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### What are We Old Folks Going to Do?



What are we old folks going to do?

This is a question for me and you.  
We've already lived three score and ten,  
The time that God allotted to men.  
Now we're living on borrowed time,  
With a feeble body and worn out mind.

I can't half see, my eyes are bad,  
Sometimes I cry, I feel so sad.  
I have to be led when I try to walk,  
I feel so bad I hate to talk.  
The thorn in the flesh just won't go away,  
So I ache and hurt night and day.

Our children don't have time for us,  
They have their jobs, they're in a rush.  
So off we go to a nursing home,  
To be with others who are sad and lone.  
But listen, my friend, I have news for you,  
God has said He'd see us through.

So Jesus is with us, wherever we are,  
He'll come to our rescue, no matter how far.  
He'll pick up the pieces we bring unto Him,  
And fill our cup up to the brim.  
So what are we old folks going to do?  
Just go on to heaven, where everything's new.

—Susie Shiver

### Some of the Effects of Sin

By  
Ulysses Phillips

One could write a book of a thousand pages on the subject of the effects of sin and then as much more could be said or written, and yet the subject would not be exhausted. We shall not attempt to cover so much of the ground that this subject occupies; but we would like to turn the searchlight of God's eternal truth upon some of the high spots here and there—if we would be permitted to call them high. There is really nothing high about sin. Sin in all forms and effects is low and degrading. But by taking a close up we may be able to more clearly see what an enemy sin is to the human race.

Ezekial 18:3, 4, has this to say on the matter: "As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die." The proverb referred to above is one that had been used among the children of Israel which was as follows:

"The fathers have eaten **Sin in all forms and effects is low and degrading.** sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Each individual is responsible to God for himself; for God hath said, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." One can not lay the blame on another. Each one must give an account of himself to God. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Death means a separation. Sin has separated the soul from God. There is no more sweet communion, no sweet fellowship, but a sense of guilt and condemnation. God will not answer his prayers any more except he repents and comes back to

God. Isa. 59:1, 2, says, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Man is unable to comprehend what a deplorable predicament a soul is in who is separated from God, the Divine Father, on account of its sins. Sin has blighted the entire human family, and has brought suffering, shame, disgrace, despondency, sorrow, and death. The word of the Lord tells us in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." All are under the sentence of death, for all have sinned, and the soul that sinneth it shall die. This does not mean the natural or physical death only, but also spiritual death in particular. There are many seemingly strong and robust men and women who are the picture of health, from a physical point of view, who are dead in trespasses and in sin. Paul tells us in I Tim. 5:6, "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." Just think how many pleasure-loving and pleasure-seeking souls today are in their spiritual graves; "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Hear the voice of inspiration: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14.

The sins of lust and adultery have broken many homes, separating husbands and wives, scattering innocent children to the four winds, so to speak, and is filling the world with disgrace and shame. Do not forget Sodom and Gomorrah. Do not forget that God's eye runs to and fro throughout the whole earth beholding the evil and the good. Remember also that "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6:7-8. Sin is taking its toll through the channel of hatred and strife, drunkenness, murders, and so on; also the penitentiaries and houses of correction have been, and are being filled with the victims of sin. Proverbs 14:34 reveals to us the fact that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Regardless of their social standing or position in life, people who love sin do not love God. John tells us that if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Too many people are professing to be followers of the meek and lowly Lamb who are yet living in sin and disobedience to the commands of God the Father, some even pleading for and holding to God-dishonoring things.

Jesus taught in His doctrine, "No man can serve two masters." God and the Devil never were in partnership, and no man can serve God and the Devil at the same time. When we see the awful devastating effects of sin, we are made to confess that "sin is the most destructive element that ever struck this world." It is worse than any cyclone that ever passed through the land; worse than any flood, earthquake, typhoon, tornado, blizzard, wild fire, or what. Sin is more destructive than them all. It destroys fellowship with God, brings one who commits it under guilt and condemnation, blasts hope, happiness, peace, kills high aspirations and sends thousands to an untimely grave. It fills many hearts with sorrow, grief and pain, and will finally bar many, many precious souls out of heaven forever. Sin is not a friend, but an enemy to humanity.

Thanks be to God, Jesus devised a plan whereby mankind can be delivered from sin through the power of His precious blood which He so freely spilt on Mount Calvary. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. Jesus came to bring life. He said, "I am that bread of life." The wages of sin is death.

—Taken from: *Golden Rays*



## Beauty for Ashes

by

Carol Cole

When we think of ashes, we think of something that has been completely consumed by fire and lost its identity. It has been completely destroyed, and can eventually be blown away by the wind and scattered till there aren't any remains at all.

Spiritually speaking, we need to be willing for God to completely burn out anything in our lives that isn't according to His will or plan for us.

Humanity shrinks from suffering, but God in His infinite wisdom knows how much we can bear. There may be some traits about us that are not Christ-like, but Jesus, our good Shepherd, is leading us. He does not drive us. If we feel like our way is rough or rocky or thorny, just remember that Jesus is our Shepherd, and that He will not be leading us through a hard place all in vain. Jesus has a purpose in mind. He wants us to be more like Him.

There are times when our Shepherd lets us "lie down in green pastures," or leads us "beside the still waters." How refreshing and wonderful it feels

to us! Other times, He leads us "in the valley of the shadow of death." Oh how we cringe and draw back in dread of suffering and the dying out to self, but the good Shepherd reminds us of God's comfort; "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The "rod" and the "staff" are the Word of God and His Holy Spirit. You can receive no greater comfort them when you turn to the Bible and ask His Holy Spirit to open and reveal His precious truths and promises. Each time you really seek help from God and come to Him in humility, willing to change anything in your life to be more like Christ, God will prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies. The Devil and his evil spirits are our mortal enemies, and they never fail to fight against us with accusations or doubts and fears. This is a most crucial time for us, so we must stay meek and humble, and keep our own flesh from hindering God's dealings. When we are able to say as our Saviour said, "Not my will but thine be done," God will anoint your head with oil, and cause your cup to run over. This means you will be blessed during the time of the trial, and your cup of joy will overflow with happiness in spite of your adverse circumstances. The adversity isn't bringing you the happiness and joy, it's the realization that God has been able to burn out some dross in your life, and make you more Christ-like.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." We are all going to have trials as long as we live, but we can see God's goodness and mercy extended to help us get to heaven by our trials. "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Eternal bliss in heaven will be worth whatever it costs us.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:" I Pet. 4:12. "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." I Pet. 5:10.

God will then give you "beauty for ashes." Read slowly the following verse, and ask the Holy Spirit to open up and reveal the deep and wondrous message to you. "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified." Isa. 62:3.

When we have permitted the dross in our lives to be burned completely to ashes, it is only then that the glory of the Lord can shine out in our lives. This beauty is the beauty of holiness and righteousness. God wants to give you "beauty for ashes." He wants His glory to shine out in your life.

## THE TWO ADAMS CONTRASTED

(I Cor. 15:45-48)

By George E. Harmon

The first Adam a living soul; the second Adam [Christ] a quickening Spirit.

The first Adam formed of the dust of the earth; the second Adam conceived by the Holy Ghost from heaven.

God brought the first Adam into the world without the woman; He brought in the second Adam without the man.

The Spirit of the Lord brooded over the earth before the first Adam was formed; "The Spirit of the Lord" overshadowed Mary before the second Adam was born.

Each Adam began life free from the taint of sin.

Each Adam had a nature capable of sin.

The first Adam could have remained sinless, but did not; the second Adam could have consented to sin, but would not.

The first Adam was tempted by Satan and fell; the second Adam was tempted by Satan and arose triumphant.

Because of the first Adam's sinfulness, all became sinners; because of the second Adam's sinlessness, many became sinless.

From the first Adam we derive the carnal mind; from the second Adam we derive the spiritual mind.

The first Adam came and lost all; the second Adam came to save all.

By sin the first Adam lost the Divine Image in man; the second Adam came to restore the Divine Image in man.

The first Adam laid the blame for his sin on the other fellow; the second Adam took the blame of all others' sins on Himself. (Isa. 53).

The first Adam ate of the forbidden fruit of the tree; and for this the second Adam was nailed to the tree.

In the first Adam all die; in the second Adam all may be made alive.

The first Adam brought all the misery there is in the world; the second Adam seeks to take all the misery there is out of the world.

Neither Adam when brought into the world were mortal nor immortal, but eternal. Mortal means subject to death. The first Adam was not subject to death till he sinned, then he became "the firstborn of death" (Job 18:13); the second Adam was not subject to death till the sins of the whole world were laid on Him in the Garden. He was the firstborn of many brethren (Rom. 8:28)—born from above.

Follow the first Adam, you will land in hell; follow the second Adam, you will go to heaven.

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## Editorials

"And the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." I Cor. 3:13. This is a truth that perhaps should cause more of a carefulness within our lives than what it does many times. Toward the first of this chapter, the apostle Paul describes the work of God in agricultural terms. He spoke of some planting and some watering, and God giving the increase. God has created a system whereby spiritual life can be spawned and eternal good accomplished. The harvest of souls is dependent upon God giving the increase, but neither can there be a harvest if the proper seed is not planted, nor pure water applied. A plant may be ever so beautiful, but unless the husbandman takes proper care, there may only be a beautiful vine and no fruit. Planting, watering, and tending takes work and knowledge. When you consider it is the never-dying souls of men we are discussing, it should cause a feeling of great responsibility. We should not draw back from working for God, for His Spirit has no pleasure in those who draw back (Heb. 10:38), yet we should be very careful about feeling competent within ourselves, and being rash in handling the process of growth. A plant needs steady, tender care. Otherwise there will be no fruit and the day of judgment will reveal the uselessness in what we have done.

When it comes to our personal lives, the apostle Paul changes the terms to that of architecture. "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." I Cor. 3:10. God also has a divine design for how this should be accomplished. Christ is the foundation and from there we must build with the same quality of material and with the same carefulness by which it was laid. Our actions and attitudes are the construction materials which will someday be tested by fire. Just as God's Spirit is over all to give the increase in the work of planting and watering, we must have His Spirit at all times superintending the building of our lives, so that we do not construct something that is susceptible to the destruction of eternal fire.

There is a danger in lapsing into a mode of work that is unacceptable, by having a misconception of how to be Holy Spirit led. There is a difference between informality and carelessness. Because the Holy Spirit does not stand on ceremony as the law operated, it does not mean that any kind of haphazard or ignorant work is acceptable. It means that we have the privilege of having a personal tutor and prompter in how we conduct our lives and how we bring others to God. As we

listen to the whisper of God in our heart, life is beneficial and the judgment will be rewarding.

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We would like to thank those who responded to our special *Faith and Victory* subscription offer that was in the July issue. We received a goodly amount of names. If you still have your envelope, we urge you to consider others who would be blessed by receiving the paper.

If you are a new reader, due to someone having sent your name in, we want you to know it is our desire for this paper to be an inspiration to your life and an avenue through which God can reach out to you. If it touches a chord in your heart, we would be glad to hear from you.

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We also wish to thank everyone who patronized the bookstore during the Monark Springs, MO National Camp Meeting, by purchasing literature and giving offerings. Your support means much to the work of the Lord.

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It was a very special privilege that God accorded in allowing us the opportunity to be in part of the Ensenada, Mexico Camp Meeting. We found some real saints of God who had the shine of salvation on their countenances. The facilities were not as complete as they wished them to be, but if you desire a good time in the Lord, plan to go next year. The accommodations should be very adequate by then.

Bro. Mayarino Escobar, the pastor of the congregation at Ensenada, has an expanded vision of the Church, and is making a real outreach to the outlying territories. At the present time he is somewhat limited in having transportation to bring those from a distance to meeting, but is pursuing the purchase of a van. \$3500 is needed for this purpose, \$2500 of which has been pledged. If you would like to help with the remaining \$1000, it would be of great service to the Lord's work in Mexico.

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We are currently out of stock of the *Evening Light* song books. We are in the process of reprinting and ask your understanding for the time it will take to fill the orders that come in.

#### Workers Needed

Bro. Bob Wilson, who has worked here since June of 1985, has expressed that he feels led of the Lord to help in the church school here in Guthrie. We appreciate the dedication he has shown in God's work for these six years at the Print Shop, and wish God's blessings upon his new endeavor.

This has created an opening for a press operator that we are trusting God to burden the heart of

someone to fill. We can not pay commercial wages, but God will provide all the needs of those who are consecrated to His service.

We also feel God's leadings in entering an area that is new to us, but which we are confident will be of service to those in need. The house owned by the Faith Publishing House at 924 W. Mansur, which previously housed workers, has been vacant for some time. Consequently we have been making preparations to use it for the housing of unwed, expectant mothers. In order to encourage mothers not to seek abortions, this is a service that needs to be offered. This housing will afford the opportunity to acquaint these women with the love of God, and hopefully give them a chance to put their lives back together. We realize this will entail an expense, but we feel it is such a worthy project, and that God is in it in such a way, that every need connected with it will be provided.

In order to have it in full operation, we have need of a matron to oversee the care of it. This should be an older sister who is young at heart, or a young sister who is responsible. This position may also include some office work. Please help us pray for these needs, and if God should speak to your heart about helping us, please let us know.

#### Prayer Requests

AR—"Remember our family and loved ones in prayer."

—Sis. Johnnie West

CA—"Please remember me in your prayers."

—Margaret Hall

NC—"Pray for me; I am in a battle."

—Rosetta Powers

IN—"I would like for you all to remember me in your prayers. My eyes have been bothering me a lot during the hot weather."

—Sis. Dessie Wilson

KY—"Please pray for me and my lost children."

—Lola Jones

MO—"Please keep praying for me; my health isn't good."

—Lois Metzger

PA—"Sis. Ruth Godshall has a request for her husband, as well as herself for strength to take care of him.

AR—"I have a special request for my cousin, Marjorie Edens, who has cancer."

—Opal Pittillo

CA—"My son and I covet your prayers."

—Sis. Helen Carson

OK—"Please remember me in prayer. I have diabetes very bad."

—Pat Munoz

KS—"Bro. Keith Marsh is in a severe trial of affliction and needs the saints' prayers.

OK—"Please pray for Bro. Max and Sis. Lula Williamson. Bro. Max is very frail and must be helped with all that he does. He suffers much in his lower back. Sis. Lula is in need of much prayer,

also. She is worn from the care of Bro. Max and has a breaking out on her hands that she suffers severely with at times. Your remembrance of these two dear ones will be appreciated."—Maxine Pruitt

OK—"Please remember my nerves and heart problems."  
—Sis. Bessie Patton



## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### TULSA, OK CAMP MEETING REPORT

Once again I want to give thanks to God for the wonderful way He worked in the camp meeting here in Tulsa.

We were away from the meeting some of the time, on account of the illness of our sister, who passed away the day after the camp meeting ended. However, I appreciate how well everything was carried on while we were absent. The Lord will reward every one of you for your faithfulness.

Your sister in Christ, —Eva Hardman

### CAMP MEETING REPORT FROM LORANGER, LA

In answer to Zion's travelling, many put in for spiritual needs during this meeting. We rejoice with those who now have salvation, for it is God's mercy. We appreciate all whom the Lord sent to labor and help.

We see many handiworks of God in nature; we thank the Lord for answering *many* prayers; but do we see *salvation* as God's greatest gift? Salvation is deliverance from this world's darkness.

Dear reader, have you been saved? (Jer. 8:20). Don't go it alone! Life has cold winds that blow. Sin is a weight that will pull you down. May we only give place in our hearts to God.

—Bro. Nelson Doolittle

### SHELL LAKE, WI FALL REVIVAL

Lord willing, a revival will be held Sept. 25-29 at the South Dewey, Shell Lake, WI Church of God. There will be evening services with all-day services on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come labor in and receive good from this meeting.

For more information contact the pastor, Bro. Duane LaVeau, 22888 Bakker Rd., Shell Lake, WI 54871. Phone, (715) 468-2798.

### WICHITA, KS MEETING NOTICE

The Wichita Fall Meeting has been set for Sept. 20-29. We are praying for a real moving of God during this meeting. He knows what is needed by all attending, and we are asking Him to lead, guide, direct, and supply. We trust that souls will seek for everything that God shows them they lack.

We will have three services on Sundays. Monday through Saturday, we will have services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Come, all who feel a burden to, and please pray earnestly for the meeting, even if you cannot come.

The chapel is located at 16th and Ash Streets. The address is: 1701 N. Ash, Wichita, KS 67214. The phone number is (316) 267-9582.

### MISSOURI STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Missouri State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held again this year at Myrtle, MO, Lord willing, beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 2 and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 6. Three services are scheduled daily: 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. We are praying and expecting the Lord to richly bless this autumn gathering of His people here at Myrtle, as He so abundantly has in the past three years. We extend a hearty invitation to the Lord's people everywhere to come, as well as a "special invitation" to all desiring to know more about God and His ways. You may come counting on a special visitation of God's Spirit to your heart, for He is in the midst of His people.

Meals and lodging will be provided for all who come. Expenses are met by freewill offerings. Please come prepared for cool nights. We usually receive our first seasonal frost around this date. If the weather is too cool to hold services under the tabernacle, they will be held in the chapel. We look forward to a special time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and hope to see you here. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

—Bro. Harlan Sorrell

### HOLLY HILL, SC REVIVAL MEETING

The date of Oct. 4-13 has been set as a time for a revival meeting in Holly Hill, SC.

An invitation to attend is extended to everyone. If you are interested in further details, contact Bro. Utson Platt, Rt. 1, Box 194, Holly Hill, SC 29059.

### NOTICE OF FALL WORKDAY AT MONARK SPRINGS, MO CAMPGROUND

A date for the fall workday was set at the general business meeting. **This date has been changed to Oct. 26.** We will need to winterize the campground and rake leaves. If you can come and bring your rakes, it will be appreciated.

—Business Managers: Ed Johnston, Rt. 2, Box 2180, Seymour, MO 65746, phone (417) 935-2520, and Randel Bradley, Rt. 1, Box 28, Bartlett, KS 67332, phone (316) 226-3390.



## Quotes Transcribed From 1991 Camp Meeting Sermons

"We can have the assurance tonight that we know Christ. The gospel message is intended to fit every soul, and every condition." —Paul Sorrell

"We might not understand everything each other does, but if you have the right spirit and I have the right spirit, I believe we can work together." —Donald Sharp

"If you have come to the place that others don't have much confidence in you, and you don't have much hope for yourself, God is able to restore, deliver, and make you whole. Though you have tried again and again, He's ready to say, 'Child, your sins are forgiven. I have cast them as far from you as the east is from the west.' That's the Jesus I live for." —Charles Elwell

"I'll tell you, here's one old country boy He did a perfect work on. It wasn't anything I did, I just humbled down and He came in and did the work. Salvation will never get cheaper than it is right now." —Emmett Gerald

"The Devil would like for us to keep running faster and faster and faster [concerning material things] and so dash our foot against a stone." —Toney Samons

"... The salt is the Holy Ghost. I would like to put out an invitation to you this morning: 'Won't you please pass the salt?' We don't want any salt substitutes, and spiritually speaking, I don't want a salt-free diet." —Jerry Gossard

"It's grievous to see saints leaving the service at altar-call time. This altar is the delivery room (for newborn souls) and the Church is the mother." —Ostis Wilson

"When a wound has dirt or impurities in it, it needs to be cleaned out. It needs to be bound up by the Scriptures, all right, but it also needs to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus." —Jerry Melot

"Seek out the mind of the Spirit: where He wants you to go, how He wants you to behave. The Spirit is real. The Spirit is alive. The Spirit can use you, but you can't use the Spirit. . . Brethren,

we're headed for heaven. In heaven, there is no flesh. So let's not let the flesh hinder us here."

—Steve Elwell

"(I Sam. 15:14: What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep?) What meaneth this attitude? What meaneth this bitterness? What meaneth this laxness? What meaneth this not praying? What meaneth this not reading the Word of God? What meaneth this missing service? Disobedience is a direct rejection of the Word of God."

—Stanley Dickson

"We need to have a sharp countenance, meaning divine understanding."

—Salvatore DiDio

"Let us realize that everything that stands as an obstacle to the grace of God can be overcome."

—Beverly Reed

"It's impossible for us to see God in the light He would have us to see Him in, and not see ourselves."

—Charles Taylor

"It's impossible to keep a man down who is clothed with humility. God will lift him up."

—T. V. McMillian

"I appreciate how you all entered into my sorrows with me, and I want to enter in with you."

—Mart Samons

"We testify of the Lord most powerfully when we walk as He walked."

—Austin McMillian

"I feel sorry for the world today; the world is in bondage. . . . Sin put Adam and Eve out of the Garden, and sin can put us out of the Church."

—Gordon Humphrey

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FROM THE  
READERS...



AR—I really don't know how to say this. May God help me. I have done something very shameful against man's laws and God's laws. Some of you know me, and I thank you for your prayers. I have turned myself in to the authorities and to God. I have given my life over to the Lord and let Him take charge of my life. I read and study every day. I put all my faith and trust in Him and I do believe. I ask of you that you would pray for me. I

am surrounded by Satan and his evil ways. I try to stand strong, but I am faced with the possibility of losing my family. . . . I believe that whatever happens to me, God will protect me. I am very sincere in my new life.

God bless you, —Leon Bonner

SC—Bro. Wayne: This is my testimony; God did bless us at the Green Bank, WV Camp Meeting this year. We attended the last weekend and enjoyed it very much. The saints were very loving, with Christian love, and the singing was beautiful. I Corinthians 14:15 says, ". . . I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

May God's blessings be with all of God's saints.

—Bro. Utson Platt

IL—Dear workers in the Print Shop: We always appreciate the *Faith and Victory* coming, and miss it the month it isn't printed. But we understand the reason.

We pray for the requests, and trust the Lord will grant the desires and supply the needs. We are still looking to Him, who has been faithful to His children, and will always be.

Christian regards, —The Reineking

WA—Dear saints: Greetings of love in Jesus this beautiful morning. We are thankful to the Lord for His many blessings to us. I surely thank and praise Him for saving my soul. He says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." What a wonderful promise. I would that more people would come to Him.

May God bless and reward all who labor there.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas

KY—Dear saints: If we could only find words that would tell how we feel, then we could say more than just "Thank you, Lord." I am so thankful to God for all He has done for me and my husband, most importantly, for the past several months. I want to thank God for bringing my 78-year-old husband through a heart attack and congestive heart failure. He is able to walk a mile and a half each day, mow his own yard and drive where he needs to go. God is so gracious.

Then, too, I want to always thank God for bringing me through severe sicknesses for the past several months. The strength and comfort I received from above is what brought me through. God showed me many times that He was with me, and oh, what comfort it is to know God is there by your side when you need Him. . . .

I don't know what people do who don't know God. How can they lay their heads on their pillow at night to sleep without having God in their

hearts? I don't want to be without my Lord for one instant.

May God richly bless you all at the Print Shop.

A sister in Christ, —Wilma Horsley

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: This letter comes with my subscriptions, to say there is no greater privilege than to send in these subscriptions and help in the cause.

It is indeed a pleasure to serve God. I find His way is sweeter every day.

I thank the Lord for the Church of God ministry. It is the greatest messenger we have in the present world. May we all endeavor to support the ministry and missionary work. We pay but the debt that we owe.

Please remember us all here in Long Beach, CA, as we do you.

Yours for Christ, —Sister Hattie M. Singleton

MO—Dear Bro. Murphey: I greet you in the name of Jesus. I am so thankful to God for His healing power. My left arm, which I hurt while I was down south, is healed. I give God all the praise.

Now I have another prayer request. I woke up yesterday morning with a severe pain in my right arm. I could hardly move it. My left arm felt just like my right arm does now. I know God will heal this one also. He has promised to never forsake us and His promises are true.

I thank God for my prayer partners. May God bless you with all your needs. —Sister Eathel Hill

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you and all the workers at the Print Shop. I am here in prison, serving a life sentence for some things I don't remember very well. I have been reading your *Faith and Victory* magazine for over six years. The Lord put it on my heart to write and tell you how much I enjoy reading it. Bro. Calvin Hobbs, pastor of the congregation in San Bernardino, CA subscribed for me, and I have been getting it ever since. Praise God.

Please pray for me. I have an unspoken request. —Sis. Vidillia Spragin

NC—Dear Brother Wayne Murphey: Greetings in Jesus' name. . . . I came into this rest home on Apr. 10, 1991, and my vision has failed fast in the last three months. Ask the saints to pray for me, that I may do something for the Lord even under these adverse circumstances. Jesus said "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13), and I believe He was speaking to me too.

I am now very near 77, and I know my days are numbered. I thank God for all He has brought me



through. But, Brother Wayne, it's about over now, and praise God, I'm ready. I am homesick for heaven, and my greatest longing is to see the face of Jesus in peace.

God bless you all, —Leila Lewis

TX—Greetings of Christian love in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord: We won't have very much longer to labor until the Lord comes, and He will reward us. We are supposed to bring forth jewels for Him in our old age.

Pray for the Lord's request to send laborers into His vineyard.

Pray for my daughter that the Lord will help her in a need she has.

Love and prayers, —Nellie Lovell

LA—Dear Christian workers at the Print Shop: May our precious Lord and Saviour ever bless you in your work. I am thankful to be hearing from you, and I sure do enjoy reading the *Faith and Victory* so much.

I am now in the Franklin Guest Home. My health got so I could no longer live alone. This is next to home, but not the same. We get pretty good care. I am trusting in God for my needs.

Pray for me as I pray for you, —Beulah Johnson

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: I want to thank you for the handkerchief I sent and had anointed for my healing. It certainly proved a blessing and did that for which it was intended. The swelling from gout went out of my feet at once, which I had suffered for three weeks. Since then when I had some other afflictions, I laid it on me and the pain ceased. The saints here have been faithful to pray for me, and their prayers have been answered, but I don't like to call them in the late hours of the night, so this handkerchief has really been a blessing.

I am pressing on and am very encouraged. I am thankful for the *Faith and Victory* paper. May God bless the work you are doing for Him. I stand behind it with all my heart. —Sister Grace Jones

MA—To whom it may concern: My name is Rhonda L. Pontes. I have an Aunt Nancy and Uncle Stanley who belong to the Church of God in Duncannon, PA. I had a best friend named Chris Andrade, who was very sick in the hospital for seven weeks. Brother Stanley and Sister Nancy, and the people in their church, prayed for her. Then on July 19, 1991, Chris passed away, leaving a 5-year-old son and a 4-month-old son. Even then they still had a service for her family. That really meant a lot to me, knowing that people cared and they didn't even know her. I would like to

thank Brother Stanley and Sister Nancy Huss, and everyone in their church.

Love, —Rhonda Pontes

OH—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I sure am thankful for what the Lord has done for me down through the years. I was healed of cancer in 1963 and heart trouble in 1987. . . .

Now is another time I need the saints' prayers for my eyes, that I can see to read God's Word better, also to be able to still drive. I live out in the country and my daughter is not able to help me much, for she has a bad back. Please pray for her and my son, too; they both need the Lord.

I have some other things I need the help of the Lord with. My only brother is very sick and in pain nearly all the time. Please pray for him that the Lord will draw him real close to Him.

I have been praying that the Lord would send one of his saint ministers this way to start up a place of worship. It sure is needed here.

Pray for me, —Sis. Essie Abbott

OK—Dear Brother Wayne and all the faithful workers at the Print Shop: Greetings with love. May God richly bless each of you for the wonderful work that you are doing.

Oh, how I thank God for saving my soul and giving me a mind to serve and please Him. Praise the name of Jesus, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12). Jesus said, "I do always those things that please him." (John 8:29). Notice He said **always**, not just sometimes, but always. By the grace of God I mean to continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, doing always those things which please my Saviour and not to please "self." I often say self is so ugly, but the life of Christ is so beautiful. The apostle Paul said, "I die daily." (I Cor. 15:31). We must die out to self every day, in order to please God.

I want to tell to the glory of God how He touched my body and healed me recently. God blessed us to attend the meeting in Fresno and I received a real blessing, soul and body. I had a sore place in my back that had been sore for several years. In healing service I was anointed and the ministers prayed for me. The soreness didn't leave right then and there, but I still had faith that God was going to heal me.

After the meeting was over we left Fresno and went to Bakersfield. When I got out of the car, a very severe pain struck me in that sore place. It was so severe I could hardly move. My husband asked, "Do you think you will be able to ride home?" My answer was, "I hope so." Still with my

faith and trust in God, the pain was eased. I had to be very careful how I moved. Oh, I thank God for a healing touch. I don't exactly know when the soreness left, but I do know the pain is no longer there, and the soreness is gone that had been bothering me for several years. I give God all the praise and glory. I do thank all of the ministers and saints for their prayers. I could go on and on telling how God has healed me in the past, but time and space would not permit.

Pray for me. I mean by the grace of God to be faithful.

Yours in Christ, —Lucille Johnson

AR—Dear friends: This is a wonderful beginning of a new day. It's so refreshing after a shower, even the birds seem to be praising the Lord in their continual songs.

Why shouldn't I praise Him too? I am thanking and praising Him for the time He talked to my heart and I said, "Yes, Lord." My soul is singing for His leading me on and on, day by day, and the peace He gives as He lives daily in my heart.

The wonderful days I was at the Monark Springs, MO meeting really fed my hungry soul. The early morning prayer service, and the messages throughout the day brought rejoicing. The sweet and calm atmosphere assured me of the very presence of God.

I surely appreciate the young people. God is truly working in His Church today and freely gives us all things. He blesses every worker. My desire is not to be slack, but willing and obedient, working for the glory of the Lord each day.

I do need your prayers. I have souls on my heart. Time is closing in and lost souls are crying out for help.

I sure appreciate your faithfulness there at the Print Shop. —Sis. Lou Bray

WV—Dear Bro. Wayne: I am late in getting my subscription in and I will miss a copy, but I can blame no one but myself for not getting it in on time.

We had a wonderful camp meeting, and the Lord sure did bless us. I am sure He is blessing you there too. How good it is to be saved and secure in the Lord, anchored in the Rock in the troubled times we are living in. . . .

Love to all in Jesus' name,  
—Brother Golden Arbogast

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: I thank the Lord for salvation. I am serving the Lord with all my heart, as much as I can understand. I have been telling the Lord if there is anything about me that He is not pleased with, please let me know.

The song number 404 in *Evening Light Songs*, comes to my mind. It says, "God is sweeping thro' the nations, With an awful searching eye; Ev'ry spot of imperfection Must be purged, or hope must die."

I have had a request before the Lord for quite a while. When I got my driver's license four years ago, my eyes did not test good, but the examiner helped me through. I promised the Lord if He would help me get my license renewed I would send in my testimony. He helped me. The letters were so clear I could see them real good. I sure thank the Lord. —Sis. Cornelia Williams

CA—Dear workers at Faith Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' name. We are thankful for all of the Lord's blessings. We hope and pray that everything at the Print Shop has special blessings also, as it gives out the paper and tracts. It is a wonderful feeling to be in the Lord's service and care. . . .

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

Yours in Christ,  
—Bro. Hubert and Sister Elizabeth Corteway

IL—Dear Bro. Wayne: I greet you in the dear name of our wonderful Saviour! How wonderfully precious is the presence of the Lord. He keeps me each day! His blessings are so many!

There are so many pleasant memories when I think of all you dear people at Shawnee, Guthrie, and other areas too. Each time I pray, you are remembered. I know God is using the printed page to encourage His people and to draw unsaved people to Him. . . .

In Christian love, —Sis. Ruby Blanchard

## FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From Rivers State, Nigeria . . .

July 8—Greetings again in the wonderful name given among men, whereby we must be saved: Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—the blessed Trinity. There is none other beside Him both in heaven and on earth. He made us all of one blood, we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Praise Him, hallelujah. . . .

The gun fighting between our village, Tombia, and her neighboring village, Bukuma, broke out again on Monday the 27th of May '91. Some lives

were lost in the fight and several others were seriously wounded. The government has since intervened. I am renewing my earlier prayer request to the saints for a lasting boundary allocation to be effected for the two communities in due course, and to the glory of God. I am optimistic that in the end Satan, the author of confusion, must be the losing party, since the disputed piece of land also forms part of God's own footstool.

We thank God immensely that you have heard from Bro. Josiah Pah of Liberia. God did and does answer all the effectual fervent prayers the saints offered on their behalf. I am optimistic about hearing from him soon. According to recent radio news, Nigerian soldiers now in Liberia constitute over 50% of the West African peace keeping force there.

We are very thankful to God for the progress of the work of faith in His Print Shop there. May God richly reward all those who are supporting His work. It is certain that those who sow bountifully shall reap also bountifully. The Lord has since made it obligatory on us to pray for you, and by His grace we will not relent in our effort prayer-wise.

Please pray for us as you have been doing, doubtlessly.

Yours for Christ, —Bro. Onimite B. Alalibo

### Mexico Report . . .

June 24—Greetings in Jesus' name. . . Today we started our Bible School in Tijuana. About 20 children attended. The lessons will be about evolution vs. Creation. All the children were very attentive and didn't even want to stop for a break. They are so very open to the gospel. Licha Lara and I visited several homes around the neighborhood and quite a few have promised to come tomorrow.

We intend to spend next week in Ensenada (Chapultepec) having a Bible school there also. Please remember us in prayer that the lessons will relate to each one in a special way, and that each child will be affected by the truths that are taught. Pray that the Lord will be glorified in all we do.

Sincerely, —René Sallee

### From the Philippines . . .

July 17—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings to you in the precious and glorious name of our Lord Jesus, together with the saints in the Printing Shop who are working for the Lord. I do praise the Lord for His almighty power to prove His great love and mercy to mankind.

I am thanking our Lord for the graces I received from Him, the fine health every day as I preach the gospel.

I have just arrived from Davar City for the

Lord's work. I stayed there for almost three weeks to sow the words of the Lord. We had a wonderful gathering, discussing the gospel and reading the Bible.

I am praying for God to save us all from disasters. Mount Pinatubo is still erupting.

Please pray for us as we do for you every day.

Your brother, —Nonilon Capuyan

July—Dear Brother Wayne Murphey, the workers in the Print Shop and the beloved saints in America: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus our Saviour to everyone everywhere.

The Philippines in the previous several months has suffered many calamities such as a typhoon, earthquakes, and now the volcanic eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo. Hundreds of people in the area of the volcano are homeless. These natives are living away from civilization. They do not even know the truth of God and His gospel. Perhaps some day, somehow, the Scriptures shall reach them for the salvation of innocent souls who live in the foothills of Mt. Pinatubo.

We keep on praying always for you and the saints. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. Leonardo Salvaña and family

### From Liberia, West Africa . . .

Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the wonderful name of Christ, our risen Lord and King: We just concluded arrangements for a chapel as a place of worship for the congregation in Paynesville, Monrovia. During the civil war, that congregation's place of worship was destroyed. The new chapel has been rented to us on a monthly basis at a cost of \$75.00.

We are going to have a joint fellowship service with the saints in Paynesville the first Sunday in August, 1991. Please pray for all of these efforts.

There is a strong request from the Department of Cultural Affairs asking all churches, including ours, to register with that department before the ending of August. According to them this will enable us to be receiving Relief Food and other assistance. The registration will cost \$430.00. . .

A servant of God, —Josiah K. Pah, Sr.

### From Malawi . . .

July 18—Dear Brother Murphey: We held another big meeting on July 14 at Likangaliya whereby six churches gathered.

We had a nice time with the church elders in the evening on July 13. The aim of the campaign was to teach the Christians our doctrine of the Church of God.

The total attendance of the people who came on Sunday was 558. They were all moved by the message which was preached. We could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in the meeting. As a result, 71 men and women were converted. They have their own church, and they belonged to another denomination, but now they have given themselves to Jesus in the name of Church of God. Isn't that wonderful!

Greetings, and God bless.

From brothers and sisters in Christ,

—Brother Failos Namaudzongo

From India . . .

July 18—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear brothers and sisters in America: Greetings to you dear ones again in the holy name of Jesus Christ.

"Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high." Ps. 46:2-4.

We thank the Lord for the position, provision, protection, and prospect of the saints of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are glad to note that the camp meetings in America this year are in progress with many blessings and victories. I pray God to bless the National Camp Meeting at Neosho which starts tomorrow. May the anointed Word of God penetrate the hearts of many souls to set glorious victory over sin and Satan. The Word of God is powerful even to giving life to dry bones. "And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord." Ezek. 37:6.

By the grace of God, all the congregations in India are moving on with progress. New souls are being born to the family of the Church of God. The Trichur and Kothamangalam congregations need a place to worship. We pray for this need. We desire the cooperation and support of the saints in America for the success of our efforts.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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### Living It!

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"There is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible—it is this: If we will only try to live up to the things we do understand, we will not have time to worry about the things we do not understand."

—William Jennings Bryan

## In Memoriam

In Hoffman, OK on Feb. 18, 1925, Andrew and Eliza Ligons welcomed Lorene Marie, the ninth of eleven children. She grew up in Hoffman and attended public school there. On Dec. 11, 1941, she married her childhood sweetheart, Theodore Payne. To this union eight children were born. She raised her children in the fear of the Lord, totally dedicated to serving Him. She led a full and busy life helping in the community and the church, acting as church secretary, song leader, cook, and in any other capacity needed. Her life was an inspiration to everyone.

Her parents, one daughter, one grandson, two brothers, and four sisters preceded her in death.

A life fulfilled and work well done, she departed this life May 24, 1991. She leaves to cherish her beautiful memories: Her husband, Theodore Payne, Sr.; three sons, Theodore, Jr., Paul Henry and Terry Lee, all of Wichita, KS; four daughters, Willie Mae Latham and Patricia Faye Paulk of Wichita, KS, Mary Sue Currin of Oklahoma City, OK and Queen Esther Bowman of Hoffman, OK; one nephew, Burleigh House of Denver, CO, whom she raised along with her own children as one of her own after his mother's death; two brothers, Andrew Ligons, Jr. of Wichita, KS and John "Papa" Ligons of Oklahoma City, OK; two sisters, Odever Kelley of Oklahoma City, OK and Gustava Anderson of Hoffman, OK; 20 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren and Sis. Francis Chandler. Interment was in the Hawkins Cemetery, Hoffman, OK.

### NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of God's people for their many prayers for our mother during her time of illness.

Many prayers were prayed for Mother and all her family, and we thank every one. God has truly blessed us, and we are thankful. We appreciate all the love and support shown to us during our mother's death. Continue to pray for all of us. May God bless all of you.

—The Payne children

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Marie Brumfield was born Oct. 17, 1917 in Kentwood, LA, to Cisro and Mary Jane (Ross) Brumfield. She lived in Hammond for some 40 years, and attended services with the saints there and at Oak Grove, having been saved in 1953. Her

labors and love were directly beneficial to the Church there and throughout the U.S. as well as other countries. She helped bring Bro. Louis Kimble to the truth, who is today a minister among us. She sought to fill her life with good works. Her efforts were crowned eternally on July 14, 1991.

Funeral services were conducted at the Oak Grove Church of God on July 17 by Bros. Louis Kimble, Ed Wilson, and Bob Forbes. We rejoice in her homegoing victory, yet we shall miss her too.



*Question and Answer*  
by  
*Ostis B. Wilson*

**Question:** During the last while there have been several questions come in regarding sanctification: the need of this experience, the process of it, what it is and what it does, how it is done, and what the conditions are for it, and when and how it is obtained, etc.

**Answer:** Since there seems to be a degree of misunderstanding on the different facets of this doctrine and how to obtain the experience and obtain the glorious benefits of this doctrine, I have decided to run a series of lessons on this all-important subject over the next few months in this column. This is the first installment of that series and I have labelled it "Man's Original State and Fall."

Mankind in his unregenerate state is two degrees or steps below the state of moral purity and holiness in which he was created.

Originally, at his creation, man was in the image and after the likeness of God Himself. (Gen. 1:26-27). In this state he was possessed of "righteousness and true holiness." In Colossians 3:10 we read, "And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the *image* of him that created him:" In Ephesians 4:24 it says, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in **righteousness and true holiness.**" These two texts make it clear that the image of God is "**righteousness and true holiness.**" This is what man possessed in his original state.

Transgression of the commandment of God by the original pair changed all of this. Sin entered into this world by the willful choice of our foreparents and by this means they apostatized from God. (Gen. 3).

Sin brought about a change in man's moral nature. Now, instead of the righteousness and true holiness that he originally possessed, he became depraved and corrupt in his moral nature.

In Ephesians 4:22 it says, ". . . That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts:" Ephesians 4:25-31 describes the corrupt deeds of the old man: lying, stealing, corrupt communication, bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking, malice.

The fact that the moral likeness and image of God was effaced from the human race by this means is evidenced by the fact that when we obtain the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ we are said to be **renewed** in that image. (Col. 3:10). In other words, it is a restoration to the image of God—hence we conclude it had been lost.

As a result of this, the moral nature of all mankind was affected in this way, became depraved and corrupt. Sin has become universal as a result of the sin of this first pair. ". . . As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Rom. 5:12. ". . . For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many." Rom. 5:15. "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:18. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, . . ." Rom. 5:19.

Romans 5:13-14 says, "(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, . . ." Adam's transgression was in violating a specific commandment spelled out by God Himself. But from Adam to Moses when the law was given on Mt. Sinai by God to the children of Israel through Moses, there was no commandment in existence, hence people could not sin after the similitude of Adam's transgression by breaking a specific commandment but, at the same time, they were in sin, and death reigned over them. The only law they had during this time was the law of their conscience. Concerning this we read in Romans 2:13-15, "(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)" This text does not teach salvation according to man's conscience as some suppose, but it does teach us that

there is sufficient knowledge in every man's conscience to fix responsibility and render him a responsible being to God. Galatians 3:19 says, the law "was added because of transgression, till the seed should come," etc. But if the law was added because of transgression, what were they transgressing? There was no actual commandment in existence between Adam and Moses when the law was given. There was nothing to transgress, only the law of their conscience, and these poor fallen creatures were so under the power of sin they could not even live to their own conscience. Galatians 3:22 reads, "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, . . ." Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" ". . . Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned;" Rom. 5:12. "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief; that he might have mercy upon all." Rom. 11:32. II Corinthians 5:14 says, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead."

If these Scriptures do not prove all men to be under the dismal sway of sin, that they are thus affected because of one man and his sin, and that one man is Adam, what do they teach? How could this all be true except there is something hereditary about sin? Certain diseases, defects, and deficiencies (mental, physical, and otherwise) are said to be transmittable from parent to child and they are called hereditary. If it is carried through different members of the family or through succeeding generations, it is said this or that runs in the family. Their father or grandfather had that, or was that way, etc. The Scriptures conclude something about sin to be hereditary, a depravity of nature handed down through the generations of mankind from the original parent.

(To be continued next month)



## The Prince and the Medicine Man

by Vesta-Nadine Severs

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Ezek. 47:6-12

Once there was a certain man who had charge of a teenaged prince. One day the man took the prince to the broad river which ran through the city and out into the surrounding country. The river branched and flowed all the way to the Great Sea where its waters mingled with the many waters of the oceans.

The palace cooks provided a large picnic basket with many delicacies for their enjoyment. It was mid-morning, much too early to partake of the lunch. Leaving the basket under a fine shade tree, they walked to the river bank.

"You do know," the prince confided, "I've never learned to swim."

"But why not? With this beautiful river so close to the palace, surely you've had many chances to learn."

"Yes, so it would seem," the prince sighed. "I've asked permission to learn many times, but it is no use. You see, when I was quite small my parents brought me here, on such a day as this. They were still quite young, and before they knew it, I was floating face up in the water."

"Mother never learned to swim either, and it so happened that she was closer to me than Father. She waded out and snatched me up, screaming all the while for the King."

"I can understand how she must have been terrified," his instructor said.

The prince nodded solemnly. "She was. And after that experience, she never would permit me to learn. In fact, I've seldom been this close to the river."

His wise instructor said, quite slowly, "Ah, but my prince, it is much more dangerous to never learn a life-saving skill than it is to be exposed to the learning. Suppose, if now as we talk, some mean men should dash from behind the shadows of yonder bushes and trees. Before either of us could move to defend ourselves, what if they should push us roughly into a boat and paddle away with us. And then, just suppose, they would get to the deepest part of the river and cast us in. What do you think would happen?"

With much confidence, the prince replied, "You would save me."

"Me? How do you know I can swim?"

"I . . . well, I mean . . . you can, can't you?"

The man searched the prince's face for a long time before he replied. "Yes, I can swim. And you must learn. And I will teach you now."

So the man proceeded to take the prince through careful steps to overcome his fear of the water. First to float, then dog-paddle, and finally out into the deeper part to swim. All the time he talked calmly and softly to the prince, always encouraging him to continue trying. Hours passed since they started and finally his instructor looked at the sky. "Well, my young man, we must get out now and have that good lunch."

"I so enjoyed swimming," the prince said. "It is more fun than I ever thought possible. There's a certain amount of challenge to it." As he spoke he looked thoughtfully at the river, "a certain amount of fear that still clings to me."

The instructor nodded. "Yes, I noticed," he replied softly "However," endeavoring to sound cheerful, he continued, "the more frequently you swim, the more you trust yourself to the water, the

stronger you become and the more fun you have. The water, you know, has healing powers in it."

"Does it really?" the prince asked. "I've never heard that."

"Don't you really know where these waters start?"

"Someplace back near the palace, I believe. I've heard their sweet soft murmur late at night when the palace is asleep."

"Yes, that is so," said the instructor. "They come up from the very heart of the earth, bubbling and gurgling right under the Throne Room. The palace was built many years ago over the headwaters."

"One would think that the water would quit flowing, wouldn't you?"

"Hmmm, not really. That is, if you understand artesian wells you'd know that not much will stop their outpouring of good fresh water. Now, my young Prince, I wonder if you have seen anything more beautiful in your life than this river and the trees on either side."

The young prince looked around him. On each side of the river were a large variety of trees. Sycamore, oak, maple, elm, willow, olive, and many varieties of the beech grew randomly along the banks. And further back, the palace gardeners, many centuries earlier, had planted orchards of peaches, pear, apricot and apple trees. And on the opposite side of the river were orchards for miles and miles of almond, two types of walnut, pecan, macadamia, hazelnut, gage, and many species the prince didn't know the names of. The bountiful fruit from these vast orchards graced the palace tables daily.

"But do you really see?" the instructor persisted. "These waters issue out toward the east country and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed."

"Waters healed?"

"Yes. And," the instructor continued, "it shall come to pass, that every thing that lives, which moves, wherever the rivers shall flow, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come here: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live where the river goes."

"How can that be so?"

"Because these waters are living waters, it can be so. You see, these waters, being from the east country, have ever issued from Eden. And you know about Eden, how rich and plenteous and fructuous that country has ever been. It is all due to the living waters which come from there."

"But I thought you said the river issued out from under the Throne Room?" The prince was

puzzled.

"Yes, so I did, and yes, so it does. The river issues from a very small opening in Eden and runs freely awhile, then creeps underground for many miles, and resurfaces under the Throne. It widens here in the city and spreads ever wider and wider. As it spreads wider, and goes further, it also becomes deeper. Look! Here come the fishermen."

"I always love to watch the fishermen in the mornings and evenings, casting their nets. They do it so gracefully. I asked my grandfather to let me try. I was about ten at the time. It really isn't as easy as it looks," the prince declared.

The instructor chuckled. "I know, I've tried it too. There is an art to catching fish, and each kind of fish requires a certain bait. That is why the King once said, 'He who wins souls is wise.' To win at anything of value in life, you must do a bit of studying, spend time under a tutor, become an apprentice, and at long last to become a master craftsman and earn the respect of your fellowmen."

"I become impatient with all the long hours of studying," the prince admitted.

"So I've noticed," the instructor replied.

(To be continued next month)



## A Teacher's Prayer



A teacher prayed this prayer at the close of Bible school,

"Thank you, Lord for using me to be a teaching tool.

Thank you for enduring strength, I've needed it each day,

When faith seemed to falter, I had only but to pray. Forgive me, Lord, for days when my patience seemed to fail,

When my flesh grew weak, I longed to rant and rail. We've loved these children, Lord, enjoyed each girl and boy,

Forgive us when we failed, bless us for each joy, Just one question, Lord, and it's with love I dare To wonder at my teaching, do they really care?

Did they listen, Lord, to lessons that I taught? Will their lives be touched by Scriptures I have brought?

Forgive me, Lord, for doubting, my words sound so unfair,

But let me see just one thing, Lord, to show they really care . . ."

This teacher's prayer is echoed in pure lives everywhere,

Do the children listen? Do they really care? As the program ended, an older woman came, Touched her on the arm, called her by her name.



"I came to talk to you because I felt God led, Wonder no more, teacher," with this she simply said,

"God still answers prayers, as the years unfurl, I prayed a prayer like yours, when you were just a girl."

—Jane Hale



## Guthrie Chapel Progress Report



During the recent monthly building committee meeting concerning the relocation of the saints' state campground, the trustees felt it would be good to give a status report to the saints across the country.

Activity on the new chapel and dining hall under construction has been at a standstill for several months. Offerings received during those months have gone primarily to the heat and air contractor who has carried the material and labor on his books for us. We feel like it is only reasonable to cancel that indebtedness before we proceed any further with the project. It will require approximately \$15,000.00 to do so. As soon as that obligation is taken care of and enough additional funds are available, the electrical and plumbing contractors will be called back to finish their work in preparation for sheetrock. We are looking forward to seeing that come to pass. In the meantime we shall continue as we are and pray for the Lord to provide for that which is yet before us.

To those of you who were moved to support the building project by Bro. Frankie Millis' article in the May issue of this publication, we send our sincere thanks. We're especially grateful to those from out of state who are sharing an interest in the work here and are carrying a burden for it. It is truly a manifestation of the spirit and love of Christ.

Anyone wishing to communicate to the support of this work may do so by contacting the Oklahoma State Treasurer, Sis. Brenda Wilkins, Rt. #6, Box-797, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Now that the summer camp meetings are over and there is plenty of time to plan, we would like to urge the saints everywhere to try to attend the winter Assembly Meeting here in Guthrie. This meeting always runs during the Christmas holidays when our children are out of school and most people have extra time off from their jobs. It is a blessed way to close out the old year and usher in the new one. Please try to attend.

—Bro. Bob Sallee for the Campground Relocation Committee



### Excerpts Taken From Sept., 1966 Faith and Victory

"Sis. Katherine Key, another minister of many years' service in the Church of God, has been called Home.

"After 27 years as a secretary of the National Camp Meeting Neosho, Mo. this writer resigned in favor of a younger person, Bro. Bob Stover of Tulsa, Okla. It has been a real pleasure to serve the saints over the years. We have witnessed the steady growth and effectiveness of the camp meeting ever since its inception in 1938.

"After some years of planning and building, the new Saints' Home on the campground at Pacoima, Calif. will be opened for occupancy on August 22, Lord willing. This Home is now answering a long-felt need of the Church in that area, and we trust that it will continue to serve the saints in their declining years in the future.

"The Oklahoma State camp meeting here at Guthrie was well attended by saints and ministers. As many of you know, the tabernacle was dismantled last summer just after the camp meeting, followed in September by a major flood over the grounds, which 'dampened' the plans to enlarge the chapel for the meeting this year. However, the present chapel was used for the meeting. Though it was quite crowded in some services, it accommodated the meeting better than was expected. Further plans were laid to enlarge the chapel at the proper time for the two annual state meetings in Guthrie."

—L. D. Pruitt