiritual and natural humanitarian efforts brought sunshine in the lives of many. She will be greatly missed. Her profound examples of prevailing prayer and acts of faith, especially for healing, will never be forgotten. She lived a consistent godly life. She also possessed a keen prophetic perception. Nothing seemed to take her by surprise, not even death. She fought a good fight, finished her course, and kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away and unto all men that love Christ's

appearing. (II Tim. 4:7-8). We shall say, "She walked and talked with God."

She leaves to cherish her memories her beloved husband, Melvin Lennon, Sr., whom she loved dearly; six sons, Melvin Lennon, Jr. of Buffalo, NY, Colvin Lennon of Los Angeles, CA, Alvin Lennon, Jerry Lennon, Daniel Lennon and Emanuel Lennon of Durham, NC; five sisters, Catherine Ward of Evergreen, NC, Margie Otten, Mary Elizabeth Vereen, Susie Lee Ludd, and Vernie Ruth Moore, all of Baltimore, MD; five brothers, Gary Moore, Ben Henry Moore, Johnny Lee Moore, and Mott Curley Moore, all of Baltimore, MD and W.J. Moore of Fairbluff, NC; 14 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home. Interment was in Glenview Memorial Park. Services were conducted by Bro. and Sis. Woodrow Warren.

NOTE OF THANKS

The Lennon family wished to express thanks for every act of love and kindness extended during the death of our loved one. We appreciate all prayers, flowers, donations, phone calls, and cards. Pray for us all that we may meet her in heaven.

—The family

God took Sister Iona Baker home to glory after seven years of being bedfast. She was a dear sweet sister to care for to the very end. She passed away Aug. 27, 1990. She only had a nephew left since her husband, parents and brother all preceded her in death. She was a dear friend of mine for 45 years and lived for her Lord and Saviour every minute and always had a testimony for Him.

-Sis. Jessie Turner

Abraham A. Penner was born on April 22, 1902 in Marion County, KS and departed this world to be with the Lord early Monday morning, Sept. 3, 1990, at the age of 88 years, in Shawnee, OK.

He lived and farmed in the Fairview, OK area for many years before moving to Shawnee in 1989. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eva (Eck) Penner, whom he married on Nov. 14, 1925 in Orienta, OK and with whom he enjoyed a beautiful marriage. They struggled and faithfully worked together to raise a family in the fear and knowledge of God. Daily devotions were an important part of their lives, continuing until the time of his death. Abe was loved, cared for and enjoyed by many loved ones, friends, neighbors, and family.

He was preceded in death by four daughters. He is survived by seven daughters and three sons, one sister, as well as 17 grandchildren, six greatgrandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held in the Church of God chapel, Shawnee, OK by Bro. Richard Madden. Burial was in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Cameron Wells Halladay was born July 7, 1946, in Olean, New York to Ralph and Hellen (Davis) Halladay. He passed away Sept. 17, 1990 at the age of 44 years.

He lived in Guthrie, OK since Nov. 1979, moving to Guthrie from Mammoth Spring, AR.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy and small son, Treavor, of the home and two brothers, Harry Halladay, Overland Park, KS and Ralph Halladay, Guthrie, OK. Cameron was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Burial took place in Wirth, AR.

NOTE OF THANKS

We thank each one who prayed for Cameron's salvation. He repented and gave his heart to the Lord on Aug. 31, 1990, about two weeks before his passing. He could hardly talk to us but his smiles and the nods of his head assured our hearts over and over he was ready. The Devil is defeated again and one more has made it in. Let us be encouraged to pray for others.

The family accepts the kindness, cards, flowers and love shown to us in our sorrow.

—Ralph and Doris Halladay

Question and Answer by Ostis B. Wilson

Question: Please explain the latter part of Daniel 12:7: "And when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished."

Answer: Let us first establish the true identity of who "he" is. The first part of this verse says, "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half;" In the seventh chapter of Daniel is recorded a vision Daniel had of four beasts which came up from the sea (vs. 3) and

gives a description of each one; but the focus is on the fourth beast beginning at verse seven. In verse 25 it says, "And 'he' shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." The time span here is the same as in Daniel 12:7. Dividing of time here is the same as the half time in Daniel 12:7. In Revelation 13:1 we see a beast rising up out of the sea. The following verses describe him and his character and what he will do, and verse five says power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. The time span here is the same as in Daniel 12:7 and 7:25. "A time" in these texts is a year, "times" is two years, and "a half" or "dividing of time" would be six months. This amounts to 42 months and corresponds with the duration of the beast of Revelation 13. These two beasts (Dan. 7 and Rev. 13) possessed the same character and disposition. The beast in Daniel 7 spoke great words against the most High and wore out the saints of the most High (vs. 25). The beast of Revelation 13 opened his mouth in blasphemy against God and all holy things (vs. 6) and he was given power to make war with the saints and to overcome them. (vs. 7). Daniel's beast of of Daniel 7 and John the Revelator's beast of Revelation 13 were identical.

Now to identify the "he" of Daniel 12:7 let us return to Daniel 7:17. "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth." History records four universal kingdoms: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian and Roman. Daniel and Nebuchadneezar had visions which referred to these four kingdoms, but the focus was always on the fourth one; the Roman. This is because it was to be in existence at the time Jesus Christ appeared on the earth to establish His kingdom, and the first major conflict of the Church was with this power. Daniel 7:23 says that this kingdom was to be diverse from all kingdoms, and surely it was. It was a combination of church and state—a political-religious system with the religious entity in the preeminence. Rome had its emperor but he held his office and authority subject to the will of the pope, and all other political rulers throughout the world did too. The pope was the absolute head and ruler of the universal Catholic church and held absolute authority over all dignitaries, both politically and ecclesiastically throughout the world. There was never another kingdom in the world before or since like this one. Paul, writing of him in II Thessalonians 2:4, said, "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Also in II Thessalonians 2:9 Paul says, "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders," This is the "he" spoken of in the last part of Daniel 12:7 who was to "scatter the power of the holy people;" the saints of the most High God who are the only holy people on the earth. Revelation 13:7 says, "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." The last part of this verse shows the universal scope of this vast religious systems and its head.

Revelation 13:8 describes a beast that arose up out of the sea and power was given him over all kindreds, tongues and nations. Note it came up out of the sea. Revelation 17 gives a quite extensive description of this same beast but in this case a vile harlot woman is riding upon his head and it is said that this woman sat upon many waters. Verse 15 explains that the waters were peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. This makes it clear that this system rose right up from among the people; was totally of human origin as distinguished from the true Kingdom of God which originated in heaven and came down from heaven to earth. The double symbol used here, (a scarlet colored beast and the woman riding upon its head) signifies the two-fold nature of this vile, corrupt systempolitical (the beast) and religious (the woman). The kings of the earth committed fornication with her (vs.2). In other words, the kings and rulers of all the kingdoms of the earth consorted with her and supported her. She was a vile, corrupt woman and had a cup in her hand full of the abomination and filthiness of her fornication. She was called. "MYSTERY. BABYLON THE GREAT. THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (Vs. 2). Verse five says she was drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. It was this corrupt, vile, abominable, apostate, human system of religion that was responsible for the bitter persecutions and horrid deaths of many millions of the true people of God who refused to embrace this false, apostate, abominable human system of religion down through the 1260 years (42 months, or time, times and dividing of time) during what is called "The Dark Ages" of this dispensation of time. This is the "he" referred to in Daniel 12"7 who was granted to "scatter the power of the holy people."

The scattering of the power of the holy people in Daniel 12:7 was accomplished by them being driven from public view, into seclusion, or "underground" in the more modern vernacular, being compelled to worship in secret and hidden places,

in the dens and caves of the earth, etc. In other words, scripturally, "The WOMAN (true Church of God, the 'holy people') fled into the wilderness (seclusion), where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and and threescore days." This time period corresponds to the time period allotted to the beast of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13.

"All these things shall be finished" (Dan. 12:7) refers to all that the Scripture says about the beast and the power given unto him and what he will do in opposition to the saints and the truth. Those prophecies all came to an end and were fully accomplished at the end of the time period allotted to the beast to operate. Also the idea of universal kingdoms in the earth was finished and closed when the Roman empire was dissolved and came to an end. There will never be another universal kingdom of men upon the earth. The only universal kingdom existing now is the Kingdom of God and it will endure forever, even forever and ever; it shall never be destroyed. (Dan. 2:44; 7:13-14).

Home Life

In today's news we read of so many things which are wrong in our world. There are earth-quakes, tornadoes, disasters of various kinds which are causing much distress. But the saddest of all is the loss of young lives. Too many of our children and young people are confronted with problems that they feel have no solution; therefore, they commit the ultimate act of ending their own lives. What a tragedy!

Life was, and still is, created by God for His glory. So carelessly are some mothers ending lives before they even have an opportunity to live and fill the place which God has for them that our children are not being taught the value of life.

Our children are required to begin their formal education at a very young age. Most of these children will go to the public schools where they will be taught that there are no absolutes, no God, no difference between right and wrong. The belief of these schools, which are training our children's

minds, is that whatever their mind can conceive, they can achieve.

The leaders and educators of our nation have forgotten the lesson of King Nebuchadnezzar. One day while the king walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon he spoke "and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" (Dan. 4:30). But while he was yet speaking a voice came from heaven and said, "The kingdom is departed from thee." For seven years Nebuchadnezzar lived as a beast of the field. Afterwards he lifted up his eyes unto heaven and his understanding returned to him. Then did he praise and honor God and he testified that "all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4:35) This teaching of the world that man is supreme is going to lead our children to a disastrous end. Therefore they must be fortified with the knowledge that Nebuchadnezzar learned: There is a God who controls all things.

As parents and teachers of our children we need to give them God's promises of help. Just before Jesus left this world He gave us His promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20).

It is true that there will be problems and difficulties in life, but God has the answer. For the ability to live in a world full of evil we can be assured that "where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. (Rom. 5:20). The testimony of Philippians 4:12, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," can be ours.

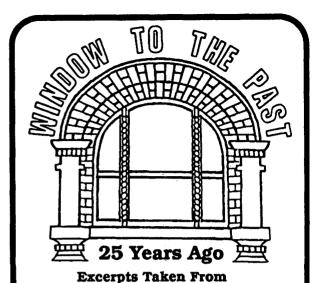
Let us leave our children an example of a life submitted to God who gives us all strength and a hope which reaches to eternity.

-Kathleen McMurrin

Though tempted and sadly discouraged, My soul to this refuge will flee, And rest in the blessed assurance, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

O Lord, I will press on with courage,
Though rugged the pathway may be,
Sustained and upheld by the promise:
"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Soon, soon will the warfare be over, My Lord face to face I shall see, And prove as I dwell in His presence: "His grace is sufficient for me."



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"Bro. and Sis. C. C. Carver, Shreveport, LA, left New York by airplane on Sept. 6 bound for Nigeria, W. Africa to aid in the missionary work for a period of 28 days allowed by their visas. . . They plan to arrive at Port Harcourt in Nigeria on Sunday, Sept. 19. "

"The saints of Oklahoma will be interested to know that preliminary work is about completed on the State campground here at Guthrie in preparation to enlarge the chapel to accommodate both annual state meetings. The tabernacle has been dismantled, with the lumber in the process of being salvaged for reuse in the enlarged chapel." —L. D. Pruitt

"I could write a book on God's dealings in Mexico. My heart is overflowing right now and I'm longing to finish the rest home in Pacoima and head for Mexico where I can spend seven days a week rather than two.

"Dear ones, believe me, the doors are open, souls are begging for the pure gospel. Full-time workers are needed. Do you know what that means? In Romans 10:13-15 we see that it is through the preaching of the WORD. How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent. It is the Lord that calls, qualifies, and sends by His Spirit, but you must help send them. May God bless you and direct you in doing His will."

-Harland H. Smith