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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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### The Christian Consecration

By Jason Murphey

Many times the devil approaches the Christian to plant doubt in his mind concerning the subject of personal consecration. If Satan can confuse a believer on this matter, he renders the witness of that person ineffective. When a Christian does not have complete confidence in his consecration, he will feel inadequate in telling others of the wonderful salvation experience. Thus the enemy triumphs in yet another of his plots to subject the Church of God to constant inner turmoil and uncertainty.

What is a real consecration? "Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as unto Christ; Not with eye-service, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart.**" Eph 6:5-6. Consecration is a mere willingness of the heart to do the will of God in one's life. It is an attitude of gratefulness for the forgiveness of sins, combined with a desire to assist in the furtherance of the Gospel's great cause. It is a simple trust in God. It may lead to some difficult decisions in life but the results of these decisions will always lead to a positive

and uplifting experience with the Lord.

Being willing and consecrated is the greatest feeling to experience. To know that you have reached a mutual understanding with God to do what He leads you to do in your life, and then trust the results to Him, offers the greatest possible assurance of successful living.

Many ask, "How do I know God is working His will in my life?" Just because you are not filling a role that is in the limelight of man's praise is no indication that God is not leading you. It is a simple matter of knowing that as long as your heart is willing, God is having His way and you are pleasing Him. Where He takes you may come as a complete surprise, but you can be assured that you are doing His will by simply having a willing attitude. Often God will use people in accordance with their natural talents, abilities and enthusiasm. Thus His plan is furthered by those best qualified for their respective roles. By working in this manner, His children often have a great desire to be used by God simply because they enjoy what has been given them to do. This is God's great plan of Christian consecration at work.



**Attend National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO  
July 19-28.**

## Whose Strength and Laws?

By James McMurrin

*"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." II Corinthians 3:5-6.*

Many people seek to obey God. They seek the rules of what is right and wrong. They set those rules up to follow, and deliberately seek to increase what is good in their lives. Unfortunately, too many leave out the very reason for doing this in the first place. The apostle Paul was under no delusion about what he needed to follow God's rules for his life and he endeavored to show the Corinthians what was required to live a Christian life.

How many people set up a rule and say, "If I do such-and-such, I will be rewarded," or "If I avoid this or that, I will not be punished"? They seek to follow God by the process of making a series of laws which must be strictly followed. If followed, they feel God will deem them worthy. However, no one can ever succeed in following those rules—or if they do, the rules themselves would not meet God's standard.

These people hem themselves in with dead, hard, cold restrictions and sometimes become spiritually ruined in the process. Their desire to follow God is admirable, and their recognition that God has deemed some things right, and other things wrong is definitely laudable, but they lack the crucial ingredient which changes this from a dead law into a living faith.

Note Paul's declaration here. "...The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." It is the lack of an actual reality of the Holy Spirit in their hearts which denies them victory. They try to live on their own strength, but Paul freely admitted, "Our sufficiency is of God." We cannot serve God without His guidance and strength in our hearts. As is said in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

God is not satisfied with having us follow a dead set of rules. He does not want us to regulate our lives, He wants us to live our lives in Him. It is not an outward show He

wants. He wants us to worship *in truth*, and that requires that we worship *in spirit*.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

Is this simply a call to follow explicitly stated rules that we find in the Bible? No. The Word of God is God's living witness to be used in our hearts, to show us not just actions, but thoughts, and even beyond that, the intents of our hearts. God's call to us is not just to live our lives in a certain way, but to be used by Him in this world. We are to be a beacon of light for Him, and we are to actively seek His specific will for our lives.

The Bible does not say whether you should buy a house in this area or that. It does not say who you should marry, or what career you should follow. And yet, these are all decisions that must be given to God if He is to use you in this life. How can you follow Him if you simply seek to use His Word as a regulation book? You need His presence in your heart, and you need an active, seeking, humble and earnest desire in that heart to find His perfect will for your life.

You cannot just say, "If I don't do anything wrong, I'll be all right." We aren't talking about what is "all right," we are talking about who you will serve in your life. We are talking about an active goal and motive in your heart. And we are talking about a Spirit which can give you that life, with all the guidance to show you what His desire is, and the strength to do it, if you want to be truly His.

Let us all seek to have God's will in our lives, not as an external law, but as the internal Spirit, who can change our heart and human desires, and who will give us the strength to perform the tasks God has for us.

I. Thou shalt not kill.

II. Thou shalt not steal.

III. Thou shalt not bear false witness.

IV. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

V. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

VI. Honour thy father and thy mother.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not covet.

IX. Thou shalt not make any graven image.

X. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

## Laying Up Treasures In Heaven

By Carol Jantz

A battle was being fought deep in the Christian's breast. The most vulnerable part of his "self-life" was being attacked. The thing he had wished would never come against him again was now before him. All the old feelings of dread were sweeping over his soul. He had no chance to go away for awhile and be alone with God in prayer, but he did send up a quick, silent plea, "Oh God, please help me. I need your grace."

Then the battle came on full force. Some fiery darts were hurled that opened up old wounds, and the same hurts were experienced again with galling force. Once more the Christian silently and fervently cried out to God for help. "Please help me conduct myself as Jesus would do."

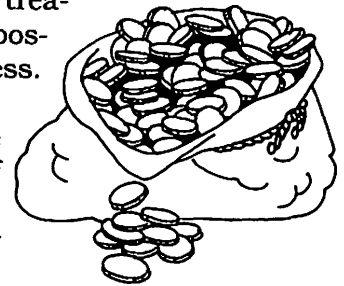
However, the enemy tried to get the Christian to retaliate by saying some words in defense of his hurt "self," but the grace of God kept him silent. Instead, God helped him to maintain a calmness. He was able to face the battle until it was over. The Christian realized God had definitely helped him, but his wounds really hurt. He took it to God in prayer, and some of the pain was eased. Nevertheless, feeling he needed more help, he earnestly asked God how he could better face the battle next time. God began speaking to his heart.

"My child, you are laying treasures up in Heaven. You need to rejoice, for you have many more blessings than sorrows."

The Christian's heart was suddenly quickened within. He opened his heart even more to the Lord, and God poured out a blessing that flooded his soul with joy. The Christian knew he had depended upon God for help during the battle, though his "self" was deeply hurt. God had revealed to him that laying "self" down, was laying up treasures in Heaven.

A good example of turning hurt into treasure is the oyster. If a grain of sand enters its shell, it causes much pain. Unable to rid itself of the irritation, a substance is produced which coats the particle. This enables the oyster to bear the pain. In time, this process produces a valuable pearl—a treasure.

Thus it is in our Christian life. When some experience causes us much hurt and pain, we must ask for God's grace to cushion the pain. This marvelous grace has the power to transform the hurt into a treasure and help us to possess His righteousness. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." Isaiah 32:17.




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## The Temple of God

By Connie Sorrell

Is good physical health dependent on spiritual faith and obedience to God? In the last decade or so, several scientists and hundreds of doctors have been considering this question. Recently, experiments have been made to learn whether or not the mental and spiritual condition of sick people can hinder or improve the physical healing of their bodies.

These experiments have produced surprising results. Patients with faith in God, and who have others praying for them, have "a 14-fold advantage over those who are isolated or lack faith."

A book by a Harvard graduate, Dr. Herbert Benson, has recorded many documented cases where healing is accelerated by faith. Concerning all humans, Dr. Benson writes, "Our genetic blueprint has made believing in an Infinite

Absolute, part of our nature...humans are also wired for God."

In writing about prayer, another medical professor and author said, "We often know something works before we know why." Though these educated professors are not clear about God, or who He is and how He works, they are at least admitting there is a God who answers when He hears prayers of faith.

Concerning these experiments, one leading magazine stated, "Twenty years ago, no self-respecting M.D. would have dared to propose a double-blind, controlled study of something as intangible as prayer. Western medicine has spent the past 100 years trying to rid itself of remnants of mysticism...today (there is) a shift among doctors toward the view that there may

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## EDITORIALS

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." This is a beautiful admonition, and a relevant one, for rejoicing gives flavor to the Christian life.

Most Christians understand the importance of rejoicing. Yet it is possible to entirely overlook the significance of rejoicing "in the Lord." Emotions can move the heart of an individual, but that doesn't necessarily constitute rejoicing in the Lord. A large audience can be swayed by a forceful speaker and generate a passion that ripples across those assembled. Large groups can sing gospel hymns and shout, and yet none of this be done "in the Lord."

It takes humility to truly rejoice in the Lord. When an individual or group reach the point where they leave the simplicity of the gospel, and begin to rejoice in a man-made form of religion, they establish a false sense of security in spiritual matters and become ripe for deception and failure.

An Aesope fable tells the story of a donkey and a rooster who lived peacefully together in a farmyard. One day a hungry lion chanced to pass that way. Seeing the donkey so plump and well fed, he resolved to make a meal of him.

Now, they say there is nothing that annoys a lion so much as to hear a rooster crow. At that very moment the rooster did just that, sounding off with one of his proudest cock-a-doodle-doo's. This caused the lion to make off with all haste.

The donkey, greatly amused to see the mighty lion routed by the mere crowing of a barnyard fowl, boldly galloped after the retreating king of beasts. He had, however, pursued him only a short distance, when the lion turned sharply upon the foolish donkey, and with a mighty roar leaped upon him and made an end of him.

Just as the donkey failed to rejoice "in the rooster" and what he had done, we too can take satisfaction in ourselves and our religion, instead of what God has done for us through the redemption of our soul.

After Christ sent out the seventy, we are told, "...the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on

serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17-20.

We should never forget who purchased our redemption on Mount Calvary. We should never become confused about Who it is that gives us the victory again and again. Then, with gratitude and genuine humility, we can truly rejoice in the Lord.

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As is customary, we will omit printing an August edition of the *Faith and Victory* paper. This will allow some of the workers to attend the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO, which will be held July 19-28.

Lord willing, we will again have the bookstore in operation during the meeting.

A decision has been made, that due to limited space in the bookstore, we will be unable to sell items for other people this year. We regret having to do this, but trust it will be understandable to all.

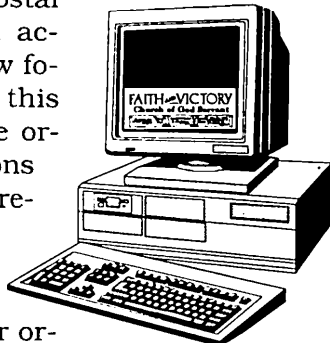
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As many of our readers may already know, Bros. Bob Sallee and Michael Smith feel a burden to visit the country of Malawi, Africa, during the month of August. They plan to visit Bro. Failos, who has urgently pled for some of the saints to come. This is certainly an undertaking of faith, and they would appreciate your earnest prayers while they are on this mission.

If you are interested in supporting this trip financially, you may send offerings to this office, designated for "Malawi."

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With my son, Jason, in charge of the project, *Faith Publishing House* is expanding its outreach through use of the Internet. The Internet is the fastest growing communication technology. More mail is now being sent by this method than via the U. S. Postal service. Our Internet account allows for a new forum of contact. By this means we can receive orders, answer questions and process all other requests. We are also able to use this account as an outreach to churches and other or-



ganizations to inform them of our publications. Already we have received inquiries about our literature from churches and individuals in many states as well as several European countries.

Within the near future we would like to establish a Web Page. This will act as a virtual online store, allowing computer users worldwide to see our products first-hand on their computer screens. This store will contain various online tracts, price and product lists, issues of the *Faith and Victory* and many other features. Our E-mail address is: **faithpub@ionet.net**. Comments and suggestions on this project are welcomed.

—Wayne Murphey

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## Partial List of Books Available

**A Sketch of My Life** by H. B. Hall, relates his experiences as a young man, his act of murder, his prison life, conversion, release, gift of healing, experiences as a caretaker of a senior citizen's home and much more. It is an interesting story that all will enjoy. It contains 126 pages bound in a heavy paper cover and sells for \$1.50.

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**Samuel Morris** by Lindley Baldwin. This is a moving story of a boy who was miraculously rescued from death in the wilds of Africa and made his way to the United States where his Christian experience was an inspiration to many. It consists of 94 pages bound in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$4.95.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

KY—"Please pray for my family and myself when you pray. We are all in need of God's healing." —Wilma Horsley

CA—Sis. Doris Pihaylic has requested prayer for her daughter who has cancer, as well as others of her family who have needs.

AL—Sis. Jeanette Mooney desires prayer for arthritis pain.

CA—Sis. Velma Paschall needs prayer for her health.

OH—Mervin Rudd is in great need of prayer.

PA—"Remember Sis. Virginia Myers in prayer as she has quite a load to carry since the death of her husband.

—Sis. Barbara Campbell

OR—"Please agree with me in prayer that Michael Clark, a brother in Christ in the Oregon State Penitentiary, will be allowed to see and counsel with a new inmate there. The new inmate that needs prayer is named David Whitson. Remember David's parents as well." —Bro. Bill Busch

## CAMP MEETING DATES

**Fresno, CA**—July 5-14

**National (Monark Springs, MO)**—July 19-28

**Myrtle, MO**—July 31-August 4

**Ensenada, Mexico**—August 4-11

**Bakersfield, CA**—August 7-11

**Boley, OK**—August 19-25

**California State (Pacoima)**—August 28-Sept. 1

## Meeting Reports and Notices

### FRESNO, CA CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Fresno camp meeting will convene July 5-14. The schedule of the meeting is as follows; 7:30 p.m. service the first Friday

and Saturday nights; three services both Sundays; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services throughout the week. Let us pray that God will send souls out to these meetings, both saints and sinners. The Lord has a rich blessing for all that attend. If you can't attend, please pray that the Lord will work His purpose in these meetings. There are souls that need to be saved, believers to be sanctified and bodies to be healed.

Directions to the church are: Coming from the north on 99, take the Belmont exit, go east three miles to First St., turn right and go two blocks to Grant. The church is on First and Grant. Coming from the south, take the Venture exit, go east to First St., turn left and follow to Grant. For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Taylor, 3014 Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612, (209) 348-9029 or Bro. Charles Parrish, 1325 E. Fedora, Fresno, CA 93705. (209) 221-6808.

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**NATIONAL CAMP MEETING**  
**MONARK SPRINGS, MO**

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Neosho (Monark Springs), MO, July 19-28, 1996. All are cordially invited to come and bring others to enjoy the blessings we are expecting from the Lord.

The Monark Springs campground is located approximately five miles east of Neosho, MO. It is one mile east and 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Highways 86 and 71 Alternate.

If you travel to Neosho by bus, you may telephone the campground 472-6427, or Bro. Mike Hightower, 451-3636, for transportation.

The camp meeting is conducted on a freewill offering basis. There is no charge for meals or lodging on the campground. You are welcome to come and enjoy the meeting. We are confident that God will supply every need. Meals will be served in the dining hall. Dormitory space, tents and trailer spots are available on a first come basis. Trailer spots include electricity, water and sewer hookups. Motels are available nearby, but reservations should be made in advance.

All correspondence about tents and dormitory spaces should be addressed to Sis. DeLoris Bradley, Rt. 1, Bartlett, KS 67332. Phone: (316) 226-3390. She will be coordinating requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley (above address), or Mike Hightower, 13896 Newt Dr., Neosho, MO 64850.

## **BROTHER'S MEETING**

Some of the brethren have expressed a wish for a series of brother's meetings to be held during the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO. It is desired that the format for these sessions be similar to that used so beneficially in the sister's services held last year, thereby developing the leadership capabilities of those who are not necessarily ministers.

Those who have topics or questions to be discussed may send your correspondence to Faith Publishing House, P. O. Box 518, Guthrie, OK 73044, and they will be passed on to those preparing for these meetings.

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**MISSOURI STATE CAMP MEETING**

The Missouri State Camp Meeting, held at Myrtle, MO, will be, Lord willing, July 31—August 4, 1996. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. We are expecting and praying for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, for the encouragement and edification of the people of God, and for the conviction and salvation of the lost. Please be agreed with us in prayer to that end, and come, if at all possible. Your presence in the meeting will be a great help, and would be greatly appreciated by our small congregation here at Myrtle. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. To make cabin reservations, please contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

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**BAKERSFIELD, CA CAMP MEETING**

A welcoming invitation is extended to all to come and join us in our annual camp meeting. We are asking saints everywhere to join with us in praying for a successful camp meeting. We are expecting a special visitation from God in each service, so that all souls will get the help that is needed.

Our meeting begins, Lord willing, on Wednesday, August 7th and continues through Sunday, August 11th. There will be nightly 7:30 services on Wednesday through Friday. On Saturday there will be a 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. service. On Sunday there will be Sunday school and two services. We are praying and expecting God to send ministers and workers of His choosing.

For more information, contact Bro. Archie Sherman, (805) 871-1636. Church phone num-

ber (805) 395-9314. Our church is located at 1802 Virginia Avenue.

### BOLEY, OK CAMP MEETING

The Boley, OK Camp Meeting will be held, Lord willing, August 19-25. We welcome all to come and participate in any way you can for the success of the meeting.

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

### CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The California State Annual Camp Meeting at Pacoima, CA will convene, Lord willing, on Wednesday, August 28th, 1996, and continue through Sunday, September 1st, 1996.

There will be three services daily. We anticipate God's blessings upon every service, His rich anointing on every message, souls being saved and sanctified and bodies being healed.

For more information you may contact Bro. Edward V. Davenport, (909) 887-4130, Bro. Calvin Hobbs, (909) 875-2887, or the Sunset Guest Home (818) 899-2022.

### DUNCANNON, PA FALL REVIVAL

Revival services are scheduled for September 11-15 at the Duncannon Church of God chapel again this year, if the Lord so blesses. Morning and evening services are planned.

Accommodations and camper sites are limited but all who wish to attend are welcomed. Contact Sis. Virginia Myers, (717) 834-4541 or Bro. Stanley and Sis. Nancy Huss, (717) 834-4490 for further details.

The chapel is located on the right side of the road, approximately 5 1/2 miles from Duncannon on Route 849. The chapel telephone number is, (717) 567-6988. That the Lord would add to His Church is our earnest desire, and that the congregation would be strengthened. Please pray with us accordingly.

—Sis. Barbara Campbell

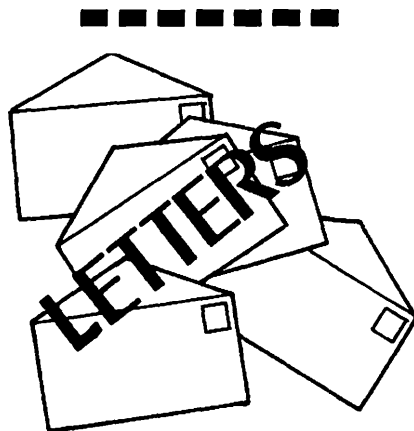
### WICHITA KS FALL MEETING

Lord willing, the Wichita, KS fall meeting will be held September 13-22. The first Friday and Saturday will be night services only. On both Sundays there will be three services, and on Monday through Saturday there will be two services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

We ask that the saints pray for the Holy Spirit to lead in every way and come join us in the battle for souls.

The church address is: 1701 N. Ash, phone (316) 267-9582. For more information you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848 or Bro. Paul Phillips, Jr. at (316) 721-9557.

—Shirley Knight



LA—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings to you in our Lord's name. Praise Him forever! What a mighty God we serve.

I am thankful for the workers and the work being accomplished there. The printed page is far-reaching and a blessing to many. It is good to see you are beginning the new Print Shop....

Those who know me will continue to rejoice with me and praise the Lord for the marvelous healing of my eyes. I have many afflictions but when the saints come in to pray for me they usually say, "Sis. Gladys, the Lord has healed you many times and He will heal you now." As of this writing I am unable to be up much due to a very severe attack of arthritis. Please join with the saints here for my healing. I haven't had much rest or sleep for about a week.

Saints, let us be faithful. We have no time to lose. May others see God in us. I think of the scripture in Mark 12:31 where Jesus said, "...Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." This is far more than a child's Sunday School memory verse. One could spend days meditating and growing in this area. In Matthew 7:1, it says, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Let your mind, heart and soul reach deep into this. I am working on myself and finding new heights. I praise the Lord for teaching me. I am eager to learn.

I am looking forward to seeing the end with victory and hearing my Lord say, "Well done."

Your sister in the Lord, —Gladys S. Cashio



CA—Dear ones: I had a child that would wake up in the morning grumpy and find things to fuss about during the day. It seldom smiled. Verbal instructions, scolding, physical discipline and my doing its chores and trying to remove all other obstacles out of its way, did not solve the problem.

Finally I came to realize the child was being oppressed of the devil for no reason at all. I read in the Bible where "...Jesus...went about... healing all that were oppressed of the devil..." Acts 10:38. For three days I fasted from food. We then anointed it and asked God to heal. God healed it.

Yes, Jesus still heals personalities that are oppressed of the devil.

Sincerely, —Sis. Cecelia Bowman

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CA—Dear Bro. Murphey and co-workers: This letter finds me still encouraged to follow on.

Thank you for your prayers in my behalf when I was so sick. I am much better now, but I still need your prayers.

Christian love, —Lillie Bramlett

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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and all you dear ones: Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus. I praise Him for all of His rich blessings. He is such a wonderful Savior. I pray all is going well with all of you dear ones in His work.

I thank all of you for your prayers for me and I pray for all of you. I praise the Lord for healing me many times and I need a touch from Him at this time. I am trusting He will heal me again.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Olive Gettersen

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FL—To Bro. Wayne Murphey: Thank you for the Gospel tracts. I am having a little problem with my eyes and I desire prayer. I know Jesus heals all sickness and all manners of diseases. (Matthew 4:23.) I will never let go of His hand, for He has done so much for me.

Love to your family and may God ever bless the work at the Print Shop.

Your sister in Christ, —Kathleen Williams

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Canada—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings of Christian love to all of you in the Print Shop. We trust you are all well and happy in the Lord. We are encouraged in our souls, and our bodies are getting better too.

By the help and grace of the Lord we will be able to be in some of the camp meetings this summer.

We are thankful for the *Faith and Victory* paper and also for the *Bible Lessons*. And we appreciate all the saints wherever they may be. Also, I thank the Lord that I can be content in spite of the circumstances. Praise the Lord.

—Bro. and Sis. George Schroeder

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Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. I trust this will find all there healthy and doing well. I remember you in my prayers each day and thank God for the service you do for Him which is such a blessing for me as well as many others.

I am doing very well, thanks to the good Lord, and am happy in His service. Pray for me that I may be a profitable servant as long as He gives me life here on earth, so I may live with Him in eternity....

With Christian love, —Bro. Bill Busch

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PA—Dear Bro. Wayne, Bro. Bob, Sis. Raleah and Sis. Janie: Greetings to you-all! It was a distinct pleasure meeting you and getting a grand tour of the Print Shop, and a further tour of the old and new chapel and new Print Shop location by Bro. Mancil Doolittle. You have quite a responsibility there in Guthrie, and we pray the Father to continue to bless His work in every way. I especially was blessed by reading the two books I purchased while there.

We had a nice trip throughout the West and returned home safely after viewing the mighty handiwork of our God. It is so sad that He is given such little credit for it by much of the world. And His Word is denied as we are informed of how many million years it took to form all the canyons, etc., but I say, "to God be the glory!"

—Sis. Barbara Campbell

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## FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

### From India...

May 11, 1996—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and saints in the U. S. A.: Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who through His precious blood has redeemed us from the penalty and power of sin and made us saints for the family of God.

First of all, I extend my hearty thanks for the beloved saints in America who treated me well and encouraged my ministry very much while I was in America during the last few months.

I thank God that He is again raising up a

people in India who are not afraid of declaring all the counsel of God with a burning love for God and a genuine concern for souls. Our great task is to bring people back from confusion, emotionalism and above all, from a compromising spirit which is the real hindrance to truth.

Last month several of our ministers were bodily persecuted. Bibles, notes and gospel literature was forcefully taken and torn into pieces by a group of Hindu extremists. We are going through a very hard time. Our works are mainly in the northern part of Kerala where the persecutions are very severe. The doors for the Gospel are almost closed. Therefore we have to work hard before the time comes when no one can work as Jesus told us....

Thank you again for your good fellowship and encouragement. Your brother in Christ,

—P. D. Mathunni



**Johnie William West** of Newport, AR departed this life at his home on Saturday, May 18, 1996, at the age of eighty-eight.

He was born at Tuckerman, AR on January 15, 1908, the son of Rufus and Leona (Williams) West. He was a lifelong resident of Jackson County.

In his lifetime Johnie was a farmer, a commercial fisherman and a trapper.

He was preceded in death by one son, Ruben Roy West, and one daughter, Mary Katherine West.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-nine years, Nellie W. (Carey) West of Newport, AR; three sons, Charles Gene West and David West, both of Newport, AR, Billy Dean West of Trinity, TX; three daughters, Lucille Baty and Betty Lewis, both of Newport, AR, Marie Howard of Liberty, TX; one brother, Lester West of Williford, AR;

one sister, Wilma Honey of Newport, AR; twenty-nine grandchildren, fifty-nine great-grandchildren and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Jackson's Newport Funeral Home Chapel on May 21. Burial was in the Ballews Chapel Cemetery, Grubbs, AR.

### Note of Thanks

I want to thank all the dear ones who sent cards and letters at the death of my dear husband. He departed this life on a Saturday morning at about 5:00, to be in the hand of a just God. He told me he was ready to go. I miss him so much. Pray for me and my children, that we will have strength to carry on. —Sis. Nellie West



### The Temple of God

(Continued from page 3.)

be more to health than blood cell counts and EKG's and more to healing than pills."

The sophisticated medical world has achieved many goals through surgery, but actually the majority of illnesses afflicting people are not curable by surgery. Also, Americans are becoming disenchanted with expensive medicines which many times create side affects. What doctors are learning is that stress and lifestyle play an important part in a person's well-being and health. Bring that up to spiritual terms, and people who live according to God's Word live healthier. And Christians who do become ill can recover quicker because of their faith in God and the support of others who pray. Obeying James 5:14-16 is an updated prescription for the sick and afflicted.

The Word of God holds many secrets that we can uncover if we will only search for them. It is important for us to care for the body because it is the temple of God. (I Corinthians 3:16-17.) The Israelites were given a strict diet according to the Mosaic Laws. Though we don't need to follow that diet for religious purposes, the natural reasons behind it have not wavered down through the centuries.

Remember Daniel and his three friends who refused to eat of the Babylonian meats and wines? After ten day's trial, these four boys were healthier than the others. (Daniel 1:8-16.) God honored their obedience to His Word and they were doing better than if they had consumed the rich foods of the king.

There never have been any restrictions on fresh vegetables or fruits. Only about twenty fruits are mentioned by name in the Bible and eight or so vegetables. Never was there any set law on the method of cooking or serving vegetables or fruit. In Genesis 1:29 we read: "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat."

However, there were very strict laws concerning meat, what kind and how it was cooked. For a list of "clean" or acceptable meats to cook, read in Deuteronomy 14:3-21. The Lord God created all animals and He knows what is most healthy to digest. Studies in sophisticated laboratories have proven, once again, that there is scientific proof that certain of these meats are better for the body.

We also read that intake of blood was unacceptable to God, (Deuteronomy 12:23-25, Acts 15:19-20) as was also the fat of animals. (Leviticus 3:17.) Meat was to be cooked well done. These commandments were given to the Jews for sacrificial purposes as well as for health reasons. Though we do not need to observe these dietary customs for religious purposes, yet it is wise to consider the health reasons.

Much more is mentioned in the Bible about bread, milk, drinks, eggs, honey (cane sugar wasn't even known then) and other foods. We must study the scriptures and ask the Lord to teach us how to care for our bodies, the temple of God. Each person has a unique body chemistry and some of us are allergic to different foods which do not harm others. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31.

Good eating habits do hold an essential place in physical health, but even more important is spiritual peace and trust in God. Saved, sanctified saints of God have a quiet calmness within that only trust in God can give. Though trials and troubles enter their lives, it does not need to enter their hearts to cause fear, anxiety and turmoil. One of the many promises given to a child of God is in Isaiah 26:3-4, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed

on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." The human digestive system nurtures the body much better when it is not under stress or tied in knots with worry. This is a Christian's hidden secret to a healthier, more abundant life.

Sin in the hearts and lives of people naturally causes more stress and afflictions. It has been scientifically proven that nicotine, alcohol, excessive caffeine and street drugs harm the body's nervous system and vital organs. Just as harmful to the body are the sins of adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, lying, stealing, cheating and such like. (Galatians 5:19-21.) Any one of these sins will cause emotional and mental stress.

According to physicians, the mental and emotional condition is responsible for about 80% or more of our physical sicknesses. ("Are

You Sick and Tired of Feeling Sick and Tired?" by Dr. Mary Ruth Swope.) Sin will keep the body from fully replacing and repairing itself. In Ephesians 4:25-27 we read, "Wherefore putting away lying,...sin not: let

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not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil." This admonishment has a twofold purpose: Sin separates one from God and a person cannot rest properly when tossing and turning with anger.

Studies have shown that during a good night of relaxed sleep, the body repairs itself and has time to build up natural immunities against sickness. Therefore, it is a great blessing when a person can kneel in prayer before going to bed and commit all cares unto the Lord. When the mind, soul and body is in subjection to the Holy Spirit of God, we can "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus...for our 'citizenship' is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour...who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Read Philipians 3:14-21. The Lord is able to use us when we obey His laws and submit to His will.

Sometimes it is the Lord's will that we pass through afflictions like Job did. His suffering came to test his integrity with God. We read in Isaiah 48:10-11, "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another." Resting on the promises of God in affliction will strengthen the faith of believers and testify to onlookers that we will trust Him

through good times as well as bad times.

When Jesus was asked whose sin it was that the blind man was born blind, He answered, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." John 9:3. Then Jesus healed the blind man. He cares about the soul and body.

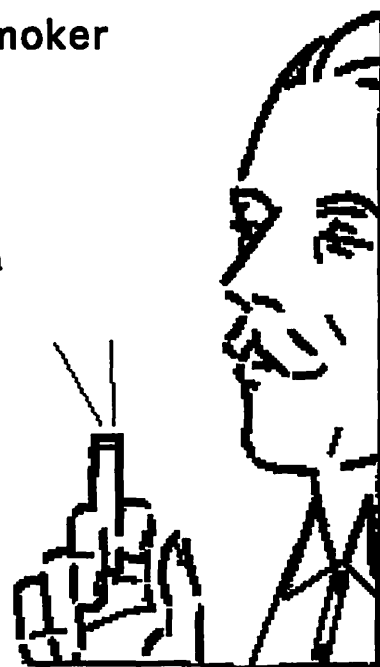
"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John:2.

## Smoking Harms More than Just the Smoker

I am presently on an assignment in a company where there are many precious souls. One in particular weighs on me because he is in a threatening dilemma. He is presently in the Jackson Memorial Hospital under the surgeon's care for a brain operation to remove a cyst that has caused an aneurysm. You could not help noticing the deep coughing he had around the office. He was complaining about shortness of breath and had to leave work. Later, he said the doctor diagnosed him with bronchitis, which is an infection and inflammation of the breathing passages. How many times have there been warnings about things which are clearly detrimental to be taken into the human body?

For years I have had conversations with people about the results of defiling the "temple of God." Occasionally, the response would be, "What I do, I do it to myself. I don't bother anyone else." This tends to justify people in their own mind that they don't bother anyone else. Factually, this is not a true statement. The scripture teaches us that, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31. God's will is that we prosper and be in health even as our soul prospereth. Whether a person realizes it or not, what an individual does as a human being affects God. God is either getting glory out of our lives or He is not. The Prodigal Son came to a realization of the awfulness of

By  
Norman  
Simpson



his riotous living and said, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight." His sins affected more than just himself. His life was against God also.

A heartbroken loved one recently wrote a touching letter to the *Miami Herald* newspaper which shows that smokers not only hurt themselves. It read, "Last fall, my 47-year-old brother was diagnosed with lung cancer. Years of smoking have finally caught up with him. After months of medical attention, the doctors have told us that my brother has maybe one or two years left before the cancer kills him. My heart is broken. I am not ready to say goodbye to my brother. Please get the message out that all those smokers who think they are hurting only themselves are sadly mistaken."

## The 23rd Psalm

(A message preached by Bro. Ostis Wilson at Jefferson, OR in the 1980's)

I hope you will pray for me, that I will be able to bring out some things from the 23rd Psalm that will bless our souls, help us in our relationship with God, strengthen us in our faith and in our purpose.

The first verse says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." The most important thing in a saint's life is to have the leadership of the spirit of God. The shepherd had a very responsible job. Jesus said the good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep. That is a common practice among shepherds even now, that they accept that responsibility when they take charge of a flock of sheep. Jesus is the good Shepherd and this first verse is a reference to Him.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

I am reminded of a story I heard about a little girl. She was in an end-of-school program and her part was to recite the 23rd Psalm. Well, she came out on the platform, and a big crowd of people were there. She got a good case of stage fright and forgot everything she was going to say. She said, "The Lord is my Shepherd—uh—the Lord is my Shepherd—um—The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I want!" Then she turned and ran off the stage.

Now that is kind of sweet to me. I believe that everyone of us who have turned our lives over to the good Shepherd, and have Him leading us in the shady, green pastures where there's plenty of bounty, have found all we want. The Savior never leaves us wanting anything. The scripture says, "Ye are complete in Him." (Colossians 2:10.) Do we have that kind of a relationship with Christ, where we are complete in Him? Our lives are fulfilled in the Lord. Paul said, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. All of them—spiritually, physically, materially!—your problems in life, everything! God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ. And how much is that? How much is the exceeding riches of His glory in Christ Jesus? The apostle Paul says that the riches of Christ are unsearchable and cannot be fathomed. (Ephesians 3:8.) This then gives God an inexhaustible supply to draw on to supply all of our needs in life. Oh, you may say, my needs are big; yes, mine are, too, to me, but to God they are just little matters. He doesn't have to strain to take care of anything.

We have a song which says, "Can a bird drink up the ocean, thirsting still from shore to shore?" Well, the answer is definitely, no, it cannot be done. But the next question is "Can the God of all creation leave my heart yet craving more?" That is just as impossible.

The next thing the Psalmist says is, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." The good news I bring to you tonight is that Jesus knows where the green pastures are, and He leads His sheep and makes them to lie down. What does that imply? Sufficiency. Our appetites are well filled; we need no more. A cow that goes out in the pasture and finds a fullness out there eats to her heart's content. She will then lie down in the shade. She is fulfilled; she has plenty.

Is your life fulfilled? It can be. I hope it is. He can fulfill every longing of the human heart. To lie down in a green pasture is a full sufficiency. We don't have to want for anything. We shouldn't settle so long as we are wanting. We shouldn't settle for that kind of an experience or that kind of a salvation. Why would I lie down in green pastures and my stomach still be empty?

God said that the desires of a righteous man shall be granted. Why? All the desires that righteous people have are righteous. God has respect to that. God loves everyone who loves righteousness. Therefore, He says the desires of the righteous shall be granted.

Lie down in green pastures. If the pasture is well-trodden down and dry, we might give up on trying to get what our soul desires, and go lie down anyway. But when the pasture is green, there is no occasion to lie down until we are fulfilled. Let us not do it.

"He leadeth me beside the still waters." Still waters! What does that signify? A calm, quiet, restful, peaceful place.

I have never seen a time of turbulence like there is in the world tonight—turmoil, dissatisfaction, unhappy people running to and fro—restless and unfulfilled people who are seeking something and not finding it. The reason they are not finding it is because they are not looking in the right place. The world doesn't have what people desire. God has that. There is a place in man's heart which cannot be filled outside of God.

Someone said, "My heart was made for Thee,

Oh God, and will not rest until it rests in Thee." There is a place reserved in the human breast for God alone. People wander from place to place, from pole to pole, country to country, and around the world, seeking rest and not finding it. God didn't lead you into that kind of a life, folks.

Is your soul calm? Is your mind calm? Is your life being lived in a calm atmosphere? Is there quietness prevailing in your soul and in your life? A child of God can be at perfect peace, right in the midst of the worst turbulence that the world can produce. That is where God leads His children.

Jesus said, in Luke 21:34-35, "Take heed... lest at any time your heart be overcharged with surfeiting,... drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell upon the face of the whole earth." "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13:37. Watch and see that you don't get pulled into this wild way of life that the world is living. If you see yourself getting overcrowded until it is damaging your spiritual life and stealing your time for prayer and devotion, you haven't watched closely enough. If you would have been watching closely enough, you would have seen that condition developing and determined it was time to pull back; time to let some things go.

In the 32nd chapter of Isaiah, the prophet is describing the estate of the righteous, and he says the works of righteousness shall be peace, and the effects of righteousness quietness and assurance, and my people shall dwell in peaceable habitations, and in quiet resting places. God is talking about His people here; what He had provided for them. This is where God would have everyone of us dwelling. "And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; When it shall hail, coming down on the forest;..." Isaiah 32:18-19. Isn't that great? A hail-

storm is going on all around us and right in the midst of all of it we are dwelling in peace. That is the way the Lord leads His people.

"He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul." It's the soul that God is primarily interested in. He is interested in your body, too, but He is primarily interested in your soul. "He restoreth my soul." He is working to rebuild and restore what all these other conditions in the world have destroyed out of your life and soul.

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Let us accept Christ as our Shepherd. If we are careful to be led by the Spirit of the Lord, by the good Shepherd, and if we don't get in a hurry about things and try to lead Him, He will take us in the right way every time.

It means a great deal to God for you to be right. There is a great deal of satisfaction when the testimony of our conscience is, "You did the right thing in this." That is a confirmation. But it means a great deal to God for you to be right, also. You see, the point is, we represent God here, and Paul says, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men." II Corinthians 3:2. One translation says, "Ye are a letter from God." A letter is an important thing. I have read in the newspaper ads about certain kinds of employment, and it describes the job available and the amount of pay offered to the one who gets the job. But at the bottom of the ad, it says, "Answer by letter, not in person." Now why that? I used to wonder why they advertised that way, until I learned through reading some scientific articles that a person's character is pretty much judged in their handwriting. If your letter suits them, they will call you for an interview. If your letter doesn't suit them, they will pass you over for someone whose letter suits them better than yours. It is important to men, or firms, to discern the character, stability and the responsibility of the person who is going to fill that job. They can judge that to a certain extent by the kind of letter they write.

Everybody sees your life and everybody judges God and His ability to save by the life they see professed, saved people living. The world judges by that standard and as God sends forth the saints to represent Him as a shining light in this world, He wants you and me to be right.

Paul wrote to Timothy in the 3rd chapter of I Timothy and the 15th verse, "...That thou



mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God,..." In other words —how to behave yourself as a saint, because when you profess to be a saint you are witnessing before the world that you are the workmanship of the hand of God.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff (thy word, thy spirit), they comfort me." I have heard a song sung... "The God of the mountain is the God of the valley." We all like mountain-top experiences, don't we? When we are in those mountain-top experiences and God is blessing us, it is wonderful. One of the most outstanding mountain-top experiences that I know of in the scriptures is that of Noah. And it took the worst rainstorm in the history of humankind to get him up there. He never reached the mountain-top until he had ridden the crest of the flood which landed him there. Mountain-top experiences are precious things. They are valuable to us, and we rejoice in them, but it takes something to attain them. We don't get mountain-top experiences by just coasting along and taking the line of least resistance. Somebody heard a sister testifying one time who was a good, solid saint, and had been for years. She had gone through many things with the Lord; endured many things, suffered, made some deep consecrations and commitments to God, and God had blessed her. As she was giving her testimony, someone sitting next to one of the saints said, "My, I wish I could have a testimony like that." Well, the saint they nudged and said that to, happened to know some of the things this woman had been through which had made her life rich, mellowed her spirit, tendered her heart and brought her close to God. The saint responded, "Well, are you willing to pay the price that she paid to get that?"

The God of the mountain is the God of the valley. God is just as real, and just as powerful, and just as precious when you are down in the valley and going through deep trials and difficult situations in life, as He is when you are on the mountain top. You may not realize it, but the circumstances you are in may hide the glory of the Lord and His presence while you are going through those kinds of places. But His grace is just as rich and glorious and wonderful and sufficient down in the valley as it is on the mountain.

One brother met another brother on the street. He said to him, "Good morning, brother, how are you this morning?" The other said, "Well, I think I'm all right under the circumstances." The first said, "And what are you doing under the circumstances?" Folks, God doesn't want you and me under our circumstances. He wants us to be the master of our lives, and to be able to rise above our circumstances. He is with us and He will bless us and help us as we endeavor to walk by faith in the valley, the same as on the mountain. A consistent Christian life is what God is wanting out of you and me.

My father used to say that the Christian life was very much a succession of battles and victories. He said if you are in the battle you will soon have the victory if you will stay close to God, and if you are in the victory you will soon be in the battle. It is out of one and into the other as we go along in life.

We read in history about battles being fought and lost, but sometimes the side that lost the

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occupied the four-bedroom house on the corner next to the office where the Fred Pruitt family of six children grew up, one of who was this writer. For some years Bro. Clifford has also been ministering to the congregation at Green Pastures, OK. Over these nine years Bro. Clifford and Sister Dorothy have agreed in prayer with us for many prayer requests, carried a burden and worked faithfully to get the Gospel of Christ out to the world by the printed page.

"With deep regret and a feeling of personal loss, we announce that on June 14 they informed us that when this July paper is in the mail they will leave the publishing work. Sister Dorothy is not well enough to continue the daily work on the linotype machine, and after much prayer they feel the Lord leading them to make a change. However, their future plans are not definite at this time." —Lawrence Pruitt

battle came out on top in the end and won the war. We are in a warfare which may project over a long period. We may lose a few battles along the way. But again I refer to my father who said that any time the devil gained an advantage on him in his life, and he felt that he had lost a battle, he just determined, "I will have that back and another one with it. When it's over, I will be farther up the line than I was before this happened to me." We may lose a battle now and then, but we want to win the war, don't we?

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Now here is something great—real great. It was once customary and still is, I suppose, that hospitality was paramount to anyone that came to your door. If you received them into your house, or your tent, you assumed the responsibility for their welfare and protection while they were there. The sanctity of the home was inviolate. Everybody recognized that. Nobody could go into another person's tent or house without permission, but when they got in, they were protected by the sanctity of the home and nobody dared to violate it.

"About nine years ago (Aug., 1962) Bro. Clifford and Sister Dorothy Wilson with their five children moved to Guthrie from Iowa at the direction of the Lord. After attending the California Camp Meeting that summer, they volunteered their services and began working in September here in the Lord's Print Shop where both had labored before their marriage. Being familiar with the policies, aims and purposes of this Gospel work and experienced in the printing process, they readily and faithfully entered into the work. Dorothy has done practically all the type-setting on the linotype machine, besides taking care of her family, and Clifford is efficient in all other phases of letterpress and lithographic printing, in addition to being an excellent machinist who designed band built machines for the shop and improved others. For several years the family has

He spoke here about preparing a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. This is the picture I get. He has fled to a tent. His enemies are pursuing him; they are after him. But they know better than to enter the tent. They set a meal before this man they have taken in. He can sit right there, with his enemies walking back and forth, grinding their teeth, grimacing at him and threatening him. But they don't dare to intrude into that home and do any damage to the guest in that home. Isn't that great? The Psalmist is talking about God here, and God's children. He said, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." I am in God's house, sheltered by Him, and the enemy is pacing back and forth, threatening and grimacing, but he dare not venture into the sanctity of the house.

God can bless us right in the presence of our foe—the devil himself. When God tells the devil he has gone far enough, then that is as far as he can go. Job proved that. God told the devil just what he could do to Job, and no more. This signifies a place of total security.