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Unto Him shall the
gathering of the
people be.

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LOVE

YE SHINE AS
LIGHTS IN
THE WORLD.

JESUS
SAVES

The night cometh,
when no man
can work.

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Behold Your King!

Behold your King! Though the moonlight steals
Through the silvery shade of the olive-tree,
No star-gemmed sceptre or crown it reveals
In the solemn shades of Gethsemane;
Only a form of prostrate grief,
Fallen, crushed, like a broken leaf.
Oh, think of this sorrow, that we may know
The depth of love in the depth of woe!

Behold your King! Is it nothing to you,
That the crimson tokens of agony
From the kingly brow must fall like dew,
Through the shuddering shades of Gethsemane?
Jesus Himself, the Prince of life,
Bows in mysterious mortal strife.
Oh, think of this sorrow, that we may know
The unknown love in the unknown woe!

Behold your King, with His sorrow crowned!
Alone, alone in the valley is He!
The shadows of death are gathering round,
And the Cross must follow.
Darker and darker the gloom must fall,
Filled is the cup,—He must drink it all!
Oh, think of His sorrow, that we may know
His wondrous love in His wondrous woe!

—Frances Ridley Havergal

Read: *To An Aged Unbeliever*, on page 13.

Three Spiritual Elements

Taken from: *Winning a Crown*

by C. W. Naylor

There are three elements that operate in the spiritual world. They are the divine, the human, and the satanic. The Bible recognizes these three elements, or instrumentalities, working to produce the spiritual results that we see. Nothing is more clearly taught in the Bible than the personality of God and of the angels who do His will. Likewise, Satan is, all through the Bible, a personality, and the demons that do his will are also spoken of in a way that makes it plain to us that they, too, are personal beings. These good and evil personalities exist as really as man exists and are just as personal. Man is capable of having definite relationships with any of these personalities, whether the good or the bad. He is capable of working with them to a certain end, or of working against them to a certain other end. He may work with the divine to carry out the will of God, or he may work with the evil personalities to carry out evil things. Any one of these three elements may work independently, so that a thing may be of God independent of man and the devil, or it may be of the devil independent of God or man, or it may be of man independent of God or the devil.

True religion is of God, but it also involves man. Therefore, the human element will always enter more or less into our religion. The vital elements of religion are from God, but when these vital elements, or powers, work in

larly of the Holy Ghost. They are rather of man. All who are saved have in them the same divine element operating to produce the same results. The external manifestations of this working depend largely upon the temperament of the human. One manifests his joy by shouting, another laughs, another weeps, another sits quietly with shining eyes and glowing countenance. But these manifestations are merely the human expression of the inward joy. During the centuries, man's spiritual emotions have been manifested in a great variety of ways. Special religious movements have been noted for the special manifestation among them. Some movements have been noted for shoutings; others, for wild demonstrations of many different kinds. People often suppose these outward demonstrations to be the work of God. If they were of God, He would manifest Himself in a more uniform manner. There would be none of those extreme and unbecoming demonstrations that are sometimes seen among religious people. Man may make these demonstrations as a result of his own choice and enthusiasm, or under the influence of the Spirit of God, though we must never blame God for the manner or the extent of such manifestations. If a Christian lets his emotions or his enthusiasm run away with his judgment and acts unseemly, we must lay the blame upon the human element. It is the man,

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man they do not coerce his will. They do not overcome his personality. They do not take possession of him so as to rule him. He does not come under rule; he still acts voluntarily. This human element in religion shows itself in peculiar manifestations, customs, ideas, and forms. When the Spirit of God comes into a man, He manifests himself in different ways, but especially in a holy Christian character and a holy Christian life. His presence affects all the faculties of man, but the outward expressions of these effects are not particu-

not his God, nor his religion necessarily, that is at fault. Satan also operates on people to produce wild, emotional excitement, and in some movements he is the principal cause of the emotionalism. This is especially true when the life of the person is immoral.

The variation of religious customs and forms in the world are the outcropping of the human element. God did not give us a definite program of religious worship, nor did He introduce any of the prevailing religious customs, except those specifically named in the New

Testament. Those, since introduced, are of man, and should always be distinguished from the real and vital elements of religion. I do not mean to condemn all that is of man as being evil. A thing must be judged by its intrinsic value, not by its origin. Man's works may be either good or evil, either wise or unwise.

The many religious ideas and doctrines in the world are of various origin. Some are directly of God, some are "doctrines of devils," and some are of men. The varying and often contradictory doctrines taught in the world

to the opposite extreme of having almost no form. It was meditative, quiet, and non-resistant. These great differences in manners, customs, views and manifestations must be attributed to the human element that entered so largely into them.

This human element is a variable quantity. It may or may not obstruct the working of the divine, but in many instances the divine is greatly limited or even entirely crowded out by it, so that the religion becomes only a human thing, while the soul is empty of God. There is such a thing as a religion that is of man and

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that are supposed by their adherents to be the revelation of divine truth came largely from man's imperfect conception of truth. Sometimes God is blamed for this doctrinal confusion and discord, but we must remember that God has given the same revelation of Himself and His truth to us all, and that it is only man's misinterpretation of this revelation that makes the discord. It is true that some teach special doctrines through perversity, others through an unwillingness to teach the truth because they are not willing to obey it. But for this we must blame man, not God. God's truth is one. It is highly important then, that we learn what is the real truth among the clashing doctrines of men.

It is the human element that differentiates between religious movements. The leader usually impresses his own thoughts, views, customs and temperamental peculiarities upon the movement that he heads. We have only to look into the past a little to see this. All men who have the religion of Christ have the same vital power of godliness working in them. They all have the same salvation, but they have different ways of manifesting it. The old Puritans were austere and high in their morality. They were formal and rigid. Their religion had in it much of the nature of iron. Then came Fox with his quietism. His morality was just as high, but it took a very different course. Instead of being formal, like Puritanism, it went

has none of the divine element in it. Those professing it have never been born again. God has never entered into their lives. They simply joined a church, and that was all there was to it. Their religion is wholly of and from themselves, and will die with them.

When we meet people and recognize them as being Christians, yet see that they are different from us, that difference may be attributed to the human element. It can not be a spiritual difference if both have the Spirit of Christ. God draws all Christians together. He gives them all one Spirit. He gives them the tie of love that binds them to one another. The things that divide them are those human forms and views and customs which they have accepted. Where there is animosity and contention and bitterness, the satanic element enters and God is shut out. God wants His people to be all one. He wants the divine element to have so large a place in our lives and to so dominate the human element that His people will be of one heart and soul in Him, and that there will be no division among them. We may teach unity all we can, but if there are in us elements that are of a nature to separate us from other Christians, even if these should be only human elements, they will be a barrier to the realization of a practical unity. Unity must have for its basis only spiritual elements.

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Editorials

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God:..." I Cor. 3:8, 9. God is at work in our world with a concept of accomplishing certain tasks. We read of how God, after six days of creation, rested on the seventh. In our minds, we sometimes unconsciously still have God at ease. That isn't so. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Hitherto means up to this time, and it is a needed occupation and a true privilege to be a fellow-worker with God and Christ.

How can we be of help to God? There are several things God has set out to accomplish of which we can be participants. In Isa. 56:7 God said, "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer:..." God is trying to make people happy. This is really a large part of His work in this life and it takes a special person, someone who is thoughtful, to help out in this work without messing up God's effort. Jesus had this burden and worked at it. In the sermon on the mount He emphasized over and over, "Blessed are ye" or, you will be happy if....

To make people happy you need not be an accomplished jester or story teller. It goes much deeper than that. It takes a bright countenance, a sociable attitude, an open and pure character, and a genuine interest in others.

Only God, by His Holy Spirit, can effect salvation in the heart of man, but probably God's biggest job, the one He has worked longer, harder and more earnestly at, is making people good. I believe He must love this job for certainly His heart is in it, yet this work is the most difficult because of the lack of human help. Jeremiah was a faithful worker with God when he accepted and fulfilled the directive to tell the people, "...make your ways and your doing good." This is the burden of God and one we should share for all people.

We can be a co-worker with God by first being an example of holiness before others. We can pray for their spiritual prosperity and we can impart the Word of God as we have opportunity and Holy Spirit anointing.

Life has its drudgeries and seeming setbacks, and the waves of discouragement will swamp us if we consider it our task to make all humanity happy and good, but God has more

helpers than we know, and He has given us our own small sphere to labor in. Let us be good "labourers with God." Anything God puts His hand to is bound to accomplish something, and it will mean much to have had a part in it when we come before His judgment bar.

Here are the words of a song which express the experiences of those who labor with God.

"I've sown many seeds that have fallen by the wayside for the birds to feed upon,
But I have held enough golden sheaves in my hands to make me keep sowing on.
I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain, and gone many a day without a song,
But I have sipped enough nectar from the roses of life to make me want to live on.
And I don't regret a mile I've traveled for the Lord. I don't regret a time I've trusted in His Word.
I've seen the years go by, many days without a song, but I don't regret a mile I've traveled for the Lord."

The book, *What the Bible Teaches*, which has been out of stock for some time, is finally off the press and at the book bindery. We hope to have it ready for distribution within a couple of weeks.

We have also ordered 10,000 pounds of paper, at the cost of \$3,800.00, in preparation for reprinting the *Evening Light Hymnal*.

We are gratified to be able to provide these books for the use of God's people, knowing that they have been an inspiration to many.

The first part of March, a company of Print Shop workers traveled to San Bernardino, CA, to be at the marriage of Sis. Licha Lara, one of our co-workers, to Bro. Sherwin Wisner. The ceremony took place in the San Bernardino Church of God chapel, the home congregation of Sis. Licha's parents, Bro. Paulino and Sis. Edith Lara. Bro. Sherwin and Sis. Licha have taken up residence in Oklahoma City, OK. We wish them many happy years of marital success.

While we were in San Bernardino, we had the privilege of being in a Sunday morning service with the congregation and the pastor, Bro. Calvin Hobbs, and his wife, Sis. Alta. We thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship.

Sis. Jennifer Cole, of the Neosho, MO, congregation, arrived in Guthrie on March 11 to

help fill the vacancy created by Sis. Licha's leaving. We have an appreciation for the dedication that Sis. Jennifer has shown for the work of the Lord, as well as a continued appreciation for the entire staff of workers who make it possible to keep the gospel going forth.

If you have made donations to the Print Shop during 1993, and need a receipt for income tax purposes, feel free to let us know.

—Wayne Murphey

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Heart Talks by C. W. Naylor. Consists of 59 chapters with a different subject treated in each chapter. It contains 280 pages in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$3.00.

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CA—"I have a very urgent unspoken request."
—Ruby Fern Johnson

LA—"I have been really sick. Please pray for me."
—Ivey Brooks

WV—Melba Powell desires prayer for a breathing problem.

IN—Bro. Earl Bliss is in much pain and seems to be near the end. Pray for him, as well as strength for his daughter, Sherry Hendricks.

MI—"I am still having a trying time."

—Olive Getterson

OH—"Pray that God will bless me to be ready when He comes. I have been very sick for the past few months. I have been suffering from stress and anxiety disorders and some physical disorders. Pray for God's protection in my life and my family."
—Bro. Michael Payne

KY—"I need your prayers both physically and spiritually."
—Irma Willouby

KY—"I am writing in a request for your prayers for my little great-grandson who is scheduled for an operation. I have been praying and asking God to heal him completely before he undergoes surgery. I know God can heal him."
—Wilma Horsley

IL—"I need very special urgent prayer. Please pray that God will heal me."
—Johnnie Terrell

WV—"I need help from the Lord. You all pray for me."
—Edna Cashdollar

LA—"Pray that the Lord will make me well."

—Sis. Lou Little

CA—"Please pray for me. I am not well."

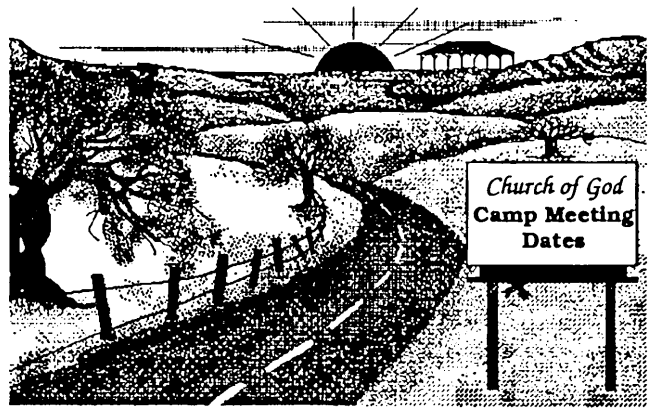
—Australia Kelly

Sis. Lois Chrisman, of Delaware, OK, Bro. Richard Madden, of Sapulpa, OK and Bro. Derrill Smith, of Shawnee, OK, are all going through serious afflictions and need strength and help from God.



COFFEEVILLE-WATER VALLEY, MS BUILDING PROJECT

As it was previously announced in the February *Faith & Victory*, the Coffeeville-Water Valley, MS congregation is making plans to begin building a new chapel. Your prayers are desired, and anyone with a burden to support this project should address correspondence to: Church of God Evening Light, P. O. Box 84, Coffeeville, MS 38922.



Myrtle, MO—May 11-15

Guthrie, OK—May 27-June 5

Jefferson, OR—June 10-19

Green Bank, WV—June 10-19

Tulsa, OK—June 10-19

Loranger, LA—June 24-July 3

Fresno, CA—July 1-10

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 15-24

Ensenada, Mexico—July 31-August 7



MEETING NOTICES

GOLDEN RULE REST HOME ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Plans have been made to hold the annual Golden Rule Rest Home Anniversary services on April 9-10. There will be a singspiration at 7:30, Saturday evening, April 9, at the Church of God chapel, 1415 Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK. Regular Sunday morning services will be held at the chapel on April 10, with a dinner on the grounds at the Golden Rule Rest Home facility. The special anniversary service will start at approximately 2:30 p.m. at the home. The address of the Golden Rule Rest Home is: 38801 Hardesty Road, Shawnee, OK 74801. A welcome is extended to everyone to come and enjoy what is planned.

For more information contact Bro. Derrill Smith. His home phone is: (405) 273-7106; or call him at the Golden Rule Rest Home, (405) 273-8250.



WICHITA, KS, APRIL SPRING MEETING

In times like these we truly need to pray. We are praying for world conditions, conditions of our city and the conditions of men's hearts in general. Surely Jesus must be coming soon because these are as the days of Noah.

We have scheduled our Spring Meeting for

April 15-24, and are praying God will send His power down in every service. We need the powers of hell to be rebuked concerning souls. We need people spiritually awakened, and we pray God will talk loudly through the preaching and shake hard with His conviction Spirit.

Please pray for the meeting, and if the Lord says, "Go," please be here. The chapel is located at 1701 North Ash, and the phone number is: (316) 267-9582. If you need to contact anyone, you may reach Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848, or Bro. Paul Phillips at (316) 721-9557.

HOLLY HILL, SC, REVIVAL

Lord willing, there will be a revival at the White Oak Church of God, off Hwy 453, or Hwy 310, in Holly Hill, S. C., April 15 through April 22, 1994.

For more information please contact Bro. Alvoid Pratt, (803) 492-3366 or the pastor, Bro. Utson Platt, (803) 496-5759.

GREEN PASTURES, OK, REVIVAL

The Lord willing, our revival meeting will begin on Tuesday, April 5, 1994, and run through Sunday, April 10, 1994. Bro. Keith Fuller and Bro. Lewis Kimble are the evangelists who will be holding the meeting. Please come and worship with us, praying that God's Spirit will rest upon the meeting. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. There will be dinner served on Sunday, and an afternoon service as usual.

For further information regarding the meeting, please contact Bro. Charles Chandler, pastor, (405) 769-7413, or Sis. Frances Chandler, (405) 769-6628.

BOLEY, OK, ALL-DAY MEETING

Lord willing, there will be an all-day meeting at Boley, OK, Church of God, May 1. All are welcome to come. Dinner will be served.

For further information please contact Sis. Dorlene Adams, (918) 667-3765, or Sis. Anna Mae Thompson, (918) 667-3648.

MISSOURI STATE CAMP MEETING

The Missouri State Camp Meeting, held at Myrtle, MO, will begin, Lord willing, on Wednesday, May 11, and continue through Sunday, May 15, 1994. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. Come praying for a special outpouring of

God's Spirit upon this meeting and the salvation of souls. Three services are scheduled daily.

Please come prepared for possibly cool and rainy weather, and bring bedding, if convenient. Accommodations will be made to care for all who come. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682. For further information, contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493, or Bro. Harlan Sorrell at (417) 938-4336.

—Bro. Harlan Sorrell

TULSA, OK, CAMP MEETING

The time is drawing near when the camp meeting, Lord willing, will be held at Tulsa, OK, 1102 E. Pine Pl. The dates are June 10-19.

All are invited to attend these services. Please come praying that souls will be saved, baptized and sanctified. Also that bodies will be healed.

There will be morning and night services, Monday through Saturday. There will be afternoon services on both Sundays.

For further information contact Bro. Charles Lowe at (918) 584-6838, or Bro. Charles Rhodes, (918) 272-9682. The chapel number is: (918) 584-8438.

—Bro. Charles Lowe

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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne, workers and all the dear saints: We are writing to express our deep love and appreciation for the great family of God. We have received so many calls, get well cards and anniversary cards, and have felt the effects of all your prayers. It is impossible to acknowledge each one since the strokes have left my hands weak, but we want you to know it has all meant so much. May the Lord reward you each one.

The Lord has greatly blessed us. Bro. Eck is almost back to normal. I am much improved, but have some problems with my hands and arms and am also still weak. I am walking some with the walker. I am like a babe in the arms of its mother; resting in the arms of the Lord, waiting for what He wants to do for me. I am ready to stay or ready to go. We are His.

We are deeply touched with our dear saints that are so afflicted. We are praying daily for each one. We will greatly miss our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord that have been called home, but rejoice with them that their reward is gained.

Continue to remember us in your prayers. We want to be among the faithful when this life is over. —Bro. Albert and Sis. Margaret Eck
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WA—...My neighbor and I were at my neighbor's and as I went to leave I forgot there was about a six inch step. I fell, landing on my side. My neighbor tried to help me get up. I said, "Let me do it." I got up and started to my house, saying, "I am fine." I had no broken bones, and only one slight bruise on my knee. I surely thank the Lord for His goodness to me, and I give Him all the glory. —Violet Thomas
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TN—Dear saints: Greetings in the name of Jesus. A wonderful Savior is He.

I thank the Lord for His mercy, kindness and love bestowed upon us. My niece needs healing for her body. Also, I need the Lord's touch for my body.

Pray for me, as the Lord knows what I stand in need of most of all.

Sincerely, —Helen Derrick
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MS—Dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory: Greetings in Jesus' sweet name.

I hope everyone is encouraged in the Lord. I am not too well, but encouraged in the Lord. Praise His name....

Please pray for me, —Novella Pugh
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CA—Recently I met some of the saints that work at the Print Shop. What a wonderful experience it was. The words, "Print Shop," and my paper, the Faith and Victory, took on a whole new meaning. If we never meet the person on the other end of the telephone we make our own assumptions based on voice and hearsay. When I meet saints from miles away, living, looking and talking the way I do, I sing that song, "God is everywhere, yes, God is everywhere." I appreciated the fellowship and friendship immensely, and it shall be in my heart and memory forever.

Christian love and fellowship,
—Loyce Davenport
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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the saints: Greetings. I just received my Faith and Victory today. I always enjoy reading it. It encourages me so much, and uplifts my soul to know there are a few Christians. I read and study my Bible by myself, and wish I could have some good saint of God to talk to. I enjoy reading all the

letters from the saints you print in the little paper. It does encourage me.

I have high blood pressure, so pray that the Lord will touch my body.

In Christian love, —Sis. Laura Jarvis
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CA—Dear saints: A few lines to you all as I haven't written for some time. I pray all are well in body and spirit. We think of you all often, and you are always in our prayers. Things sure are getting more wicked all the time. I read a lot and pray much for the world in general. How sad it will be at the Judgment. Pray for our children....

We appreciate the dear saints so much. Thank you all, and may our dear Lord bless you in a very special way.

Christian love, —Bro. and Sis. Underwood
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OR—Faith Publishing House: ...My parents were Martin G. Olson and Dilla May Olson. I don't suppose there are many still there who remember them. I am now 80 years old, and have sold my place and moved into a Senior housing project which is very nice, comfortable and safe. The Lord has been so good to me, as I am very well for my age.

I really enjoy the Faith and Victory paper. I read it through as soon as it arrives.

Pray for me that I can continue to stay true and help others to see the way. I feel that is my purpose from now on.

Christian love, —Beatrice Marcum
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MO—Dear Brother Wayne and all those at the Faith Publishing House: I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper. I look forward to it each month.

The Lord has been so very good to me this winter. Many here have had the flu. So far I have not gotten it.

Our winter has not been very bad; not much snow until this past week. We have had about 5 or 6 inches.

I enjoyed the tape this morning of Bro. Charles Elwell dated January 30, 1994, "Be Thou An Example."

Christian love, —Mamie Butcher
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MO—...It is such a blessing to live in a comfortable house here on the Monark Springs campground. I certainly give thanks for the privilege of living here and attending church services at Neosho; also Four Corners as we have opportunity. We have had such Holy Ghost

inspired messages by Bro. Bob Huskey, and March 6 the service at Four Corners surely was blessed by our heavenly Father. We have so much to praise God for.... I have not been disappointed in the saints whom I met in 1961, and I am so happy with Eula, my pure, precious wife. We have been married for 31 years. God has healed her or she would not be in this present world!

I have two unspoken requests that concern my two older sisters. God can still do miracles.

Your saved brother, —Leslie Adams

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WI—Dear saints: We trust this letter finds everyone at the Print Shop well. We are all well and encouraged.

We are now living in our new home in Beloit, WI. The Lord blessed us in our move, and gave us good, sunny weather the whole way.

We are encouraged and looking forward to the Lord blessing and using us here. Our hearts and ears are open to Him. Please pray for us as we endeavor to work for the Lord and be a voice for truth in this community.

Any saints that travel through our area, please stop by as we will miss the close fellowship of a congregation.

Yours in Christ,

—Bryan and Sheri Rich and family

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CA—Dear saints all over the world: I am requesting prayer for my son. He has been shot, but God saved his life. He is in prison, but is getting out in July. I want the Lord to save his soul. My two daughters, my husband and myself need your prayers, as well as a son that drinks.

Your Faith and Victory paper is a comfort to me. I love all the saints.

—Sis. Juanita S. Arnold

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OK—Dear Brother Wayne and others: Special greetings to one and all. We are both still saved and very much encouraged to follow the Lord all the way until He calls us home from labor to reward.

Our mother, Sister Necie Regans, has been really sick. She has improved and we give God all the glory.

Please remember us in your prayers.

In Christ,

—Mary Jones

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Missionary Report from India

February 18, 1994—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and the dear saints in America: Greetings to you in the glorious and Holy name of Jesus Christ. Joy in the Lord is our strength. Your prayers are another reason for our strength.

By the grace of God all our congregations are progressing with good results. Local conventions will be held at Athami, Niranam, Vilayanthuz and Nadukkunnu in March and April. Please continue to pray for the circulation of our monthly paper, the "Evening Light," to more new areas. We are getting new addresses every day requesting copies.

Our prayers are for the saints in America often.

Yours in Him,

—John Varghese

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IN MEMORIAM

Alalue Cretia Crain Bray was born in Leedy OK on December 15, 1910, and went to be with the Lord on February 19, 1994, in Rogers, AR, at the age of 83.

Sis. Bray was a member of the Church of God, and an active member of the Pea Ridge, AR congregation. She had a real concern for souls and did all she could to further the Kingdom of God.

She will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren, saints and friends.

Burial services were conducted by Bro. Bob Huskey, with interment being in the Liberty Cemetery.

Lou was one of the most sincere Christians I have ever known.

We were children together, then teenagers. As we became older we kept in touch through letters.

Every letter, and every card, was filled with praise for God and for her love for Him. Her heart was filled with concern for those who do not know Him. She was my encourager.

I shall love her and miss her as long as I live.

—Almo House, Benton, AR

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Ione Strebis was born December 17, 1903, and passed from this life on September 10, 1993, at the age of 89 years.

Sis. Strebis loved the Lord, and her life left an impression on those who knew her. She will be missed.

Funeral services were held in Fort Wayne, IN with burial in the Greenlawn Memorial Park.

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Dorothy Lee Anderson was the youngest of nine children born to Square and Miriah Anderson in Paris, TX, on July 5, 1905, and passed from this life on January 20, 1994. Her parents preceded her in death. Dorothy had five sisters, Mrs. Lena Mabern of Jones, OK, Mrs. Maudell McFrazier of Paris, TX, Mary Washington of Paris, TX, Mrs. Pricilla Ricks of Paris, TX, and Mattie Rogers of Stroud, OK; and three brothers, John Anderson of Paris, TX, Squire Anderson of Paris, TX, and Buddy Anderson of Paris, TX, all of whom preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage to Phillip Chandler of Fallis, OK. To this union two children were born, Joseph Chandler and Mary Ellen, both of Oklahoma City, OK.

She was at one time affiliated with the Baptist church. She later united with the Church of God.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory a son, Joseph Chandler, and a daughter, Mary Ellen Harris, both of Oklahoma City, OK; eleven grandchildren, forty-five great grandchildren, thirty-four great great grandchildren and a number of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were officiated by Bro. Charles Chandler, grandson.

Thank You

To all the saints and friends: We acknowledge with sincere appreciation your loving expressions of kindness and sympathy extended during the illness and death of our loved one. Your cards, flowers, presence and prayers will always be remembered. —The family

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Faith Amanda Embly was born March 28, 1907 in Palco, KS to William J. and Emma R. Embly. She went to be with the Lord on March 5, 1994.

Survivors include her brothers, Ralph of Veneta, OK, Elvin of Alpine, CA, and Arthur of Vista, CA; Sisters, Hope Pruitt of Veneta, OR, Grace of San Bernardino, CA and Irene Simpson of Little Rock, CA.

Sis. Faith loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. She carried a special burden for children, young people and missionary work.

She taught in a Christian school and worked in Mexico for a number of years.

She was active in the Gladstone, Oregon congregation and took charge of the missionary correspondence. She will be greatly missed by the congregation.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God chapel in Jefferson, Oregon. Bro. Steve Elwell officiated.

Private interment was in Lane Memorial Gardens in Eugene, Oregon.

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Dallas B. Wise, Sr., 73, of Spencer, OK, died March 13, 1994. He was born May 23, 1920 in Butler, PA, to Allie D. Wise and Hazel E. (Kerr) Wise. He married Helen Beverly (Crotzer) on August 25, 1938 in Baden, PA. He came to Spencer in 1951, where he was a retired printer and a member of the Church of God. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, of the home; two sons, Dallas "Skip" of Hyttsville, MD, and Larry of South Daytona, FL; a brother, Ray Wise of Butler, PA; three sisters, Betty Clemens of Butler, PA, Ruth Custead of Butler, PA and Jean Jones of Friendship, NY; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Dannie Wise.

Funeral services were officiated by Bros. Charles Elwell and Wayne Murphey at the Bill Eisenhower Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in the Arlington Memory Gardens.

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Archie H. Souder, 77, died Friday, February 18, 1994 at the Golden Rule Nursing Home, Shawnee, OK. Bro. Souder was born November 16, 1916, at Macomb, the son of John Calvin and Hettie Ann (Hurst) Souder. He moved to Shawnee in 1918 and grew up in the Johnson Community.

On March 16, 1935, he married Myrtle L. Clemence, who died November 2, 1992.

A well-known Church of God minister, he pastored congregations in Shawnee and the Oklahoma City area. He was pastor of Crutchcho Park Church of God for the last 25 years, returning to Shawnee in 1990.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, David and Linda Souder, Keller, TX; two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Leland Busbee, Southlake, TX, and Katherine M. Souder, Tucson, AZ; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Richard Madden, Ed Wilson and John Williams.

Burial was in the Resthaven Memorial Park, Shawnee, OK.

Dear *Faith and Victory* publishers and readers: My father, Archie H. Souder, passed away February 18, 1994, in the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, OK.

God took him in a very special way, which is stamped on our hearts forever. Although he had not been able to talk for several weeks, he told each of us with him good-bye before he left, and I believe that he saw mother and perhaps other loved ones as he made the crossing. I found it difficult to understand why or how anything beyond this earth could make up for the great suffering he and mother had to bear during their illnesses, but after seeing the glowing look of love on his face, I now know that he has his glorious reward, making it worth it all.

Their combined illnesses lasted for seven years and only God, and a few close ones, really know how much they had to go through. I am thankful to God for giving Brother Charles Smith the burden to build the Golden Rule Home. It is a wonderful place filled with love, and is a true sanctuary for God's saints. I am sure Brother Charles suffered many hardships during his struggle to establish this place of care for God's people in their last days upon this earth. His loving sons and daughter, Derrill, Merrill and Terry, plus the efficient and caring staff of dedicated workers, have kept up this wonderful work by continuing to provide a place where love and protection can see people like my mom and dad through to the end. I don't know what we would have done during this difficult time without them being there for us.

I want to thank Opal Kelly, Brother and Sister Burdette and Maxine and Loren Busbee who were there for all of us when needed. I want to thank Bro. Johnny Williams, Brother Ed Wilson and Brother Richard Madden, three of God's servants who my father nurtured in the beginning of their ministries, and loved them through it all. I wish to thank all who prayed for my parents in the final years of their lives. I believe their prayers did make a difference. I have an empty place in my heart and I will miss them greatly. Love to all and may God bless each of you.

Bro. Archie Souder's daughter,

—Barbara Ann Busbee

Good Manners

By Wayne Murphey

It is important to young people to feel liked, needed and accepted. In the awkward stage of adolescence when one is entering adulthood, there is often a feeling of not fitting. You are often tempted to think that you don't possess any talent or characteristic that anyone likes. Some feel this more than others. This makes an individual want to put himself on display. It is generally the young person who is the loudest and the center of activity who is the most insecure. Yet, there is a backlash in this. The harder one tries to be popular, the more he is resented. It is through such behavior that young people can cause others to despise their youth, as Paul wrote to Timothy. (I Tim. 4:12.)

One true way to gain acceptance is by having good manners. You may not have developed an outstanding talent as of yet, but you can be mild-mannered and courteous. This has a real attracting power. The world today does not promote good manners; it promotes self. Yet, although good manners are practiced by few, they are admired by all. There is a story about an old man who arrived late at the Olympic games in Athens. All the seats were occupied. He passed the Athenian section and was laughed at. He went on to where the Spartans sat. Like one man they all arose to offer him a seat. The Athenians, seeing this, raised a loud cheer. "Ah," said the aged stranger, "the Athenians admire that which is good, but the Spartans practice it."

"Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse; whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy, is the best bred man in company." Jonathan Swift. You may find yourself in a situation in which you see no particular reason to be mannerly, but if you will do it, it will pay big dividends. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." (Prov 18:24.) In the world that we live in we need all the friends that we can get. Christ even said to make friends of the mammon of unrighteousness. (Luke 16:9.) This does not mean to take on their ways but to be kind to all. You may find yourself sometime in a position in which others are at your mercy. Be kind, patient and courteous. Sometime the role may be reversed and you may meet those same people under different circumstances when you will be at their mercy.

God will someday say to many, "...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40.) If God were in our presence we would most certainly practice our mildest manners, be unassuming and most helpful. This verse says that, in actuality, God is in our presence in the form of others. We should be just as polite to the least of people as we would to a famous person. It is said of Robert E. Lee, that he was once seated in a train when a poor woman entered. Every seat was filled, many of them with his officers and soldiers. Not one moved until she reached the end of the car where General Lee was seated. He arose and led her to his seat, whereupon everyone leaped to his feet to offer the General a place. "No, gentlemen," was the answer, "if you cannot give your seats to an old woman, you cannot give them to me."

We acquire good manners by taking on the form of Christ. Don't assume superficial "airs" of good manners, but let it actually be goodness exuding from the heart. Such practices lead to godliness and make life very rewarding.

I Saw Jesus Today

I recently witnessed an ice storm. Not only did I see Jesus through the loving, kind words and deeds that friends and neighbors shared with each other, but through how the Lord spared lives and homes that were involved, in relation to homes that trees and electrical lines fell on, fires that broke out and workers who only obtained minor injuries. Oh, how Christian fellowship came forth. "I saw Jesus" in a way that left me high in the spirit, even through disaster.

—Doris Rice



To An Aged Unbeliever

By

William S. Plumer

Your life thus far has passed rapidly away. You felt surprise when you heard others speak of you as old. Perhaps even now you easily forget that you are no longer young. "Gray hairs are here and there upon Ephraim, yet he knoweth it not." It seemed hard for Samson to forget the feats of former days. Even when shorn of his strength he attempted new exploits. There is a vanity in some old persons which leads them to ape the young. Let every one act as best becomes his age. Paul says: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." It is a pitiable sight to see old and young trying to take each other's places. If you have passed middle life, admit the fact into your serious thoughts.

The Bible requires reverence for the aged. "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head." I approach you with the greatest respect. "I have a message from God unto thee." I wish to deliver it meekly, honestly and solemnly. I beg you to hear it. I will use neither many nor vain words.

I hope you believe the great truths of the Bible. If you doubt any of them, I beseech you to give yourself to prayer and to the word of God itself, that you may know the truth and be persuaded of it. An honest desire to know the truth, shown by prayer and searching the Scriptures, God will bless. He can teach you as no other can. Cry mightily to Him. Wisdom comes "from above."

No doubt you have sometimes said, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." But do not your actions show that while you would die the death of the righteous you are not leading His life? Remember, you have a soul. To save it is "the one thing needful." He who is poor, sick and despised may save his soul, and so be happy for ever. He who is rich, strong and full of all earthly good may lose his soul, and

so be eternally undone. Because it is immortal, the soul is of priceless value. Many have undervalued it. None ever thought it worth more than it is. God alone can know its full value. No man can pay a ransom for it, for its redemption is precious. To save it God gave His dear Son. To save it, Jesus wept, and bled and died. To save it, the Holy Spirit calls you to repentance.

If you are not a true Christian, *your soul is now in a lost condition*. So the Bible teaches: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die;" "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish;" "He that believeth not shall be damned;" "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." So righteous is God, and so holy is His law, that many an aged person has felt the power of a fiery condemnation in his conscience before he left this world. William the Conqueror, of England, was a great king, warrior and statesman. In his last days he wept, he groaned, he confessed, but no comfort came. He said: "Laden with many and grievous sins, I tremble; and being ready to be taken soon into the terrible examination of God, I am ignorant what I should do. I can by no means number the evils I have done these sixty years, for which I am now constrained, without stay, to render an account to the just Judge." Many a monarch has died in anguish of soul. Neither greatness nor obscurity can shield a guilty soul from the terrors of the Almighty. The aged, impenitent pauper has groaned away his dying breath in dismay on his bed of straw. Through life men often feel that they are not at peace with God, and dying they confess it. Death is commonly, though not always, an honest hour. Some hold out false signals even then, though not free from fears and terrors. At that trying moment, who would not prefer hope to fear, and peace to dismay? Yet without a change of heart and a pardon of all our sins we cannot be saved. We "are by nature the children of wrath," so that "he that believeth not is condemned already." If you, my aged

friend, have not fled to Christ, you are condemned; you are lost.

But although your soul is lost, *it is not lost beyond recovery*. Blessed be God for that! "There is mercy with God, that He may be feared;" "With him is plenteous redemption;" "As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways, for why will ye die?" I take up the words and repeat the question, "Why will you die? Why will you not be saved? Will you not be saved?" I trust you will. I pray you may. I know that by divine grace you can. The door of mercy is yet open, open to you. Though you have sinned long and much and grievously against God, yet He says: "To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." For many years you thought it was time enough yet. Possibly this day your soul is taken in some such snare. Stop and think, I pray you. Perhaps in an hour God may say: "Thy soul is required of thee." If He should, would you not be undone forever? You know that men commonly die as they live; that a life of sin is the forerunner of endless misery; that dying regrets are a poor substitute for a life of holiness; and that a death-bed repentance is little to be trusted. No wise man will leave to his last hours the proper work of life.

But perhaps you think it is now too late to turn to God. Through hardness of heart you may now be in terrible despair. But the practical persuasion of your mind may be that God has no mercy for you, and that you have sinned too long to be forgiven. If so, let me plead with you to give up this delusion. Nowhere has God drawn up more terrible charges against sinners than in the first chapter of Isaiah, yet he concludes His address to these guilty men (and through them he speaks to you) thus: "Come, now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like

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crimson, they shall be as wool." Could words better suit your case? And they are uttered in sincerity. They are the words of God. He never mocks any of His creatures.

We have in the Bible an account of the conversion of an old and very great sinner. Manasseh, the son of pious Hezekiah, was early instructed in the true religion. When he became king he restored idolatry, which was the highest kind of offence. He insulted God to His face by defiling the temple. He formed a league with Satan, and used enchantments and witchcraft, sins punishable with death by the fundamental law of his kingdom. He sacrificed his own children to devils. He was one of the worst of murderers. "He shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another." He was obstinate and refractory under reproof. He made the nation follow his wicked practices. He seemed to be mad upon his idols and iniquities. His sin was aggravated by the example and instruction of his good father to the contrary, by his high station, by his malice and wantonness, by his stubbornness and by his long continuance in it. He ascended the throne at twelve years of age, and he lived to the age of sixty-seven. Yet when he was sixty-two years old—that is, when he had for fifty years together defiled his soul, corrupted his people, and insulted God by enormous crimes—he was brought to repentance, pardoned and saved. "Old or young sinners,

great or small sinners, are not to be beaten off from Christ, but encouraged to repentance and faith; for who knows but the bowels of mercy may yearn at last upon one that hath all along rejected it?" God has vast treasures of rich mercy in store even for old and hardened sinners who will "cease to do evil, and learn to do well."

My aged friend, do you seek further assurances that there is mercy even for you if you will turn to God? Here they are: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." "The bruised reed he will not break, the smoking flax he will not quench." "A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Say not, "It is too late." Call upon God in earnest prayer; ask others to pray for you and with you. Confess your sins to God. If you have injured men, repair the injury as far as possible. "Seek the Lord, while he may be found." Come to Christ as you are, a poor, lost, helpless, guilty, polluted sinner, and He will save you. "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." But if you refuse another hour, it may be too late. This may be the last call you will ever have. Any moment you may drop into hell. Will you, will you, oh will you be saved?



Where Should We Stand?

The paramount concern of every true Christian in a situation is, "Where does the Lord appear in the matter?" To discern God as a working force, a clear-cut concept of godly principality becomes an absolute necessity. If we as individuals can perceive where One with all the finer, nobler, purer, and holier attributes of character would stand in a matter, then we have no trouble deciding that there is where we, too, must stand as His children. This conclusion and decision of heart and mind must be reached within our own hearts and minds with all honesty before God and ourselves. Opinions and persuasions of men may seek to influence our

decision, some of which prove true and helpful and others prove false and must be rejected, but regardless of persuasion we must still arrive at our own decision if we would be true to ourselves. To blindly follow another's persuasion without a firm conviction of heart as to the position of the principles of right, is indeed a shaky and sandy foundation. Having arrived at a firm decision of what is right, basic honesty will require that one abide by that decision even though it may contradict the opinions of men or even brethren. (See Galatians 2:11).

—C. W. Wilson
(Written in 1970)

For Easter Day

By
Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er:
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell!
Death in vain forbids him rise;
Christ hath opened paradise!

Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once he died, our souls to save:
Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?

Soar we now where Christ hath led,
Following our exalted Head:
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

What though once we perished all,
Partners in our parents' fall?
Second life we all receive,
In our heavenly Adam live.

Risen with Him, we upward move;
Still we seek the things above;
Still pursue, and kiss the Son
Seated on His Father's throne.

Scarce on earth a thought bestow,
Dead to all we leave below;
Heaven our aim, and loved abode;
Hid our life with Christ in God:

Hid, till Christ our Life appear
Glorious in His members here;
Joined to Him, we then shall shine,
All immortal, all divine.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now!
Hail, the Resurrection thou!

King of glory, Soul of bliss!
Everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, Thy power to prove,
Thus to sing, and thus to love!



Excerpts Taken From April, 1944 Faith and Victory

"You say that you have a bad neighbor for he lies, steals, curses, and drinks. I say, no, he is a good man but the thing that has hold on him is bad; let him come to Jesus and receive conquering power over sin and all bad will disappear. Jesus reproved and rebuked the self-righteous Pharisees, not because he hated them or that they were bad. It was the thing that had a hold on them that He hated and was against."
—Fred Pruitt

John Jacob Boebel was born near Stienhiem, Germany on Dec. 14, 1851, and departed this life at Guthrie, OK on Feb. 19, 1944 at the age of ninety-two years, two months, and seven days.

He married Katherine Pfeiffer in 1876, and came to America in 1883.

He was much loved by the saints and respected as a devout man of God, and one of great patience.

"I've been thinking of the sponge. People are like sponges. Usually whatever environment they are in or live in is just what they soak up. If a sponge is placed in ink it soaks up ink and when pressed, ink comes out. If placed in water, it soaks up water and when pressed, water comes out.

I want to be as a sponge to God's love so that, at all times, contacting others, a mark of His love will be left. Or if in pressing circumstances, it will be only love that flows out." —Virginia Elwell