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*When God wants to drill a man,
And thrill a man, and skill a man,
When God wants to mold a man
To play for Him the noblest part,
When He yearns with all His heart
To build so great and bold a man
That all the world shall be amazed,
Then watch God's methods, watch His
ways!*

*How He ruthlessly perfects
Whom He royally elects;
How He hammers him and hurts him,
And with mighty blows converts him,
Making shapes and forms which only
God Himself can understand,*



*Even while His man is crying,
Lifting a beseeching hand...
Yet God bends but never breaks
When man's good He undertakes;
When He uses whom He chooses,
And with every purpose fuses
Man to act, and act to man,
As it was when He began;
When God tries His splendor out,
Man will know what He's about!*

—Dale Stone

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*You're Invited!
National Camp Meeting
Monark Springs, MO
July 17-26*

THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

By Bro. Leslie Busbee

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

I Peter 1:3-7

These are the words of one of Christ's beloved apostles. Oh, what wonderful and comforting words, and what an important message they bring to us today! We, as the children of God, are going to be tried and put to the test concerning our faith and love for the Lord Jesus and the hope we have in Him. This trial and test of our devotion to the Lord will come through the adversity and hardship and suffering that we meet in this short life. As the apostle Peter says here, we greatly rejoice in the hope He has begotten us to. But, before we are privileged to see our hope come to fruition, we are called upon to endure adverse conditions that cause suffering to our souls and to our bodies.

"Now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations." Manifold temptations mean various and different kinds of afflictions and troubles. In this wicked world, dominated and ruled by Satan, is much opposition and adversity against those who choose to be faithful to God. God permits this, but in His wisdom uses the adversities we encounter for our good. God deems it good to allow His children to suffer for their faith. Why? The answer is very obvious in our text. The trial of our faith will be found unto praise and honour and glory when our blessed Saviour appears to reward us and take us home to be with Him. The trials that we suffer as we live for the Lord, will make our glory with Him more wonderful.



For this reason Peter declares that the trial of our faith is much more precious than of gold that perisheth. Now, you would feel very blessed, I would say, if you received notice that you had fallen heir to a rich mine that was producing gold, your part of which would equal thousands of dollars every day. Gold is a very expensive commodity. But the truth is that this trial and adverse sorrow that you are bearing, because of your faith and love for Jesus is worth much more to you than any gold mine could ever be. It is so much more valuable because it is spiritual and eternal wealth for your soul and for your hope. Let us look at it like this. Do not look at how hard and difficult everything is. Do not ask, "Why is this happening to me?" Let us be positive to know that God is permitting it for our good. It is our gold mine of spiritual joy and eternal happiness.

Let us consider something else Peter said in 4:12-13. "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." The term *fiery trial* indicates intense heat and suffering. Something fiery burns and hurts. It is something that is very difficult to endure, and often it is prolonged suffering. But we are exhorted here not to think it strange that we encounter these fiery trials, but rather we are encouraged to rejoice. Why? We should rejoice because in these fiery and difficult trials we are partaking of Christ's sufferings. Are we really partaking of our Lord's sufferings when we endure the temptations, afflictions and adversities of life? If we are truly living for the Lord and

are completely yielded to His will, we are partaking of Christ's sufferings in whatever comes our way.

Let us now consider how the apostle Paul agrees with this in Romans 8:16-18. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." The Lord leaves us here in this state of vanity, subjecting us to the same, in hope that we will eventually be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. In this low and vain state of mortal life we are allowed to linger for a time. This mortal body is weak and full of afflictions and pain. But the Holy Spirit sustains and comforts us. This sweet gift of God, given through Christ, helps our infirmities and even intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Thus we can conquer and prevail even in the most dreadful and difficult circumstances. As Paul said in II Corinthians 4:8-10, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus."

The fiery trials of the saints are foretold in Psalm 66:8-12. "O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." Oh, dear fellow pilgrim for Jesus, may these words comfort your heart. Be encouraged in the trials of life. Let them be to you a proof of God's goodness and a proof of your own faithfulness. Keep praying and seeking to draw closer to the Lord. Be cheerful and offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Tokens from God

By Vesta-Nadine Severs

(Reprinted from Oct. 1993, *Faith and Victory*)

How precious it is to obtain honey from the rock. What joy and comfort it gives our hearts! Not long ago, someone lambasted me at a public place. Later that day someone else took me to task. Through both incidents God poured in the oil of quietness and calmness, so much that I marvelled.

Before that day was over the Lord brought some scriptures to mind that Brother Busbee preached about a number of years ago. "For **thou**, O God, hast proved us: **thou** hast tried us, as silver is tried. **Thou** broughtest us into the net; **thou** laidst affliction upon our loins. **Thou** hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." Psalms 66:10-12.

The proving, the trying, the confinement, the load, the forceful placement into a state of humility, the fire, the water; must we go through these things in order to reach a wealthy place? Evidently it is required. Read it again, and again and again. Not a word changes. The change must be in our hearts and minds.

What we endure may not be pleasant, to say the least. We may feel we are at the lowest depths of humility, and yet men continue to ride over our heads. "Bite the dust" at a lower level.

Drop down now to verse sixteen: "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul." When Brother Sam Barton preached, he often remarked: "This may not be a shouting message, but when you measure up you **will** shout." When we come out victorious, we want everyone to know about the victory. Maybe we tell our family, our friends, the saints, and even call someone long distance.

That day, even though the trials were heavy, God gave me great victory—beyond my expectations and anticipations. I wanted others to know what God had done for me. It is impossible to go through a trial without something being done to or for our souls.

Another Psalm states: "Give me a token for good that the wicked may see and be ashamed; for thou, O Lord, hast holpen me." A token is "A sign or symbol; something serving as a sign of authority, identity, genuineness; a keepsake; a piece of stamped metal with a face value higher than its real value, issued as a substitute for currency, for use as a fare on a transportation line."

What tokens do saints hold which the wicked can see and be ashamed? These tokens must be granted by God because He has helped us obtain victories through Jesus Christ. The tokens are granted during this life and are

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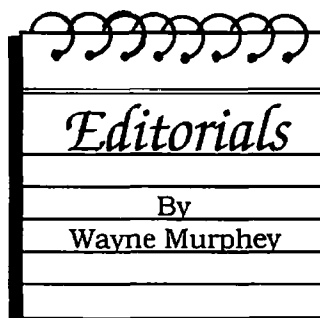
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We send Christian greetings to all who love the Lord. This edition of the *Faith and Victory* finds us busy in our effort to expand the knowledge of the gospel throughout the world.

Preparations are going forward for the *Faith Publishing House* workers' reunion which is scheduled for July 11. A number of reservations for this event have been received from former workers who will be traveling many miles to attend. We are especially excited that my uncle, Andrew Pruitt, of Oregon, my aunt Mary Embly, of California, and my mother, Frances Murphey, plan to be present. They were a part of this gospel work at its inception and have firsthand knowledge of what it took to develop the work from a vision into reality.

After extensive research through old *Faith and Victory* papers as well as the writings of my grandfather, Fred Pruitt, I have come to realize that problems which impede the work today have been the same throughout the years. There was even an occasion when Grandpa Pruitt decided to go back to farming, and made preparations to do so until God blocked the way and renewed his spirit for the calling He had given him.

This year we are commemorating 75 years of the Print Shop being in existence, and have marveled at how God has kept the work going forward through all the hard times. Although the printing operation is still an endeavor of faith and seemingly a fragile work when viewed from a human standpoint, we know that there is nothing more stable than the Word and Spirit of God. As long as these two entities abide within us and provide the inspiration for the work here, it will continue. It is due to this understanding that we have tried to direct the work so that the gospel is printed and not simply ideas motivated by emotion or human understanding. Although this has not always been easy to accomplish, we have striven to do it with the belief that the true saints of God would have an appreciation for it. And the saints of God, through their support, have made it possible for us to continue.

We feel that this work has not only a past but a future. Not only are there memories—there is

vision. We envision ways to step up the flow of the printed Word. Please keep us in your prayers and a burden for the work in your heart. May God bless each of you for your kindly interest.

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As is our usual custom, we will not print an August edition of the *Faith and Victory*. This will lighten the work load so we can attend to other duties and operate the book store on the Monark Springs campground during the National Camp Meeting, which is scheduled for July 17-26.

Our plans are to dedicate the September paper to the 75th anniversary, including pictures and a report from the workers' reunion. Also incorporated will be testimonies from former workers of when they worked here. In order to meet the printing deadline for this edition, I encourage all former workers to have their memoirs into this office by August 1.

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May God's hand of mercy and love rest upon every reader, and above all let us keep ready and prepared for the coming of our Lord.

—Wayne Murphey



Partial Listing of Books for Sale

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A Missionary's Experiences in Mexico by Carrie L. Sheppard. 60 pages, bound in a heavy paper cover. Price, \$1.50.

A True Story in Allegory by Lottie Jarvis, missionary to India. 30 pages in paper cover. \$1.00.

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Cruden's Complete Concordance. Revised edition, clothbound, 783 pages, over 200,000 references. Price, \$18.99.

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Errors of Russellism by J. E. Forrest is a 252-page book bound in a heavy paper cover which gives an explanation of the misconceptions on which the modern-day Jehovah's Witness religion is founded. Price, \$4.50.

Evening Light Songs, 538-page hymnal with shaped notes, in cloth binding. Price, \$12.00. A discount of 10% is granted for an order of 12 or more.

Foxe's Book of Martyrs is the records compiled by John Foxe of the lives, sufferings and triumphant deaths of Christian martyrs throughout history. Paper binding, 413 pages. Price, \$11.99.

From Darkness to Light, 20-page booklet by Bro. Mart Samons. 50¢.

God's Gracious Dealings by Fred Pruitt and Lawrence Pruitt. History of this gospel publishing ministry. 496 pages, including many pictures, in a nice cloth cover. Price, \$4.00.

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AL—"Keep me in much prayer. I am very sick and weak." —Virginia Hill

MO—"I am in need of prayer for the places on my skin." —Mamie Butcher

Can.—"Here are some prayer requests: Betty Toews has multiple sclerosis, Valentine Herboth, Gerhard Wiebe, Marlene Degner and Ann Bergen all have cancer, and Rosemarie, who attempted suicide, is still in a coma." —Bro. Wilfred Froese

NC—"I have a prayer request for my family and church. Also, pray for God to heal my body, as I am having blood pressure problems."

—Sis. Angela Taylor

LA—"I am very much in need of prayer. I have degenerative joint disease plus shingles, which I have had for over five years. I am seldom free of pain."

—Sis. Myrtle Savoie

IN—"Please agree with me in prayer for a 17-

year-old girl. No one in her family loves her, and she is suicidal." —Bro. Chris Rothbauer



A SPECIAL ANSWER TO PRAYER

We want to let all the saints know what God has done regarding the Sunset Guest Home on the Church of God campground in Pacoima, CA. Some are aware of the difficulty we had in regard to the IRS. The problem involved the years 1985, 1986 and 1988. Attempts to resolve the matter were futile; meanwhile penalties and interest mounted.

After much prayerful consideration and implementing the best advice available, we submitted forms requesting full restoration of all money paid erroneously, plus reimbursement of all interest and penalties. We have received notice from the IRS stating that all this is being fully refunded. In addition the IRS is paying interest to us! We thank each of you who have shared this heavy burden.

We extend a special invitation to everyone to attend our camp meeting, scheduled for August 28 to September 6, 1998, and to visit the beautifully restored Sunset Guest Home for the elderly.

—Ed and Nelda Sorrell, Administrators



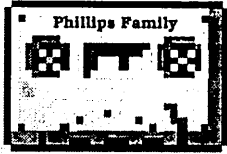
NOTICE OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR THE MONARK CAMP MEETING

Realizing the extreme need for the working of the Holy Spirit to deliver lost souls, we feel that the Lord will be pleased if we, as His people, would spend the week of July 12-16 in fasting and prayer for our National camp meeting.

Let's pray for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit's anointing on the ministers and each service, and on the hearts of all who will be attending.

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." Joel 2:12-13. —A concerned saint

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vice. Monday through Saturday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Directions to the church: coming from the north on 99, take the Belmont exit, go east about 3 miles to First St., turn right and go 2 blocks to Grant. The church is on First and Grant. Coming from the south; take 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 Parrish, (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 17-26, 1998. 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, 1540 2000 Rd., Bartlett, KS 67332, phone (316) 226-3390. She will be coordinating requests for sleeping quarters on the campground.

There is a need for volunteer cooks to oversee the meals. If you could help in any way, please contact us.

—Business managers: Randel Bradley (above address), or Mike Hightower, 13974 Newt Dr., Neosho, MO 64850.

MYTRLE, MO, CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, this meeting will begin on Wednesday morning, July 29, and continue through Sunday, August 2. There will be services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and after-

**CAMP MEETING
DATES**



- Loranger, LA**—June 28-July 5
- Fresno, CA**—July 3-12
- National (Monark Springs, MO)**—July 17-26
- Myrtle, MO**—July 29-Aug. 2
- Bakersfield, CA**—Aug. 12-16
- Boley, OK**—Aug. 17-23
- California State (Pacoima)**—Aug. 28-Sept. 6



Meeting Reports and Notices

FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

The Fresno, CA, camp meeting will convene July 3 and run through July 12, 1998. There will be 7:00 p.m. services on Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th. There will be three services on both Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. general service and 7:00 p.m. night ser-

noon services as announced. We solicit the support of the saints everywhere for this meeting, in prayers as well as in attendance. All Church of God ministers who have a burden for the work of God here are invited to come and participate. We desire another time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and to see souls saved and blessed. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. For further information contact Bro. Harlan Sorrell, (417) 938-4336, or Sis. Carol Sorrell, (417) 938-4493. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

BAKERSFIELD, CA, CAMP MEETING

A cordial invitation is extended to saints everywhere to join with us in our effort for the expansion of the Gospel.

Our annual camp meeting dates are Wednesday, August 12, through Sunday, August 16. On Wednesday through Friday there will be two services daily, at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m.; general worship services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

We are expecting God to work mightily in our midst. We encourage you to join with us in our battle against sin. If you are unable to attend, please pray for the success of the meeting.

For more information contact Bro. Archie Sherman, (805) 871-1636, or Bro. Haywood Cox, (805) 366-4718.

SPECIAL SERVICES—SPOONER, WI

We send a hearty invitation to all to come and be a support to the saints here August 13-16. If you are desiring to be in the Lord's work, seek and pray for God to lead you this way to help in the little vineyard in Wisconsin. We desire your prayers and support. We are praying and expecting God to send His workers.

Accommodations are limited, but there are motels nearby. We will do our best to see that all are comfortable.

Contact Bro. Ron Zacharias at (715) 635-2994.

BOLEY, OK, CAMP MEETING

The Boley, OK, camp meeting, Lord willing, will begin on Monday, August 17, and go through Sunday, August 23.

There will be morning and evening services Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30

p.m., with afternoon services on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend these services. We are asking the Lord to send vessels of His choosing.

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

There will be places for you to stay if you so desire. There will be meals served daily.

The church telephone is (918) 667-3430. Victor Thompson and family are caretakers at the church. They will be there to assist you in your needs.

DUNCANNON, PA, REVIVAL

Revival services are planned for September 16 through 20 at the Church of God chapel, Duncannon, PA. Morning and evening services are scheduled, with the first service being held on Wednesday evening.

Accommodations and camper sites are limited, but we are asking God to supply our spiritual and temporal needs. There are motels within a half-hour's drive of the meeting, in the Harrisburg area.

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 phone number is (717) 567-6988.

Pray for the Lord to have His way in sending His ministers and His messages, that His kingdom may be enlarged and edified.

—Sis. Barbara J. Campbell

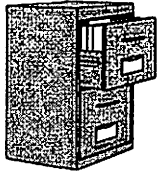
WICHITA, KS, FALL MEETING

Lord willing, the Wichita, KS, fall meeting will be held September 18-27, 1998. It will start on Friday night at 7:30. On both Sundays we will have three services, and Monday through Saturday we will have two services daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. We ask the saints to pray that God will bless in every phase of the meeting and anoint greatly. We invite all who can to come and help in the battle. Truly it is a battle these days to defeat the devil, but with God on our side we can keep on winning.

The church address is 1701 N. Ash St. The phone number is (316) 267-9582. If you are coming from the South on I-35, you will exit at

the 47th St. exit, which is exit No. 42. You will then be on I-135. Proceed to the 13th St. exit. Turn right on 13th and go 7 blocks to Ash St., then turn left and go three blocks to 16th and Ash, which is where the church is located.

If you need to contact someone, you can reach Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848, or Bro. Paul Phillips, Jr. at (316) 721-9557.



From
Our
Letter
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OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: May God's blessings be with all there and give you wisdom and strength in your labors for Him. We also pray that your labors will be very productive in bringing salvation and help to many souls.

We are doing well and trust this finds all there well and happy in the Lord's work.

May the good Lord give traveling mercies to all those coming and going to the workers' reunion, celebrating the 75th year of publication of the *Faith and Victory*, and may the reunion be a special blessing to all who attend....

With Christian love,
—Bill and Ruby Fern Busch

OK—Dear Bro. Murphey: I want to thank the Lord for protecting me and our home from a lightning strike on Tuesday, the 26th of May. We had a storm in the morning just as it was getting light. Peggy had already gone to work, and there was some small rumbling in the distance to which I didn't pay much attention. Then there was a loud ear-splitting report and flash, and the lights went out. Then there was a strong ozone and burnt smell in our trailer, and the phone was dead. I spent 20 minutes, more or less, checking for a fire in the trailer before I noticed a reflection of fire outside. I ran out thinking the old house which is going to be torn down was on fire, but it was the copper line going into the ground under the propane tank. There was a ball of fire about the size of a bushel basket that extended around the propane tank and went several feet into the air. I tried the water hose, but there was no pressure as the

electricity was off at the well. Then I threw a bucket of the dog's water on it, but that only made it worse. At that time I got confused and started running to the neighbor's which is about 1/4 mile away. I believe the Lord told me to think about what I was doing, and I realized that the tank would blow up before anyone could get here. (It is six miles to the fire department.) I asked the Lord to help me as I retraced my steps, and He gave me the presence of mind to go back and turn off the valve on the tank. I didn't get even a slight burn.

There were three surge suppressors in the trailer that were ruined, but my computer, fax machine and answering system are all working. I had to replace the copper line to the propane tank, some wiring and a receptacle, but I realize how much worse it could have been.

Please pray for Peggy and me.
Thank you, —Larry Wittenborn

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne: I am still much encouraged in the Lord and determined by the grace of God to go through with victory. I am determined to make heaven my home, and I know God wants me to make it there. So, since God and I are a majority, well, victory is assured. I praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I hope to attend several meetings this summer. May God bless everyone.
—Sis. Shirley Knight

FL—We wanted to share our praise and thanksgiving to God with the saints. God has granted us some remarkable answers to prayer. We feel so unworthy and want to praise His name for what He has done.

The first answer came a few weeks ago when we encountered what could have been a really serious problem regarding Kevin's health. It was necessary for him to undergo some medical tests, and the devil painted some very dark pictures while we were waiting for the results. We prayed earnestly during this time, and God answered. The results we received were a direct answer to our prayers and everything is fine, for which we are so very thankful. Praise God for hearing and answering!

The next answer to prayer for which we want to praise God, is regarding our brother-in-law, Bob Frusher. We called Guthrie for prayer for him a couple of months ago. He was hospitalized with a serious stomach condition, and at

first the doctors said it was cancerous. They gave him 6-9 months to live. He does not profess salvation, and the situation looked very grim. His hemoglobin level was dangerously low, and he had to be given 14 pints of blood in a matter of just a few days. After we and others began to pray, God miraculously healed him, and now the doctor says he doesn't even have cancer. Please continue to pray for him spiritually, that He will see the goodness of God and be led to repentance.

Another answer to prayer happened just last week. Both Kevin and I have been in the banking profession for many years. We always pray for God's protection each day from robberies. Some of the areas in which we work have seen some very serious and violent bank robberies. It is normally not customary for Kevin to go to an early lunch, but through God's providence he took an early lunch one particular day. He left his branch at 11:05 a.m., and a robber entered the building at 11:13 a.m.! A robbery was conducted, but thank the Lord, no one in the branch was physically injured. It was such an encouragement to us that God answered our prayers and didn't allow Kevin to be involved in this! This may seem like a small thing, or a coincidence, but for us it was a very real *answer to our daily prayers!* It is a very cold, violent and dangerous world in which we live, and we are only exempt from these dangers through God's mercy upon us.

We would like to request prayer for our sister-in-law, Dorothy Baird, who lives in Ohio. She has been diagnosed with a very serious health condition, and we desire God's mercy upon her. Also our sister, Debbie Lucas, is having health problems that could potentially be serious. Please remember her in your prayers. Both of these dear loved ones have served the Lord in the past, and we are very burdened for them.

God has been so good to us. We are not in any way worthy, but want to give Him ALL the glory. Please pray for us that we will remain true to God.

Sincerely, —Kevin and Cheryl Smith
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NC—Hello Bro. Wayne: I trust this will find you all well.

I want to thank you, Bro. Wayne, and all of the good people there for all the times you have

prayed for me. I thank God for people who can get in touch with Him. The last time I called for prayer, the Lord took the pain away right then.

The doctors have told me that I have lupus, and that they have done all they can for me. I told the doctor I believe in God, and that He can heal me. When I went back for a checkup, he said he couldn't believe I was doing so well. That was two months ago, so please pray that God will take it all away. I know He can. I have been healed before. I love the Lord and I love to live for Him.

I have a special prayer request. God knows about it. Thank you all again, and may God bless you.
—Sister Faye Minton
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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you in Jesus' name, the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. I hope all is going well with you and the printing work. We surely do appreciate the gospel that is being sent forth from the Print Shop. The June issue of the *Faith and Victory* was really good.

I enjoyed the camp meeting and received much good from it. I want to profit by all I heard....

I trust the Lord to continue to bless you and all the workers there.

Your saved brother, —T. V. McMillian
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LA—Warm greetings of love in the sweet name of Jesus! How very thankful I am for the love that caused Jesus to willingly suffer the agony and humiliation of the cross, so that I might escape a devil's hell! Oh, our weak, human minds can scarcely fathom the love that He had and is yet bearing for us!

I was so happy that you could go to the Philippines. My heart has long been burdened for those people. Bro. Tangunan stays so busy working among them. I held you up in prayer daily, both before and while you were gone. I asked the Lord to use you to be a real blessing and help to those folks, and to keep you safe and make them a blessing to you....

My heart was much grieved by Bro. Bob Sallee's passing, but we have to trust God's wisdom as well as His power. I know it has left quite a gap in the publishing work that will have to be filled.

Please remember me in prayer—I have some serious afflictions on my body. I know God has the power to heal me. He blesses me so abundantly.

dantly and enables me to still care for myself. Thank the Lord.

May God bless all of you there in the publishing work, and I pray He will bless with a glorious and profitable Oklahoma State camp meeting. I would like to be there, and will be in spirit.

In the love of Christ, —Sis. Sybil Goldsberry



TN—Dear saints: Greetings to you in the Lord's name—a name of high praise. The saints here in Alcoa/Maryville, TN, wish to thank everyone who has helped out in the Tennessee work by your donations, offerings and prayers. May God bless you.

We would also like to send up a praise report. The Lord has blessed us with a building for His worship. There's room for a nice chapel, Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study and both dining and kitchen areas. God is so good. Please continue to pray for us. —The Congregation



From Mexico...

June 23, 1998—Dear ones: We do thank you all for your prayers for us, and that the truth will be spread over Mexico. For several months I have been at home about half of the time to take care of duties, so we are behind on our goals of editing and printing. I am upgrading some of our equipment so that when my wife, Sis. Charlotte, and the other workers arrive back from the States we can get into producing the Spanish Bible Lessons on time.

During this year I have been sending monthly support to two native workers in the states of Sinaloa and Chiapas. The work in Sinaloa, with Brother Gonzalez, is growing. A Ford van which is in good condition has been provided for them. We brought it from Oklahoma to Ensenada last month. I am to take it to Sinaloa this week. And we do trust that it will be a blessing to that congregation. It will take about \$500 for custom

permits and travel expenses to get it there. The literature that we are printing in Spanish is well received in different places in Mexico. We are developing mailing lists for Central and South America. Young brother Alberto is with me again to help with editing and other work.

I would like to invite everyone who is laboring or planning to labor in a foreign field to attend a little missionary session at Monark this year. I believe that openness and sharing will benefit all. We can learn from each other. There are several topics that I feel are necessary which we might discuss.

Please help me pray about this burden. I truly believe that the fields are still "white and ready to harvest,..." maybe more so in some lands than in others.

Yours in His Service, —James Huskey



From Nigeria...

May 11, 1998—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and saints of the most High: Greetings in the praiseworthy name of the Lord Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God, who, by His death on the cross, paid our penalty. He arose a victor over sin and satan to secure for us eternal life. Praise Him forever!

God's sayings are given glad admission into our hearts. Our Bibles are loved and read daily with understanding. Great attention is paid to studying the Word of God in our midst. We listen attentively unto our Teacher and Interpreter of the Word of God, the Holy Spirit. "Who teacheth like Him?" Job 36:22.

The Church here wants to express our gratitude to a brother and two sisters in the U. S. A. who were touched in heart to send finances for the repair of our car. The car is back on the road. Praise God! The Lord surely will bless these brethren without exception. The chance given for publication in the *Faith and Victory* magazine was highly appreciated. The Vine and the branches that make up the Vine are of one substance. The same life-giving sap flows out to each twig of the Vine. What a unity!

The congregations at Kwale and Obetim-Uno moved to Umuachi-Afor on March 13th for open-air evangelism of three days' duration. We thanked the Lord for the means of transportation provided to convey the brethren six times to and fro. The public preaching closed with victory of souls won. Prompt action was taken to post a pastor, in the person of Bro. Smart Chunuwe, to take pastoral care of the young

congregation. Bro. Smart Chunuwe is married with five children. Please, dear saints, pray with us for his support.

We are spiritually alive, truly, and are occupying steadily.

Yours in Him, —Titus U. E. Enu

April 18, 1998—It is my pleasure to report that the Rivers State government has removed from my hometown, Tombia, the peace-keeping unit of the mobile police. During their stay in the town, and since their departure, there hasn't been a recurrence of violence. While being utterly thankful to God for this development, we still pray relentlessly for God to restore a lasting peace and unity in the community. Please, we solicit your prayers in this wise, and on behalf of the Nigerian society. God actually does answer the earnest prayers of the saints.

We pray that this glorious truth should continue to spread in all the nations of the world according to Jesus' prediction. As contained in the *Faith and Victory* paper of October 1997, there is always room for more and greater works to be accomplished for God. Let's all consecrate ourselves the more, that He may continue using us as holy vessels.

Please keep upholding us with your fervent prayers, as we do for you and the entire saints.

Yours in the body of Christ,

—Bro. O. B. Alalibo



Paul Taylor, 85, died May 23, 1998, at his home, after 15 months of ill health. He was born in Webb City, MO, and lived there most of his life, except for 11 years in CA.

He and his wife were saved in a hotel room while at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, in

1955. He was a very sick man at that time. They left Rochester for home. As soon as he was able to attend meeting, he was anointed and prayed for at the Webb City, MO, Church of God. He mended from that hour. The Lord healed him and gave him 43 more years. They have attended the Church of God in Webb City, MO, since that time.

Paul opened *Taylor's Men's and Ladies' Wear* in 1956, and retired from that in 1978. His son, Thomas, took over the business.

Paul is survived by his wife, the former Mary Lela Hallenberger. They were married 52 1/2 years. Also surviving are a son, Thomas Paul, of Webb City, MO, and a daughter, Vicki Wilson, of Yukon, OK, many saints, friends, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held May 26 at the Hedge-Lewis Funeral Home in Webb City, MO. Bro. Carl Shaffer officiated. Sis. Janice Johnston and her children sang Paul's favorite songs, *Heaven Holds All To Me*, *Saviour More Than Life To Me* and *He Touched Me*. Burial was in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Webb City, MO.

Thank You

We wish to thank all of the saints for praying for us and showing your love and kindness in so many ways. God was so merciful and good to us through it all in just the way He has promised to be. —Sis. Mary Lela Taylor, Sis. Vicki Wilson and Tom Taylor

Leona Martha (Hiebert) Classen was born April 2, 1911, to Abraham J. and Susanna (Ratzlaff) Hiebert, near Homestead, OK. She passed from this life to her eternal home on May 28, 1998, at her home west of Fairview, OK.

She attended Independence Public School, and Fairview and Homestead schools. She gave her heart to the Lord at the age of seventeen, and was baptized by Brothers Will and Sam Barton in a pond near Homestead, OK.

She married Alferd Classen on August 6, 1933. They experienced hard times during the depression years, but the Lord was good to them and they enjoyed their years together.

Martha was a true and faithful companion, a loving mother and a good neighbor and friend. Her greatest desire was for them to all be saved and meet her in heaven. Martha will be remembered as cheerful and friendly to all she met.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Ruben Hiebert and Dan Hiebert, and one sister, Selma Williams.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Alferd Classen of the home; her son, Leroy Classen of Atlanta, GA; four daughters, Nina and Gail Kelly of Fairview, OK, Erona and George Cope of Shawnee, OK, Bula Ann and Merrill Smith of Oklahoma City, OK, and Irene Cain of Fairview, OK; one brother, Leo Hiebert, of Wichita, KS; one sister, Anne Severs of Neosho, MO; 20 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and numerous friends in the family of God.

Funeral services were conducted on June 1, 1998, by Bros. Leslie Busbee and Wayne Murphey. Interment was in the Fern Cliff Cemetery, Fairview, OK.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER
BY
BRO. OSTIS B. WILSON
Reprint

QUESTION: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?" Matthew 7:3-4.

ANSWER: The question of this article is one Jesus Himself asked. Jesus asked a number of very pertinent and thought-provoking questions to which He did not directly give the answers. This is one of them. He put forth this very straightforward question to faultfinding, nit-picking, judging, criticizing people and did not give the answer to it. But there are some answers to it and Jesus left us to find them. Surely every earnest, honest, sincere person who is endeavoring to serve and honor Christ will search out the answers and seek to avoid the causes they discover.

The very setting of this text and the principal objects in the text will be sufficient to convince any of us that Jesus was not commending this kind of behavior, but rather condemning it and warning us against it. One object in the text is a man with a **mote** in his eye; the other object is a man with a **beam** in his eye. Now, to be fair we will have to acknowledge that there is an extraneous, foreign substance in the eyes of both men; something in their lives that needs to be corrected. But a man with a beam in his eye (a big timber; a glaring fault) is not the man to try to extract the mote out of his brother's eye.

If this little story were reversed, it would make better sense; if the man with the mote in his eye were trying to help the brother get the beam out of his eye, he could probably see sufficiently well to get hold of the beam and extract it. But Jesus did not set it up that way; He did not intend to. In setting it up this way, He was trying to make faultfinding, mote hunting, nit-picking, and criticizing appear just as ridiculous as possible and something to be laughed out of court at the very outset. In verse 5, He declared the man with the beam a hypocrite. He instructed him to get the beam out of his own eye (straighten out his own life) before going after the man with the mote. Note: Jesus nowhere intimated that the man with the mote did not need to get rid of his mote, but indicated that he might need some help to do it. But He did make it unmistakably clear that the man with the beam was not qualified to do it as long as he had his beam. However, verse 5 does indicate that this very same man with the beam could turn out to be the man who could help the man with the mote if he got rid of his beam and got his life straightened out. It is remarkable to note how effectively God can use a person in helping others who have been way out and far off course, if he will just see **his** need, confess it, humble his heart, repent, straighten out his life, and come clear and clean with God.

In verse 6, Jesus speaks about not giving the holy things to dogs nor casting pearls before swine. So it is evident that in these verses He is not forbidding us to evaluate the worth of other people. How could we avoid giving holy things to dogs and casting pearls before swine if we had no God-given ability to discern who was swinish or doggish? But what is actually involved here is a rebuke of an attitude on anyone's part to look for the worst instead of the best. Blindness to his own faults has overtaken the man who is looking for specks. My father used to say that mote hunters got their hunting licenses from the devil. A person would not likely see a mere speck unless he was actually looking for it. The person who is a perpetual faultfinder and chronic critic is usually anxious to find something wrong because the attitude of his heart renders him unwilling to give a clear bill of health to the one criticized. Herein is one of the answers to the question in the text: the person's attitude and motives are not right and cause him to do this.

In some cases this thing is done with an objective of salving one's own conscience. If we

have glaring faults in our lives, somehow it seems to help us feel a little better if we can make someone else look bad along with us. We somehow get a false and mistaken idea that we won't look quite so bad if someone by the side of us can be made to look bad, too. But let us take no comfort in this. If you were dying with some malady, what comfort would it be to you for someone to come visit you and say, "Oh, brother, be of good courage and don't worry about a thing; hundreds of people out there are dying with the same thing you have." What comfort could it possibly be to you just to know that many others were being destroyed right along with you?

Another answer is that some people seek to build up themselves by tearing down others. They reason thus: God is blessing and using this person in an unusual way, and he is having strong influence among the people. If I can point up enough faults about him, criticize his methods, point out something that has not been accomplished, and downgrade him in the eyes of the people, then I can stand forth as a paragon of perfection in their eyes by just comparing myself in his trimmed-down size.

Another answer is *envy*. Envy is the most malignant of all vices—a child of hate with a long, ugly, criminal record—Cain, Saul, the prodigal's elder brother, the Jews against Jesus, the 70 princes of Babylon against Daniel, and on and on. Cain envied Abel because God respected Abel and accepted his sacrifice, and did not respect Cain and accept his sacrifice. Cain never bothered to check into the cause of this, but just saw that it was that way, flew into his brother in a rage of envy, and slew him. Saul became envious of David because the people ascribed to David ten thousands and to Saul only thousands, and from that time on eyed him and sought opportunity to destroy him. The prodigal son's elder brother became envious of his younger brother because of the graciousness of his father to his brother when he returned from his wanderings. The prodigal's brother found fault with his father for receiving him back, and refused to go in and share in the bounties of the banquet and the rejoicing of the occasion. He wound up on the short end and in worse shape than his prodigal brother, and deprived himself of many bountiful benefits that he could have had and enjoyed. We always do when we give place to envy in our hearts toward another person. Pilate discerned that

the Jews delivered Jesus to him to be crucified because of envy. We sometimes inflict the pangs of crucifixion upon our fellows with our tongues of envy; and, oh, the terrible loss we suffer on account of it. The 70 princes of Babylon were moved with envy against Daniel because they saw him being favored by the king and promoted above them, and they concocted a scheme to destroy him.

God will do the same for all those who humbly submit themselves and trust Him in the hard times. He says in Psalm 31:20, "Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues."



Tokens from God

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redeemable at heaven's gate for entrance. Do you have any of these tokens? Do you want them? They are purchased as we go through the fire and water, when God causes people to ride over our heads. "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your **patience and faith** in all your **persecutions and tribulations** that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels." (II Thess. 1:3-7.)

We see by this scripture that our patience and faith is the manifest token given us by God in all our persecutions and tribulations. As the token has two sides, the face side is faith and patience, the flip side is persecutions and tribulations. Our eyes may become blinded to the fact that what is written on the token appears to be greater than what we will obtain. However, by accepting this token from God we are able to present it at heaven's gate for entrance. Then in looking back we see the token has flipped and the value has become priceless.

The Church at the time of its infancy had this token of faith and patience as they endured persecutions and tribulations. The Church in its evening time will also receive its token of tribulations and persecutions, with its faith and patience, to use at the gate.

Having said all of this, let me stress that, though tribulations and persecutions may not appear very attractive in this life, God is prepared and well able to make

them attractive to our souls while we are enduring. In so doing, by some mysterious workings of His Holy Spirit He is able to cause the unsaved, or heathen, to be ashamed of their treatment of us. At the same time we want to collect as many of these tokens as possible so our joy will be great now. Then we will tell others, "Look what God has done for my soul. The riches of His presence are mine. The joy of His salvation is mine. The peace of His abiding is mine."

Now, let me relate another happening. At my work we changed offices, and someone offered me a nice little two-drawer file cabinet to use in my new location. The drawers were wider than the old one, so I was looking forward to using it. It was several months before the actual move, but I went ahead and moved a few pieces down to that location, including the file cabinet, which I soon filled. When everyone was settled in their new areas, my employer asked if he could use my new file cabinet. I indicated that I really didn't want to give it up, if I had my choice. He said he didn't have to have it for a couple of days. I supposed he would try to find another one.

Then my immediate supervisor, that very day, had my file cabinet moved out and my old one brought back. I was surprised, but more than that, I was surprised at what was in my heart. I found my peace was bothered, so I tried singing under my breath; no success. I tried praying; no success. Minutes went by and I wasn't getting the victory. I thought about my other glorious victory, and it troubled me to find that a metal, two-drawer file cabinet was such a big thing.

I thought, "My, I didn't know I put such store into that cabinet. It's just metal." But victory didn't come. I rebuked the enemy and said that I was not going to miss heaven over a two-drawer file cabinet, and told him to get out and leave me alone. **That brought the victory instantly.**

The Lord brought back to me an incident which happened several months before that. I had had victory in some large trial, but then a small thing came up and almost tripped me. How Satan wants to snatch away our victories, whether large or small! If he can't get us one way, he will try another tactic. If you've tried praying, singing, etc., and no victory—try rebuking the evil one.

So, if you have a large trial, watch for a smaller one tucked away some place. If men ride over our heads and we go through fire and water, there will be tokens from God. And remember, there are large, wealthy places in Christ which are waiting for us.

The Dandelion

By
Sis. Wanda Atnip



I love the early
spring flowers
and the beauti-

ful budding trees. But the dandelions are something else! Although they have a lovely, bright yellow flower, I must get rid of them or they will take over my yard. So I destroyed them with my garden hoe, with the thought in mind that I don't want my yard to look like a bed of dandelions.

As I began to cut them down recently, the Lord began to talk to me, pointing out that the dandelion stands out with a beautiful yellow color. That is like the things which Satan would like to plant in our lives—sins that appear lovely and are very tempting to us to keep.

In going over my yard I found a dandelion growing in very poor soil. The plant wasn't very healthy, but I could not let it remain, for one flower will produce several seeds. I had to destroy it. Just so is one sin. If left in the heart it will produce many sins.

Then there were the nice healthy dandelions. There were several clumps of them blooming one at a time. I made sure I chopped them up. When Satan allures us with sin, he only shows us one at a time. It will be very attractive, but it will lead us to other sins which will "bloom" along our way of life.

We must daily keep a close contact with our heavenly Father, that we may be able to know the works of Satan and the traps he has set before us. We must not let Satan destroy us; we must cut down sinful temptations before they can take root and produce fruit.

There is power in prayer, and our Savior will help us. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

It is my desire that my heart will be a garden of lovely and sweet flowers, which will bring glory to my heavenly Father.

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Written By Sis. Connie Sorrell

When a man and woman come together as one in holy matrimony, I believe in the promise "to love and to cherish until death do us part." A pure, faithful, honest courtship is the fertile seed that will produce trust, happiness and security for a lifelong marriage.

I believe a child is given to a mother and a father to be sheltered from the evilness of society and to be disciplined for service unto God and humankind. Every child is planned by our Creator and ordained to be born. Each person is unique and all of us have an eternal reason for living. Parents should be the first to realize this fact and nurture their offspring accordingly.

I believe in homegrown activities such as picnics on the patio, camping in the backyard and conversations around the dinner table. Trips to far-away places are quite nice, but it is so relaxing to swing in one's own hammock. Lavish vacations and extravagant spending have not the same value as snuggling with a child and a good book in a big armchair. Cozy memories hold the most value.

I believe in deep family roots extending to great-grandparents, great-greats and beyond. Genealogy identifies who we are and why we bear the fruit that we do. Old-fashioned photos often show facial features similar to the ones we see in the mirror. Go to a family reunion with cousins, uncles and aunts and you will see what I mean.

I believe in family closeness. From love and commitment, families branch out, grow and shelter one another in time of need. Families that acknowledge and accept differences in one another will be strong in unity. When there is understanding, a family can shake together with laughter like leaves in a breeze, or that same family can stand together against the strongest blast of adversity.

God believes in families and He has written instructions that will fortify any family who obeys them. He promises to bless those who respect His Word and I believe He does.



Excerpts Taken From
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"Sister Evodna Thurman is absent from the office at this writing. She went with her mother to Illinois to be with her mother's father, who passed away shortly after their arrival there. In answer to the many prayers of his godly wife, Sister Smyth, his daughter and granddaughter, he sought the Lord for salvation when he was here at Guthrie over a month ago, and showed evidences of a changed life later.

"Bro. Irvin McMurrin from St. Joe, Arkansas felt the call of the Lord to come and help us awhile in the printing work. He has had some experience in printing work and is helping along with the work nicely. The Lord always has a way of keeping His work going on and getting the Gospel, by the printed paper, to the people.

"Bro. Darius Gibson and family of Seymour, Missouri, were here at Guthrie a few days, June 7-10. He is a traveling evangelist, and is on his way to New Mexico to do service for the Lord in that state for a short time, then he plans to return to his home near Seymour, Missouri, and make preparations to make an extended trip in the eastern states.

"Bro. Murphy Allen felt the Lord would have him move from Forest City, Missouri, to Mansfield, Missouri. He is now located about fifteen miles from Bro. Gibson and is a great help to him in ministering to those who are interested in the gospel in that vicinity."

—Fred Pruitt