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Songs in the Night

By Sis. Connie Sorrell

When the heart is numb with sadness, the night is dark and long.
 Comfort seems a world away hiding somewhere with The Son.
 Take courage, my dear friend, please be of good cheer!
 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear each heavenly song
 God daily sends so faithfully 'til the final victory's won.

Night time in the battle is not always when the natural light is gone, but it can be during broad daylight when everything is supposed to be normal, but your life is not. Sorrow, sickness, disappointment, shock—a number of human emotions can eclipse the soul, causing pain that can not be explained with words, but only with “groanings that can not be uttered.” (Romans 8:26.)

Sudden adversities can spring upon us at any time, and we may not always be equipped to handle the crisis, or be prepared to face the battle because of the **suddenness** and the **force** leveled against us. This is one of the offensive tactics the enemy of our souls uses. We don't

wake up in the morning and plan problems for ourselves. We plan how to avoid or tackle a problem, but we do not know what the next twelve plus hours will open to us. We don't know all the battles for that day nor do we know if our plans will work in the immediate battle that we know about. However, we know a God Who knows the future, and He has plans for us, and our loved ones. “...I *am* poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.” Psalms 40:17.

He is faithful and just to give us the comfort and grace we need for the next battle ahead, no matter how ignorant we are about it. Every morning let us take time to look to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, for help in the new challenges of each day. “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.” Psalms 5:3.

One way to attain power for the unknown daily battle is to look to the Lord for a song or scripture before rising from the bed. Several years ago, when my children were babies, I asked the Lord to awaken me with a song for each day's needs. Since then I have been arising with the song alarm for several years. Some-

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times He gives me a scripture, but most of the time, I get a song. Some days I seek for the song, and feel His approval on it, but many times He has given a song that was not of my personal choosing; however, it met the needs, the battle or the glory of that day. Praise His Holy Name!

Recently song number 144 in the *Evening Light Songs* book was ringing in my ears. "Oh, be still, thou soul of mine, Thou art not forsaken; Tho' the powers of sin may rage, Thou shalt be unshaken. He Who gave His life for thee, Thus permits that thou shouldst be—For thy good, as thou shalt see—Tempted for a season." What a comfort! Right when the enemy was isolating me and trying to suffocate my spiritual life, the Lord was telling me I was not forsaken and this trial was for "my good" and just for "a season." I clung to that song as it was a lifeline from Heaven! The next morning He gave me the song, *Old Rugged Cross* and the next, *On the Rock*, number 51 in the *Evening Light Songs*.

Memorized scriptures are valuable and sometimes the Lord will give a passage for a wake-up call. Remember the verses in Jeremiah 29:11-13, 11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." What an anchor this passage has been in the midst of spiritual storms and howling winds of discouragement that we face right now! To know the Lord is thinking of you and me and He has good

intentions for us! Oh, let us diligently continue to seek Him with all our hearts! We don't want to hinder the thoughts and plans that He has "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9. He is putting the pieces of our life in place better than we can, and we must trust Him to do so.

In the dark of the battle's night, often we feel the oppression of the enemy more; then let us stand upon the Word of God and sing praises because "...Jesus fought the battle through and gives to us the victory." (Song number 270, *ELS*.) We have victory because Jesus conquered death and now sits at the right hand of God interceding for our needs. (Hebrews 4:14.) Our cries for mercy, our songs of praise, our humble requests for guidance are heard and answered. Like King David of old, we can say: "I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a **new song in my mouth**, even **praise** unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." Psalm 40:1-3. Praise the Lord Jehovah and His faithful Son Who gives the victory!

When the battle is a winding maze
And my eyes search the foggy haze
To find Your path my feet should go;
In my heart, oh Lord, hear my praise
And Your higher way let me know.

PROPHECIES OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE SECOND PSALM

By Bro. Leslie Busbee

Psalm 2, generally believed to be the writing of David, is a vivid prophecy of Jesus Christ, and is thus quoted and applied to our wonderful Savior several times in the New Testament writings.

Let us notice first verses 1, 2, and 3. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and

cast away their cords from us." In Acts 4:25 and 26 this is quoted by the followers of Christ in their prayer to God. They had just returned from a confrontation with the elders concerning their preaching of Jesus and His resurrection from the dead. They were threatened and ordered to speak no more in His name. Starting at verse 23, we read: "And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice

to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." The name "Christ" means "Anointed" as the Old Testament puts it.

These disciples of Christ were applying that scripture from the second Psalm directly to the Lord Jesus Christ. The heathen and peoples of the world set themselves against the Almighty God and His Son Jesus Whom He had anointed with the Holy Spirit and power. They were saying in their hearts, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." These bands and cords are the statutes and teachings of the Lord Jesus and what He stood for in the truth of God. Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit and spoke spiritual truths that go against the carnal minds of men. They were blind and ignorant of the Word of God. They were rejecting His discipline, not wanting His cords and bands to restrain and guide their ways and thoughts. It is the same today, too. The meek and lowly Christ is a stone of stumbling and rock of offense to the lustful, covetous, proud, worldly, and fleshly minded people of our society.

But what does their stand against Christ avail? In this second Psalm, verses 4, 5, and 6 declare: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." Regardless of the opposition of carnal man, God raised up Christ from the cruel death of the cross and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, and gave Him to be head over all things to the Church, as Paul stated in Ephesians 1:20-22. The holy hill of Zion is not a natural hill over in literal Jerusalem, but is the mountain of His holiness in the hearts and lives of men and women redeemed from sin. No matter what foolish and deceived humanity does in opposi-

tion to Christ and His people, the Son of God is still seated upon His throne and has control.

Psalm 2:7 is a declaration that is attributed to be spoken by Christ. "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." Paul, in Romans 1:3, 4 wrote "concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead". In Acts 13:32-33 Paul quotes from this second Psalm in his message to those in the synagogue in Antioch in Pisidia like this: "And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." Notice that Paul applied Christ being named the Son of God to His being raised up again from the dead. And the writer in Hebrews 1:5 quotes this scripture: "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?" This indicates that it was spoken unto Christ Jesus, and was fulfilled in His being raised from the dead. Jesus Christ was the Son of God from the womb of the virgin Mary, but when He was raised from the dead He was declared with eternal verification of Almighty God that He is the Son of God with power for all time and eternity.

Continuing on in verses 8 and 9 of this second Psalm we have the Almighty God speaking now to Christ Who is interceding at His right hand for us down here in this sin-cursed world: "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." We have Jesus Christ in His appearing to John on the Isle of Patmos and the messages He gave to be sent to the seven churches in Asia quoting from this passage. The living Jesus, Who was dead, but is now alive forevermore, said in Revelation 2:26 and 27: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my

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Years ago, before refrigerators were in common use, men would cut blocks of ice from the streams and rivers that were frozen in the wintertime and transport the blocks to thick

walled, well insulated buildings for storage. The ice would then often be covered with a layer of sawdust to provide additional insulation. A well-

constructed icehouse would keep the ice frozen well into the summertime.

There is a report of a man who lost a valuable watch while working in an icehouse. He searched the layer of sawdust very carefully looking for the watch but was unable to locate it. After an extended period of time he reluctantly gave up the search believing his additional efforts were vain. A small boy who heard of the man's lost watch decided he would try to find it. A short time later the boy emerged from the icehouse gleefully holding the lost timepiece. The owner joyfully took it and remembering his futile search asked the boy how he found it so quickly. The boy replied, "I went in and shut the door, lay down on the floor and quietly listened. After a while, I heard it ticking."

God has some valuable things that He would like to reveal to us, but we must find a way to close out the noisy turmoil of our surroundings and listen for the still small voice of our heavenly Father. Even when one is in a quiet place, it still takes a concentrated effort to rein in the busy thoughts that dance through our minds. Cares of life, business concerns and responsibilities all vie to occupy our mind and cause us to fail to receive the valuable wisdom that God desires to impart to us.

"He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob." Psalm 24:4-6. The Lord is not interested in revealing the deep things of God to those who are living lives that are defiled with sin and uncleanness. But when we come to Him in honesty and humility, seeking to know the truth of His will and with purpose of heart to walk in the light that He reveals to us, then He

will be delighted to show us wonderful things that will enable us to serve and please Him.

George Washington Carver is famous for the many discoveries that he made about the peanut. In his writings he revealed that at one time he had higher ambitions than spending his time working with peanuts. He had his eyes on the secrets of the universe, and the Lord showed him that they were too high for him. His willingness to condescend to things within his ability were rewarded by many useful discoveries that continue to bless our society. He centered much of his efforts on the agricultural problems associated with pecans, sweet potatoes and peanuts. He demonstrated the advantages of rotating cotton production with plants that produce legumes, such as peanuts, and when there became a surplus of peanuts he began to develop new uses for them to enhance their marketability. Peanut butter is one such use that most of us enjoy today. When we come to God we should not assume that He will reveal to us all the secrets of the universe, but the things we need to live the life of a joyful Christian will be cheerfully shared with us. It may be that in the course of time He will open some special secrets to us, but the practical issues of justice and judgment, and how to utilize the blessings we already have around us, are most important for us to understand.

To receive from the Lord we should come to Him with a believing heart. There are too many people today who are filling their minds with negative thoughts about God and their fellow man. This is not good and the course of these thoughts, which are often expressed in words, should be checked. James 1:5-7 should help us more clearly understand our need to believe when we pray, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." Those who exercise faith in their dealings with God will be successful in receiving the help they need and God will come close to them when they search for Him.

To clear the burdens from our mind when we come before the Lord we must release our care and trouble. There is no better way to do that than by bringing them to God in prayer. He is

well able to solve every problem that we face and when we cast our burdens at His feet it gives us relief and allows our mind to be receptive to hear His voice.

Some people have areas of their mind and heart that they are not willing to open before the Lord. Perhaps there have been injuries in the past that they are afraid will hurt again if they open them, even to the Lord. There may be bitterness that they know the Lord doesn't approve of, they may be unwilling to forgive, or there may be a fear that the Lord will ask something of them that they would not be willing to do, and therefore they reserve that area of their heart from being fully opened before the Lord. These reservations will hinder the fullness of joy that God desires to shower upon our souls. When you come to Him, be willing to be open and share everything with Him. He already knows and He already understands the situations better than you. Nothing is really hidden to Him, our reservation only hinders us from hearing His sweet voice of wisdom.

After opening our heart to the Lord, be willing to be quiet, listen and receive instruction. Too many people come to the Lord in prayer and think they already know the answer to their needs, and consequently tune God out with their own preconceived notions. These notions are most generally way off base. God's ways are higher than our ways and unless we forsake our thoughts, we will never be able to receive those which originate from a much higher order. God has things that are new and fresh to enlighten our heart and mind, and when we become watered with those heavenly revelations it will lift us spiritually and cause us to bring forth much fruit in our lives.

In our fast paced society we become oblivious to the many exquisite wonders of God's creation. We rush right by things that could bless our souls abundantly. In our quietness before the Lord we would do well to become more observant of His workings. He will often speak to us through those things and reveal course and direction that would be of great benefit to mankind.

When the Lord reveals things to us, let us be prompt to incorporate them in our life and be thankful for His willingness to communicate with us. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto

thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." As we acknowledge the Lord's dealings in our life it causes the blessing to be shared by others. This also is pleasing in the sight of the Lord and it exalts His name in the earth.

"Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God." Deuteronomy 18:13. The only way that we can be perfect with the Lord is for us to incorporate His perfection in our lives. Therefore it is important that we receive and understand His Word, and receive instruction from the precious Holy Spirit. These two witnesses will be faithful to our souls, and by obeying their still small voice we will be directed to the very place of their habitation— to worlds of ecstatic glory that radiate the wonderful love of God.

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*Yes, dear Lord, I will be still, I will trust Thee ever;
I'll submit to all Thy will, Cling to Thee forever.
Lord, Thou knowest what is best, Confident in this I'll rest,
Till I dwell with all the blest, And with Thee in Heaven.*
—William Ebel



LA—I am asking the Saints to join us in prayer for Sis. Nora Reeves. She has very serious health problems. She and Bro. Reeves are fully trusting the Lord. It would bless them to hear from you.

—Sis. Gladys Cashio

(At press time we have received word that Sis. Nora Reeves has broken her hip. —W.E.M.)

KS—Greetings in Jesus' name. I truly love your little paper and look forward each month for its arrival. Please remember my son Arnold in prayer, he has physical needs as well as other problems. I am having trouble with my right eye and ear. Pray that God will give healing and also supply some temporal needs that I have.

—Sis. Margaret Doss

LA—My mother, Sis. Clarice Pruitt, would like the Saints to remember her in prayer. She has been unable to walk since October and now requires assistance to obtain a sitting position. She has pain in her back and joints and is afflicted with arthritis. The intensity and duration of the suffering is stressing her emotionally.

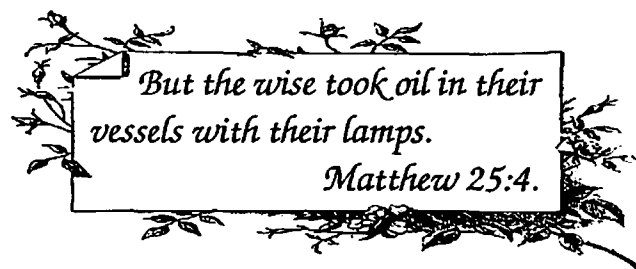
—Sis. Genece Doolittle

Philippines—Dear Saints: May I request that you help us lift Sis. Dinah Duremdes in prayer. She has broken out with bad sores over her legs and feet and a large part of her body. Thank you. God bless you. Your sister, —Nellie Tibayan



Standing Prayer Requests

Bro. Carlos Arriaga
Sis. Gladys Cashio
Sis. Helen Carson
Sis. Genevive Carver
Sis. Elizabeth Corteway
Sis. Waneta Creel
Sis. Patsy Doolittle
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Jaden Howard
Sis. Karoline Kessler
Bro. Mark and Sis. Darlene Knight
Sis. Elsie M. Offerman
Sis. Melba Powell
Sis. Marilyn Rendall
Bro. Vernon Robinson
Sis. Ruth Shehee
Sis. Cheryl Smith
Bro. Michael Smith
Bro. Rodney Sorrell
Bro. Edward and Sis. Gloria Taylor
Sis. Imogene Taylor
The Mitch Taylor family
Sis. Norma Tiller
Bro. Delmar Wilkins
Sis. Anneta Williamson



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Oklahoma State (Guthrie)—May 22-31

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 17-26



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

OK—Dear Family of God: I want to share with you how good God is to my mother, Anneta, and to my brother, Todd, and myself. Every moment of every day God gives us strength, grace and peace. My mother is still very ill and weak, but God does work healing in her body and spirit to give her continued life and peace.

After a hard fall in December of last year, my mother suffered with pain in her right shoulder area if she moved her arm certain ways. That pain continued for many months. I believe it was in August that Mom and I both noticed she no longer had any pain in that area. She can now move her right arm any direction without pain and she can even sleep on her right side without pain. We thank the Lord for healing whatever was causing the pain!

In late spring Mom began to suffer with a feeling of something similar to nausea continually. Some days she felt a little better, but many days she felt miserable. She likened the feeling to that of an expectant mother experiencing "morning sickness"—only Mom's sick feeling lasted all day. This sick feeling continued until about the last weekend of the camp meeting at Monark Springs, Missouri, in July. At that time Mom began to feel better. Gradually over the next few weeks, she improved so that she no longer suffers with that same feeling. She still at times feels sick to her stomach for a while, but she no longer has the continual severe discomfort she suffered in the summer. Praise God for His mercy and healing!

Until recently, I was troubled about two financial issues. In one case, I thought I had spent a large sum of money without receiving adequate return for the cost. In the other case, I thought that we owed a debt. I recently felt

strongly that I should address the issues and try to resolve them. When I did, I was thrilled to learn that I would receive what I had originally expected for the money I had spent, and the debt I thought we owed was actually money due to us. These financial blessings are another witness to me of God's great love and mercy!

My heart is full of praise to our wonderful Savior. He is so worthy to be praised! And I do praise Him!

Christian love, —Sis. Cynthia Williamson

OK—Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Neta: Greetings in the name of Jesus, the greatest name above all names. The Bible says, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:10-11.

Then to think of how He loved us and gave Himself for us and washed us from our sins in His own blood helps us to love Him. "We love him, because he first loved us." I John 4:19. I am glad that He has power to help us and to comfort us in all of our times of need.

I have been encouraged by the thought of "...the glorious gospel of the blessed God...." I Timothy 1:11. Truly His Gospel is a glorious Gospel and is of the blessed God. Paul says he is not ashamed of it. (Romans 1:16.)

Your brother in Christ, —T. V. McMillian

LA—Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Neta and to all: Praise our heavenly Father for all of His goodness to us. Praise Him for His love and mercy. We are encouraged to press on. By His help we mean to be faithful. Let us all study to show ourselves approved unto God. (II Timothy 2:15.) And think about how we must make the most of this precious time God is giving to us.

The morning is new, but it will not last.
Noon is upon us, so time moves fast.
What of the evening? It will not delay;
Now night is upon us—Too late to pray.

Precious moments, valuable time.
So serious spending this life of mine.
As the years roll on, what have I done
To point some soul to God's dear Son?

With love and prayers,

—Sis Gladys S. Cashio

NM—Dear Saints: It is our desire to praise the Lord for His wonderful works to the children of men by declaring His faithfulness to us during our Holy Spirit directed work in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

We praise God for delivering us from bondage and for bringing us into fellowship with His true, spotless and sanctified church—The church of God, which He purchased with His own precious and holy blood. (Acts 20:28.)

We commenced our mission work in Juarez, Mexico after God moved us to go there for Lisette's dental work, due to very affordable prices. After we first crossed the border from the USA into Mexico in May of 2007, we pleaded with the Lord to please send us seeking souls. Minutes after this prayer, Ramona, a poor begging woman, came to us with her four young daughters and asked for monetary help. After sharing the message of the Gospel with her she repented of her sins in prayer and trusted Jesus for her salvation. As a result of her choice to accept the free gift of salvation, over twelve of her family members and acquaintances have also chosen to trust Jesus for their salvation during meetings in Ramona's parents' home.

In the last eighteen months of preaching and teaching the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in Juarez, there have been over eighty souls who have responded with a "yes" to Jesus and have repented of their sins. Many of these Mexicans we've only seen on one occasion due to the fact that they are too poor to own a home and therefore live on the dirty streets of Juarez and sleep on park benches or abandoned and partially standing buildings. God has spontaneously and unexpectedly re-united us again with many of these new members of the church of God. Thanks to these blessings we have enjoyed singing Spanish hymns with them out of the *Himnos De Gloria*, Spanish hymn book. We have also continued teaching them more of the biblical doctrine of Jesus Christ through inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Most of these preaching and teaching meetings have been on busy and noisy street corners, and often many other Mexicans have stopped to listen to the message of the Gospel. Some of them have been convicted of their sins through the powerful, penetrating influence of God's Word. Glory to Jesus for His mercy on them!

Presently we are conducting periodical Bible teaching and preaching meetings in three loca-

tions. One is at Ramona's parents' house, the second at another home where two souls have been saved, and we just started at the third house where we have been given the welcome to continue from now on. "...Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:" Revelation 19:1.

In late November of 2008, while we were investigating for more information on registering and licensing our house cleaning home-based business at the El Paso, Texas county courthouse, we met the woman of the third house. She, Naomi, was standing in front of the courthouse begging for food or money. She, in her early 60's, told us of her heavy burden in raising her five grandchildren; one of her grandsons, a one-year old, was drugged and abandoned by her daughter, a drug addicted woman. The other grandchildren have been orphaned. She also recently lost a sixth grandchild in a death resulting from a serious illness and had no funds to pay for the funeral expenses. After we gave her some financial help, Lisette and I prayed with her, while she cried and asked God to forgive her of her sins. Immediately after this joyous occasion, we jotted down her home address, which is located in Juarez. The following week, we walked across the border and took two city buses, and after walking a distance of eight more blocks, we found their home. There were eight family members in this home who gladly and thankfully received the food and other gifts that we gave them in Jesus Christ's name, many of which were provided by Saints in Oklahoma and New Mexico. After the twenty-five minute Bible teaching, preaching and hymn singing we did as it says in II Corinthians 5:20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Naomi's husband and their thirteen-year-old grandson answered the call for reconciliation to God, and prayed and trusted in the blood of Jesus for salvation. Glory and honor be to Jesus!

On this same day we conducted a total of five Bible teaching and preaching meetings throughout Juarez and a total of four souls trusted in Jesus for salvation. One of these was a backslidden Christian who had returned to his heroin and adulterous addictions. He stopped to listen as we had our second street meeting with a young man who gave his life to Jesus during one of our meetings about six months ago. After this

man sang some hymns with us and heard Jesus' words of hope, he joined is in prayer, repented and asked Jesus to restore his relationship with Him again. What a joy to be witnesses for Jesus! We do not feel worthy of such an honor!

We have seen God perform many miracles, wonders and healing in Juarez. For example a diabetic man's infected leg that doctors wanted to cut off was healed; a man's crushed leg and thigh was healed, and he now walks and runs. A woman who had been addicted to drugs was completely set free from addiction, etc., etc. Due to God's healing and stronger immunity towards illnesses my wife, Lisette, who had used medicine since childhood was healed of stomach disorders, food and pollen allergies and many other illnesses. And has not taken one drop of medicine for two years now. The glory belongs to God!

According to the El Paso Times, there have been more than 1,120 homicides in the Juarez area so far this year. That's more than two full 747 airliners and more than the number of US military deaths in Iraq last year. We trust in Jesus Words, "...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:20. We ask you to pray for our safety and for continual shielding by God's holy angels and His Holy Spirit. Thank you all for your support both in prayer and your gifts of love.

Your blood redeemed and Holy Spirit sanctified brother and sister,

—Toney and Lisette Sanchez
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Lavonne Maxine Morgan, born to Fred and Iva Richter on February 14, 1922 in Decatur, Illinois, went to be with the Lord on November 6, 2008. She was welcomed by her parents, five

siblings and two great-granddaughters who preceded her in death. Lavonne married Louia Morgan on December 29, 1944 in Decatur, IL where they raised nine children. They moved to Guthrie, OK in 1975 where they have resided since. Lavonne was a wonderful, dedicated mother and wife. She said that her children were one of the greatest satisfactions of her life.

Lavonne is survived by her nine children, 25 grandchildren, and 35 great grandchildren. Her children are as follows: Louis and wife, Sue Morgan, of Edmond, Dale Morgan of Guthrie, Terry and wife, Lidia Morgan, of Guthrie, Gary and wife, Judy Morgan, of Missouri, Lynette and husband, Paul Sorrell, of Missouri, Beverly and husband, Jesse Ray, of Guthrie, Rex and wife, Nikki Morgan, of Guthrie, Lane Morgan of California, Jane and husband, Pat Sallee, of Guthrie.

Memorial services were held November 10 at Community Funeral Home Chapel in Guthrie, OK and were officiated by Bro. Stanley Dickson and Bro. Paul Sorrell.

Prophecies of Jesus Christ in the Second Psalm

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Father." This denotes absolute power and authority over mankind to their eternal destruction who ever they may be who resist and reject Him. Christ was given this power and triumph over the contradiction of sinners, and all who follow Him faithfully will share in this triumph.

In verses 10 and 11 of this second Psalm we find words of counsel to kings and judges, but it is to all of us: "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling". Seeing that Christ has triumphed over all opposition and contradiction of ungodly and sinful mankind, how we ought to fear and tremble and fall down before Christ in all submission and obedience! It is a fearful thing to go against One Who God has so honored and set at His own right hand!

In conclusion, let us notice verse 12: "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." To "kiss the Son" means to embrace and accept His discipline and counsel, and allege ourselves

to Him in perfect devotion and worship and love. We must do it if we want to escape the iron rod of His wrath and complete, everlasting destruction. This Psalm is the message of God Almighty

and His Son Jesus Christ for mankind today. We should take heed to it and obey it with all sincerity and honesty of heart and mind.

—Bro. Leslie C. Busbee



The Judgment

All through the years that have passed since the Christian era began, generation after generation has looked for the judgment day. Many have been the times when God would have left His throne in the Heavens and come down and hurled this old sin-cursed earth far out into eternity's night, had it not been for Christ importuning Him to have mercy, if only for a season. Thus time after time the day of judgment may have been delayed, yet "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9. "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Hebrews 10:37.

Soon the flaming heavens will reveal the Son of man sitting upon the throne of His glory and all nations will be summoned together to receive the wages of life's work. "...For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Romans 14:10. The people of God are the subjects of Christ's kingdom and will look to Him for their reward; for "For the Father...hath committed all judgment unto the Son:" John 5:22. He will reward every one according to their deeds. While Christ will be the supreme judge, yet the Father will be with Him; "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be good*, or whether *it be evil*." Ecclesiastes 12:14.

The professor of religion who keeps his associates laughing by reason of his cute remarks and vulgar talk, will be surprised when called upon to give an account of all those idle words. "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matthew 12:36. At that great tribunal to which we are swiftly hastening and before which we soon shall stand; judgment will be meted out without mercy. This is the only age of mercy this old world will ever see. Soon Christ will leave the mediatorial throne,

and then the day of mercy will be over. "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger...And I will punish the world for *their evil*...I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. Isaiah 13:9-13. All earthly ties and affections in that day shall forever cease, and "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and all the nations that forget God*." Psalm 9:17. "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints,..." II Thessalonians 1:9-10. Plans can not be devised, even by the master minds of earth, that will in any way compare with the justness with which judgment will be meted out to the inhabitants of this old world. "The millions now upon the earth are but a handful compared to those who lie within its bosom;" yet they will "...all appear before the judgment seat of Christ..." II Corinthians 5:10. What a mighty gathering that will be. How long will it take to pronounce judgment upon so many? We think the Word of God will tell. Angels have never ceased praising God throughout the past ages of eternity. And those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb continually praise God in His temple. Revelation 7:14-15.

But the time is coming when an awful silence will prevail throughout those halls—an awful stillness that will be felt throughout the universe of God. "But of that day and *that hour* knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." Mark 13:32. Soon anxious faces throughout all Heaven will be turned towards Almighty God; "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven,...the earth,...the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of

the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished...." Revelation 10:5-7. The seventh angel holds the seventh seal. "And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour." Revelation 8:1. This is the first and only silence that will ever occur in Heaven. This is the awful day in which Almighty God and His Son, Jesus Christ, will be revealed from Heaven with their mighty angels, and with flaming fire taking vengeance upon those who know not God. (II Thessalonians 1:8.) This is the time when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout; with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. (I Thessalonians 4:16.) This is the hour in which the Heavens will pass away with great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be destroyed. (II Peter 3:10.) This is a time when poor sinners who have neglected salvation will seek for death and shall not find it; but with pallid cheeks and fainting hearts will cry to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." Revelation 6:16. But the rocks, mountains, and oceans will have forever fled, and naked they will stand before him who hath said, "...Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Romans 12:19. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats...Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:...Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels... these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matthew 25:31-46. Then the Lord and His mighty angels and Christ and His spotless bride (Ephesians 5:27) will speed away to the realms of bliss. The half hour is ended, and now begins a mighty anthem which will continue to resound throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Yes, praise God! "It will last while the ages shall roll." And after

millions and quadrillions of years shall have passed "we will have no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun;" because eternity is like a circle—it has no end.

Dear sinner friend, with all the earnestness of one who sees his fellow man in great danger, and with all the compassion of one who loves your priceless soul, I exhort you to prepare for the judgment day. The floor upon which you are standing is trembling beneath your weight. Oh! Flee to the rock that was cut out without hands. "With the heavens enwrapt in a mighty sheet of flame, and hell roaring and rumbling beneath you, and the world upon fire and the day of mercy past," what will you do on that day? Oh, flee into refuge while you have health—"to-day"—for it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this, the judgment.

—J. Grant Anderson

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For the work He calls us to,
As we think there should be others
Stronger far than me and you.*

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Knows the gifts and hearts of men,
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Out among all kinds of people,
All of whom to God are dear.*

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That the battle he may win.*

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