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The Recipe to Success

There is a recipe that's found
In God's Word sure and true
That makes hope richly to abound
So real for me and you.

With **Faith** in Christ, our Lord and Friend,
His pow'r and promises
Give us supply without an end;
And this is what He says:

"Add **Virtue** to your faith; be strong,
Undaunted by your foes;
With manly valor quench the wrong,
And overcome life's woes.

"Add **Knowledge**, learn and fill your soul
With all things known of Him,
And then add **Temperance**, (self control),
And never let it dim.

"Let **Patience** have her perfect work:
You need it ev'ry day;
Add **Godliness**, and never shirk
To walk the holy way.

"And then add **Kindness** brotherly,
To all your godly zeal;
Be gracious, dealing tenderly,
For others mercy feel.

"Above all this add **Charity**:
The love of God so great;
Let it flow o'er all so free
To warm and penetrate.

"Now if these things abound in you,
With fruit you'll always be;
For if you do *these things*, be true,
You'll never fall, you see!

"An entrance so abundantly
To life forevermore
Is yours if these things faithfully
You'll add to your heart's store!"

—Bro. Leslie Busbee

Starting Life Anew

By Galen Kelly

Have life's burdens pressured you to the point of exhaustion? Is your stress level pegging the high side of the scale? Do thoughts of suicide, or an early death, make you think of rest? Have your burdens, stress, hopelessness, or death itself crowded the worthiness of life from your vision?

Let us talk a little. You lift up your head! There is an easier yoke, there is a contented peaceful life at your fingertips, your life can still be salvaged. The matter lies not in how old you are or in how long you have been pressed down. Whatever your condition is, you have not gone too far. While there is life there is hope. Consider this thought a minute. If your life is not what you have expected, then you need to make a change or turn around. Are you willing? It is Jesus' will for you. You are carrying a heavy load; don't think a change could be too hard, it is not. The loving arms of your Creator are more than willing to accept anything you will give Him. Jesus is the one and only great burden-bearer. He is qualified. Shove everything off to Jesus. He wants to help. Give Jesus a chance. Let Him take full control. You will be able to tell the difference right away. The Lord Jesus' capacity to love you will not be in the least part diminished. His love for you will be as concentrated now as it has ever been. Don't be fearful of this loving friend, just let Him dissolve your overloaded heart and He will make all things new and fresh once more. Do you suppose you've gone too far? Are you beyond the reach of a God who created everything into existence by just speaking the word? Definitely not! Come

home! We want you to be happy. Come home and eat a good nourishing meal at Father's table! Matthew 18:3-4 says, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself, . . . the same is the greatest in

the kingdom of heaven." The road home is the way of humility. Becoming as a little child is a peacefully sweet experience, and when you are held in Father's embrace, nothing is quite as relaxing. What you are bearing now wasn't designed for you to bear. Be reassured, God will meet you more than halfway.

DELIVERED

Elmer Prayed

by
Paul Sorrell

Elmer and May Smith lived many years in the high altitude area of the state of Nevada. Toiling on the land for food and milking a few cows by hand, they enjoyed the freedom of being out in open spaces away from the rat race society. But life became hard with expenses and the cold winters. Death took its toll on the children, leaving them somewhat bitter at times. However, they managed to survive. In time they became old and were invited to move to the state of Washington closer to some family.

We became acquainted with them while doing home delivery service to their apartment, sometime around 1985. They both were in their eighties. Mary was bent over and could not look at us unless she was sitting. Elmer was blind, but still had square shoulders with large arms. One could tell at a glance, by the large rough hands, that this couple had seen many hard days. Elmer had been redheaded and had a temper to match.

In time, Mary could not take care of Elmer alone. A native Indian man by the name of Raymond Shaw took the job of being with Elmer at night. Raymond, who had been an alcoholic, was delivered after thirty years of sin. He was happy and shared this with the Smiths, telling them about Jesus.

During the long nights, when Elmer Smith tossed, turned and suffered, he would cry out with cursing and bitter swearing. He was bitter inside. Life had been so short. Raymond Shaw just kept sharing what Jesus could do. Mary

became quite concerned as she recognized that Elmer needed help inside. One night as Elmer lay cursing and struggling so hard, she pleaded with Raymond Shaw. "Why don't you call your minister to come and save Elmer?!"

We were called to his bedside. We begged our Lord to undertake. After a while Elmer became calm. We asked him if he wanted to pray. By his mumbled words, we could tell that he did not know how to pray. So we led him to repeat after us. Oh, if you could have beheld the scene and heard him asking God to forgive and receive him that night you would have been touched.

His last days were near. He would become restless and start to struggle. Raymond Shaw would remind Elmer of Jesus and the night when Elmer had prayed. He told him to keep praying. Others could not understand Elmer's mumbled words, but the swearing stopped. Mary felt so much more at ease now.

Soon Elmer passed from this life. We were surprised when Mary sent word for us to conduct the funeral. But it was easy. As the family, friends, and neighbors gathered with many that cold winter day, we told them in detail of the night Elmer prayed. Tears began to flow and understanding heads nodded. But do you know what? I believe Elmer was smiling! Because the Scripture says, ". . . Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21.

We feel the inspiration to share the personal testimonies of people we know, those who have

witnessed the power of God doing a deliverance, thus fulfilling the Scripture, "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Matt. 4:16. Since most of those whose story we will tell are still living, we will admonish them to always remember it as God's work, and not any of their own. Our Heavenly Father doesn't count anyone's testimony higher or lower than another's. We bow in humility as we acknowledge His amazing grace, as it is extended to all. (II Peter 3:9).

Perhaps your own testimony is of this nature. Consider prayerfully about sharing it in this column.

We are praying this column will encourage more tract and personal work, more group and personal Bible studies, also more time in prayer to receive the faith and courage needed to share the gospel.

—Bro. Paul Sorrell



Trials and Temptations

By Mrs. Jerome Tufford

(Taken from the *Gospel Trumpet*, 1898.)

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you."—1 Pet. 4:12. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1:12.

"They who walk steep ways in grief and night,

Where every step is full of toil and pain,
Will see when they have gained the sharpest height,

It has not been in vain."

When we are in prosperity, nothing supervening to mar our happiness, our spiritual sky is clear, the way all bright and shining, no one opposes or persecutes us when we try to do right, all our efforts are met with appreciation, our very path seems strewn with roses; how easy it is to trust God, and believe that they who trust in the Lord "shall not want any good thing." Ps. 34:10. But what about the reverse, the dark hour of sorrow, when we are perhaps exposed to the rude blasts of adverse fortune, we are placed under extremely trying circumstances which disturb the tranquility of our minds; our way seems completely

darkened, not one ray of light to show us which way to step; our path is blockaded with thorns and briars which pierce our feet and make them bleed; every step we try to advance dark threatening clouds overshadow us, and sometimes the storm breaks in fury upon us; our every effort to speak or work for Jesus is met with a supercilious derision; we are opposed and persecuted by our once intimate friends. Can we in spite of all, calmly and trustingly rely on the promise that "all things work together for good"? Rom. 8:28. Yes, praise God! If we are unreservedly consecrated to him, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things (I Cor. 13:7), resting assured that our heavenly Father who pitieth us as a Father pitieth his children (Ps. 103:13) will not leave us or forsake us, though He leads us into the valley of darkness. But we know that they who for Jesus' sake penetrate the dark gloomy shadows of this valley—they alone can enjoy the sweet comfort of this promise.

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 7:14-17.

Therefore, dear weary one weighted down with care and trials, all too heavy to be borne, remember that "after clouds the sunshine," and beyond the darkness there is a marvelously bright world of sunshine and beauty. Why should we worry and fret over our trials? "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart." Ps. 97:11. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness." Ps. 112:4. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Ps. 30:5. Suppose we cannot understand all the recondite dealings of our all-wise Father, if we are in God's order He will work things together for

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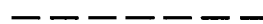
Editorials



The passing of days has brought us to the juncture of the new year of 1992. Anything new holds a certain amount of intrigue and excitement, and a new year is no exception. By God's help there will be new heights to scale and new valleys to explore. The Holy Spirit working in our lives will provide thrilling power to experience.

Do we really have the right to tell Christians to be encouraged and joyful? The answer is a definite yes! Perhaps the past year has somewhat of a bitter-sweet feeling. Maybe you had some accomplishments, yet there were some things that went undone. It could be that the remembrance of victories are tainted by some defeats. This is no reason to refuse to take heart for the next year. Some people who "celebrate" the new year will be deliriously happy. These people are happy because of immediate circumstances. Whereas happiness depends on happenings, joy is wrought by God. Christ said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:11. As we walk in God's commandments, we find a joy that is able to lay down past problems and anticipate future victories.

One stormy night a boat could make no headway, and while the captain was struggling to get into port, a nervous passenger said to him, "Do you think we shall get in all right?" He replied, "This is a leaky old boat, and we may go down; and the boilers are not in very good condition, so we may go up. But, whatever happens, we are going on." This is a proper attitude towards life, and if Christ is the pilot of our bark there should be joy on board.



Bound volumes of the 11 issues of the *Faith and Victory* paper for the year of 1991 are now available for purchase. The price is \$1.00 per book, plus \$1.25 for postage and handling. Also in stock are 1991 *Beautiful Way* books for Juniors (52 papers for the year) at \$1.00 each, plus 90¢ for postage and handling. There are a limited supply of these books and they will be sold on a first come basis.



We want to thank everyone who remembered the Print Shop with Christmas greetings. We may be unable to acknowledge each card, but want you to know that all were noted and appreciated.

These editorials were written during the Assembly Meeting here in Guthrie, OK. The attendance of the first part of the meeting has been good, and there has been good response to the messages preached.

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This Christmas season was especially enjoyable for our family. For the first time in many years all of the immediate family of my parents, Willie and Frances Murphey, were together for this occasion.
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We give thanks to God for all the gospel literature we have been able to print and get into the hands of those who want it. His blessings have been upon this work. We are in need of a press operator. If you would like to be more involved in the work of the Lord this may be an opportunity for you to do so. Please let us hear from you if you feel burdened to help.

—Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

MO—"I have a nephew in Georgia who has a serious affliction and needs prayer."

—Bro. T. V. McMillian

CA—"Alvin is terminally ill with cancer; please remember him in your prayers."

—Sis. Helen Whitehouse

IL—"I want to send in a prayer request for my brother, C. E. Cox. He has had leukemia for several years. I would like everyone who gets your paper to pray with us." —Pauline Smith

OH—"Jerry Craig needs to be saved and healed emotionally." —Sis. Juanita Blankenship

OR—"Sis. Grace Jones suffers with a back problem and has requested the prayers of the saints."

CA—"My son, Ron, needs healing of his body." —Sis. Helen Carson

OK—"Please pray for me both soul and body." —Sis. Vera Chapel

CA—"I would appreciate it if the saints there would pray for the healing of my eyes, also another affliction on my body."

—Sis. Hazel Clark

WV—"Please continue to pray for us and a brother-in-law who has cancer."

—Sis. Avis Tinsley

OK—"I would appreciate your prayers."

—Sis. Bessie Patton

OK—"Bro. Derrill Smith, is having serious heart problems for which he needs prayer."

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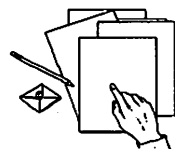
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GOSPEL SINGING

The congregation near Warrior, AL, is planning a Saturday night singing and services on Sunday, Feb. 1-2. The singing will start at 7:00. Bro. Bob Forbes plans to be with us. Everyone is invited. The chapel is located two miles west of I-65 at exit 289. For more information call Marshall Whitson (205) 647-6325, or Roy Herron (205) 647-7869.

LETTERS



A Few Labors of Bro. Herschel Hargrave. . .

It was in the year of 1969 that the Lord laid it on my heart to go to Goulds, FL, to answer the call of a young minister, Bro. H. Hargrave and congregation. They were standing alone and looking for God to send them help.

By the help of the Lord in January of 1969, I went to Bro. and Sis. Hargrave's home. We were accepted by them with a warm welcome. I stayed in FL about a month doing what we could in obedience to the Lord "to expound unto them the way of God more perfectly." (Acts 18:26). Bro. and Sis. Hargrave and the congregation accepted it with thanksgiving. They were saved people living to what they knew and understood, but as the Word of God was expounded and explained to them, their hearts were open to hear it, accept it and obey it.

After laboring with them for some days, it came time for me to return to Oklahoma City. We left with a very warm farewell. I remember Bro. Hargrave saying, "We are taking our stand with the brethren," meaning the Church of God. He kept his Word and stood with the saints.

It was later in the year of 1969 that Goulds held a camp meeting. We returned for the camp meeting as did others of the saints and ministers from various states. Praise God, it was a glorious meeting. Bro. Hargrave and the congregation was very happy to receive the saints and ministers.

Bro. and Sis. Hargrave and some of their children were with us in the camp meeting at Boley, OK in August of 1991. Bro. Hargrave was very afflicted but carried a burden for the meeting and labored hard in preaching and exhorting. It was amazing to see how the Lord used Him. He never complained, and His voice was very clear and understandable. The Word and the whole service was so anointed. It was an unusual meeting.

One night as the saints were praising and singing, I looked up and saw a vision of a long arm stretched over the saints. I thought on this. The Lord helped me to know He was pleased with the meeting we were having—Bro. Hargrave's message that night was "Jesus."

Bro. Hargrave's last message in Boley was taken from Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." He used the thought "Go." His last message in Goulds was "Endure to the End."

Some of the last words Bro. Hargrave said to me over the telephone were a verse of song: "He leadeth true; I will not question tho' thro' the valley I shall go, Tho' I should pass thro' clouds of trial, And drink the cup of human woe. . . . God's way is best, is best for me." He let me know he wasn't questioning God about anything and was just submitted in His hand that His will be done.

Yours in His great name,

—Katherine Williams

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the saints: I want to send in another testimony of another miracle the Lord did for me.

I knew that the glasses I was wearing were getting worse and worse for me to use, so Sis. Elois Spinks told me Coquita had to have her eyes tested and I could go with her and have mine tested too. The day before we went to do

that I got out the glasses I had discarded several years before, and when I put them on I could see much clearer than with the ones I had been using. I took both pairs of glasses along and the doctor tested both pairs and said the ones I wore that day were not as strong as the ones I had been wearing for several years. When he tested my eyes a surprised look came over his face. He said, "Your eyes test out exactly to fit the pair you were wearing today. This is something we seldom see; where the eyes are stronger than they had been." He also said, "This is marvelous. You don't need new glasses. Just keep wearing the old ones."

I really rejoiced that the Lord made my eyes better than they were. Thank the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, —Hilda A. Nielsen

NC—Dear Brother Wayne: I am still in a rest home. I have several ailments, including vision problems, but I am so thankful I can still do a little to lift up the name of Jesus. I am now trying to make and send out tapes as the Lord leads, also tracts and other Christian messages. I have suffered many things this year, but I thank God for victory over all of them. For "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." I am not a bit weary, for I believe the battle will soon be over, and I am fixed in the Lord, and by His grace and help, I shall not be moved. . . .

God bless everyone there is my sincere prayer.

A sister in Christ, —Leila Lewis

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at Print Shop: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. I wonder how many who celebrate Christmas ever think of Jesus and realize that He is the Saviour of the world. The Devil has deceived so many people into not thinking about what is going to happen to them after death, that they don't care about anything in this life but pleasing themselves. Only a saved and sanctified Christian knows the peace and joy that abiding in Jesus brings. May all of God's children live so those about us can see the fruit of the Spirit in our lives in such a measure that they will desire to be like us, as we are like Jesus.

We appreciate the *Faith and Victory* and are encouraged by the testimonies and articles in each issue. We truly agree in prayer with each request that is published. We pray almost every day for each one there and ask God to bless all the work you are doing for the salvation of souls.

We read in II Timothy 3:1 “. . . that in the last days perilous times shall come.” It seems like there is no place in this world but where living is perilous, both in a physical and a spiritual sense. Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matt. 24:14. All the signs of the times surely point to the end of time. When the last person who is going to repent and be saved has done so there will be no reason for time to continue, and that could happen tomorrow.

We are still trusting the Lord for all of our needs and desire your prayers that we may endure to the end.

With Christian love, —Bill and Doris Busch

LA—Dear saints: The song says to tell what He's done for you. By the help of the Lord I will attempt to relate the events of the past week and how my Lord has moved and worked in my life.

First, I was invited to go to the meeting at Loranger, LA, and I really wanted to go. I was layed off my job, but still had enough money to go on. Then my truck started tearing up. I ended up replacing the water pump, power steering pump, alternator, and soldering the radiator. I finally got it fixed but didn't have the money to go to the meeting. I told my parents God would provide. The next day a sister from Amite called, telling me a brother from Mississippi had offered to pay my way.

I went to the meeting and met many wonderful Christians and a brother in Christ that I had met some time ago, Bro. Emmett Gerald. The saints are so beautiful wherever you find them.

I ask the saints to pray for my family, and for my nephew, Lavon, in particular. . . .

—Jim Bowman

MO—Dear Bro. Murphey, and all the saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' lovely name. I just want to tell you how I do enjoy the little *Faith and Victory* paper. It encourages my soul as I read it. . . .

I have a very special prayer request I would like for you to pray with me about. My legs and feet get numb, I also have a problem with my stomach and my blood pressure. I know there is nothing too hard for the Lord, so saints, do say a special prayer for me. I love every one of you, though I have never met you. The Lord bless you is my prayer.

In His service,

—Sis. Laura Jarvis

LA—Dear workers at the Publishing House, and to all saints everywhere: I send my love to you all. The Lord has been good to me many times. He has protected me from danger on the highways as I have traveled many miles. He also has protected me from sickness at different times when I have been exposed to contagious diseases. He has healed me many times of what seemed to be serious illnesses. He is still a great physician.

While on my way to Sunday school this morning, I was meditating on the goodness of God in my life, and felt that I should write a testimony for the *Faith and Victory* paper. I thought about a time when I felt my sickness was a “sickness unto death.” . . .

Just recently I have had quite some suffering in my chest. I felt the need one night at prayer meeting to be anointed and prayed for. I obeyed this, and for two or three nights I still suffered. I told the Lord that I felt He wanted me to be anointed and prayed for and I had obeyed this, and for Him to help me. I started resting good at night and the pain is almost completely gone. I am trusting in Him to completely clear it up.

I want to live close to God. If I do this He surely will take care of this body until He is ready to call me home. Pray for me that I will always be ready to meet my Lord in peace.

Please remember my husband, Charlie, in prayer for soul and body.

Christian love,

—Cassie Price

IA—Dear saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am thankful to the saints for their prayers to the Lord concerning my right hand and shoulder. I can use them now. I can't thank God enough for what He has done for me and my wife in the past. My wife still needs lots of prayer.

It is our prayer that both of us will meet all the saints in heaven some day.

Christian love,

—Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy Mason

OH—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. May God continue to bless and help all of you who labor there at the Lord's Print Shop.

I am still encouraged to press the battle on. I still enjoy the *Faith and Victory* and the *Beautiful Way*. I am glad that the Lord still has faithful laborers in His vineyard.

I also enjoy reading the Word of God and hearing it preached and taught. It really satisfies the hungry and thirsty soul. May God help me to take heed to all of the Word of God and be obedient to it.

Please continue to pray for me and all of my loved ones.

With much love, —Sis. Janice Shaw

TX—Dear brothers and sisters: My name is Roy. I am the son of Bro. and Sis. Tillman who are in the Green Pastures, OK church. I grew up in the church and I know the power of prayer. I am writing to ask the saints for prayer for a niece who has gotten in trouble with the law. She is a good person; it seems she just got caught up in the wrong crowd. She is not saying she didn't do anything wrong, it is just that they are trying to give her five years and she has three young daughters. Please ask the saints to pray that the Lord will work something out that she won't have to leave her children.

I too have some unspoken requests before the Lord. Also pray for my parents that the Lord will bless and hold them up in a special way. I do love the Lord and hope and pray someday to see the Lord face to face in peace. God bless each and every one of you is my prayer.

—Roy Tillman

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the name we love because He first loved us and gave His life that we might live for Him in this old wicked world. Oh, how I love Jesus, and want to please Him in everything I do. I am looking forward to that great homecoming. We don't know how soon, but we want to be ready.

I thank God for the peace He gives us. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27).

I pray for the work there, also the workers. Christian love and prayers,

—Sister Emma Dilley

LA—Dear saints: I want to thank the Lord for the way He has blessed me spiritually and physically since I have been ill. Although I am quite weak, I don't have pain, for which I do thank God so much. Also, I want to thank the saints everywhere for your prayers. We are still asking God for complete healing.

We thank each one who has sent cards and notes of encouragement. They have meant so much to both Douglas and me, as your love just reached out through them to us. I am sorry I am not physically able to answer each one at this time.

Please continue to pray for both of us that the Lord will give us grace and courage right through this affliction.

We look forward to receiving the *Faith and Victory* each month. We pray the Lord's blessing on the work there and on each dedicated worker.

Christian love, —Nyda Hall

MO—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings in Jesus' wonderful name. I thank the Lord for what He does for me each day. He gives me strength to do the things I need to do and the ability to help others who can't help themselves. God blesses me in so many different ways. I am serving a big God. There is no better way to live than for Jesus. He knows our needs and hears us when we pray to Him. . . .

May God bless you and keep you in his care. Please pray for my left leg. It has been hurting for a day or two.

Your prayer partner, —Sister Eathel Hill

WA—Dear saints at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings! I am thankful for Jesus and that He saw fit to save me. I was not worthy of His mercy and goodness. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. I am thankful for that rest.

May the Lord reward all who labor there. I receive much good from the *Faith and Victory* paper. I pray the Lord will keep it coming until Jesus comes.

Love in Christ, —Sister Violet Thomas

IN—Dear saints at the Faith Publishing House: I greet you in the name of our Lord.

I trust all is well with every one there. You must work so hard to get the *Faith and Victory* paper sent to so many needy ones. May the good Lord bless each and every one this new year we are about to enter. Time is slipping away so fast, and there are so many hungry souls I am sure who love to receive the good paper.

So many need prayer. Please remember my unsaved loved ones, and I have arthritis.

May God bless every one is my prayer,

—Sis. Mary Rogers

WA—Dear Bro. Wayne: I am a born again Christian and receive your *Faith and Victory* magazine. I have need of a miracle and would like prayer for it.

After much prayer, and asking God to reveal her to me again, my ex-wife came back to me after two years of not knowing if she was alive or dead. She had always been in witchcraft since I can remember, but now it is the New Age Movement. I have been binding the enemy the whole time she was gone, from working in her (Matt. 16:19) and see definite results, but she still refuses to take Jesus as her Saviour. She says she can save herself, which is a lie from Satan and this New Age garbage. Could you please pray and agree with me for Jesus to reveal Himself to her and for the blindness to be lifted from her eyes? A miracle is needed for a marriage restoration. I am standing in the gap as an intercessor to believe for this to be done. (Matt. 18:19). All things are possible with God.

Thank you very much, —Barry L. Brubaker

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TN—Dear Bro. Murphey and co-workers: Christian love and greetings from East Tennessee. May the Lord continue to bless and encourage each of you as you labor for Him in the publishing work there.

May the Word, the message of salvation, under the anointing and convicting power of the Holy Spirit, reach and give hope and forgiveness to lost souls. May the Church, the body and bride of Christ, be strengthened, encouraged, and firmly grounded and established in the Word of the Lord. Jesus is the way, and it's a beautiful holy way. We ought to have praise and thanksgiving in our hearts continually for the ultimate sacrifice He made at Calvary in purchasing our salvation. He did not bring an excuse for our sins, but a complete cure for it, both committed and inherited.

What a privilege it is to be heirs and joint-heirs with Christ and to be called the children of God. . . .

Time is fast running out for many of us, and what we do for the Lord must be done quickly. Let us love, work, and pray for one another; keep the faith and be a help and light to those about us.

Christian love to all, —Charles B. Williams

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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I just want to thank you for your letter I received a few months ago. I wrote and told you

that I was serving a life sentence. I just want to tell you that I am serving 15 years to life. The good news is that I go before the Board of Prison Terms on Mar. 27, 1992, for a parole consideration. Praise the Lord. I was scheduled to go in December of 1992. I praise the Lord for victory in Jesus. I know God is able to change anything. I would like for you to put me on your prayer list, as I go the Board in March. I thank you for being so faithful to send me the *Faith and Victory* magazine; I enjoy reading it. May God continue to bless your work at the *Faith and Victory* Print Shop.

—Sis. Vidilia Spragin

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CA—Dear Brother Wayne and saints: God is blessing me to bear my sorrow. I lost my dear Elmer of 67 years on Nov. 16. A part of me is gone.

Elmer gave his heart to Jesus two years ago, which makes me feel better.

Please remember me in your prayers that I can go on living to please Jesus.

"God's plans are like lilies;
pure and white as they unfold.
We must not tear the closely shut leaves apart.
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And, if through toil, we reach the land
where tired feet with sandals loose may rest,
When we shall clearly know, and understand,
I think that we shall say 'God knows the best.'"

—Sister Lucille S. Allen

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AL—Dear Print Shop workers: We haven't written in a while, but with the beginning of a new year it makes us think what all we have to be thankful for.

In June of this year I had a sickness come upon me. I couldn't sit or lie down in any position without very severe pain. We called for prayer. After three days and nights the Lord touched me. The Lord healed me then, and I give Him praise for being with me all through the years.

We appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper and all the work you do to put it out.

Christian love, —Roy and Betty Herron

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FL—Dear ones: Please pray for our dear dad, Willard Underdown, who has had a heart attack and needs earnest prayer. He is living for the Lord and desires the prayers of the saints. We know God is able to heal all manner of sickness and disease, for "He is just the same today."

Each of your sincere and fervent prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Christian love, —Kevin and Cheryl Smith

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In Memoriam

Willard Marler of Elvins, MO was born Aug. 20, 1916 in Chonia, MO. He passed away Nov. 29, 1991, at the age of 75.

He is survived by two sons, Roger of Elvins, MO, and Kerry of St. Louis, MO; one daughter, Sharon Karnes of St. Louis; six grandchildren; one brother, Louie of Shawnee, OK; two sisters, Ruth Rachels of Union, MO and Virgie Flynn of Loranger, LA.

Willard made a great sacrifice to obtain salvation but felt well repaid. He was always tenderhearted and delighted in helping others.

When his health failed he moved from the Golden Rule Home apartments and was so happy to go live with his eldest son, Roger, and wife Janice, who were so very good to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Katie Marler, and oldest sister Cassie, and youngest brother, Lenard.

The funeral and burial was at Greenville, MO on Dec. 2.

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Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and saints everywhere: As you know we lost our dad, Willard Marler, Nov. 29, of a heart attack.

Uncle Louie Marler, Aunt Ruth and Charles Rachels, Cousin Viola and son Will Weir, were with us right before he passed on to heaven. We had prayer a little while before he went to his reward. He said he felt fairly well and had no pain.

We (his family) want to thank all the saints for their thoughts and prayers in our time of sorrow. He will be missed greatly by all those who knew and loved him.

God bless you all, —His sons, Roger and Kerry Marler, and daughter, Sharon Karnes

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"We picture death as coming to destroy; let us rather picture Christ as coming to save. We think of death as ending; let us rather think of life as beginning, and that more abundantly. We think of losing; let us think of gaining. We think of parting, let us think of meeting." —N. Macleod

Question and Answer

by

Ostis B. Wilson

Note: This is series number five in an ongoing series of an in-depth study and discussion on the ins and outs and the ups and downs of sin—how we got into sin and how God devised a way and provided a means of getting us out of it and what that process is, and focusing ultimately on the subject of sanctification which is the crowning feature and finishing of our salvation.

We will begin this lesson with the matter of the little child growing up and what happens to him as he grows up. The little child grows up doing or acting wrong all along, at times in a greater or lesser degree. But because he is not developed far enough in mental and moral perception to exercise sound judgment in regard to moral principles, sin is not imputed to him and he is held in a state of complete innocence before God. Some may think that in order for a child to come under condemnation at his age of accountability, he must do something different or commit some special kind of sin. That is a mistake. In many instances the child may cross that line living just like he has all the time from real small childhood. Perhaps he comes to that point with no unusual thing happening in his life in the way of any pronounced or gross sin. Maybe he never steals or swears or takes God's name in vain or any of these bad sins. But what actually happens in many cases is that the child comes to the point where God sees he is sufficiently developed in his judgment and moral and mental perception for Him to deal with, and he can understand now what His dealings will mean to him, so He sends His Spirit to visit the child's heart to enlighten him, and it suddenly dawns on him, "I am wrong. I have been doing wrong all along. Every time I snatched toys from my playmates, and every time I pulled hair, scratched, bit, fussed and fought with others when they had something I wanted and would not give it up; every time I pouted or stomped, screamed and had a temper tantrum when I could not have my own way, every time I practiced deceit against my parents and took advantage of them, it was all wrong." The child begins now to feel these things wrong and understands what is involved

in them. He realizes through the conviction of God's Spirit what he has never realized before, and that is he is wrong (morally wrong) and needs to repent and be forgiven and get things straightened out and adjusted in his life. Sometimes those who are better instructed feel it necessary for them to go back to their parents or sometimes to others, and confess their wrongs to them, even what they did in innocence before they were morally accountable for it.

Now a grown person living in a justified experience before God, which brings them back to the state of the little child in innocence in God's sight, (Matt. 18:3) can not do those things that the small child does and remain justified and in a state of innocence before God, because he is already sufficiently developed in judgment, moral and mental understanding, that he understands those things to be wrong and in contradiction with the moral law of God, and if he does them he will fall under condemnation before God.

The difference here is in the state of the individuals involved, and not in the nature of the things involved. These things are just as much a contradiction with God's moral law when the small child does it as when the grown person does it. But the small child, being in an undeveloped infantile state in his understanding as well as physically, is not morally accountable for his doings, because he is not even supposed to know and understand these things; while a grown person, being advanced in understanding and mature in judgment as well as physically, is supposed to understand moral principles of right and wrong and therefore is accountable.

I have in mind a young brother who had much trouble in his early spiritual life. Most of his trouble was because of impatience and temper. And much of the time it would happen to him when he was all alone and things would go wrong. When he would be working in the field and something would go wrong, he would feel impatient or lose his temper. He would feel condemned in his conscience on that account because he understood and knew this was not right. Generally the people who knew him and had association with him, could not tell from the way he lived that he did not have the victory because he lived outwardly good all the time. But his trouble was mostly with himself; much of the time by himself and within himself because he would be condemned over these things.

But a little child does not feel that condemnation over his temper tantrums because he does not know but what that is the way for him to do in order to get what he wants.

But God could not take these little children to heaven having that in them which would cause them to pull hair, strike and scratch each other, scream, kick, squall around and snatch things from each other. It would turn out to be a very unpleasant place to be. Jesus Christ acts as guardian for their souls until they come to accountability before God morally, so as to act on His will in regard to these things, Jesus applies His blood to their souls without an act of their will, and purges them from that nature and fits them to go on into heaven.



THE TWO ADAMS CONTRASTED

(I Cor. 15:45-48)



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 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

The LAW says:

1. This **do** and thou shalt live.
2. **Make** ye a new heart and a new spirit.
3. **Pay** me that thou owest.
4. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.
5. **Cursed** is everyone who continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them.
6. The **wages** of sin is death.
7. The law demands holiness.
8. The law says do.
9. The law **exhorts** the unwilling service of a bondman.
10. The law makes blessings the result of obedience.
11. The law places the day of rest at the end of the week's work.
12. The law says **if**.
13. The law was given for the restraint of the old man.
14. Under the law, salvation was wages.

The GOSPEL says:

1. **Live**, and then thou shalt do.
2. A new heart will I **give** you, and a new spirit will I put within you.
3. I frankly **forgave** thee all.
4. Herein is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and gave His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
5. **Blessed** is the man whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
6. The **gift** of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
7. The gospel gives holiness.
8. The gospel says **done**.
9. The gospel **wins** the willing service of a son and freeman.
10. The gospel makes obedience the result of blessings.
11. The gospel places it at the beginning.
12. The gospel says **therefore**.
13. The gospel was given to bring liberty to the new man.
14. Under the gospel salvation is a gift.

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.

The first Adam tilled the ground cursed with thorns which pricked his feet; the second Adam wore a crown of thorns on His brow.

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. 8:29)—born from above.

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

—George E. Harmon

Trials and Temptations

(Continued from page 3)

our good, notwithstanding all appearances to the contrary; if we leave all in His hands and "let patience have her perfect work (James 1:4), such is His wisdom and power that out of darkness He will bring light and out of sorrow He will bring joy. We know that we are led by a hand that never goes astray or makes any mistakes. Therefore "trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us." Psalms 62:8. Sometimes we may seem to be tempted almost above measure; but we have the promise that we shall not be tempted above what we are able to bear, and that there will be a way of escape provided that will enable us to bear it. (1 Cor. 10:13.) Our fathers trusted in God and He delivered them, they trusted and were not confounded. (Psalms 22:4, 5.) Therefore "cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22. God has promised to keep us in the hour of temptation. Revelation 3:10. And although Satan has desired to have us that he might sift us as wheat, God is more powerful than Satan, and if we do not heed his inward suggestions or yield to his subtle temptations, in spite of all his adroitness he can never succeed in sifting us so as to gain an advantage over us; for if we trust in God when Satan comes in our souls like a flood, God's Spirit will raise up a standard against him (Isaiah 59:19) and we will come off conquerors. I believe, the nearer we live to God, the louder Satan will howl and rage, and with the co-operation of his minions together with all the forces of hell, try to concoct plans to overthrow us, and the conflict will be great. But let us "not be ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor. 2:11), And let us not be discouraged. "The trying of your faith worketh patience." James 1:3, and the trial of our faith is much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire. (1 Peter 1:7.) Therefore, if need be we are in heaviness through manifold temptations and trials, let us rejoice and press onward, and with undaunted courage and inflexible integrity withstand every attempt of Satan or his co-workers to seduce us from the path of duty. God

will give us sufficient grace and strength to carry us through every difficulty. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect before him." II Chron. 16:9.

We know the love and care God has for His little ones far exceeds the love of our most tender friends and He has the power of making all our trials and temptations of salutary influence and conducive to our soul's eternal health, and point with unerring truth the bright ways up to the mansions of felicity beyond this vale of tears. God's ways are marvelous, yet they are gloriously beautiful.

"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him." II Sam. 22:31. Job said when he had been tried he should come forth as gold. (Job 23:10). I have found by personal experience that when we have no trials, afflictions, or temptations we are apt to feel too contented and place too much trust in temporal things. Earthly desires are likely to come in and draw us away from Jesus and actually we cannot so well enjoy the sweet comforts of God's promises as when we are tempted and tried; for trials draw us nearer to God, causing us to feel our dependence upon Him, and He becomes dearer to us. God often has to chasten us to draw us nearer to Him, although at the time we could not understand why He chastened us. But "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Hebrews 12:6, 7. "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:" Job 5:17. "Nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:" Hebrews 12:5. "As many as I love, I rebuke." Revelation 3:19.

We often think there is a deep mystery in the way God deals with His children; but we must patiently await the clue to the mystery in the firm conviction that there is a clue, and as link by link of the mysterious chain of Providence unfolds, we will ultimately find the end of the chain in the hands of Him who does not afflict His people willingly, but has for everything a definite purpose. God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither

are your ways my ways." Isa. 55:8. His way of doing all things is just right; there is no room for improvement, although we often think right at the time our way is best. But if we are wholly consecrated to God, we will trust Him and let Him have His own way. Being in the hands of a God who never does anything wrong, our duty and our own personal inter-

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ests are not debatable, and we must never allow our judgment and our will to rise against the all-wise dealings of our infinite Father. Let circumstances be what they may, we can never justify ourselves in setting aside God's plans and taking our own way, for sorrow and trouble are sure to ensue if we pursue such a course. God has at all times our best interests at heart. Let us then be as clay in the potter's hands and by no means resist the working of Almighty God. An ingenious potter takes great delight in molding his articles, and will not designedly leave one single flaw or defect in his work, but is indefatigable in his efforts to mold his clay into vessels that will give perfect satisfaction. Our heavenly Father is even more particular than the most dexterous earthly potter: He is exerting His skill to prepare and perfect us that we may be meet vessels of his grace; that He need not be ashamed to hold us up as His workmanship. Therefore we must lie passive in His hands, willing to let him mold us to his own satisfaction. If we lie still, willing to bear the sufferings of the refining fire, under the judicious management of His wonder-working hands, He will perfect the good work He has begun in us; He will work out grand results, and develop a gloriously beautiful life, and prepare us for heaven, where He wishes us to shine after the storms of life are over. No work of His ever came short of its intended perfection; for who is able to stay His hand? Not all the forces of hell. He says, "I will work and who shall let it?" Isa. 43:13. "The Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Isa. 14:27. "What his soul desireth, even that he doeth." Job 23:13. "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. "Hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23:19.

Therefore, although God allows us to pass through severe trials and temptations and afflictions, let us deeply acknowledge the righteous and unimpeachable justice of God in all we suffer. "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." Rom. 12:12. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Ps. 34:19. The Lord is "not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:27, 28. "Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Luke 12:7. "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God." Ps. 42:11. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." II Cor. 4:17. Trials and afflictions are the attendant consequences of a Christian life. Let us submit and bear them with cheerful resignation. We have only to persevere and our reward awaits us. If we are faithful, our Father has promised us a home where troubles will forever cease, and the glory there will utterly annihilate the dark shadows of this world. In II Chron. 20:9 we read that when evil came upon God's children, if they looked toward the temple and cried to God in their afflictions He would hear and help them. Well, glory to God, we do not need to look toward the temple, but to Jesus who is our faithful

high priest, who is touched with the feelings of our infirmities, having been tempted in all points like as we are, who lovingly admonishes us to come boldly unto him "that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:15, 16. Praise His holy name! We know that in these last days "many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." Dan.

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12:10. God says, "I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried." He also says, "They shall call on my name, and I will hear them." Zech. 13 :9. If the above declarations have a tendency to make some weak hearts tremble, we have many exceeding great and precious promises that should reassure the faintest heart. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jn. 14:27. "Lo, I am with you alway." Matt. 28 :20. God says, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Isa. 43:2. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

It is an undoubted fact, that we will never be more fiercely assaulted by all the forces of hell, than Jesus was. He was tempted with unbelief, abominable idolatry, and even tempted with suicide by the Devil; in all things He was tempted like as we are, yet he resisted and overcame: then why should we be dejected and cast down when assailed by trials and temptations? He who knew the power of temptation will ever give us His assistance when we walk in the midst of trouble. (Ps. 138:7).

Sad heart oppressed, look up, although you may feel that you are so weighted down with trials, crushed hopes, and trying circumstances, that it is almost impossible for you to look up. Your heavenly Father whose compassion is as eternal as His love, loves you. Jesus is waiting to carry your burden; He is such a sympathizing, inveterate friend, and so unselfish that He will carry any weight of loneliness, trials, or sorrows, if He knows that it will relieve you. He bids us come to him when we are weary and heavy laden. Matt. 11:28. When we know any one is in trouble or suffering, it is our Christian duty to do all in our power to comfort and relieve them. I know by personal experience that one of the golden opportunities of life is the season of adversity. When I was in trouble or suffering, if any one sympathized or prayed for me, or did any-

thing to alleviate my sufferings, I never forgot it, and had more faith in their profession, if they professed to be a Christian. Some may think, "Well, I have so many trials of my own, I can't help any one else." My dear brother or sister, although we may have severe trials of our own to contend with, let us try to lighten some other one's burden every day, endeavor to send some ray of light in some darkened heart, and with unwavering faith in God, be ever ready to lend a helping hand to some one that is in trouble and in need of loving words and kind acts; and in doing thus we are sure to find our own burdens growing lighter. I think this is one of the richest privileges and opportunities, that we should not let pass; because I do not think there is another way that we can as quickly reach a soul as to be a friend to them in time of trouble. We are going through this world only once, and let us so live that the world will be better off for our having traveled through it.

Where was there ever a person who had more trials or anxieties of his own than Jesus had, and yet where was there ever any one that was as kind to those who were in trouble as He was? The pity and sympathy He manifested for all who were suffering, seemed a part of His very life. "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to [after the example of] Christ Jesus." Rom. 15:5. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6: 2. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." Isa. 40:1. "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not." Isa. 35:4. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Pet. 5:7. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." II Cor. 1:3, 4.

"Have you a burden on your soul,
More than your weak heart can control?
Quickly on Christ that burden roll,
He waits to help you, this Jesus."

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"Be content with what you have, but never with what you are." —Selected

Streams of Memories, Valleys of Tears

Memories are what we have of the past, something to relive over and over. One could think of memories as a clear running stream, one to look into and see the past. If we wish to sit and dwell on days gone by, we need only to throw our line of thinking into the stream and pull them out one by one.

Our first catch could be the memory of a loved one gone on before, and as we pull in our line we immediately see the face of our loved one. Then just as fast as it came, the memory floats on carrying with it the precious fleeting thoughts we hold so dear.

Then, too, we could reel in an event, one that ended in sorrow or perhaps a tragedy. Suddenly the waters become murky and we see the memory dimly. Is it because we do not wish to dwell on this? Soon the waters become clear once more.

Next, we may reel in a happy memory; perhaps a wedding, or maybe the birth of one of our children. We sit and dwell on this happy time and revitalize our day. We smile, just as we would if we had caught the prize fish.

The stream continues on, carrying our memories with it. But we can return to the same spot again and again, catching the same memories time after time.

Usually, where there is a stream there is a valley close by. We never think of a valley as a place of happiness, or as a valley of laughter. We usually think of a valley as a place of despair and tears. The Bible tells us, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: . . ." Psalm 23:4.

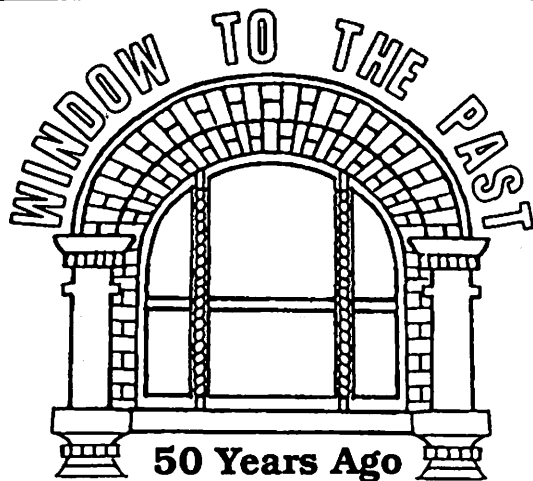
Jesus is the only sure way out of these valleys. He will lift us up and plant our feet on the mountain top. It is then we see things more clearly.

It is on this mountain top that we should stay, and strive to make heaven our home; a home where there are no more sad memories, no more tears, no more valleys. —Wilma Horsley



"The joy resulting from the diffusion of blessing to all around us is the purest and sublimest that can ever enter the human mind, and can be conceived only by those who have experienced it. Next to the consolations of divine grace, it is the most sovereign balm to the miseries of life, both in him who is the object of it, and in him who exercises it."

—Beilby Porteus



Excerpts Taken From January, 1942 Faith and Victory

"The meeting at Natchitoches, La. was a wonderful meeting owned by the dear Lord. The word went forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. When the people heard the word they seemed to want it, and would come and listen. Eleven claimed the victory."

—Annie Wiley

"The Lord has supplied His Print Shop with another worker, Clifford Wilson of Oregon. He is a young man twenty years of age who is giving his life, time, and talents to the Lord. At this writing he has been here only a few days, but seems to be taking hold of the work nicely."

—Fred Pruitt

"New Years come and old years go;
And time like a river doth flow
To a vast and shoreless sea—
A never ending eternity.

"Our friends, some of them have gone.
They've played their piece, they've sung their song.

Each year takes it's greedy toll,
While many strive to reach the goal.

"Time flies fast, so let us work,
Nor from a single duty shirk;
But may the Lord the whole year through
Help us each task to faithful do.

"When we our little piece have played,
And some must step from the parade;
May we live on, our light still glow
While New Years come and old years go."

—Ulysses Phillips