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"God Which Raiseth the Dead"

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Praise God again this evening for the life we have in Christ. I enjoyed the services today. I appreciate living in the Lord's presence. I want to direct us to a scripture, II Cor. 1:3. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. For we would not, brethren, have you

ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us."

My message comes from the ninth verse "...that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead." To what further extent could you go in a need than right to death. There's no point beyond that where you are going to try God, is there? That shows us how great our expectations of God can be. That is what I want to lift our eyes to tonight. God has been inspiring me for several weeks with this thought. We should not limit God. We should trust Him because He is a God Who raises the dead. He made something out of nothing. He breathed life into a body, a ball of clay that He had formed. He made it an eternal, living soul. He took something that was without form and void and made the beautiful, awesome creation from the farthest stars to the smallest little eye on a bug. How can you ever limit God? How can we doubt God? And yet our society is fraught with curses against God—agnostic ideas. They think that God either doesn't exist or He doesn't concern Himself with us. He doesn't care. He evidently is not watching. We find that we are in a battle with these thoughts against God com-

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POWER

By Sis. Jeanie Samons

The word "power" denotes authority, strength or influence. We sometimes steer away from this word as a religious term, because we get confused with the possibility of having too much control in a situation or over others.

In studying the references to this word "power" I became acutely aware that we underestimate the gift God has given us. In Luke 24:49, Jesus realized the weakness that was within His disciples, even though they were good, earnest, devout men. He told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they "received power from on high." These same disciples had misinterpreted the power of God at times and even misused it. Yet Jesus knew, in His absence, that they would need God's power to carry on the work He had begun here on this earth.

Jesus has gone from us in the flesh, the disciples are gone, yet we live on with instruction from the Bible to continue the work that was begun in the early church. Indeed, the disciples were endued with power. On the day of Pentecost that power moved the multitudes. The early church experienced the power of God with great miracles and great unity of the Spirit. Much was accomplished in those days. We read of those occurrences and desire to see the same unity and moving of the Spirit in our day.

We quote the scripture of how "few will enter in, in the last days" and "few will be saved." In essence, it is easy to accept the lack of power in our lives as a sign that we are living in the last days and the Lord is coming. But can we not feel the lethargy settling over us? Are we not alarmed at being part of the scripture that says "Will he find faith when he comes?" Will we be a part of that faithless, unpowerful generation that must answer to God?

There are many scriptures that tell us that God will give us power. We know, of course, that before we can have power to do outward things, we must have power in the inner man. It would be foolish to attempt to call down power when we do not conquer the power of sin and discouragement within our own lives. In Colossians 1:11, Paul says we can "be strengthened with

might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness." In II Peter 1:3, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." This implies that no need will go unmet in our spiritual lives as long as we are pursuing God's ways. In Ephesians 3:20, the Word says that God can do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Sometimes I believe that we fear "power." We are afraid that we will misuse it, so we avoid it. II Timothy 1:7, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." How easy it is to hide behind our emotional weakness, our personality, or our insecurities, and we become fearful and withdrawn and unable to ask and experience the power of God that waits to work within us.

To have "power" does not infer that we are pushing others down or that we intend to intimidate. It means that we have the influence and strength to encourage, to elevate, to lift up. If we can think of power in this way it will help us desire it.

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How often do we tell the Lord, "Oh Lord, You see my weaknesses. I can't do anything." Could we not pray, "Oh, Lord, Your strength is made perfect in my weakness. Let Your power work through me. Use me to influence others because of that power flowing out of me."

II Timothy 1:8 continues, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, ... but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." Are we ashamed to testify for the Lord anytime, anywhere, because we are afraid of being shunned, misjudged, or made fun of? Jesus and His disciples proved that to use God's power didn't necessarily bring popularity, but it did influence people. They experienced much protest, yet the world was greatly affected by the power of their testimony. We are still under that influence today.

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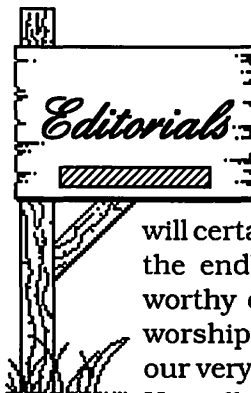
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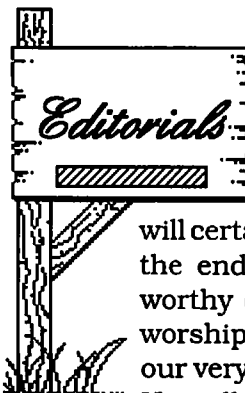
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The *Beautiful Way* papers and *Bible Lessons* quarterly for January, February and March have been printed and were mailed December 12. The Bible lesson topics are on the subject of Jesus Christ. A few of the lesson titles are: The Precious and Mighty Name of Jesus, The Holiness of Jesus Christ, The Mind and Spirit of Jesus, The Great Authority of Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ-The Good Shepherd, Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus Christ-The Great Physician, What Jesus-The Master Teacher Taught. If you would like a copy they are only \$1.00 per quarter or \$4.00 per year. They are a very helpful addition to your Sunday School class or for your personal study of the Bible. The word definitions are enlightening to those who want a deeper understanding of the scriptures. The Lesson Background, Comments and Applications and Food for Thought articles give revealing insight into the selected scriptural passages and topics being studied.

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We are excited about the New Year that is upon us. There is much to be done in the harvest field of the Lord. As the saints of the Church of God join together in the bond of Christian unity and work together, souls can be touched with the love of God. His love and compassion is reaching out to the sad, the lost and the lonely. We know when a heart is touched with God's love, wonderful things begin to happen. Dark clouds will dissipate and heavenly light will take its place.

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As you are reaching out to others this year, let us have a part in helping you with our wide-ranging selection of gospel tracts. A tract can make your helping hand for someone in need have a greater impact, as it steers a person's heart and mind heavenward to the source of living water. It can also go places you wouldn't be able to and can make a brief contact into a lasting impression. If you don't have one of our

tract or book lists, give us a call, drop us a card, or e-mail and we will send you one.

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We still need Holy Spirit-inspired articles and testimonies. Those can make a difference in this paper. There are certainly plenty of papers out there. May the Spirit of God be felt here. Seriously pray about what the Lord would have you to do.

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The Lord blessed in a wonderful way in the Oklahoma State Assembly meeting held here in Guthrie. It seemed the Spirit of the Lord witnessed Himself in a very calm, peaceful manner. The "still small voice" could be perceived talking to our hearts, drawing us closer to Him. The singing of the saints is a delightful, joyful experience that enraptures the soul and leaves a refreshing assurance within us. The date for the camp meeting was set for May 23-June 1. Make plans to come.

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May this New Year bring many rich blessings from the Lord to the saints of the Church of God, and may it be filled with accomplishments that last eternally. By the help of the Lord, let's make it count for His glory.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey
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OK—Remember my mother, Sis. Catherine Shaffer in prayer.

—Bro. Craig Shaffer

TX—I ask prayer for my family. I have a 14 year old girl who has left home and we do not know where she is. Pray also for my son who is suffering, and I have a bad knee.

—Sis. Magdalena Cervantez

IN—Please pray for my son Jimmy. He is very nervous and has been unable to recover from a cold. Also remember me; I am not feeling well. Pray for my unsaved loved ones.

—Sis. Dessie Wilson

SC—Please remember my family and I in prayer. My husband, Andy, had back surgery in October and is out of work until February, maybe longer. Please pray for him, soul and body. Thank you, —Sis. Marie Weatherford

KS—You probably have heard about Anna Severs falling and breaking her hip. I hope and pray she can go home soon to live in her own home with someone to help her. Please add her to the prayer list.

—Sis. Naomi Dickerson Hiebert

MI—Please pray for me.

—Sis. Renate Hess

PA—Thank you for all your prayers for me.

—Bro. Parker Slifer

OK—I would appreciate Sis. Ruth McMakin being put on the standing prayer list. Lord bless you folks at the Print Shop. —Bro. Bill McMakin

Standing Prayer Requests

Sis. Ruby Bell
 Sis. Lydia Bennett
 Sis. Alscene Breckenridge
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 Bro. Jon Busbee
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 Sis. Waneta Creel
 Bro. Hubert Corteway
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 Bro. Dale Doolittle
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 Sis. Eleanor Fingerle
 Sis. Pearlene Gerald
 Sis. Esther Gordon
 Bro. Huey Gordon, Jr.
 Bro. Lee Hilton
 Bro. Shawn Howard
 Sis. Daisy Johnson
 Sis. Janice Johnston
 Sis. Earnestine Jordan
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 Sis. Mattie McIntyre
 Sis. Ruth McMakin
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 Bro. Allan Miller
 Sis. Virginia Myers
 Sis. Dollie O'Neill
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 Sis. Anna Severs
 Sis. Catherine Shaffer
 Bro. M. Agenemoh Sidi
 Sis. Kay Stover
 The Mitch Taylor family
 Sis. Anna Mae Thompson
 Bro. Preston Vulgamore
 Bro. Curtis Williams, Sr.
 Sis. Lula Williamson
 Sis. Esther Wilson

MEETING DATES

Ministers' Meeting (Guthrie, OK)—March 6-8

MEETING NOTICES

GENERAL MINISTERS' MEETING

Dear saints: Lord willing, there will be a General Ministers' Meeting at The Church of God Chapel in Guthrie, OK. The first meeting will begin Thursday, March 6th, at 9 a.m., and the last session will end at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8th.

We look forward to a rewarding time of fellowship and Bible teachings to enhance the work of the Lord. Interest has been expressed for instructions to establish the young ministers, build faith and encourage all to work more closely together.

We would also like to give attention to Bible topics relative to the ministry. We would humbly ask that any questions be submitted prior to the meeting to allow the ministry time to prayerfully consider them. Please keep your questions brief (three sentences or less) and as concise as possible. Questions can be submitted to the Church of God Ministry by Feb. 15th, in care of Bro. Charles Lowe, 1823 North Main, Tulsa, OK 74106, or Bro. James Bell, at the following e-mail address: triciaskitchen@juno.com or Bro. Keith Fuller, 244 Storer Ave., Akron, OH 44302.

Please contact Bro. Delmar and Sis. Brenda Wilkins at (405) 282-0566 for lodging suggestions. We need to know how many are coming in order to plan for the meals, so please R.S.V.P. soon.

Any freewill offerings for this meeting may be sent to Sis. Brenda Wilkins at 1023 East Prairie Grove, Guthrie, OK 73044.

If you are unable to attend, there will be tapes available upon request. We ask the saints to pray for this meeting, that it will be edifying, uplifting and successful.

Yours for the work of the Lord,

—Bro. Stanley Dickson

MEETING REPORT

The congregation at Vanceburg, KY, enjoyed the special meeting we had Nov. 30-Dec. 1. The Lord sent several ministers to be with us. Bro. Leslie Busbee, Sis. Angela Gellenbeck and Sis. Mary Lawson were such an encouragement to the congregation. We had a Baptism Service on Saturday and we observed the Ordinances on Sunday. We appreciated the Lord visiting us in these services and for allowing His presence to be so precious. —Sis. Priscilla Cooper

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS



OK—Dear Bro. Willie: I'm glad that I can say like the poet, "I'm happy, redeemed and free."

—Sis. Elnora Conley

CA—Dear Bro. Murphey: I'm happy to say I'm encouraged to "Keep traveling on" as the song goes. God still loves me and I love Him so much!

We need to have God's eternal love, for God **is** love and the greatest assurance we can have is found in Romans 8:39, "Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Praise God Jehovah! I thank Him and praise Him for His eternal love. Pray for us that we'll remain faithful until Jesus comes again.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. James McMakin

MO—Dear Bro. Willie: I find the dear Lord more precious as the years fly by. He is faithful to those who stay faithful to Him. He is everything I need and I praise and thank Him for all He means to me.

It has been some time since I sent in a testimony. But the Lord has been faithful to me. May we keep our eyes on Jesus and His will. Let us keep close to Him where we can hear His still small voice. We have to give account of ourselves before God and not for anyone else. May God bless your efforts.

My love and prayers, —Sis. Natalie Allen

KS—Dear Bro. Willie: Greetings to you dear ones in Jesus dear and precious name. Thanks for the *Faith and Victory*. I just finished reading it all, and enjoy it.

I can't understand why more people don't want to live for God. Jesus paid the price. We need to accept Him as our Lord and Saviour and continue to live for Him no matter how the enemy tries us.

I'm 84 years old, and not too well, but thankful for how God has been with me so far. My dear husband, an old-time church of God minister, has been gone on for 8 years. I miss him so much. I get very lonely. I read my Bible and pray for my family.

I enjoyed the Editorials and also "Why Some Have Better Experiences," by Bro. Naylor. I probably have read it before, but this refreshed me to stay close to God each day. Pray that I will stay true to the very end. There is no telling what God has in store for me in 2003. I know He is in control. Yours in Christ, —Sis. Margaret Angle

AL—Dear Bro. Willie and workers: Truly we are thankful for the goodness of the Lord to us. He is precious and gracious; His mercy endureth forever.

I was inspired recently while in prayer that though we may feel and it even may appear we are forsaken, He has promised never to leave us, nor forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5.)

Job lost everything of material value and was horribly afflicted in both body and mind. But he still maintained his integrity with God. "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. "...What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" Job 2:10. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him:..." Job 13:15.

I remember years ago a keen disappointment that the Lord permitted. It was really only a small matter, but I cried in my disappointment, feeling like the Lord had failed me. But is it possible for the Lord to fail? Are we willing to still trust Him when it looks like He has? I soon realized He hadn't failed me at all. He had something better planned for me instead.

The future may appear uncertain, but the God whom we serve is not. He has beset us behind and before. He has promised to always be with us. He has promised a place of refuge, a way of escape and abounding grace. How can even **one** of His promises fail? A saint once said, "I may tremble on the Rock, but the Rock never trembles under me."

Surely the Lord's time is near. Do not be disheartened, but rather encouraged. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

In Christ, —Sis. Sarah Herron

From India...

Dec. 17, 2002—Dear Bro. Willie Murphey and dear saints abroad: New Year's greetings to the dear saints in America and in other nations in the unique name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your letter dated Dec. 3. We are almost

prepared for our 38th General Convention in January. May God supply new strength and graces to His children in the new year.

It has been our desire to start some new congregations here and Lord willing, we hope to get that desire fulfilled in 2003. After our General Convention we will have convention at Vilayanthur and Nellimattom in February. Please continue to remember our efforts here in your prayers. Yours in Him, —Bro. John Varghese

From the Philippines...

Dec. 30, 2002—Dear Bro. Willie: All praises to God for giving us another year to live and to serve Him. We have seen God's glory, greatness and power manifested in the difficult days of our lives. Trials and sufferings happen so that God's glory might be displayed in our lives. To God be the glory.

Bro. Willie, the camp meeting was postponed. Military men in Lomboy are on red alert.

They were informed that members of CPP-NPA are planning to attack there. Hopefully, Lord's will, we will have our fellowship in April. Bro. Pat Tangunan phoned me about the postponement.

Thank you for your e-mail, dear brother. I pray that God will give me enough wisdom so that I may work and serve Him according to His will.

Please pray for my daughter, Arlene. It has been four days now that her ears (inside) are swollen and she can hardly hear. She says it's so painful. She even had fever. May God's healing power be upon her.

Our prayers are for you all dear saints. We especially pray that you will all have a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Happy, happy, New Year! We wish you all the best! With much love and prayers,

—Sis. Nellie Tibayan



Note of Thanks

The family of Sis. Christine Eck would like to thank the saints for their many prayers, cards and flowers during my wife and our mother's final illness and passing. You have all been such an encouragement to us.

—Bro. Paul Eck and family

Ruby Fern Busch, 85, died after a short illness on December 16, 2002, at 3:25 a.m., at the Willowbrook Terrace Nursing Home in Pendleton, Oregon.

Ruby Fern Wilson was born May 16, 1917, to John and Sarah Wilson in Drumright, Oklahoma. She went to school at Navina, just west of Seward, Oklahoma.

She married Robert (Bob) L. Johnson on May 10, 1941. They had three children, Robert (Bobby) W. Johnson, Jerry L. Johnson, and Jonetta J. Johnson.

They last lived in Guthrie from 1959-1989. After the passing of her husband, she moved to Pittsburg, California to be near Jonetta.

In 1992 she gave her heart to the Lord and found Him precious to her soul. On March 10, 1997, she married William R. Busch. They lived in Irrigon, Oregon, until Ruby Fern's illness.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bob, her son, Bobby, both her parents, her step-mother, Essie, five sisters; Floy, Dovie, Mary, Ellen and Ruth; two brothers; Ed and John.

She is survived by her husband, William R. Busch, of Irrigon, Oregon; one son, Jerry L. Johnson Sr., of Leavenworth, Kansas; one daughter, Jonetta J. Taylor of Roopville, Georgia; two step-daughters, Cherie Kohn of Hermiston, Oregon and Evelyn Woods of Spokane, Washington; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held December 20, 2002, at the Smith Funeral Home, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Interment followed in Seward Cemetery. Bro. Carl Shaffer and Sis. Maxine Busbee officiated.

Guidelines for Searching the Scriptures

"Awake thou that sleepest,... and Christ shall give thee light!" Eph. 5:14.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!" John 8:32.

A Road Map. A Rule Book. A Book of Etiquette. A Recipe for Success.

A Book of Wisdom. A Book of Knowledge. A Menu for the Hungry.

A Guide for the Lost.

The Holy Bible

Owning the Bible is a most serious responsibility. We can no longer claim ignorance; for if we read it, we will learn to know God and His will for us. If we lack knowledge regarding these matters, it is because we neglect to read it or choose to invest our time in less important matters and thus are willingly ignorant by choice. Open the Bible; read it, study it, search it, respect it, love it, believe it, listen to its instructions, heed its warnings, follow its example, obey its laws, for the Bible is the ultimate foundation of all truth. These words shall judge us at the last day when Christ returns to bring every man into judgment for the deeds he has done in the flesh. The Books will be opened, and another book, which is the book of life, and all shall be judged according to the things that are written in the books therein! (Rev 20:12.) By the Word of God all the words, thoughts, attitudes, spirits and deeds of man are weighed. If our lives do not balance the scale with the Word of God, we will be found wanting.

It contains truth upon which all of life is based and is the foundation upon which the world revolves. Truth is eternal and unchanging, cannot be modified or altered by man, is universally applicable, and is no respecter of persons. It requires the same of all generations under all circumstances, regardless of social status, education, occupation or profession. We are instructed to "Buy the truth and sell it not." It is a treasure and pearl of great price that cannot be purchased with money, yet is available only to those who are willing to sacrifice everything to obtain it. It is the most valuable commodity known to man! Truth by itself is far more valuable than all the ideas, concepts and philosophies of man combined. We must be willing to sacrifice all to obtain it and refuse to part with it at any price. Truth found in God's

Word has been miraculously and divinely preserved against all forces that sought to destroy and eradicate it from the face of the earth. It is ours for the reading!

As we approach the last day, the Bible is for you and me to know truth, to discern the signs of the times, to identify ourselves in relation to God and to know our spiritual condition. By seeking truth while we have life and breath, we can prepare for "That Day" and truly learn to worship God in Spirit and truth. When "That Day" arrives, we need not be caught unawares. How sad will be the commentary to stand before the Judge of all men and hear the words, "...I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matt. 7:23.

1. Seek to know God by reading His inspired Word, for it is through knowledge and understanding of the scriptures that we know God and experience communion with Him.

2. Accept that we could be wrong in our current thinking and understanding. We may have to unlearn human concepts before we can understand divine concepts.

3. Realize we may be misguided by allowing others to do our thinking for us.

4. Admit that we may never have investigated the subject adequately.

5. Determine to know if we are wrong so that we may amend our ways.

6. Purpose that if we are wrong we will allow God to straighten out our thinking. Paul had to, even though he thought he was doing God a favor.

7. Determine to search the scriptures diligently and never ignore or disregard a scripture, even if it does not support our preconceived conception of truth.

8. Cultivate an honest desire to know the truth regardless of the outcome.

9. Recognize that if God inspired it to be written, it is worthy of our attention.

10. Be persuaded that if it is worthy of our attention, it is worthy of efforts to understand it.

11. Base interpretation of scriptures that are difficult to understand, ambiguous, or can be interpreted in more than one way in the light of simple non-ambiguous scriptures.

12. Purpose never to twist or wrest the scriptures to make them mean what you want them to mean.

13. Seek to understand with the spiritual mind rather than the natural mind.

14. Study with a prayerful request that God, through His Holy Spirit, will teach you His Word and reveal the hidden mysteries of the kingdom of God to you.

15. Remember, all scripture is given by inspiration of God and will have spiritual significance. If your interpretation merely establishes ritual or legalistic dogma, automatically question your interpretation.

16. Recognize that the Holy Spirit was given to lead and guide us into all truth.

17. Realize that when we use the same text-book (Bible), and the same teacher (Holy Spirit), we will all see eye-to-eye regarding truth from God's Word.

18. When we devise our own ways and invent our own concepts of truth, we create confusion and division.

19. Never achieve unity by intellectual compromise. Truth is not a negotiated settlement.

20. Make a commitment to accept the Bible standard. Humble to it, whether personally disposed to find it agreeable or disagreeable.

21. Study to show yourself approved unto God. Rightly divide the Word of God and be prepared to give a ready answer for our faith. Determine never to read or study the Word merely for the sake of argument or to prove a point in a contentious manner.

22. Recognize that every man's ways are right in his own eyes; if not, we would have already changed our way of thinking.

23. Purpose to respect diversity of opinions, while recognizing that no man's opinion has value unless it is supported on a foundation of God's truth.

24. Avoid the deception of satan that it doesn't matter what we believe, just as long as we are sincere. Many perish from the results of sincere errors.

25. Cultivate a spirit of congeniality while striving to maintain the unity of Spirit until we can reach a unity of understanding of spiritual truths.

26. Realize that Bible unity regarding truth can only be achieved between individuals who walk in the light as He is in the light, for then we have fellowship one with another.

27. Recognize the difference between union and unity. One comes from a meeting of the human mind and a confederacy with human kind. The other is a gift from God to men and women who walk in His truth!

28. Acknowledge that we cannot disagree on truth and both be right.

29. Recognize that opposing viewpoints can both be wrong.

30. Recognize that we can all agree and all be wrong.

31. Although in the multitude of counselors there is safety, truth is not determined just because multitudes accept or reject a concept or philosophy.

32. Know that intellectual knowledge and understanding will never replace divine revelation. God hides some things from the wise and prudent and reveals them unto babes in Christ.

33. Set your goal to make your life fit the book, not the book to fit your life.

34. Purpose to never base our perception of truth on human experience, for it is valueless unless founded on scriptural truth and may in itself qualify as the doctrine of devils and constitute deception.

35. Remember, God is seeking for those who learn to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

36. Develop a love for the truth, for without it our judgment can become perverted, and we can believe what we want, even though it is error and brings damnation upon our souls.

37. Introduce your family, children and friends to truth at your earliest opportunity.

38. Share the truth with others by any means available.

39. Truth is the embodiment of sound doctrines (teachings). It stands alone in opposition to all false doctrines and teachings of men and devils.

40. Believe it, accept it, live by it and stand by it until your last breath. The Bible is the only deliverance from sin and oppression. It will be our defense in this world and in the Day of Judgment!

—Selection submitted by Bro. Cliff Smith

“God Which Raiseth The Dead”

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ing right into the minds of us who know what salvation is, who know the care of God and the truth of God. The devil is bombarding our thoughts to think less of God than what we should think; to expect less of Him than what we should expect; and to even doubt His care and love for us. People even doubt the salvation of God; they doubt whether they can even be delivered. If they are not actually saying it, they are acting it. People are wondering today if what we have been taught is really true. Is salvation really that great? I've heard young people express it; I've seen it in young people's minds and eyes, almost a brazen unbelief coming right at you even as you are speaking to them and teaching. It is afflicting and tormenting the minds of young children who shouldn't be tormented like that. It's a spirit of unbelief that's coming against God.

He works through the imaginations of your own heart. The imaginations of the normal human heart are against God. They are at enmity against God and the first thought that comes to you will be a negative thought against God. It will, and we must fight against it. I have a message of hope. We trust in a God who raises the dead. He's not limited by anything here on earth. There's no limit to His power or His ability to work in our lives. We can trust in Him. We don't have to be dismayed or depressed. We can look at God and expect great things of Him. I've been praying in my prayers lately, “Lord, my expectation of You is very great, because you have done great things,” and “You are awesome. You're wonderful.” We need to spend more time in worship and in praise to Him.

I'd like to turn to Ezekiel 37 and verse 1. “The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry, And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live?” There are some interesting questions God has asked of people and this is one of them. “And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.” It sounds like a pretty despairing cry, doesn't it? “Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.” Now what? That's almost an

impossibility. You want **me** to talk to these bones and tell them to live—To hear the Word of the Lord.

You know, we are facing some very dead situations. Marriages are dead. The love in your home is dead. You may be facing a dead time in your spiritual life. Emotions are dead. Because of great sorrow and grief, you may feel dead. Maybe there is death to your faith, to your confidence or to your vision of God's work. Perhaps people have disappointed you, hurt you, rejected you. You've seen so much that you don't even hope anymore. You don't know what to do. Are things going anywhere or not?

“Can these bones live?” I don't know, Lord, you know about that. God wants us to get hold of something that's greater than the bones, greater than our own knowledge and greater than our own thoughts. It's very simple. It's the Word of the Lord. The Word of God is alive and it's powerful. It will work. You can use the Word of God. You can use it in your marriage and in your spiritual life. You can begin to pray the promises of God and expect great things from God. He can change things. He can speak to things in your life. He can speak to your dead heart and to your dead vision. He can raise you up and give you life again.

“Son of man, can these bones live?” “Lord, you know,” but He said prophecy to the bones. Fellow ministers, we have such a duty and obligation to not only read the Word, but to really prophesy. That prophecy comes from the spirit of Jesus. The devil is even working on the ministers to disillusion us, to cause us to stop, to quit and to limit God. We question whether our prayers are going to be answered when we pray this time. Do you ever have the devil attack you and say, “You may pray for this but they are going to walk away and it's still going to be the same.” Let's rebuke that spirit of unbelief and stand against it. Pray anyway. Pray against it and use the Word of God and be filled with the Spirit. We should not be ignorant of the Lord's will, it says in the scriptures, but understand what the Lord's will is and be filled with the Spirit, having such an obligation and duty not only to bring the Word and the admonitions to the people, but God help us to somehow bring to the people a conviction and a sense of “Yes, I

know this is so," and "Yes, I am going to do this," and "yes, I can do this. Lord, help us."

"Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded." Again to the ministers, we are going to have to prophecy when there seems to be death, when it seems like everything is dry and gone and dead. We are going to just keep on as the Lord commanded us. We are not in this for the money. We are not in this for the numbers. We are in this to obey the Word of the Lord. When He says to say it, we say it. It is just that simple. The Word of the Lord is our only hope. We have been given a commission to speak the Word of the Lord and we must do it in this atmosphere of deadness and dryness. We can do it with confidence.

Have you ever come to service and had the devil say you are a hypocrite? You don't feel confident. You don't feel faithful. You don't feel joyful. Yes, but I can move and go in the strength of the Lord God. But I don't have any strength. Yes, I'm void. Yes, I'm empty. Empty? That is where the Lord wants me, so He can fill me.

I had an experience recently. My emotions were as low and as dry and dull as could be. Sunday was coming and it came time to go to service. We had invited some people to come home with us afterwards and it was hard getting around and I forgot to put the ham in the oven. As I went down the road I said, "Honey, if I follow my feelings I could cry right now and go right back home. I'll fix my dinner and by the time you come home I'll be all right." The Lord spoke to me and said, "If you do that, it could change the course of your whole life by giving in this one time." So I went on to service. And do you know what? I called song number 299. "My feelings are given to Fathers control, His wisdom shall govern my body and soul." I want to tell you something. I began to feel the strength of the Lord and new life coming right into my physical body. By the end of the service, I felt like going home and cooking anything; like I could do anything. I went home and prepared dinner and we enjoyed it. We played with the children and I just marveled at what the Lord had done.

That old spirit is right there saying you can't do this and if you lift your hand to this song then you are just a hypocrite because you don't feel

that way. Just rebuke that old dead, dry spirit and keep going. Be encouraged, because we have the Word of the Lord and it's strong and it's alive.

So he said, "I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them." Sometimes the progress that the Lord is making seems very slow. It is in steps, but it is progress and you can see that. I want to encourage you. With relationships that you may feel are dead, keep showing kindness. Keep speaking the Word of God in your prayers. Believe the promises the Lord has given you concerning your unsaved children or your situations that are so dead in your life. Keep showing the love of God to that one who is totally unresponsive.

You are saying, "Well, Angela, but you don't have any experience on this." I have a little. There was a situation in our neighborhood. There was a woman who absolutely hated me. I think it was a misunderstanding but she made it known. She would not speak to me. She would go out of her way to avoid me. We had been at least on speaking terms before, but this situation was dead. It was not working. We began to pray and desired to use the Lord's wisdom in the matter and the Lord showed us what to do and we began to do it. Last year she got very sick and we found out about it. We took her favorite dish of chicken and dumplings to her and different things the Lord helped us to do. Do you know what? That lady has come around. She speaks to us now and I can call her and she will answer the phone. I can hold a conversation with her now. This has been so encouraging to me, because I have found that simple kindness and love really does work. It took so long. It took about three years, but I just thank the Lord. He wants to work on impossible situations. That is what the Lord sent me here to tell you. We should pray for the impossible situation. We should begin to mention people to the Lord that we have quit praying for. We should begin to mention the names of people who are divorced and remarried and keep praying for them. Say "Lord, you can bring them back together. You can help them, You can do something. You can do miraculous things, Lord. I'm not going to quit. I'm going to keep on praying for them." This

situation, it looks dead and may be dead but God raises the dead. He raises dead situations. He brings life. He brings life into relationships that are gone. You think that will never happen again and that person will never be saved. The Lord has told me, "You don't do that anymore. Don't you quit praying for them." We had a relative this year to get saved and he told us, "If I can get saved, anybody can get saved." The Lord can help people who are so against Him and that you think are hopeless. God raises the dead, He can help those people—people that are unreachable, God can reach. Keep trying. Write them another card. Don't preach to them. Don't talk about how they are going to hell and that you are concerned about them. Just talk to them and say, "You were on my mind today," and "Because you were on my mind, I feel that God was letting me know that He cares for you," and "We sure want you to come and see us." Do different things like that and spend time with them. You don't have to mention God at all. You can spend time with them and they will come around. God can breathe life into these dead hearts.

The Lord has burdened me this year for unsaved older people, and I really praise the Lord for how He has saved some of them. God can put someone on your mind to pray for. You may think automatically, "Oh, that's a hopeless situation," but if God put them on your mind you can be sure that God is working on their end. He is speaking to them and you can begin praying with faith and expectation. You can just almost wait for the phone to ring. You are going to hear something good about that individual. I felt the Lord wanted me to come and say this to the saints. Don't be discouraged. My God is a God who raises the dead.

In Hebrews 11:12, speaking about Abraham and Sarah, it says, "Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead," That's exactly the way that it was. He was as good as not there. He was something that **was not**. God counted him as something that **was**. When He talked to Abraham He talked about seeds. There were no seeds. There was no seed at all. It was something that was dead. Abraham and his wife's power to conceive a son were dead. God raised that seed and gave him a son. God looked at that situation, and He visualized you and me as children of faith, children of Abraham by faith. He visualized us and there were none of us yet, but He looked out into the future and saw us. He

saw believers and physical children of Abraham. Yes, He saw us too because we are the spiritual children of Abraham if we believe.

Another way in which he was as good as dead was when God asked Abraham to go up to the mountain and slay his son for a sacrifice. Here is what really is so wonderful to me about Abraham. Abraham did not submit to do this with a hopeless resignation and an attitude of, "Oh well, what's next? What's He going to ask me to do next? Here I go. He didn't do that, dear ones. He told the people that were with him, "My son and I are going and we will be back." Here is what his faith was. He believed that he was going to go up there and slay his son and then God was going to raise him up, and he was going to come back down. It wasn't that he thought, "God is going to come stop me before I kill him." No, he believed that he was going to kill him and then God was going to resurrect him. That is what it says in verse 19. "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." It was done; the deed was done in Abraham's mind. He had it all figured out. I'm going to kill him, then God is going to raise him right off that altar and I'm going to march right back down the mountain with him. Oh, we need that kind of faith when we are asked to obey God. It may look like this is the end of all the hopes and dreams that you have given me, Lord. How can I do this? This will kill everything. This is not going to work at all. Folks, we need to just obey Him and know that it is going to come out. It's going to come out all right, because God is the God that raiseth the dead. We can trust Him to that extent.

In Romans 4, this is really challenging. Here it talks about the faith of Abraham. In verse 16 at the end of the verse it says, "...who is the father of us all,...before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." God does this and you know, He wants to do this and in His authority, you can do this. You can look at something that is not existing and if God so inspires you, if He is moving you to obey and you say, "but this does not exist," "I do not know what He is doing," "I'm taking a leap in the dark," you go ahead, you can do it because God told you to. You can expect great things from God. It says He called those things which be not as though they were. He called Peter a Rock. Peter was no more a rock than a snake. He was

Peter. He was Simon. He was boisterous. He was the impetuous person. He wasn't a rock. Jesus looked at him and said, "Peter, you're a rock." He looks down at us and He calls us by names that we are not yet, but He sees that in us. He expects great things of us because He knows His power that works in us. It's a quickening power. He can work great things in us.

He looks at His Church and He calls you His dove. He calls you His beloved. Some of us are not acting that way but that is what He sees. He looks at us and while we were yet sinners, He died for us. Like Bro. John said the other night, "He gives unselfishly."

Here is what He took from us after He had given all. He took from us rejection, scorn, our sickness, our sin, our sorrows and He took our ashes. Now, isn't that quite a trade? He gives us the kingdom. He takes all that from us, Oh, praise God, He takes all of that, then He turns it into life and beauty. Oh, this is a wonderful God. This whole meeting is to exalt God. From the very first message we have been called upon to lift up our eyes to God.

I appreciate that it says "Abraham who against hope," in verse 18, "believed in hope." Isn't that a challenge? One of the characteristics of divine love is that love believes all things. The faith scripture says, "faith works by love," so the devil is bombarding your love and your faith. Because iniquity is abounding, your love is very subject to wax cold. If we are not careful to watch diligently and keep ourselves in the love of God, our love is going to wax cold, a very gradual process.

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situation, it looks dead and may be dead but God raises the dead. He raises dead situations. He brings life. He brings life into relationships that are gone. You think that will never happen again and that person will never be saved. The Lord has told me, "You don't do that anymore. Don't you quit praying for them." We had a relative this year to get saved and he told us, "If I can get saved, anybody can get saved." The Lord can help people who are so against Him and that you think are hopeless. God raises the dead, He can help those people—people that are unreachable, God can reach. Keep trying. Write them another card. Don't preach to them. Don't talk about how they are going to hell and that you are concerned about them. Just talk to them and say, "You were on my mind today," and "Because you were on my mind, I feel that God was letting me know that He cares for you," and "We sure want you to come and see us." Do different things like that and spend time with them. You don't have to mention God at all. You can spend time with them and they will come around. God can breathe life into these dead hearts.

The Lord has burdened me this year for unsaved older people, and I really praise the Lord for how He has saved some of them. God can put someone on your mind to pray for. You may think automatically, "Oh, that's a hopeless situation," but if God put them on your mind you can be sure that God is working on their end. He is speaking to them and you can begin praying with faith and expectation. You can just almost wait for the phone to ring. You are going to hear something good about that individual. I felt the Lord wanted me to come and say this to the saints. Don't be discouraged. My God is a God who raises the dead.

In Hebrews 11:12, speaking about Abraham and Sarah, it says, "Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead," That's exactly the way that it was. He was as good as not there. He was something that **was not**. God counted him as something that **was**. When He talked to Abraham He talked about seeds. There were no seeds. There was no seed at all. It was something that was dead. Abraham and his wife's power to conceive a son were dead. God raised that seed and gave him a son. God looked at that situation, and He visualized you and me as children of faith, children of Abraham by faith. He visualized us and there were none of us yet, but He looked out into the future and saw us. He

saw believers and physical children of Abraham. Yes, He saw us too because we are the spiritual children of Abraham if we believe.

Another way in which he was as good as dead was when God asked Abraham to go up to the mountain and slay his son for a sacrifice. Here is what really is so wonderful to me about Abraham. Abraham did not submit to do this with a hopeless resignation and an attitude of, "Oh well, what's next? What's He going to ask me to do next? Here I go. He didn't do that, dear ones. He told the people that were with him, "My son and I are going and we will be back." Here is what his faith was. He believed that he was going to go up there and slay his son and then God was going to raise him up, and he was going to come back down. It wasn't that he thought, "God is going to come stop me before I kill him." No, he believed that he was going to kill him and then God was going to resurrect him. That is what it says in verse 19. "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." It was done; the deed was done in Abraham's mind. He had it all figured out. I'm going to kill him, then God is going to raise him right off that altar and I'm going to march right back down the mountain with him. Oh, we need that kind of faith when we are asked to obey God. It may look like this is the end of all the hopes and dreams that you have given me, Lord. How can I do this? This will kill everything. This is not going to work at all. Folks, we need to just obey Him and know that it is going to come out. It's going to come out all right, because God is the God that raiseth the dead. We can trust Him to that extent.

In Romans 4, this is really challenging. Here it talks about the faith of Abraham. In verse 16 at the end of the verse it says, "...who is the father of us all,...before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." God does this and you know, He wants to do this and in His authority, you can do this. You can look at something that is not existing and if God so inspires you, if He is moving you to obey and you say, "but this does not exist," "I do not know what He is doing," "I'm taking a leap in the dark," you go ahead, you can do it because God told you to. You can expect great things from God. It says He called those things which be not as though they were. He called Peter a Rock. Peter was no more a rock than a snake. He was

Peter. He was Simon. He was boisterous. He was the impetuous person. He wasn't a rock. Jesus looked at him and said, "Peter, you're a rock." He looks down at us and He calls us by names that we are not yet, but He sees that in us. He expects great things of us because He knows His power that works in us. It's a quickening power. He can work great things in us.

He looks at His Church and He calls you His dove. He calls you His beloved. Some of us are not acting that way but that is what He sees. He looks at us and while we were yet sinners, He died for us. Like Bro. John said the other night, "He gives unselfishly."

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hides through fear." How many times the devil would have us do that. He tried to get me the other day to slink back home, to just sneak around, not show my face, not have confidence, (you don't have it anyway,) not come around and show it. Slink away and hide through fear. It says, "Now if any man slinks away and hides through fear, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." We are not of them who are the cowards. We are the courageous, that is what this says. We are not of them, of the cowards, but we are the courageous. We need to take courage because God is a God who raises the dead.

We are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. I want you to remember what that really means and let's not do any more of this slinking away and hiding stuff. Let's face what we're facing. Yes, we know it's hard. Yes, we've been born in a very difficult time.

I'm going to make a statement and you are going to say, "What?" But I am going to say this to you. It's impossible for us to stay saved in this time—humanly. I want to say it again. Jesus said that it is "impossible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." Every single one of us, in this rich building are rich men. It is impossible for us to enter the kingdom of heaven. The disciples then said, "What then, who can be saved." Jesus said, "Whatever is impossible with men is possible with God." Then He told us how we could do it.

This really has hit me this year. The Lord said to me, "You are that rich man." When you compare our living conditions to what Christ was in, and the people He was talking to, we live in mansions. We have beauty, finery and luxury that the world has never known. We are those rich people that He was talking about. That is why we are having so many spiritual problems. That is why people are falling away. That is why you have trouble praying. We are so rich, and we have so much that we have trouble trusting God. It is an impossibility except God, in His mercy, comes down and deals with us and blesses us every day. If He doesn't do that, if we don't seek Him, we're not roller skating into heaven. I can't do it. The flesh and its attraction and the power of it in the world today is too great. You will be blinded, you will be deceived, and you will fall away in the era of the wicked. Your love will ebb away and wax cold because iniquity is abounding. Your faith is going to be

so tried that, unless we have a constant contact with God, we will lose our faith and therefore lose our souls. That has helped me to understand that I am that rich person. I need God to help me make it to heaven. But God raises the dead. I am meeting the challenge. I am not going to slink away and hide through fear. I am going to be courageous and say, "Yes, this is difficult." "Yes, I see people falling away," but I can be saved. It doesn't matter what is happening in your life. You may feel dead. You may not have any conviction. You don't have faith in God. If you were honest, you would say to me, "I don't know if I really believe in God." There is somebody here like that tonight in that condition. But I want to tell you something. God can raise your dead heart. He can work on those dead feelings. You may say, "I don't love anybody," "I don't have any feelings." God can raise you up. He can make you a new creature. He can totally transform your life. He can bring the graces of God and your desert will blossom like a rose.

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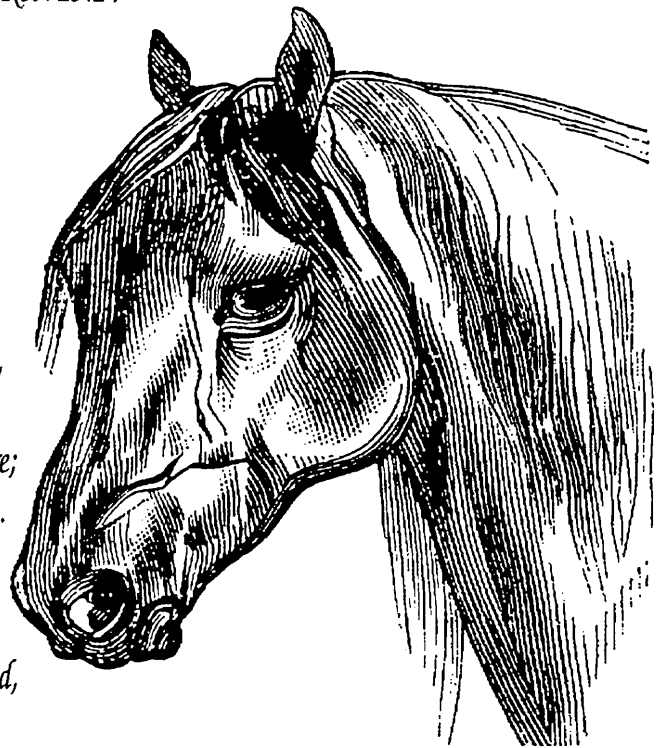
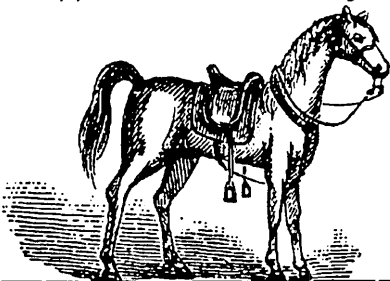
*I think of the horse and its wonderful worth,
The blessing it's been to the children of earth:
Its beauty and strength I can't help but admire;
Its service to man, praise to God, does inspire.*

*A nice horse to own and enjoy I've had not:
'Tis not been my pleasure to gallop and trot;
To work with the horse in the field, on the road,
To use one for bearing or pulling a load.*

*I've thought: What a wonderful thing just for me
As master and lord of a nice horse to be;
But doubtful I am if I ever will know
A horse's companionship, with it to go.*

*But then I remember with raptured delight:
I do have a horse, one of beauty and might,
A champion steed that is fairer by far
Than all other stallions wherever they are.*

*Just what is this horse? It is one of the train
Who follows the Saviour His glory to gain:
White horses of power and true holiness,
Of faith and submission to God's righteousness.*



*My horse is experience of grace with the Lord,
A life of devotion to God and His Word,
To fight in His army, His gospel to wield,
To go forth to labor in His harvest field.*

*Yes, this is a horse I can own and can ride
With Jesus, my Saviour and Friend, by my side,
To gallop triumphant and trample the foe,
And conquering ever, forth conquering to go!*

*So, what if I never an earthly horse own?
I have a much greater one, let it be known,
With much greater pleasure and richer delight
And better accomplishments for truth and right.*

*Some day when our wonderful Saviour and King
To glory His triumphant army will bring,
I'll ride this White Horse through the ages with Him
Where treasures and pleasures will never grow dim.*

Bro. Leslie Busbee