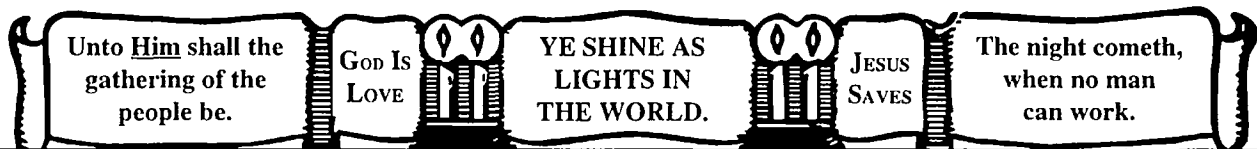


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Take the Supreme Climb!



Jesus lead me up the mountain,
Where the whitest robes are seen,
Where the saints can see the fountain,
Where the pure are keeping clean.

Higher up, where light increases,
Rich above all earthly good,
Where the life of sinning ceases,
Where the Spirit comes in floods.

Lead me higher, nothing dreading,
In the race to never stop;
In thy footsteps keep me treading,
Give me grace to reach the top.

—Author Unknown

Look Up!

By Bro. Leslie Busbee

The Psalmist said in Psalm 5:3, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up." How blessed it is amid all of earth's confusion, disturbances, trouble, perplexities and sorrow to be able to direct our prayers to the heavenly Father and to look up!

There are so many foreign elements around us that tend to pull us down and lead us astray from the true way of life. The world is a mist of sin, error, deceit, hypocrisy, false religion and unbelief. Things are happening and taking shape in the world and in people's lives that we never dreamed would happen. We are shocked and stunned at the course that people are taking. It is enough to disgust our hearts and vex us to the point of despair.

The outward look is bad, the downward look is frightening, and the look around is confusing, but let us look up. The upward look is bright! "They looked unto him, and were lightened (made bright and cheerful); and their faces were not ashamed." Psalm 34:5. "...Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our

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faith;..." Hebrews 12:1-2. Jesus "...is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God;..." I Peter 3:22, as the high priest of our salvation.

"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures (or types) of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Hebrews 9:24. For whatever need that we have to be filled we must look up. We must look beyond the fleeting things of earth, the waywardness of man and the confusing turmoil of blinded mortals. We must lift our vision to the Son of God who is passed into the heavens to reign and rule and to keep us while we tarry in this world of sin and night. We are in a treacherous world and it is to invite defeat and disaster to allow our minds to dwell on the vain and frivolous things of earth and time.

Look to others to be confused, look to one's self to be miserable, but look steadfastly to Jesus to be happy. Stephen, the first Christian to suffer death for Jesus, when being tried and condemned by the rulers in Acts 7:55, "...**looked up** steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." What a source of strength and courage looking up to Jesus brought him at that hour when he was being condemned to death! Many poor souls have gone down by looking in the wrong direction. Satan has many things for us to look at today. If he can get our eyes off of Jesus and on the dismaying things of earth, that is just what he wants to do.

I remember hearing Brother Isaac Chandler years ago, telling about a time when he was a young man and the devil was bringing against him a seige of accusations. He had fasted, spent nights in prayer, and did everything he knew to do to get victory, and still the devil just rode him. He knew of a minister, a mother in Israel, in whom he had great confidence. He never saw her make a move but what God was in it. So he said in his heart to the Lord, "Since I don't know what to do, if You will tell that minister, I will do what she says." Soon after this, on a Sunday morning, he came into the chapel for service and sat down in the back and leaned over against the wall. He was heavy-hearted and in

fasting and prayer. As soon as the service was dismissed this sister minister turned around and walked back through the crowd, pressing her way to him. She held out her hand and said, "Young man, the Lord shows me that you have the victory, but the devil is accusing you. **LOOK UP!**" He said that he felt the power of hell break and he took hold of victory.

Oh, we must look up! I remember a time when I was in a camp meeting and someone spoke some things to me that so crushed and discouraged and confused my spirit. It is too bad that things like this happen, but they do and that day it came my lot to feel the abuse of such unwise and discouraging words. I was so distraught and bruised in soul that I got in my car and headed out into the country. Oh, how sad and broken I was. I found an isolated place and went to prayer. I wept and prayed and

poured out my heart to the Lord. I heard that voice of Jesus thunder into my soul: "...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life!" John 8:12. I looked up! Oh, how the healing of heaven

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swept over my soul! I thought, "I have no need to be discouraged or confused. **JESUS** is the light of the world! He still is at the right hand of God pleading for me!" Oh, how I got the victory that day! I went back to the meeting with courage and confidence in my soul.

Jesus ascended up on high, and led captivity captive. He ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. (Ephesians 4:8-9.) He conquered sin, death, hell and the grave. And He ascended to the right hand of God to reign for us. He can give us victory and success in our lives. But we must look up with a steadfast faith and hope. It is quite difficult for us to take our eyes off of the things that are seen and so flashingly visible around us and look instead to the realm of the unseen. But we must do it. If we don't look up, we'll go down. The sinner must get his eyes off of the vain things of this world and his own helplessness and unworthiness and look upward to Jesus, the mighty to save. The child of God must keep his eyes upward to Jesus and not be moved by anything

down here. We must not allow the influence of people to turn us from the heavenly vision!

Let us look up! It is a most distressing, confusing, and gloomy world we live in. The saints of God are going through peculiar and dismaying trials of faith. The Church is passing through difficult times. God is calling many of His children out of this world. But let us keep

looking up. As dear Brother George Stephenson said many years ago, "The Lord Jesus is leading us on to certain victory!" Yes, He is. But we must turn our eyes up into the heavens where Christ sits at the right hand of God. He will guide us through these troublesome times and bring us to His eternal glory. Praise the Lord for the UPWARD LOOK!

QUESTION AND ANSWER

BY

BRO. OSTIS B. WILSON

Reprint

QUESTION: Since it states in the Bible that women can be saved through childbearing, then would women have no need of being born again? Does this mean that women can get into the kingdom of God just by bearing children; thus absolving them of the spiritual aspects of salvation?

ANSWER: No, it does not absolve them from the spiritual aspects of salvation nor from the need of being born again for the following reasons. First let me insert the Scripture text here that I assume to be alluded to in this question. I Timothy 2:14-15 reads thus: "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."

When Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:3, "...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," He was referring to mankind—the human race. He was not referring to just "man," the male side of the race, but to the race itself—both male and female. This term is used this way throughout the Scriptures. In Genesis 1:27, we read, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." The male and female are component parts of one another and we see in this text they, both male and female, are referred to as **man**. The only time this is not true is when the male and female are being distinguished between the different roles that each of them fill in their relationships together as husbands and wives and parents in the home, and a few cases where a particular or specific woman is referred to. Thus we conclude that every person (male or female) getting into the kingdom of God must be born again and

come in the same way. Acts 5:14 says, "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

The Amplified Bible renders the text this way, and I feel it turns the true light on it. "Nevertheless (the sustenance put upon women of pain in motherhood) does not hinder their (souls' salvation), and they will be saved (eternally) if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control; (saved indeed) through the childbearing, that is, by the birth of the (divine) Child." This text introduces two important points. First: that the pain suffered in childbearing, which was a part of the penalty for her transgression, and even if she die (and many have), none of this is any hindrance to the salvation. Also note that the thought carried here is not that her soul is saved because of this, but that none of this is any hindrance to her being saved. Second: that the childbearing referred to here was the bearing of the Christ Child, Jesus, the Divine and only begotten Son of God who was born of the woman without the man and was the Saviour of all mankind—both men and women.

In my thinking I cannot come up with any solution to this text that satisfies me better than this. I will insert here a quote from Adam Clarke. At this place on page 593, of Vol. 6, he inserts a quote from Dr. MacKnight which says in part, "The female sex shall be saved (equally with the male) through childbearing—through bringing forth the Saviour, if they live in faith, and love, and chastity, with that sobriety which I have been recommending." And again on the same page we read this: "The salvation of the human race, through child-bearing, was intimated in the sentence passed on the serpent in Genesis 3:15, '...I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head,...' Accordingly, the Saviour, being conceived in the womb of His mother by the power of the Holy Ghost, is truly the seed

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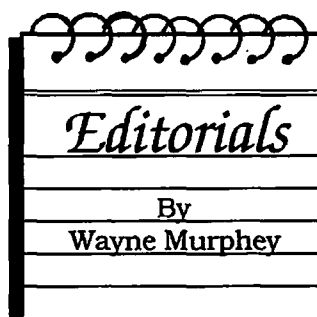
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Christian greetings to all our faithful readers and supporters.

David, in one of his Psalms of thanksgiving, said, "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and he

did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears." II Sam. 22:7.

Nothing compares to having God respond to our cry for help. And He does that often for us here at the Print Shop. Just as the answer to David's cry came from the temple, it is through the Church and those who have a love for the Gospel that we are able to continue laboring at sowing the seed of God's Word.

Another way in which we have realized the blessing of the Lord in answer to our cry, is in His protection over the Print Shop. The neighborhood in which we are located continues to deteriorate. At times it seems the facility here is surrounded by those who disregard law and order.

It is not uncommon for the police to be called out to deal with disturbances. One nearby resident recently said that she has lived in Los Vegas and Los Angeles, but has never seen as much domestic violence as there is in this neighborhood.

June 19 was a climactic day for those who live in this area. At approximately 7:00 a.m., an explosion completely gutted a small trailer directly across the street from the Print Shop parking lot, critically burning the young lady who was in the trailer operating a methamphetamine lab. This event brought in the city police, county sheriff, and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, as well as others from the dangerous chemicals division.

Additionally, on the night of June 19, as some of us were working late into the evening, another disturbance occurred, some of which we heard transpire on the front lawn of the Print Shop. One neighbor caught someone stealing from his house, so he chased the suspect past the Print Shop and into another neighbor's house where a fight ensued.

The victim was shoved through a glass window, severely lacerating one arm, and requiring hospitalization.

Several instances of arson have also oc-

curred in the past, as well as a drive-by shooting.

We know that God values the souls of those around us, and with this in mind, we have endeavored to view the neighborhood as a mission field. For quite some time, Sis. Janie Woodruff has gathered the neighborhood children together here at the Print Shop to read to them, and various workers have also been able to befriend a number of the residents who live nearby.

While we are grateful that God has not allowed anything of value to be stolen or serious vandalization to take place here at the shop, we are looking forward to the time when we will be able to complete the new Print Shop building so the publishing work can progress in a less tense atmosphere. Until then, we would appreciate your prayers, both for the souls and safety of all in our present location.

By the time this July edition reaches you, we hope to have the reprint of the *Evening Light Songs* hymn book returned from the bindery. We will work quickly to fill the back orders we have accumulated, and thank each of you for your patience in waiting for these books to be available.

For those who have access to the Internet, we now have the *Bible Lessons* Sunday School book on our Web Page. Our Internet address is: <http://www.theshop.net/faithpub>

As our readers will recall, in August of last year, Bro. Bob Sallee and Bro. Michael Smith journeyed to the country of Malawi, Central Africa, to visit the congregations under the oversight of Bro. Failos Namaozongo.

Bro. Bob Sallee has expressed a continued burden for this missionary work, and accompanied by his daughter, Sis. Karen Sallee, plans to return this July for another visit.

Money is being sent with Bro. Bob so the congregations which Bro. Failos has raised up in the country of Mozambique can be registered in the name of the Church of God. Registration will allow and facilitate visits in Mozambique by Church of God missionaries.

Keep Bro. Bob and Sis. Karen in your thoughts and prayers as they make this journey. We wish them the blessing of a safe and profitable trip.

The National Camp Meeting of the Church of God will be held at Monark Springs, MO, on July 18-27. Further information about this can be found under "Meeting Notices" on page 6.

The Faith Publishing House bookstore will be in operation each day of the meeting, except for Sundays. In addition to the books and tracts which we make available, we also plan to have a computer in operation so that those who are interested in checking on the expiration dates of Print Shop publications they receive can do so, as well as obtaining any other information concerning subscriptions.

There will be several new books sold in the book store this year, and we invite everyone to stop in and see what we have.

Note: There will be no August issue of the *Faith and Victory* paper. This lightens the work load somewhat and permits the Print Shop workers to attend the Monark Springs Camp Meeting. We continue to maintain other aspects of the publishing work, however, and ask a continued interest in your prayers.

May God bless each of you.

—Wayne Murphey



OR—"I am badly afflicted with arthritis."

—Sis. Grace Jones

IA—"We both need prayer for our soul and body."

—Charles and Dorothy Mason

OH—"I have severe pains in my left side, hip and knee. I am in much pain when I walk. Also, I have two unspoken requests."

—Sis. Ruth Garrett

AZ—"I am asking prayer for my mother, Sis. Estelene Cramer.... She is trusting in God for a complete healing in her body."

—Sis. Dana Bonner

God has one Son who lived without sin, but He has no son who lived without prayer.



Fresno, CA—July 4-13
National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 18-27
Myrtle, MO—July 30-August 3
Bakersfield, CA—August 5-10
Boley, OK—August 18-24
California State (Pacoima)—August 22-31

Meeting Reports and Notices

FRESNO, CA CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, the Fresno, CA Camp Meeting will convene July 4-13. There will be 7:30 p.m. services on the first Friday and Saturday. Three services will be held on both Sundays, with two services on the weekdays: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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: (209) 348-9029, or Bro. Charles Parish: (209) 221-6808.

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 18-27, 1997. 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.

CHILDREN'S MEETING HELPERS NEEDED

Our children will be the future church some day. Investing time into their lives is valuable to us and to the Lord. Again we feel a burden to have children's meeting during afternoon service at the Monark Springs Camp Meeting. Our burden is to explain how Jesus Christ fulfilled many prophecies: THE WORD BECAME FLESH.

We have a shortage of teachers for ages 3-5 and 9-12 years old. One day of service from each volunteer would be workable—we just need some commitment. If you have a burden to help in this mission, please contact Sis. Connie Sorrell at (405) 282-7648. Thank you.

MYRTLE, MO CAMP MEETING

The Myrtle, MO Camp Meeting will begin, Lord willing, on Wednesday morning, July 30, and continue through Sunday night, August 3. A welcoming invitation is extended to all to come and be with us. We desire another time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and ask the saints everywhere to join us in praying for a successful camp meeting, as well as to support the meeting with your presence, if possible. We are trusting the Lord to send ministers of His choosing to preach the Word in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Three services are scheduled daily at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Lord has blessed us with new camper-trailer hookups on the campground, which are available on a first come basis. Cabins, tents and dormitories are also available. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. For further information contact Sis. Carol Sorrell

(417) 938-4493. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

BOLEY, OK MEETING NOTICE

Lord willing, the Boley, OK Camp Meeting will be held August 18-24, 1997. Pray that the Lord will have full right of way.

All are invited to come. There will be services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday there will be services at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Saints, please come and help us. This is the Lord's work.

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

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The Annual California State Camp Meeting at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA, will convene, Lord willing, from August 22 through August 31, 1997. The first service will be at 7:30 p.m., on August 22. There will be three worship services daily: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., with the anticipation of God's blessings upon each one. Please pray that souls will be saved, sanctified, reconsecrated and encouraged, and will seek to be healed and blessed to the glory and honor of God. All are invited to attend.

For information or assistance, contact: Sunset Guest Home (818) 899-2022 or Bro. Ed Sorrell (818) 890-2536.

WICHITA, KS MEETING NOTICE

We plan to start our meeting, Sunday night, August 31st and it will conclude Sunday night, September 7th, thus the dates are August 31-September 7.

We will be hosting the 1997 Youth Round-Up which will be Friday night, August 29 through Sunday morning, August 31st, and that night the meeting will start.

We are hoping that some of the ministers attending the Youth gathering will feel the burden to stay for some of the meeting. Monday through Saturday, we will have two services daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the 7th, we will have three services. Dinner will be served each day. We are praying the Holy Spirit will have its way altogether and everyone attending will receive the blessing they need, whether salvation, sanctification or edification.

The Church is located at 16th and Ash streets (1701 N. Ash). If you need to contact someone here, you may call Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848 or Bro. Paul Phillips, Jr. at (316) 721-9557. —Shirley Knight

DUNCANNON, PA REVIVAL

Revival services are planned at the Church of God chapel in Duncannon, PA, for September 10-14, with morning and evening services scheduled, the first service being Wednesday evening.

Accommodations and camper sites are limited, but we are looking to the Lord to supply all the needs for the meeting, both temporally and spiritually.

For further details and to acquire accommodations, please contact Sis. Virginia Myers: (717) 834-4541, or Bro. Stanley and Sis. Nancy Huss: (717) 834-4490.

The chapel location is 5 1/2 miles from Duncannon on Route 849, on the right side of the road. The chapel number is: (717) 567-6988.

Please pray that the congregation will be more fully equipped as ambassadors for Christ and that souls will be added to His kingdom.

—Sis. Barbara Campbell



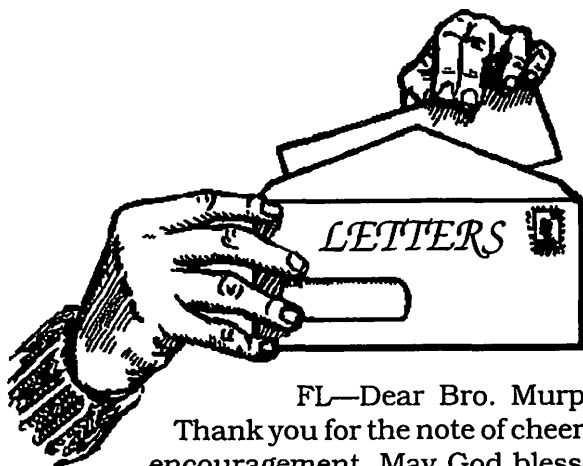
MESSAGES ON CASSETTE AVAILABLE



Weekly Messages and Revival Meetings at the Neosho, MO congregation have been recorded regularly on cassette since February 1993. They include messages by Bros. Mart Samons, Richard Madden, Charles Elwell, Salvatore DiDio, Ostis Wilson, Emmett Gerald, Stanley Dickson, James Bell, Marty Clevenger, and Sisters Mary Lawson and Opal Kelly. Several old messages from recordings on reel-to-reel have also been copied onto cassette. These are very good and include some from Bro. Isaac Chandler and a couple from Sis. Margaret Eck.

Copies of any of these are available upon request—including regular copies of weekly messages. Due to lack of storage space, we will be thinning out some of the older weekly messages that are on cassette (also available upon request).

To obtain a list of cassettes available or for more information, please contact Bro. Ronald Cole at P.O. Box 369, Pineville, MO 64856. Phone: (417) 223-4876.



FL—Dear Bro. Murphey:
Thank you for the note of cheer and encouragement. May God bless you and the work that you are doing. I am praying for you and the Church there and for the camp meetings. May many souls find the way of salvation.

I am thanking God for all the help He gives me and also for His help to others.

—Sis. Judith Klokner

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TN—Dear Bro. Wayne and Co-workers:
Christian love and greetings from East Tennessee. May the good Lord continue to bless, lead and direct you in the good publishing work, in the interest of the Church of God at large. The articles, editorials and testimonies are so good, helpful and encouraging.

I love, appreciate and enjoy the old-time Reformation Church of God, and have been in it most of my life. My father and mother, with the help of others, got a congregation started in Middle Tennessee in 1909, the year I was born. Bro. Willis M. Brown was the first preacher. Many left sectism under the anointed preaching, got saved, sanctified and some were healed. They were happy and thankful to be a part of God's great Church, the body and Bride of Christ. My parents, and some others, remained true and faithful, worshipping elsewhere when compromise affected the congregation.

My dear wife was 88 years old in March and I was 88 last month. Praise the Lord.

—Charles B. Williams

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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I thank the Lord for His many blessings. I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper, especially the testimonies of the saints. I enjoyed the report on the new Print Shop building....

Please remember me in prayer for the places on my face, especially the one on my forehead.

I have a place that has come on my jaw that is troubling me. May God bless you all.

Christian love, —Sis. Mamie Butcher

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MO—Dear workers at the Print Shop: I pray God is blessing you each one with special blessings. My body gets weak and painful at times, but God still gives me needed help. His blessings to me are many, and I thank and praise Him for all He does for me.

It is hard for me to write very well anymore, but I think of all the saints and pray for them.

May God continue to bless the work you are doing at the Print Shop.

With Christian love and prayers for all the Church everywhere. —Zelda Dollins

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UT—Dear saints: I am writing to thank each one who prayed the prayer of faith for my husband, Gordon. He is better, thank the Lord. When God's faithful children call on Him, He is there with open arms and great love to help us in whatever we need.

Gordon was near death, and the doctors didn't think he would make it, but we know there is a greater power. The doctor had asked if we had made any arrangements if Gordon should die. I said that two years ago he had filled out a form that he wouldn't be put on life support.

When I got home I called Clayton and Roberta Gaines for an agreement of prayer and I went right to prayer. Gordon soon showed improvement.

I can't praise or thank the Lord enough. Gordon is home. He has a private nurse and a therapist who comes two and three times a week to care for him.

Gordon and I were so pleased for the card from the Guthrie Camp Meeting and for all who signed their names and a few words. He got calls, cards and letters from the saints. Thank you so much. May God bless each one of you.

Love, —Sis. Martha East

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KY—Dear Bro. Wayne and all others: Greetings in Jesus' name. It is so good to be a child of God. He is good to us all. Praise His holy name. A song has been on my heart since the weekend. It says, "What would I do without Jesus?" Oh, I couldn't make it without Him. Sometimes it seems He is gone, but I just keep calling His name in prayer, and I find He has been there all the time. We must walk by faith.

We had a bad storm here yesterday evening. It rained so hard that the roads were flooded. My sister, niece and I, were caught out in it. Some semi-trucks were pulled over onto the side of the road. I thought at once that I would do the same, but I was afraid of being hit because visibility was so poor. So I just kept driving, asking the Lord to bring us home. And praise His name, He did!

I still want all the saints to remember my children, that they will be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. My youngest son is raising three children by himself, as well as working long hours.

Continue to remember my parents. They are both 80 years old and have to use walkers.

One morning I was thinking about you dear ones at the Print Shop, and all you had to do. I know it takes a lot of praying to get the mind of God. You must know what messages, articles, etc. to print. My prayers are with you.

Continue to pray for my husband and me. I would love to be able to be with the saints and have Christian fellowship. It is so wonderful to be with the family of God. Won't it be great to get to heaven? What a day that will be! Oh, to see the face of our dear Savior and hear Him say, "Well done, enter in." I don't want to miss it. It will be worth it all.

Christian love, —Sis. Mary Hughes
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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus; the One that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own precious blood. There is not only forgiveness of sins in Jesus blood, but also a cleansing and keeping power. There is a verse of a song that brings this out very well. "There is a blessed fount of blood, Whose virtue stands between, A barren land of sin and shame, and fields of living green." The chorus says, "Blessed fountain of blood, I have plunged 'neath its flood, And now its cleansing billows roll, Through all my happy soul." Thanks be to Jesus. I have found it so.

I was glad for the good that I received from the Guthrie Camp Meeting. I am sure there was much good accomplished.

Your saved Brother, —T. V. McMillian
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MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the workers in the Lord's work: Greetings in the holy name of Jesus! I pray all is going well. I am so glad that you won't have to worry about any more floods after you move. The good Lord always knows

how to work out a plan for us when we need it. He sure is a great and wonderful God.

The Lord blesses me in so many ways. He watches over me night and day, and when things go wrong in my home He always makes a way that it gets fixed. I am so glad I know Him. I tell Him in my prayers I love Him and I thank Him for all He does for me.

I pray for all of you dear ones in His work. May God bless each and every one of you richly in body and soul. Your reward will be beautiful. You all will have many stars in your crown....

I love all of you and thank you all for your prayers and for the wonderful *Faith and Victory* paper.

My love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Getterson
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OK—Dear Bro. Wayne and all the workers: Greetings of love to all.

This is a beautiful day and we have so much to be thankful for.

I am so thankful for the day God healed the terrible pain I had in my side the first part of the Guthrie Camp Meeting. I am thankful I got to attend as much of the meeting as I did....

Love and prayer, —Sis. Emma Dilley
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FL—Dear precious saints: Greetings of love in the lovely name of Jesus, the only name under heaven whereby we must be saved.

God has been so good to me. I still need much help in body, but I thank the Lord for all He has done. Willard still needs much help in his soul and mind. His diabetes is also very bad.

My desire is to be faithful to the end, as the Bible tells us in Hebrews 3:6. "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." It has come to me at different times that it isn't how long we stay in the world, but what we do with our time while we are in the world.

Please continue to pray for us, and our unsaved children and grandchildren. Cheryl and Kevin are still encouraged and they have been a big blessing to me.

Christian love and prayers,
—Sis. Helen Underdown
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NC—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: It is truly a blessing to awake and see the dawning of a new day. All glory and praise be unto the God of our salvation! He is truly wonderful. We love Him because He first loved us.

I want to give thanks to the Lord for touching my mother, whose health isn't too good at 83 years old. While sitting down at the table one morning, eating her breakfast, she went limp as though she had fallen asleep. We had no idea what was wrong with her. Prayer was made and it wasn't long before she came to.

Pray for my mother. She needs the Lord. It could just be a matter of time before she leaves this world as she is getting weaker. I don't want her to go out into eternity lost and without the Lord. I feel so sad whenever I think of it. Her mind isn't too clear at times, so do pray, as we are praying also.

We appreciate each one and may the Lord continue to bless you and the work at the Shop. Thank you for all the materials that we have received from time to time.

We love each one.

Christian love and prayers, —Sis. Julia Holt
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne: I send greetings and prayers for the camp meeting going on there. Sis. Evalee Stice is there, and I wish I also was there. I was glad I got to attend it last year. We are praying for it, that souls will be saved and encouraged.

I am so crippled in my hands that it is hard to write.... I am glad God hears prayers from the hearts of the afflicted saints. —Sis. Grace Jones
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MS—Dear Bro. Wayne: I am so thankful for the many blessings God gives us each day. Although it is getting hard for me to get around, God helps me in so many ways.

Although I am not able to worship with the saints anymore, God is still with me in everything I do and say. God knows my every thought.

I am looking to God for my every need.

—LaFairy Mooney
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MO—Dear saints and disciples of the Most High: Glory be to His name. Of a truth, His name cannot be honored enough. Oftentimes we fail to utter the adequate praise due unto Him whether the victory be a small or a great matter. I want to be continually faithful to speak of His great way to all I meet.

I have tried to acknowledge the Lord and recognize that our daily breath comes from His mercies, but when life and death are facing each other in one's own body, it brings a greater awareness that our times are in His hands. (Psalm 31:15.)

Several of you are aware of the sudden calamity that befell us the first of January, and we thank each of you who prayed, called or wrote. Your love was overwhelming. But so that you can better praise our Lord and share it with others, I want to share our experience more fully.

Due to some complications in my body, I started hemorrhaging heavily Friday evening, the 3rd of January. This continued on for at least 12 hours. How much blood I lost only the Lord knows, but it was enough to bring a person full of life and vitality hours before, down to a helpless creature. I was too weak to move in bed or make myself more comfortable.

I thank the Lord for a faithful companion, for his calm trust in the Lord, and for his attentiveness to my every need through that night and the days ahead.

However, I would not have made it through the night had our Savior not been with us. Our trust was in Him for He had proved Himself faithful time and time before. One of the first things I want to praise Him for is for keeping Clifford and me calm and at peace with what was happening. After studying about acute blood loss, if I would have ever panicked, it most likely would have sent my body into shock. And medically speaking, one only has minutes to live after the onset of shock. Saturday morning, about nine hours into the ordeal, I started having continual attacks of my throat and chest constricting as if my breathing was being cut off. It was very distressful to not be able to breathe, but then I began to ask for ice cold rags on my forehead and throat and for a sip of cold water. The Lord caused it to open my throat each time I would slip into those attacks. Later, when talking to a nurse, she indicated that those attacks were an indication of shock setting in. Once again we praise His name for His peace in the midst of the storm.

Another time of His peace was when the thought of death crossed my mind. Praise be to God, although I naturally would have chosen to have stayed for my family's sake, the thought of meeting my Maker brought no fear, only a surrender to His will.

The Lord came to our rescue instantly a couple of times when prayer went up to Him. Clifford called Mother for prayer around 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning, letting her know that I was getting weaker and that the bleeding needed to stop. She called a few for prayer, and

by 11:00 a.m., the Lord had dried the issue of blood. I felt like the woman in the New Testament who had touched the hem of His garment. I feel so unworthy, but so thankful that He passed by our way. The devil tried to plant thoughts that I was just bleeding internally then and could not tell what was going on, but thanks be to our God, when He does His work He does it right!

I stand back and marvel at the next time the Lord made an almost tangible visit. One of the many complications that could have set in was infection, and fever is an indication of that process. On Monday night, I had a low grade fever that rose during the night. My feet and hands were feeling very feverish, so Tuesday at noon I asked Clifford to take my temperature before I ate. It was 104° F. Unknown to us, about that time mother was coming down a hill near our house, telling the Lord that she would like to see Him do a couple of things for me while she was here—one was to bring down the fever. She walked in the door while Clifford was still washing the thermometer. She asked how I was doing, so Clifford told her the news. She came in and kissed me and said, "Vonda, you don't have fever." I knew how I had been feeling, so I said, "Yes I do. We just took it!" She continued to check my hands and forehead and declared that I didn't have fever, so we got the thermometer to prove her wrong. However, the Lord had just once more proven His powers. Within five to ten minutes my temperature dropped six degrees to 98° F. We were so unworthy, but continually rejoice in His graciousness and mercy. My fever never returned, so once again a perfect work was performed. God didn't just lower my temperature, but He also removed the infectious agent causing it.

I was left extremely weak, with my lack of strength climaxing Saturday afternoon. After submitting to the Lord's will, whether it be life or death, I slowly began the road of recovery. With each new accomplishment came overflowing thankfulness. First, it was just being able to roll in bed to a more comfortable spot, then, gradually I could sit in an upright position for longer periods. Then by Thursday, I was able to walk slowly. Since that time, it seems the Lord has multiplied my recovery. After 2 1/2 weeks the Lord took away the constant headache, and each day I have been amazed at the additional strength I have.

I have gone to this length and detail, not to

impress anyone of the fact that we as a family have endured a lot, for many before have endured much more. I only share the details, so you too can see from whence the Lord has helped us; so that the devil can be defeated when he tries to plant questions of "where are the days of miracles?"

Do not let the devil discredit anything the Lord has already done in this case and others, because Christ is truly just the same today as yesterday.

Psalms 116 is my testimony, both spiritually and physically. Verses 8-9 say, "For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living." Verses 14 and 18 say, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people." I humbly offer up my sacrifice of thanksgiving and I pray that you too will help me share the good news that God is just the same today—He still saves and keeps the soul and He still heals the body!

—Sis. Vonda Cole and family

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OK—To the faithful workers at the Print Shop: Though I seldom put my thoughts on paper, it doesn't mean I don't think and pray for you.

For about four months I have attempted to send in a testimony. It is strange that the devil doesn't want us to do even that little! I have been feeling very ashamed that I have not done this long ago. I used to try to be more faithful in witnessing via the paper. As for me, I enjoy hearing other's experiences, so it is probably as easy for me to do this as for others.

One thing I thank the Lord for is the way He has cared for the flock here in Shawnee, OK. After losing our dear Bro. Ostis Wilson, it was so precious the way the Lord sent ministers to give out words of encouragement....

When the Lord worked on Bro. and Sis. Michael Smith to come live among us and pastor, it was overwhelming. We got even more than we asked for. Now we have a little boy in our congregation. Devon is our little sunshine.

I can hardly wait for the camp meetings to start. I am just as excited as I was when I went to my first one years ago. These gatherings are the next thing to heaven.

Remember my mother, my three children and me when you think of us. We can always use the prayers of God's children.

With Christian love, —Sis. Evodna Marler

KS—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to give my testimony for God's glory. He has done a great miracle for me. I am praising Him much for His great love.

About four years ago the Lord healed me of an aneurysm. It started with a terrible headache. That Saturday night I went to bed early because that usually clears up my headaches, but when I awoke on Sunday morning, I still had the headache.

I decided not to go to church, but my aunt called and needed a ride. So I picked her up and went to church. I put in a prayer request for my headache. By the time preaching started my headache was very bad, so I went home.

It continued to grow worse and I called over to my Uncle Raymond Johnson's house. Church was out and he and his wife came over. As soon as they prayed the headache left, so I thought it was just an ordinary one. They told me to be still and rest.

The next day I still did not know how serious I was. I have apartments to rent, and one of them caught fire. The tenants were giving my girls a hard time and that really troubled me. My left eye closed, and my daughter who had come up from Texas, wanted to know why. She asked me to go to the hospital to have it checked. I went, and they said they thought I had an aneurysm and that they needed to operate. I believe they said I had a fifty-fifty chance of living, and that it would take six months for my eye to open. They wanted to fly me to another medical facility for the operation. I didn't want that.

The next morning the doctor came in early to persuade me to have the operation. He said I might die if I didn't have it. I was worried as I didn't think I was that sick. After he left, Aunt Juanita called and said she had been looking to the Lord on my behalf, and that the Lord had given her the scripture which says death has been swallowed up in victory. (I Cor. 15:54.) That was so encouraging to me.

My son, Emmanuel Gracey, came to the hospital right after that and asked if I was ready to go home. I told him yes. My Uncle Raymond and Aunt Juanita Johnson, and Uncle Leo and Aunt Lucille Johnson were at my home and they encouraged me much.

I want to thank all the saints for their faithfulness in my time of sickness, for their fasting and prayers to the Lord. My son, Emmanuel, would work days, and at night he

would sleep on the divan so that he could pray for me at night when the pain would be so bad. And God would come to my rescue. Sister Shirley Knight and Sister Blinda Simon would come and pray for me and keep me encouraged.

It took about a week before my eye started to open, and it opened slowly. In four years I have never had a headache. The devil has tried to bring it back, but I have rebuked it by God's help. I praise God for His great mercy.

—Sister Betty Gracey

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FL—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Please renew my subscription for the *Faith and Victory* paper.

Please remember us in prayer.

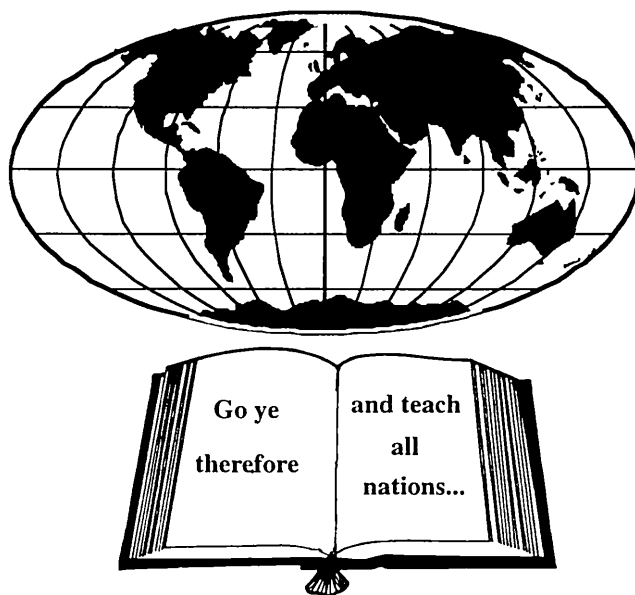
We really enjoy reading the inspiring words written in the paper by our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. We will pray that the Lord will continue to use this paper as a blessing to others.

With brotherly love,

—Warren Hickman and family

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MISSION REPORTS



From India...

May 17, 1997—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in America: Greetings to you again in the gracious name of Jesus Christ.

Last week we had two days of youth camp meetings at Karickom. It was real good. One hundred young people attended. "True discipleship" was the main theme of the meeting. Bible quizzes, group discussions, symposiums, Bible studies, etc. were some of the programs. Young

people got the inspiration to live for God through this meeting.

Monsoon rains will start here in June.

May God bless the camp meetings in America this summer. Our prayers are for you.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

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From Nigeria...

May 20, 1997—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and saints of the Holy City: Greetings in the most wonderful name of the Lord Jesus, the name that speaks the drooping heart to cheer. Praise Him forever! The sun, moon and stars above all say He is wonderful.

There is a saying that the proof of the pudding is in the eating. The proof of salvation is in the works. Usually, a good watch with good works is housed in a good case. But remember, we don't tell time by the case. It is the works that count.... The command is, "Go Work Today." We show our love for Christ by working for Him. It is a joy, therefore, to say a congregation at Ashaka was declared open on April 15, 1997. This was after a week of hard work in evangelism, open-air meetings and house to house witnessing. A classroom is being allowed us for fellowship by the Ministry of Education.

Fifteen brethren who crossed over into the Kingdom of God's dear Son, joyously followed the Lord in water baptism recently at Osemele.

We have carried the forthcoming camp meetings in the U.S. this year, to the throne of the great I AM in prayer, for a miraculous catch of souls. May God open unto the ministers His door of utterance.

We are not sitting down or standing still. The plain implication is that one cannot show his faith any other way than by his works. Oh, that men would mean business with God, working for Him in spirit and in truth. The love of His work is holding us captive.

Yours in His service, —Titus U. E. Enu

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IN MEMORIAM

Jeanette White was born in Cass, WV on September 19, 1920, to William and Ada Doyle Bible. She died April 30, 1997 at the age of 76. Her parents and one sister, Virginia Mae, preceded her in death.

She was a 1938 graduate of Green Bank, WV High School. On October 2, 1942, she and James S. White were united in marriage.

Jeanette was in a convalescent home the last four years of her life. In June, 1996, she was saved and her life took on new meaning. She was never able to attend church services in Green Bank, but she sincerely desired to come.

Survivors are her husband, James S. White; one son, John B. White of Cass, WV; two daughters, Linda Chestnut and Roberta Hise, both of Rittman, OH; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives who loved her.

Upon her request, the funeral services were conducted in the Church of God chapel in Green Bank, WV on May 3, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. Bros. Mart and Toney Samons conducted these services. She was buried in the Arbovale, WV cemetery.

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Sarah Jane Hatch was born August 25, 1943 in Muskogee, OK to Samuel and Virginia Hall. In August, 1953, she moved with her family to Bakersfield, CA where she attended local elementary and high schools.

In February, 1972, Sarah was united in marriage to Aaron Hatch. To this union three children were born. They resided in Lynwood, CA for approximately eight years, where Sarah worked in the Lynwood School district. Sarah united with the Church of Christ in 1973. In 1983, Sarah and her husband, with their children, moved to Oklahoma City, OK where she attended services at the Church of God Evening Light Saints. Sarah also worked in the Mid-Del School System as a special education aide.

On June 5, 1997 at 1:00 a.m., Sarah left to join her parents and two brothers, Carl and Samuel, who preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn in passing a loving husband, Aaron Hatch, Sr.; one daughter, Lanecia Hatch of Oklahoma City, OK; two sons, Aaron Hatch, Jr. and Marcus Hatch, both of Oklahoma City, OK; one granddaughter, Matosha Hart; four brothers, Lawrence Hall of Vacaville, CA, Milford Hall of Victorville, CA, Clifford Hall of Oklahoma City, OK and Gilbert Hall of Muskogee, OK; two sisters, Earlene Shurn and Sammie J. Reed of Bakersfield, CA; one uncle, Thaddeus Jones of San Antonio, TX; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, saints and friends.

Services were officiated by Sis. Frances Chan-

dler, assisted by Sis. Mary E. Warren and Bro. Woodrow Warren. Interment followed in Arlington Memory Gardens, Oklahoma City, OK.



Question and Answer

(Continued from page 3.)

of the woman who was to bruise the head of the serpent; and a woman, by bringing Him forth, has been the occasion of our salvation."

It is interesting to note in this connection that Jesus Christ is the "Seed of the Woman." In Scripture, all the genealogies are reckoned on the male side; so and so begat so and so, and on and on it goes. A man's seed was reckoned in his sons. This is true even though he may have begotten a number of daughters, too. But there is one exception to this rule. He who was the Chief of them all, Jesus Christ, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Prince of the kings of the earth, the King of saints, the Blessed and only Potentate, the only begotten Son of God, the Saviour of all mankind is reckoned as the "Seed of Woman." True, after the stream of His genealogy started it was picked up and run through the male side, too, from generation to generation; but it was headed in the woman and He was declared to be the "Seed of the Woman."

After the stream ran through the male side for several hundred years, it surfaced in the woman in Isaiah 7:14, where we read, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Accordingly, we read in the first chapter of Luke, verses 26-35, that the angel Gabriel appeared to a virgin named Mary and announced to her that she was going to conceive and bear a son and said some very exalting, majestic things about Him. She questioned how this could be since she was a single woman, but Gabriel explained to her that the Holy Ghost would come upon her and the Highest would overshadow her, and therefore that holy thing which would be born of her would be called the Son of God. The prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 surfaced again in Matthew 1:20-25, where the angel is explaining to Joseph about this miraculous, spiritual phenomena which was baffling him. The angel told him that it was by the Holy Ghost and that it was the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14.

So the Saviour was clearly and totally the "seed of the woman" and I am satisfied in my own mind to accept this as the solution to

I Tim. 2:15. Acts 17:30 says that now God "...commandeth all men everywhere to repent." As noted before, when the Scriptures speak of man or men in regards to salvation, they are referring to humankind—all of them; both male and female. So women are required to repent the same as men. That much is clear.



Suffering Sin

By Sis. Connie Sorrell

An average teenager asked an average question that many average individuals wonder about: If God is love, then why does He let so many people suffer? Indeed, if God is all powerful, why doesn't He destroy wicked rulers who cause so many others to suffer and die?

We will find the first answer to this question in Genesis, where Adam and Eve were given a choice to obey or disobey the Lord. Of every tree of the garden, man could eat freely, but only one was denied him—the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We know how that Adam and Eve both ate the forbidden fruit. Because they made that wrong choice, they were punished.

Much knowledge can be gleaned from this significant beginning in history, but the point to remember is that humans have always been able to choose right or wrong. In the state of innocence, man had peace and closeness with God. Wrongdoing made man hide from God and kept man separated from closely communicating with the Lord.

After Adam and Eve sinned, or disobeyed God, human beings have been born with the nature of sin. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom.5:12. Sin separates us from God.

Suffering and trouble come when humans do not seek the Lord and His love. God did not force Adam and Eve to obey Him and He has never forced anyone to obey Him since then. When we choose to live in sin, then our troubles are multiplied and inherited by our children. (Ex. 34:7; Jer. 32:18-19.) Sin is passed from generation to generation and increases in wickedness. Noah's generation became so wicked that God sent a flood to destroy them.

According to the Scriptures, we are living in the last days before the earth will be destroyed by fire. (II Pet. 3:10.) We can see that iniquity has increased more and more through the gen-

erations. (II Tim. 3:1-7.) "And because iniquities shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24:12. By forsaking God and His righteousness, humans go deeper and deeper into sin. They leave the love of God out of their lives.

Yes, God is love: "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." I John 4:8. Since God is love, sin will separate us from God's love. When we do not seek God's love, we are choosing to do wrong. God's love is available to all who ask Him for pardon and mercy. Salvation has been given to us by God's Son, Jesus Christ, who was a second Adam, made a quickening spirit. (I Cor. 15:45.) God sent His Son to redeem all mankind because He loved the world and was not willing that any should perish. (John 3:16.) Through the redeeming blood of Jesus, we can once again come boldly to the throne of grace and feel the love of God. (Heb. 4:16.)

There is no problem so big that the Lord cannot lift a person from it and set his feet upon the straight path. The apostle Paul wrote that he was once a chief among sinners. (I Tim. 1:15.) We have testimonies among us today of how the Lord delivered souls from deep pits of sin. In love and mercy, God still reaches out to wretched sinners today. He is more long-suffering than our human comprehension can understand. We wonder sometimes why the Lord doesn't destroy wicked people, but His divine mercy is extended to murderers, gang leaders, cruel rulers, etc. If they do not accept His offered mercy on earth, they will face punishment after death. (Rev. 21:8.) God is so loving and so powerful that He deals even with the hardest of sinners.

Those who have sought the Lord and know the love of God will find a place of refuge even in the most severe battle. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rom. 8:35, 37. Often it is by suffering and troubles that souls are drawn to the Lord.

In the beginning, God created man without sin, troubles or sorrow. By disobeying, man separated himself from the love of God and this sin nature has been passed down through every generation since. It is not the Lord our God who inflicts troubles and sorrows on mankind, but sin causes suffering. (James 1:13-15.) There is deliverance from sin, release from suffering, and comfort for sorrow in the omnipotent love of God.

Doctors' Limitations

By Roosevelt Bradley

A young man asked a doctor a serious question concerning his birth. He said, "Doctor, since I was shapen in sin, in my mother's womb, what medicine can you prescribe for this problem?"

The doctor replied, "I have no prescription for this problem."

The young man said, "Doctor, this is a serious problem and you can't help me?"

The doctor said, "I can't."

The young man went a little further. He asked, "Doctor, do you have anything to do away with evil thoughts that often worry my mind?"

"No," he replied, "but I can give you a shot that you may sleep well."

So the young man inquired, "When I awake again, will these evil thoughts be gone and never come again?"

"I'm not sure," was the answer.

The young man continued, "Doctor, I also suffer from severe guilt, can you relieve me of this burden?"

"I haven't anything for that either."

"Well, doctor," said the young man, "it seems as though you are limited."

With forthrightness the doctor admitted, "The things you ask about I have no knowledge or wisdom of how to help you."

"Doctor, I will ask one more thing of you, and if you can't help me here, then I must leave you alone, seeing you just can't help me. Now doctor, this is serious. Do you have any pills that I can take to cleanse the members of my body? They yield so easily to sin. My eyes won't stop lusting, my feet are quick to run after worldly things and my hands want to touch things that are forbidden; can you prescribe medicine to stop this?"

The doctor sadly replied, "Son, I wish I could, but I cannot help you."

"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 crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

Does Anyone Care?

By J. W. Stansell

Sometimes with burdens too heavy to bear,
I tearfully wonder does anyone care?
When heartaches and burdens have taken
their toll,

Does anyone care for my troubled soul?

Sometimes I find life to be so unfair,
With its many problems that I must bear.
I can't get up for being knocked back down;
I need a friend, but one cannot be found.

'Tis then that I look back to Calvary's tree,
To the One who hung there and gave His life
for me.

I see on His shoulders my heartaches and
cares,

And then I know there is One who cares for
me.



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Just a few days ago I received a letter from Bro. George Stephenson. He sent me a letter that he had received from Sister Faith Stewart who has an orphan's home with nearly eighty children, and missions established in different parts of the island of Cuba. I shall here insert a portion of her letter, so you can see and know what we are facing here in the near future. [Concerning Communism].

"Dear Brother Stephenson:—God bless you. We are having terrible persecutions from the Communists. They have planned and told that they had a plot to destroy the HOMES and me. A high police officer came here some weeks ago and told us, and warned me to be careful and to never go out unprotected. At last they made an attack and enduced away three children, two one time and one another, and were responsible for a fourth one being taken. They have put charges against us in the court and a case is pending. Groups of Communists have come racing into the place here twice, and one rushed right into the BOYS HOME without knocking or asking. They shook their fists and declared, 'There is no God,' and many other terrible things. I have not time to write much; but do pray, for this is a definite attack to destroy God's work. I have appealed to the American Council for protection, and they are working with the lawyer we have been compelled to get...."

—Fred Pruitt