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### A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

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By Mary A. Ford

The surging sea of human life forever  
onward rolls,  
And bears to the eternal shore its daily  
freight of souls.  
Though bravely sails our bark today,  
pale death sits at the prow,  
And few shall know we ever lived  
a hundred years from now.

Oh, mighty human brotherhood! why  
fiercely war and strive,  
While God's great world has ample space  
for everything alive?  
Broad fields, uncultured and unclaimed,  
are waiting for the plow  
Of progress that shall make them bloom  
a hundred years from now.

Why should we try so earnestly in life's  
short, narrow span,  
On golden stairs to climb so high above  
our brother man?  
Why blindly at an earthly shrine in slavish  
homage bow?  
Our gold will rust, ourselves be dust,  
a hundred years from now.

Why prize so much the world's applause?  
Why dread so much its blame?  
A fleeting echo is its voice of censure or of  
fame;  
The praise that thrills the heart, the scorn  
that dyes with shame the brow,  
Will be as long-forgotten dreams  
a hundred years from now.

Oh, patient hearts, that meekly bear your  
weary load of wrong!  
Oh, earnest hearts, that bravely dare, and,  
striving, grow more strong!  
Press on 'till perfect peace is won; you'll  
never dream of how  
You struggled o'er life's thorny road  
a hundred years from now.

Grand, lofty souls, who live and toil that  
freedom, right and truth  
Alone may rule the universe, for you is  
endless youth!  
When, 'mid the blest, with God you rest,  
the grateful land shall bow  
Above your clay in rev'rent love  
a hundred years from now.

Earth's empires rise and fall. Time! like  
breakers on thy shore,  
They rush upon thy rocks of doom, go down,  
and are no more;  
Thy starry wilderness of worlds that gem  
night's radiant brow  
Will light the skies for other eyes  
a hundred years from now.

Our Father, to whose sleepless eyes the past  
and future stand  
An open page, like babes we cling to thy  
protecting hand;  
Change, sorrow, death are naught to us if  
we may safely bow  
Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
a hundred years from now.

## "Such as I Have"

By

Margaretta Kennedy

It was the hour of prayer, and Peter and John were on their way to the temple. There by the gate of the temple which was called Beautiful sat a beggar, a helpless cripple. He was lame from birth, unable to work, or walk, or care for himself. Every day a relative or friend carried him to the gate of the temple and left him there. Day after tedious day he sat there, hoping that the worshipers who came to the temple area would notice him and contribute something to relieve his extreme poverty.

Many worshipers came and went from the temple, passing through the gate where the crippled beggar sat. Some probably went through the gate without even a pitying glance at the man nearby. No doubt some of those worshipers had great earthly possessions, and perhaps some were very wealthy. There were those who were just ordinary working people, and others who were probably in deep poverty.

At the times of the great Jewish feasts, multitudes of devout Jews from many distant lands thronged Jerusalem and worshiped at the temple. It is probable that some were wealthy and contributed some money to meet the beggar's needs, but it was not sufficient to relieve his poverty and he continued to ask for alms.

When Peter and John reached the gate of the temple, the crippled man was sitting there. When he saw Peter and John he may have thought: "From the manner in which these two men are dressed, I do not think they have much to give me. Their clothing is so very rough and plain, but I will ask of them."

Peter and John, on seeing this crippled beggar, stopped, and looking at him steadfastly, said, "Look on us." The man gazed expectantly at the two men before him, waiting to hear the clatter of coins, but with no thought of the miraculous event that was about to take place in his life. Then Peter spoke the words that changed forever the life of that crippled beggar. "Silver and gold have I none; but SUCH AS I HAVE

GIVE I THEE: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH RISE UP AND WALK. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and

walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." Acts 3:6-8.

Immediately the man was transformed from a helpless cripple into a healthy, agile man who leaped and walked and gave praise to God.

No silver and gold were in Peter and John's possession, but they had something more precious than silver and gold to give to the needy man. They had been with Jesus and had recently experienced the blessings received on the day of Pentecost. Their hearts were burning with the love and compassion of Jesus and His power was working through them. Peter had said, "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk." Peter had no power of his own to command the man to rise and walk, but in the name of Jesus he gave the commandment. But Peter did not stop there—he took the man by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately he received strength. What if Peter had not extended his hand to the cripple. It might have been a different story. The man might not have had the faith to rise by himself, but with Peter's help, he rose to his feet, and he who had never walked, leaped up, stood, and walked with Peter and John into the temple.

No silver, no gold, no earthly treasures had they to give, but they had the greatest treasure that could be given to mankind—the knowledge of Jesus and His touch.

Oh, followers of Jesus, what do you have to give? Every child of God has a talent, or gift, that is Christian service. Each believer should be ready and willing to exercise that talent whenever and wherever there is an opportunity.

We can not all do great things, but God does not require or expect us all to do great things. Some can give large sums of money to help further the cause of Christ; others can give only

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a little. We can not all go to the mission field; some must stay at home and do what may seem to them unimportant tasks to

support those workers carrying the gospel to others who have not known it. Some have a talent to preach the gospel; some to teach; others to sing or pray. It is a wonderful gift to have a listening ear and an understanding

heart, and to help bear the burdens of others. All of our service to God, given from His love burning in our hearts, is acceptable to Him.

Do you recall the story of Dorcas, who lived at Joppa? (Acts 9:36-42). The Scripture says, "... This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." Acts 9:36. Those good works included coats and garments which she made for the widows. To some this might not seem to be such a great talent, but in that service she gave what she had, and for all time she will be remembered for her loving deeds.

The willingness to say, "Such as I have I give," will bring blessings through God's people to those who are needy. God is calling all of His people to His work. Perhaps you do not feel qualified. God does not ask you to do what you can not do. Do what you can. Give a smile, an encouraging word, a helping hand.

Are you ready and willing to say, "Such as I have I give"?



## Christ's Substitute

I read something the other day about the cross of Christ and thought how that, for a brief space, a man called Simon was a substitute for Him.

Mark 15:20-21 says, "And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross."

Simon was a man strong enough to bear that wooden cross and walk up the hill carrying it. He was a man who was just passing by whom they felt could do what needed to be done. **Someone** had to carry that cross!

I can see in my mind's eye a picture. I see a large, strong, powerful man who was willing, upon being asked and encouraged, to help out. I can look now and see something I could never see before. Christ had the sins of all the world upon Him, and I'm sure they were harder to carry than the cross. But sins and the cross were just too much to bear, so the man called Simon carried the cross and Jesus carried the sins.

Can you see the picture? We are Christ's substitute! A substitute is a person or thing that takes the place of another. He took our sins and now He tells us to carry His cross: "If any man

will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matt. 16:24).

Are we not willing for a time to take up our cross and bear it for the One who was willing to die upon it? Can you say, "Oh, yes, I will be a substitute for Christ. I will die out to self and all of self's ways. Yes, I will lay down my life for a friend or others. I will give up my life, my reputation, my feelings, my wants, and the things I hold most dear. I will give up my family, my home, my friends. Yes, I will give them all up and take up that cross?"

It is only on our knees with the heart emptied out and the flesh cast aside that we will be counted worthy to suffer as a substitute for Christ. All of self must be forgotten, but oh, what a little price to pay when we consider His!

The Lord gave me this: "Trust in the Lord [not man] with all thine heart [not head]: and lean not unto thine own understanding [self]." Sometimes, we think this or that. "It might not work. Maybe I shouldn't. What if I do?"

We have to learn faith and obedience and then leave all the consequences with God. Then will come power and joy and only then can we truly say, "I am crucified with Christ. He took my sins and I will bear His cross." —Selected



## An Anchor of the Soul

By

Sis. Fern Stubblefield



"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, ..." Heb. 6:19-20. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Heb. 9:12. An anchor, when properly set, will hold a ship at sea steady during the storm. We who are children of God by faith in the blood that Jesus shed for us, have a sure and steadfast anchor. We who are walking by faith in Jesus have a blessed hope which is an anchor to our souls. Our dear Saviour fulfilled the Father's plan in giving Himself on the cross to pay the price for our sins. The Father raised Him from the dead in an immortal body, never to die again. He went back and is now at the Father's right hand as our intercessor and Saviour from all sin. He is our only hope of eternal life. Our

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## Editorials

With thankfulness to God for making it possible, thousands of free tracts continue to be sent out from the publishing work. Recently a sizable shipment was made to Australia in answer to an urgent request.

We receive many letters that are not printed in this paper, and to give you an idea of the effect the gospel has on those who read it and the desire people have for tracts, we would like to let you read a sampling of mail received this month.

"Dear saints of God:

"I was blessed with your tract called '48 Hours in Hell.' I don't even know how or even when I received this tract. I do know that it blessed my soul and made me think harder about my salvation.

"My sisters and I would love to pass out some of these tracts to share with the many souls of this world that are lost and confused.

"Please send me some, or the information I need to obtain these blessings. Also pray for our strength in the Lord."

From Chicago, IL came this request:

"I am 21 years old and live in inner city Chicago. Two years ago, while drinking and partying all of my life, I was invited to church. At first, I hesitated, then one day I did go. The first time I went my life was totally changed as a result of receiving Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Now, I'm interested in winning other lost souls to Jesus Christ. Would you please send me some free tracts so I could distribute them throughout my neighborhood and continue the work of the Lord. Thank you and God bless you."

We thank each donor to this work for your support. What we make in sales is only a part of what it takes to meet our financial obligations. Your continued support is prayerfully sought.



We are running somewhat behind on our regular stock of books due to the need for a full time pressman for the book press. If there is someone who has an eagerness to see the Gospel spread, and a deep personal love for the Lord, we would be willing to train them for this job. Housing and living expenses would be provided. Another benefit would be the opportunity of being in the Guthrie congregation.

There are saints here of all ages serving God fervently, and the leadership is conducive to spiritual growth.

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I would like to remind our readers that we have a toll free telephone number. It is: 1-800 767-1479. If you have an account number with us, and you use this toll free line to place an order for literature, having your number at hand will expedite the process.

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We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Sis. Louise Matlock on the passing of her husband, Bro. John. He will be greatly missed by the entire Gale, IL congregation, and we pray God's healing balm will strengthen them in this loss.

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This issue contains a list of camp meeting dates for 1992. Some which we regularly print have yet to be received. Those desiring meeting dates published in the April Faith and Victory should mail them in promptly.

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## Prayer Requests

OH—"Please pray for my son and his children."  
—Tressie Adkins

OH—Berry Townsend has had a serious financial setback and needs the saints' prayers that a court situation will not develop. He also requests prayer for the spiritual condition of his mother.

CA—Remember Sis. Letha Reece's niece in prayer.

OR—"Remember my sister in La Grande, OR; she has bursitis."  
—Grace Jones

KY—"Curtis still needs much help in his body and would appreciate the prayers of the saints."  
—Burnice Williams

OK—Sis. Etta Brandt is having severe health problems.

MO—"Will you please pray for an eye affliction I have, also for my husband and little grandson . . ."  
—Name withheld

OH—Juanita Blankenship has a cholesterol problem for which she desires prayer.

LA—Continue to pray for Sis. Nyda Hall.

TX—Harvey Johnson has had a sickness which resulted in a leg being amputated. He requests the prayers of the saints.

LA—"I am asking the saints to pray for some requests. Also pray for all of our family."  
—N. P. Futch

## Chapel Acquisition Report



My purpose in writing is to let the saints of the Church of God know about a piece of property willed to the Church by the late Bro. Alfred L. Schameitz of Davenport, FL. It includes a small chapel building and a parsonage composing approximately one and one-half acres, located in Davenport, FL, a small town about 200 miles north of Goulds, FL, a little southwest of Orlando, FL, near Haines City.

Bro. Schameitz lived in the parsonage while conducting Sunday school classes and Bible studies from time to time until his death in July of 1990. He deeded this property to a board of trustees representing the Church of God of Davenport, FL, leaving a small investment with a low (3) figure monthly return as income for the benefit of the work of the Lord there in Davenport. But, what funds that had been accumulated have been about used up for payment of legal fees in the settlement of the estate with nearly half of the legal fees yet to be paid. On the advice of the attorney who has been handling the legal affairs of the estate to secure the property as belonging to the Church of God, a corporation with the State of Florida under the name of The Church of God, Evening Light, of Davenport, FL, has been formed.

The intentions of the appointed trustees for incorporating under the state laws of Florida, are to maintain the property in an appropriate manner so that it can be used profitably in that location for the work of the Lord by the Church of God as designated in Bro. Schameitz's last will and testament. We feel there is good potential and very good possibilities for a work and outreach for souls by the church at this location in the central part of Florida.

Bro. Herchell Hargrave and company from the Church of God congregation at Goulds, FL, held a tent meeting at this place a few years ago; also, Bro. Mart Samons, sometime ago, held a few nights meeting in the chapel.

We hope to have the facilities ready and in operable condition as soon as we possibly can. There is much cleaning, plumbing, electrical, and carpentry work needed to be done on the parsonage, and some repairs on the chapel.

Please pray with us that the Lord will be able to use these available facilities for the up-

building of the Kingdom of God in the saving of souls, and the overall advancement of His Church.

Anyone feeling a burden to help in this effort, please contact Bro. Bob Forbes, Rt. 5, Box 67, Amite, LA 70422, phone (504) 748-4957, or if anyone has any finances that they feel led by the Lord to help in this effort, please make donations payable to the Church of God, Davenport, FL, and send them to Sis. Mary Hargrave, secretary of the Church of God, Evening Light, of Davenport, FL, at her address, 22345 S. W. 117th Place, Goulds, FL 33170.

—Bro. Bob Forbes



## MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

### Camp Meetings '92

Goulds, FL—April 5-12

Myrtle, MO—May 13-17

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, OK—May 22-31

Tulsa, OK—June 5-14

Jefferson, OR—June 12-21

Green Bank, WV—June 12-21

Loranger, LA—June 26-July 5

Fresno, CA—July 3-12

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 17-26

Boley, OK—August 23-3

California State at Pacoima, CA—Aug. 28-Sept. 6



### GOLDEN RULE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

You are invited to the 30th Anniversary Service of the Golden Rule Home, in Shawnee, OK, April 5, 1992, at 2:30 p.m. Immediately following the morning service at the chapel lunch will be provided in the dining hall of the Home.

We also invite you to come for the annual singing on Sat., April. 4, 7:00 p.m. at the chapel, 1415 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK. If you would like to stay the night on Saturday, housing will be provided.



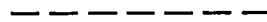
### WICHITA, KS SPRING MEETING

We plan to have our spring meeting April 17-26, Monday through Saturday. We hope to have a day service at 11:00 a.m. and a night service at 7:30. On the two Sundays we plan to have three services and dinner at the chapel.

We are standing in need of special blessings from our Father above and will have good appetites, waiting and ready to be fed sumptuously

from the Master's table. Our God is always faithful, so we know He will send what is needed and whom He pleases to bring the feast to us. We desire the prayers of all. We need warriors to come with a mind to fight in the battle and help win the victory.

The chapel address is 1701 N. Ash, Wichita, KS 67214. The phone number is (316) 267-9582.



### GOULDS, FL CAMP MEETING

The Church of God at Goulds, FL, will hold its camp meeting from April 5-12. All are invited to attend. There will be three services daily. Come praying for souls.

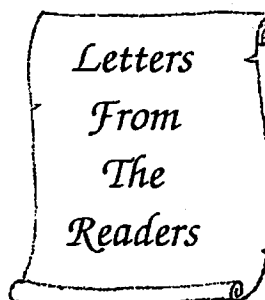
For additional information contact: Sis. Hargrave (305) 258-4102, Bro. Simpson (305) 232-9877. The chapel phone number is (305) 251-3873. —Submitted by Florine Edwards



### NORTHPORT, AL REVIVAL

The saints of God in Northport, AL, wish to announce a revival meeting to be held on June 21-28. We extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you who wish to attend. We are also looking to the Lord to send ministers and workers of His own choice. Come praying that the Lord will save souls. There will be some home accommodations and there are motels within walking distance. Meals will be served in the dining hall.

For more information contact Bro. Henry Effinger at 2801 Short 16th St. Tuscaloosa, AL 35405, phone (205) 345-7854; Sis. Jessie B. Shelton, 3940 28th Avenue, Northport, AL 35476, phone (205) 339-3026; or Sis. Bernice Petty, 2207 4th St. East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404, phone (205) 553-4450.



TX—Dear Bro. Wayne: I enjoy the *Faith and Victory*. I think I found the Church of God through the paper. My son, Fred Valleroy, and wife, Donna, kept asking me what the Church of God was like when I first knew of it. I said if you

want to know, go to the Neosho Camp Meeting. So they found out and are just thrilled with it. It has not wandered off after the world, and is really and truly biblical. Pray for me that I keep true to the Lord.

—Nancy A. Carroll

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne, and family of God everywhere: As I happened across my last testimony of July 1989, stating God's miraculous healings, I was reminded of many more healings, miracles, and answers to prayer throughout my life, too numerous to list, it seems. Satan is a master opposer of all testimonies for Christ. I'm thankful to be counted worthy by our great Heavenly Father to suffer the loss of so much that will be counted as "nothing when I get to the end of the way."

For I "am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed." II Tim. 1:12. "I am persuaded. . . that neither. . . things present, nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from the love of God. . . ." Rom. 8:38. *Persuaded* means *induced to believe or do something*.

As a child of four years old, I recall my mother "persuaded" me that "prayer was the key" if we kept our heart honest and open for the Word of God. Mother "persuaded" me by her example as she took me to church and induced me to believe that God knew all and saw all, so I couldn't fool Him. I grew older with my own persuasion that truth and honesty are best, otherwise I would be weighed and found wanting when it is too late to pray. The thought of being eternally lost was real to me. I was "persuaded" in 1948 that life can be lived only once and I wanted to live my life as God's child. I have never regretted being "persuaded" by my dear Mother that living for God is the best life can be, although smooth trails are seldom found in the Christian life.

I often think of Christian in *Pilgrim's Progress* as he met Giant Despair; the easy side road with the place to rest, when Christian lost his "roll" and had to go back for it. Christian experienced fear as he passed by the lions, not seeing binding chains on them. Christian was "persuaded" and went forward until he reached the Celestial City. When my own precious children were young, I would read them the children's version, take them to church and teach them to pray. My goal was to "persuade" them as my own Mother had taught me, because I had proven that God's way is best.

Let us each one renew our courage daily with God's Word that we may persuade others of the wonderful love of God.

Christian love, —Wilma Meek

TX—Greetings of Christian love in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord: I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I had rheumatism in my legs in December. It was worse in my right leg which was so weak that when I would try to walk it would make me deathly sick. I was that way for nearly two weeks, but gradually got better. Praise the Lord. I thank the Lord and everyone who prayed for me.

Christian love, —Nellie Lovell

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and staff: Thank you for the enlightening subjects we read in the *Faith and Victory* each month. The reports are very inspiring and encouraging.

We pray for your continued success as a publisher. You reach out and touch our lives and the lives of many, many people.

We thank the Lord for all our blessings, in illness and in health.

Sincerely, —Rubi H. Dyer

CA—Dear Brother Wayne, and workers: I hope this finds you all well and pressing the battle on. It's a full-time job just doing God's will. I need your prayers for my family and myself. Also, I have some very special requests I would like you to pray about.

I sure do enjoy reading the paper every month. It is certainly a blessing to have someone to carry on this work for the Lord. May the Lord bless each and every one of you.

—Sis. Doris Pihaylic

TX—Dear saints: I wish to thank the family of God who have been praying for me without ceasing. Let us praise the Lord together for taking me through the furnace of affliction. I have been very sick, but I am trusting the Lord. He has blessed me soul and body.

I am looking to the Lord to raise me up with complete healing. God is my refuge and strength, and truly a very present help in trouble.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Your sister in Christ, —Mauntel Jones

AL—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we

have received "all spiritual blessings in heavenly places." How wonderful to know that for every need and for every circumstance we have Christ. My, how God has blessed us!

I have been considering some passages from the book of II Chronicles recently, and there is one passage in particular that has really found its way into my heart. In the 12th verse of the 20th chapter we find these words recorded: "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee." In this instance the Israelites were up against an army far greater than themselves, and in their own strength and wisdom they were no match for this foe. But their eyes were fixed upon God and that was their deliverance. Indeed, as we read on in this chapter we find a wonderful and complete victory wrought by God on behalf of Israel.

As I considered these passages I thought of how well they apply to us today. How often do we find ourselves against an enemy which is greater than ourselves? Those who walk with the Lord know the futility of attempting to use their own wisdom and strength in facing the problems and needs that arise in our daily lives. How wonderful to know that our answer lies in "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2). In all that we shall face in life we have One who is Himself greater than any need or problem, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; . . . Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:15-16. Isn't it just so wonderful to know of the riches we share together in Christ and of the great hope we have in Him, not only for this world but also in the world to come?

We haven't written in a while, but have kept you in our prayers. We trust you are well. God continue to richly bless you in every way, and may your heart be ever filled with His love, joy and peace. Give our love in Christ to all who are there with you, and our prayers.

In the love of Jesus, —Bro. Jim Baxter

MO—Please pray for me. I still have some unspoken requests.

I want to thank Sister Sorrell and her brother, and the ones that have been to visit me. It was very nourishing to me and my children.

—Helen Brooks

LA—Dear Bro. Wayne, and co-workers: Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I appreciate all of you who are giving of your time and talents for the Lord. I pray every day for you and for the needs of the publishing work to be met. Jesus said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Mark 8:35. It is not just going without the worldly life that counts, but it is giving up the one because we have a greater love for Christ and the spiritual life.

How sad it is to see so many people so attracted to the temporal things in this life and by that which glitters.

When Rome was besieged, it is said that the daughter of its ruler saw the golden bracelets on the arms of the enemy, and because she coveted them, she betrayed her people and her city and lost her life in so doing. . . .

Please remember me in prayer for some serious physical needs and that I will have standing grace and courage to let my light shine for the Lord.

In Christian love, —Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

LA—Dear Bro. Wayne, and all: We are so glad to still be saved and enjoying all the blessings of salvation. I count it quite a privilege to serve the Lord. We love Him with all our hearts.

Max and I are doing very well at this writing. Some days he feels better than others, but as a whole he is real weak and frail. We are so thankful that he is free of pain most of the time and is able to get up every day.

We appreciate the prayers and cards of encouragement from the saints there in Guthrie and other parts of the country. It is hard for me to acknowledge them all individually, so I send a "thank you" through the paper. These prayers and cards are very uplifting to us. Thank the Lord for the saints! We love you all.

We appreciate the *Faith and Victory* paper and also the Sunday school quarterly. May the workers there at the Print Shop be richly rewarded for their services to the Lord.

God bless all, —Lula and Max Williamson

PA—Greetings to all the dear saints: I thank our dear Lord I am yet saved, sanctified and happy in Jesus.

I want to tell you about the "miracle of the key." I get happy and thankful every time I think

of it. One warm summer evening in 1991, my sister came to visit me. I was very glad to see her, as she is quite busy with her grandchildren and I don't see her very often. I asked her to sit in the yard where it was nice and cool. I picked up my house key and put it in my pocket, got two folding chairs and we started for the yard. Well, my back doors (screen and door) were locked, as I had been sitting in the living room up front. To shorten the testimony a little, we sat for about a half hour before she said she had to leave. She helped me bring the chairs to the front porch and started toward her car. We talked a little more and then said good-bye. I opened the front screen and started to unlock the front door then realized I had the back door key. The one key won't fit the other door, so I knew I had a problem. I stood there a minute or two thinking, "How am I going to get in the house?" The back screen was locked, so this key was of no help. I didn't dare to try prying or breaking the door, as I rent here and didn't want to do any damage. So I said, "Oh! Dear Father, please help me." I didn't know what way or how He would, but He surely did. I put that key in the front door again, and it opened the door! God answered my prayer so quickly and wonderfully. I stood there and thanked and praised the Lord for awhile. Then I went in the house and got my front door key and came outside again with both keys. I first tried the back door key and it wouldn't open the door. Then, I put the front door key in the lock and it opened right up as usual.

Isn't God good? Isn't He full of miracles and love? I can't say enough about Him. Who wouldn't serve, love, and obey a wonderful God like we have.

Christian love, —Sister Agnes Gaston  
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MO—Dear saints: I thank the Lord for salvation, sanctification, and for filling me with love for Him and a desire to serve Him in every way possible. Please pray that He will teach me to serve.

The article on anointing in the February issue was such a blessing. I want to have His anointing in all that I do, and not just follow my own inclinations.

We thank the Lord for making it possible for a group from Neosho to attend the singing in Alabama. It was a refreshing time spiritually. While there, Uncle Vada McMillian and I visited with several of our relatives. Some are unsaved and very near eternity. Please pray for them.

Again, I thank God for all His blessings on me and for the desire to serve Him. Pray that He will make me able and guide me.

Love in Christ, —Sister Emily Cole  
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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to all of you dear ones in the precious name of Jesus. I praise God for the *Faith and Victory*. It is such a wonderful paper. I love to read all the things the Lord does for His dear saints. It is very uplifting. . . .

"Our Heavenly Father watches over us. He knows our every care. Our hours of joy and happiness and our moments of despair. Beyond His love we cannot drift, His arms enfold us tight. He tells us of His love divine, through dawn and darkest night. We rest secure within His fold, content in His care; and at last at heaven's golden gate, we know He'll meet us there." I am so thankful I know my Jesus. I couldn't live without Him. He has cared for me all these years and blessed me so richly in body and soul. At times when I was so sick I asked Him to heal me and He has always touched me. Dear ones, keep looking to Jesus. He loves us so much. Even if it looks dark He will brighten your way.

Thank you for your good prayers and letters. I love all of you, and may God bless you in His work.  
—Sis. Olive Gettersen  
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IN—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of our precious Saviour. I do want to love Him more each day. He is the One who has done so much for me. I want to keep my heart set upon Him at all times. My highest aim is to be ready to meet Him in that day of judgment which is so close at hand. Pray for me.

I appreciated the article about the couple who went to Russia. I understand there is such a hunger for the Word of God over there. However, I understand cults are also working there, and pornography is being spread. Surely we need to pray and act upon the opportunity to take the Word to those lands where communism has held such sway. . . .

I will close for now. My neck condition still needs prayer. Please remember me.

In Christian love, —Becky Baker  
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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne, and all: May our God bless each of you richly as you labor for Him to bring the truth to sinners while there is time to get ready for heaven.

Continue to remember me for the healing of my eye, and that our God will send us rain, as we sure need it here. Also remember to pray our Father will send us a pastor. I get so hungry to hear God's Word preached over our pulpit.

All my Christian love and prayers for each of you there. —Letha Reece

OH—Brother Murphey: I'm thankful for the prayers of the saints. I don't have full control of my left arm and hand, but I am thankful to God for how well I can use it.

Bro. and Sis. Gutwein came down last Friday evening for a visit. I sure was glad to see them. . . . —Sis. Mary Vice

MO—Dear Bro. Wayne, and all the saints working for the Lord at the Faith Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord has been good to me. The weather has been nice here most of the time and I have been able to go to town after groceries when I need them.

I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper and look forward to seeing it in the mail each time.

I thank you all for your prayers. Please continue to remember me, as I haven't been feeling well for the past month.

May God bless you all.

Christian love, —Sis. Mamie Butcher



## FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



### From India . . .

Jan. 20—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, and dear saints in America: Greetings to you all in the marvelous name of Jesus.

I was glad to know that the Guthrie Assembly Meeting was a real blessed one. Our 27th General Convention also came to an end yesterday with many blessings and victories. The attendance was very good. Hundreds of outsiders attended the meeting. The response was very good through the altar work. Many got saved, sanctified and dedicated. Eighteen people got baptized. Hungering and thirsting is seen everywhere for God. The inflation, famine, communal riot, changes in Russia, earthquakes, etc., are the reasons for the revival. Our Lord is at the gate now. Praise the Lord.

We need your prayers and support more

than in the past years. Our prayers are for you. Please pray for our local conventions.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

### From Liberia . . .

Feb. 3—Dear Bro. Wayne, and saints: Greetings in the mighty name of Christ, our King! The Lord empowered me and I left the City of Monrovia on Friday, January 17, 1992, to visit with some of our Church of God congregations in rural Liberia. I was away for about 11 days. The ministers and congregations in rural Liberia had not been visited for about two years. This is all due to the so-called Civil War that was fought here for about two years.

The saints were very much happy to see me. Though I was able to only visit six congregations, the rest I was able to send letters to, promising to visit with them before too long. I was unable to visit more due to the very high cost of traveling into rural Liberia.

Many were happy to see me because I had survived the war. Many began to ask me whether I was still hearing from the U.S.A. brethren. I told them yes, and read to them some of the encouraging letters.

We had Bible studies daily, as well as evening services, and all gained very good results. Relief food has not yet gone into rural Liberia. The living conditions in those areas are beyond description, as the people there are nearly without any means to survive. The Methodist, Catholic, and Episcopal churches are giving their members relief assistance. The saints were expecting some relief help from our U.S.A. brethren, but I told them that I had gone there to build up their faith. There is a need to help our pastors in rural Liberia, at least once or twice. About \$1,500 is needed to be shared among our pastors as a relief fund. This will help them take care of some needed things.

While I was away for the 11 days, armed men went to my house at 1:00 a.m. in the night and put Sister Florence Pah and the two boys living with us at gunpoint. Some of my clothes, and all money in the house for food, was taken away by the men. Armed men are now going from place to place at night putting people at gunpoint. This is mainly being done to missionaries and store owners. Some are killed. This is the common practice in this city now. Please pray for Sister Pah and me as we labor in the land of our calling. . . .

Yours in Christ,

—Josiah K. Pah, Sr.

**From the Philippines . . .**

Feb. 1—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings to you in the sweetest name of our Lord Jesus: . . .

Today, Feb. 1, 1992, is our registration for voters. Our coming election will be May 11, 1992. It is an election for those who will run the government. Our country is again in trouble. Please brother, help us pray that our Lord will restore peace. May our Lord Jesus reign in the hearts of the Filipino people.

I pray our Lord will keep you all fine. You are all remembered in my prayers.

Your brother, —Nonilon Capuyan

Feb. 3—Dearest Brother and Sister Murphey: Greetings in the name of our Lord. We feel the privilege of being in the family of God where brothers and sisters are concerned for each other. Thanks for the grace of God and your unfailing love dear saints.

Please forgive me for being late to answer your letter. My daughter, Ruth, was in danger of delivering her second baby. We have been busy for her in the past two weeks. She lives with us, as her husband went to work in Korea. He needed to do that because of the volcanic eruption that happened in their place. Ruth delivered with an 8-month premature baby boy. The baby was very weak and could hardly breathe. Thanks to our loving Father, with many fervent prayers the baby is now getting into normal condition.

I am happy to report to you that we had six precious souls who accepted the Lord as their Saviour and submitted themselves to water baptism in the month of January. They were so happy for their new life in Christ.

We have opened a new worship station in a community on the foot of the Sierra Madre Mountain. They choose to have their regular worship services at 7:00-9:00 p.m. To get there we have to cross a river without a bridge. I thank the Lord for the young people who are happy to go with me in every service.

Again we say thank you so much for all your spiritual and financial support to the gospel work here in the P. I. May your sacrificial efforts continue to bear much fruit of souls for eternal life.

Your brother in Christ,

—Matias S. Tangunan

**From Nigeria . . .**

Jan. 28—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, and all in Zion: Greetings in the all-prevailing power of Jesus; the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead. Praise Him forever! We wish all of the Royal David's City to become epistles of Christ written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, and shine, thereby, as lights in the world.

With us, the year 1991, closed with an exceeding great victory, flood disaster notwithstanding. With the fall of communism, which fell down flat like the walls of Jericho, a spiritual victory worthy of jubilant celebration by all who can read the handwriting of God on the wall has arisen. Its collapse, dismantling and forthwith decomposition is clearly a visitation from above. "And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him." Jer. 50:32.

The Lord is greatly to be praised. He extends to us His infinite mercy continually. Six brethren here who were sick to death in 1991 were miraculously healed and restored. . . .

The passing away of Bro. H. Hargrave is another lamentable blow; in the main, thought-provoking. Whoever has but little in their power should be in haste to do that little before their sun sets. His family the Goulds congregation should please accept our heart-felt sympathy.

We have yielded fully to His fashioning Spirit. We shall give Him our heart to dwell in and enjoy Divine control. Remember us in prayer for attainment of higher heights in the Spirit.

Yours in Him, —Titus U. E. Enu

**HONDURAS NOTICE**

Greetings. We thank the Lord for His mercy to us. We are encouraged to live and work for Him!

We want to again mention the work that is planned for Honduras and also give you an address if you desire to respond to the needs that exist at this time. We do appreciate those who have sent offerings for this cause.

We would again express the immediate need of a vehicle for the purpose of transportation for the workers and bringing people to the meetings that are held. A pickup or window van would be best for this. It doesn't need any extras, but should be a good solid vehicle that would have some wear left in it.

If you are interested in this project along with the other projects mentioned in the February issue of the *Faith and Victory*, please contact us for more information.

The address is: Church of God Missionary, P. O. Box 73835, Metairie, LA 70033, or contact Bro. Louis Kimble, Bro. Keith Fuller, or Bro. Toney Samons, (304) 456-4069.

—The Honduras Missionary Company

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

**Note:** This is article No. 7 in an ongoing series of articles on the subject of sin and a full and free and total salvation from all sin.

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Since, as has already been observed and proven in all the foregoing articles up to now, man in his unregenerate state is two steps below the state of moral purity and holiness (the image and likeness of God) in which he was created. Since, as has been observed and proven, those two steps are of a different nature consisting first of the native depravity (an inherent corrupt nature in the child at birth but which is not productive of guilt) and later on the committing of actual sin which produced a state of guilt and condemnation: it must be evident that there must also be two steps back to the original state; two parts to man's salvation, or two works of Divine grace. It would surely be clear to anyone's mind and thinking that in any flight of stairs there are as many steps going up as there are coming down. The two forms in which sin exists in the human soul must be dealt with in different ways to suit the nature of the case. The Bible throughout teaches this two-fold salvation—saved, justified; then sanctified (heart cleansed), baptized with the Holy Ghost. This is what I believe in.

I just received a letter yesterday morning from a party reminding me I had made a mistake in the third paragraph of my article last month in saying that when one was born again he received the nature of his father (God). It is possible that paragraph may be a little misplaced, because the discussion had not reached the point of sanctification. But that paragraph should be read as an extension of the second

paragraph regarding parents transmitting to their children some characteristics and natures like their own and especially in regard to the transmission of the corrupt nature of fallen Adam to their posterity. Then follows the paragraph regarding a person who is born again and receives the nature and likeness of his Father God. All the Scriptures in that paragraph refer to the finished work of salvation—sanctification. It seems likely to me that when Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," He was referring to the transmission from nature to grace through a full salvation without breaking it down and dissecting the parts or steps in arriving at it and that being born again covered the whole ground to the finished product. For any thing I have written in this case or any other that is confusing or not clear, I apologize and ask forgiveness for it.

And now to go on with this present article. In II Corinthians 1:15 we read, "And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;" The margin here says "grace" in the place of "benefit." We believe in that. A person is saved from his sins, regenerated by a work of God's grace upon his heart and then he is sanctified—perfected in his experience—by a second definite work of God's grace upon his heart.

Again in I Thessalonians 3:9-10 we read, "For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?" We would judge from the first epistle to the Thessalonians all the way through that these people were truly saved and their condition was commendable. Yet there seems to have been a lack in their faith. Sanctification is a work of grace or experience that is entered into by faith the same as justification. If a person does not have sufficient faith to make the required consecration and then receive the sanctifying grace he certainly has a defect in his grace. Then, too, the faith which was once delivered to the saints involves a complete experience of full and uttermost salvation and if one is only saved, no matter how truly saved he is, and not sanctified, there is something lacking in his faith. Paul was anxious to see these folks that he might perfect that which was lacking in their faith and he declared in I Thessalonians 4:3 that "This is the will of God, even your

sanctification" and goes on in that chapter and the next to described the experience, the need, and to declare God's ability and faithfulness to do that for them.

Hebrews 10:14 says, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." This makes it clear that the perfecting of our experience is in our sanctification, and this is what Paul was anxious to see the Thessalonian brethren obtain.

In Jude three we read, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." This does not mean to enter into strife of words and to contend physically and carnally. These things are all condemned in the Word of God. But we are to contend for that faith in it's entirety—it's doctrines, it's personal regenerating and sanctifying experiences, it's spiritual life, it's holiness, it's power, it's gifts of the Spirit, it's unity of believers, and it's fruit. But first contend for it within yourself (don't settle for anything less in your own personal experience) against the Devil and unbelief, doubts and fears that you may possess within yourself of the fullness of the blessings of the gospel of Christ. This is to be done by all, and if we all do this we will find the entire Church in possession of all the provisions of the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

The early Church possessed this faith in it's entirety and was able to produce it's fruit and as a part of it they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. It was a wholly sanctified Church and able to live victoriously and triumph over all opposition. The Jerusalem church actually had power over all the power of the Devil and was able to triumph over him in all his efforts to hinder their work for God. The emphasis with them was on the Holy Ghost. Jesus emphasized the Holy Ghost. In Luke 24:49 He said, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." But He said again in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: . . ." The baptism of the Holy Ghost was the promise of the Father. See Joel 2:28; John 7:37-39; Acts 2:16-17. Again in John 16:7 Jesus said, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but

if I depart, I will send him unto you." Then in Acts 1:4-5 just before He was taken from them into heaven He, "being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." All believers in the early Church were filled with the Holy Ghost. See Acts 2:4; 4:31

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## At the Eleventh Hour

It was a damp Sunday afternoon in the spring of 1986 or 87, that we were alone in prayer. As we lay out our heart before the Lord, we felt strongly impressed to arise and go out on the streets. At first we didn't know where, but as we continued, we felt it was to go to the Nickerson home.

The son, Jimmy, was very afflicted. He had been attending church meetings and also had been seeking for spiritual help at times.

The mother, Irene, was elderly and not well, and was living in an adulterous situation. She had a sweet elderly sister who was a Christian.

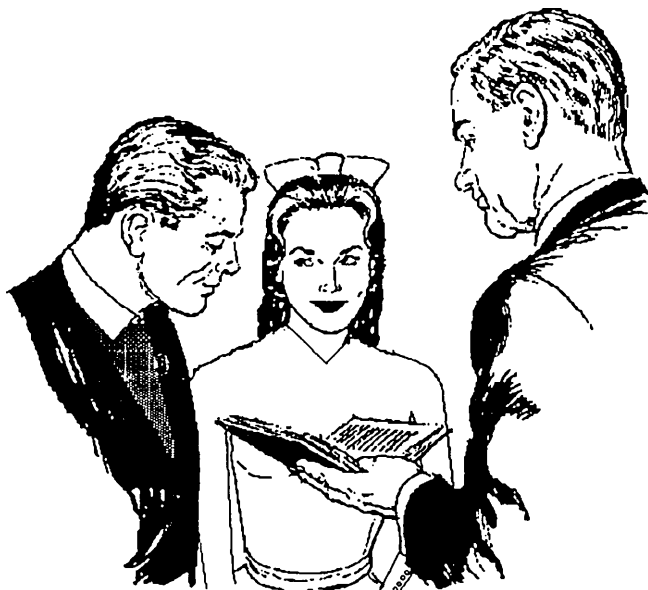
On this particular afternoon, Mrs. Nickerson was very ill. We were unaware of this as we called at the door. The door opened and Irene's sister said, "Oh, it is the brother! Please come in. We are so glad you came just now. Mrs. Nickerson wants to be saved and we're in here praying." The sister had encouraged Irene to start praying and calling on the Lord. So we all continued together in prayer. Irene repented of her adulterous life and received a glorious witness of salvation. We sang some songs and rejoiced awhile.

We had other responsibilities, so we didn't see the Nickerson family for a few days. Then we heard she had passed away. The funeral was conducted by the Salvation Army, as the Nickerson's were poor. The chaplain expressed that since he was not acquainted with the family, he would relate what he had been told. He did as well as could be expected.

Down deep in our hearts we were so thankful to know, that even at the eleventh hour some can be saved. (Matt. 20:1-9)



## Consider Your Marriage



Hebrews 13:4 says, "Marriage is honourable in all, . . ." The thing that makes marriage honorable is for partners to live up to their wedding vows. Read the commitment a husband makes: "I do now take this woman whose hand I hold, choosing her alone from all others, to be my lawfully wedded wife. I will trust her as my best earthly friend, I will promise to love her, cherish, and protect her, to be considerate of her happiness in all my plans of life, to cultivate for her sake all manly virtues, and in all things to seek her welfare and her happiness as I seek my own. I pledge myself honorably to be her husband in good faith, in sickness and health, poverty and riches, for better or for worse, until death do us part." Our modern world has made it too easy for husbands to fail to live up to those vows, but God expects men to be men, and to stand by their word "if it takes the hide," thus providing a safe and happy haven where he can cherish a wife and bring children into the world.

Our modern world seems to view marital vows a lot like former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger did treaties between nations, when he said they should be considered as having force only as long as they serve the best interests of all parties to them. But what does the Bible say? Deuteronomy 23:21 says, "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not

slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee." Marriage is based on the most solemn vows two people can make, and the Bible is very clear that God meant for marriage to last just as long as its promise says, "Until death do us part."

Read the commitment a woman makes: "I do now take this man, whose hand I hold, choosing him alone from all others, to be my lawfully wedded husband. I choose him from all others as he has chosen me, I pledge to trust him as my best earthly friend, I promise to love, to comfort, and to honor him, to cultivate for his sake all womanly graces, to guard his reputation, and to assist him in his life's work, and in all things to esteem his happiness as my own. I give myself thus trustfully to him to be his wife in good faith, through sickness and health, poverty or riches, for better or for worse, until death do us part." Our modern world has made it too easy for wives to fail to live up to those vows, but God expects women to love truly and be faithful to the pledges even if it hurts, thus providing a safe and happy haven for a husband and children.

Many people are undergoing great suffering because they relied on someone to live to what they promised, and that promise was not kept. But God wants some voices yet today raised against the tide to say that breaking marriage vows is wrong, and that He doesn't want His creation to do it. Friend, treasure your marriage, and work to make it strong. —Selected



## Married to Christ

Whenever we are born into the kingdom of God, we become married to Christ. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7:4.

Since we know the exact hour and day that we become married to our spouses here on earth, it only seems reasonable that we should know the exact hour and day we become married to Christ or are spiritually entered into the kingdom of God. We know when we are born again!

We do not enter into it gradually by being good, by deciding to start changing our ways, by going to church every Sunday, by being baptized into a church, or by putting our name on a church roll.

—Joyce Hall

## Motives that Lead to Obedience

Taken from *God's Will and How to Know It*, by C. W. Naylor

The greatest and highest incentive to obedience is love. It rises to a lofty height, far above all other motives for service. Hope of reward, fear, or duty can never inspire to obedience and service as love inspires. God's greatest appeal is to our love. What we will not do from fear or from a sense of duty, or for a reward, we will do from love. "Thou shalt" prefaced many of the commands of the Old Testament because from the very nature of the case God could not appeal to the highest motive. Few people in that day had learned to love God. Few, therefore, could serve him from the highest motive. And since the whole nation of Israel were to be his servants, as a people, the "thou shalts" were necessary, and even then they often failed in their purpose to produce obedience.

In the New Testament we do not find the multiplied "thou shalts." The emphasis is here laid upon love. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, and only he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God. So Jesus could say, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." He could make no stronger appeal. No "thou shalt" is necessary to love. So it is said, "He that loveth hath fulfilled the law." Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words"; so if there is love, there is obedience. The one who loves obeys not because he must, but because all his heart's desire is bound up in doing what will please his Lord. The language of his heart is, "I delight to do thy will." Love's service arises to that sublime altitude where fear is forgotten, and the sense of duty fades. Love yields transcendent service, because within itself it is transcendent devotion, and the object of its affection fills its horizon. Only a divided love is double-minded in service. Only a divided love finds service irksome or compulsory. When we love God with all our hearts, his service is the delight of our hearts. Love to our fellow creatures does not divide our love to God. It is simply that love overrunning. The higher the flood-tide of love rises God-ward, the more it overflows to mankind. Because of this, the Bible teaches that if we love God we shall love our brethren also.

There is no selfish fear in love; so he who loves serves not from fear. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," and then it follows that "him only shalt thou serve;" not because it is a thing commanded, but because

it is the gushing forth of love's pent-up fountain. "Love not the world," is not so much a command as the condition of possible service to God. God's "thou shalt not's" are not meant to imprison us, to shut us up behind iron bars and to limit our activities, but they are meant to be walls of protection for us. They are not meant arbitrarily to limit us, but to enclose the waters of our activity so that they will run deeply in the channel of his will and accomplish something effectual instead of spreading out by the pull of gravitation of our lower selves "to run ever in shallows or be swallowed up in the sand."

The love of God in the heart is like the gas in the balloon. Through this love we rise above the mire and mist of sin, above the low levels of moral darkness, into the azure heights, there to breathe the pure, life-giving air, while the landscape of sin below us seems almost a part of another world to which we do not belong and with which we have nothing in common. When love has thus raised us up into the heavenly places, we can truly realize that we are not of this world, and that we do not have its spirit, nor desire what it desires. We are not inclined to walk in its ways, for the sweet fruition of love is so much more satisfying that our souls have no inclination to descend in order to feed upon earthly vanities. If we obey God only because we hope for a reward, or from fear or from a sense of duty, such language as "joy unspeakable and full of glory" will be a foreign tongue to our souls. It will have a strange sound in our ears and be void of meaningful content. The spirit of grace and of glory rests alone on those who by love, serve. The joy-bells of heaven ring only in the souls that love.

One characteristic of loving service is, the more we love, the more imperfect will our service seem; the less adequate it will appear to fill the measure of what we feel should be the service that is deserved by our beloved. We may be conscious that we are doing our best, but when we have done our best, we shall feel that our best is not good enough. The more we love, the more our spirits cry out, "Oh, that I might serve him more worthily!" The man or woman who feels that he or she is giving to God the full measure of service that God deserves to have given to him, is looking so much to self that God is lost sight of.

The service of love is a humble service. The heart cries out, "How great is my Master; how worthy is he!" When the heart begins to feel, or say, "How great am I!" it proves that self-love waxes and love to God wanes. We may have an inner satisfaction that we are pleasing God, that our service is acceptable to him; we may have the testimony of his Spirit that we are wellpleasing in his sight, and yet if we love him fervently, despite all this, we shall not be satisfied with the service that we are rendering, for love ever spurs on to more devotion. It ever incites to greater and more perfect service. He who is thoroughly satisfied with the service he is rendering to God is thoroughly self-righteous. Love loses sight of self in the adoration of its object. It can never satisfy itself in service, and service is never hard where the heart truly loves. Love is the highest of all motives of service; it produces the highest type of service, the greatest service; it ennobles him who serves and glorifies him who is served.



### **An Anchor of the Soul**

(Continued from page 3)

hope is sure and steadfast, having its anchor in heaven itself. The song writer expressed it,

"I have a hope serene and sure,  
That anchors past the veil;  
In all the storms it holds secure,  
Nor will it ever fail.

"I have a hope that looks away  
From present woes and tears  
To heaven's bright eternal day,  
Till sorrow disappears.

"I have a hope that doth not fear  
The silent grave to view,  
Nay, doth not shrink tho' death appear,  
For I shall live anew.

Chorus:

"My hope is born of God's own Word  
And nourished by His grace;  
His promise true my soul hath heard,  
And hope beholds His face."

Having our hope anchored in heaven itself enables us to look forward with joy to seeing our Saviour face to face. Let us keep our hope bright, keeping it nourished daily by God's Word and walking in full obedience to it.



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### **Excerpts Taken From March, 1942 Faith and Victory**

"A missionary who has been in the wilds of Brazil, South America for six years has recently been visiting a neighbor who lives across the street from us. This missionary, Matilda Paulsen from the state of Washington, lived here in Guthrie for several years over twenty-two years ago. She and I worked in a print shop together and I learned to esteem her very highly for her Christian virtues. She left Guthrie near twenty years ago and I had heard very little from her and knew but little about her during these twenty years.

"While she was in active service in that foreign country she had collected many Kodak pictures. She had a machine that enlarged them, and while in our home she showed them to the workers here, and some of the other saints that gathered in. It was very interesting indeed, and stirred the hearts of some who saw and heard to be more zealous in the work of God and for the salvation of precious souls. She said that some of the people were under the influence of the devil's spiritualism religion. Truly, they were in a pitiful plight, and many of them desperately poor, scarcely having enough to keep soul and body together. It seems to me that those who are sanctified wholly and have been enlightened in the truth by the Spirit of God would be committing a criminal act against God to live a selfish life and be a stingy giver to the furtherance of the gospel of Christ."

—Fred Pruitt