

Faith and Victory

Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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"LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH"

Faith is a *living power* from heaven,
Which grasps the promise God has given;
Securely fixed on *Christ alone*,
A trust that cannot be o'er thrown.

Faith finds in Christ what'er we need
To save and strengthen, guide and feed;
Strong in His grace its joys to share
His *cross*, in hope His *crown* to wear.

Faith to the conscience whispers peace,
And bids the mourner's sighing cease;
By faith the children's right we claim,
And call upon our Father's name.

Such faith in us, O God, implant,
And to our prayers Thy favor grant
In Jesus Christ, Thy saving Son,
Who is our *Fount of Health* alone.

—SEL.

YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN

In 1 Cor. 6: 19-20 we read these words, "*What! Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*"

First, let us notice that we do not belong to ourselves. Many times we go ahead with our work, daily duties, satisfying our desires and acting as though we belonged to ourselves, and if we desire to do something which does not appear sinful, we are perfectly free to go ahead. Oh! how sad to think many honest children of God have so much of the self-life in their hearts and lives! We are not our own.—Why? Because Jesus has bought us by His blood. We recognize that in word. When questioned we say, "Why, of course, I'm saved. I belong to God."

Let us pause for a moment. Suppose you buy a tool. It belongs to you then. You paid the price. It is yours to do with as you see best. The tool is perfectly pliable in your hand. It seems to recognize

the master-hand and does not fail to respond to your workings. It does not reply against you, but is faithful in doing the work in which your hand is engaged.

When we are bought by Jesus we are no more our own. We are to realize this above all things. Then daily, hourly, we will not seek to do *our* will but God's will. Jesus set such a good example,—"*Not my will, but Thine,*" and again He says, "*I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me*" (John 5: 30).

How many times we may go visiting or about our work, or spend our means, say or do things in which we never consider Jesus. Yet we belong to Him and have no right to do anything without first consulting Him. He is not a tyrant. Ah no, but He is a jealous God and wants to be first in our affections and lives. He wants to be to us our very life and He wants our love and appreciation.

Yesterday I was speaking to a lady and said, "Human nature is the same. We all like to be loved and appreciated." Right away the Lord spoke to me and said He desired to be appreciated and for us to let Him know we appreciate Him; go to Him in secret, tell Him the joys and how we thank Him for these numberless, yes every-day things that have become so common-place we scarcely notice them oftentimes. We desire appreciation but neglect to realize our God desires and is worthy of all the love and appreciation we can give Him. Thus another little fruit of self came to my view.

Sometimes the Lord calls upon us to go pray, speak or write to someone, exhort or testify. Immediately we question, why? or perhaps reason with the devil and thus fail to do it. Did you ever stop to think that delayed obedience is disobedience? Well, we should realize right here we are God's, and and if He bids us do thus and so, He knows His business. Our business is to obey and recognize we are His to do with just as He wills. He loves us too well to do anything but His very best for us and with us, and He never requires anything we cannot do by His help. But He bids us to just yield unto Him and His will, ever killing out self and permitting God's

perfect will to be wrought in and through us.

God sends His Holy Spirit to guide us and to dwell in us, His temple. How pure, humble and submissive we should be that we may bear this testimony, "Not I but Christ," and thus He can work through us, winning many unto Himself, for "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me" (John 12: 32).

Let us manifest in our body and spirit that we belong to God. Let the Word of God dwell in us *richly* (Col. 3: 16), and in our daily lives, whatever our task or labor, at home or abroad, be Christ-like in spirit and adorned with His submission, meekness, longsuffering, gentleness, love and mercy, while the temple is adorned as becometh a child of God. He is concerned about us in every detail; yes, even to the very hairs of our head. Let us recognize His concern, His love, and His possession of us, and be perfectly pliable in His hands. Not until we are, can He work as He wills. Oh, that price is paid; we are His. Let us act like it, not murmuring, questioning, but with true love, humble submission and gladness, yield unto the will of Him who has bought us with a great price,—the precious blood of Jesus. We are not our own, but we belong to Jesus. "And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto *themselves*, but unto *Him* which died for them, and rose again" (2 Cor. 5: 15).

—MATHILDA PAULSEN.

GOD'S DEALINGS

The Psalmist said, "Wait upon the Lord," and Isaiah adds, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Although we have no doubt found that our waiting times have been our hardest times, and often we have felt, "Lord, we know not what to do, but our eyes are upon Thee." If our eyes are upon the Lord and are kept there, in His own good time He shall indeed make the way clear before us. But we have found by experience that there has never been a day so dark that God's precious promises did not penetrate through the cloud, and bring heavenly sunlight upon our dark pathway and lift us far above the discouraging things of this world, and over all the accusations of the enemy.

Such has been the experience of the workers at Faith Publishing House. Much waiting, fasting and praying has been done to know God's will concerning the work, feeling a willingness to do just what we felt in our souls to be God's will. We indeed found that it pays to wait upon the Lord. "They that believe shall not make haste." Many perplexing problems have

come up before us, and the cry of our souls has been, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Thank God He came to our rescue in due time with courage, strength and a clear revelation of His will. He never comes too late to accomplish His purpose.

While in prayer and waiting upon the Lord as to what He would have me to do, He brought so forcibly to my mind this scripture: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself *strong* in the behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward Him" (2 Chron. 16: 9). God is not so much concerned in getting men of great natural ability as He is in finding *faithful* men to accomplish His work. "Committ thou to *faithful* men" (2 Tim. 2: 2). No, not many mighty are called. "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: God hath chosen the *weak* things of this world to confound the things which are mighty" (1 Cor. 1: 26, 27). God's concern is to find men whose hearts are perfect toward Him. Those who have faith to believe His Word, and dare to stand upon His never-failing promises to prove to the world that "He is God." While in meditation upon these things the Lord brought to my mind the statement of George Muller. He said, (I quote from the book, "Answers to Prayer") "God awakened in my heart the desire of setting before the Church at large, and before the world, a proof that He had not in the least changed; and this seemed to me best done by establishing an Orphan House. Now, if I, a poor man, simply *by prayer and faith* obtained without asking any individual the means for establishing and carrying on an Orphan House, there would be something which, with the Lord's blessing, might be instrumental in strengthening the faith of God's children. This then was my primary reason for establishing the Orphan House. I also particularly longed to be used by God in getting the dear Orphans trained up in the fear of God; but still, the first and primary object of the work was (and still is) that God might be magnified by the fact, that the Orphans under my care are provided with all they need *Only by prayer and faith in God*, without anyone being asked by me or my fellow-laborers, whereby it may be seen, and that God is *faithful still*, and hears prayer still."

George Muller was a good example in faith. Very few (if any) today have the faith of George Muller, or of the faithful ones as recorded in Heb. 11. But dear ones, we are serving the *very same God*, and it is our privilege to have this faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." The greater our faith the more pleasing in the eyes of the Lord are His saints. I am fully convinced that our God is not

looked upon by many as a *living God*. May God help us to know that He does not forsake *even in our days* those who rely upon Him, and that our God still supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory. "They that trust in the Lord shall not be confounded." Brother, Sister, we need to pray, "Lord, increase our faith."

What God desires, and what He is seeking for, is men and women who will dare to trust in Him and stand unshaken upon His true and never-failing promises, looking to Him and expecting from Him just the very things we ask of Him. George Muller desired to build an Orphanage to prove to the world that he was serving a *living God*, and I feel it would be to the glory of God to have a publishing work carried on by faith, trusting fully in the Lord to supply all the needs for paper and postage. I am fully convinced God can have such if He can succeed in finding men and women who will dare to launch out on His eternal promises, standing true through every test. If it means to deny self, to sacrifice; oh, how willing we ought to be to suffer with Jesus. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." We know when we launch out by faith we will meet with many hard battles, but God's grace is sufficient to carry us through.

When God started Faith Publishing House all the literature was sent out free, and the Lord never did fail to supply, insomuch that some marvelled how wonderfully God supplied the means to carry on the work. The Lord blessed our souls and also encouraged our faith. Every test only increased our faith. Several times it seemed God was going to fail but He never did,—never came too late. Especially at one time I thought God was going to fail us. We had all the papers in the mailing bags and no means on hand to send them out. Our request was made to the Lord and He *did* supply in a marvellous way. In the afternoon's mail came a letter containing a check for \$40.00, sufficient means to send out the paper and get the needed groceries for the home. Such experiences are indeed encouraging to faith. God not only blessed our souls, but when I returned home (to Pa.) the brother God used to supply this need mentioned how the Lord at the time blessed him for giving. Brother, Sister, do you not think this is God's way of working? We must have faith in God. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof" (Psa. 50: 12). One hundred dollars is no more to the Lord than 10 cents. He can supply one hundred dollars just as easily as 10 cents, and thus prove to the world that our God still lives. If God leads and has the preeminence in a work He will not fail to supply the need of His work.

We are convinced that the separation here has been brought about by God's own dear hand and the dear Lord had a wise purpose in doing so. By the help, blessing and leading of the Lord we will continue to send out Faith and Victory free, and as often as God permits. This method complies more fully with the text, "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt. 10: 8). "Our Master requires us to preach the gospel to the poor (Matt. 11: 25), and free gospel literature affords a channel by which not only its publishers, but also its supporters, are enabled to obey this command by supporting God's work." A free gospel, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat, yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55: 1). Our Master said, "*He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor*" (Luke 4: 18). I am sure the Lord blesses in the free work of the printed gospel as much as He blesses His ministers who preach the Word without charge, depending on and looking only to God for support. Our God still lives and answers by fire (1 Kings 18: 36-38).

We do not condemn others but we must follow the Lord and labor under the burdens He places upon us. It becomes our duty when God leads thus to follow Him, and not be so much concerned about "John" and what he is going to do (John 21: 18-23). Our business is to obey Him. We are not looking forward to doing a great work (great in the eyes of the world) but to carry on a little simple work by faith. We fully realize if it is carried on only by *our* efforts it will fail in the end.

We desire to hold up God's Truth, the Doctrine of the Church of God, and teach the Word as straight as God reveals it to us, at any cost. We fully realize there has been a general letting down, but by God's grace we mean to lift up the standard and not fail to declare the whole counsel of God. We are launching out by faith but feel God's everlasting arms are underneath us and we cannot fall, for He is able to make us stand. We know our labor is not in vain in the Lord. May God bless all who are laboring and doing all they can for the salvation of precious souls.

We earnestly desire the prayers of the Saints of God that He may keep us true to the end. May God richly bless each one. Yours seeking for souls.

Workers at Faith Publishing House.

—By C. L.

"It is natural to compromise conscience and to follow the social and religious fashions for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty."

FAITH AND VICTORY

FAITH and VICTORY is published and sent out in the interest of Jesus to His little flock scattered abroad, by yielded members of His Body at Faith Publishing House.

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Again we greet our dear Brethren and readers everywhere in the precious name of Jesus, the only name given whereby we must be saved.

Owing to the many burdens, trials and perplexing problems which have confronted us, much waiting upon God has been of great importance, hence we have found it impossible for the past few months to send out Faith and Victory.

The Lord once spoke to us saying He did not measure work for Him by quantity but by quality. During these times of prayer and waiting, the Lord has been blessing us in visiting the Hospital, County Farm and Jail with the gospel. Letters and tracts have been sent out continually. We find it pleasant to labor for Jesus under the burden He places upon us. Even the hard things He calls us to go through are made easy by His helping sustaining hand.

We are fully persuaded that work for Jesus, is work for Him, only when prompted by love for the saving of souls and edifying of the same.

We have determined by the grace and wisdom of God that "Faith Pub. House" shall be in reality just what the name implies, whether little or much literature goes out.

The tracts and papers go out to many very poor people and we rejoice to send them to such souls, and will do so as long as God gives strength, for Jesus said "The poor have the gospel preached to them."

James says, "Harken my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to them that love Him" (James 2: 5).

We serve the same mighty God today that framed the world by His word—that sent the angel and closed the lion's mouth for Daniel—walked in the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children—that shook the prison doors open with an earthquake and let Paul and Silas go free. We serve a *living God*.

The man who said, "Let no man trouble me for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus,"

often had to stand alone, and though all men had forsaken him, God stood by him and delivered him, and he said, "I trust Him yet to deliver me."

Paul said, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace:" (Rom. 8, 6).

The carnal mind is always working to get perishable things and hold or use them for a selfish purpose, but the spiritual mind is getting and using them in such a way as to help some poor needy person: that their treasures may be in heaven.

John says, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Indeed this is a manifestation of great love to think that God, the creator of the world would condescend to look upon us unworthy creatures, as sons. Oh, how humble we ought to be. Oh, how we ought to reverence, honor and seek His face to know how to walk, talk and do in this present evil world.

A merchant was searching for goodly pearls and when he found one of "great price," he went and sold all that he had and bought the "pearl of great price."

This "pearl of great price," represents Jesus in your soul which eclipses all other goods and satisfies every longing of your heart.

We met a man (a hoary head) on the street the other day that scorned at the idea of God creating him, cursed and swore, said he did not want any literature that taught such stuff. What a sad picture to see a gray headed man soon to meet God his maker, having in his heart such a rebellious, ungodly spirit. But such is the condition of every heart, (in a more or less degree) that fails to sell all that they have and buy the "Pearl of great price."

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life." In Revelations He says, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Jesus is this open door, He has made the door-way to heaven, through the pouring out of His blood on Calvary's cross, and all who walk by faith in what His blood has done for us, have entered in at the door, are in the way, will be led and guided into all truth, will be manifesting the life of Christ.

While Jesus said, "I am the way" yet men have sought out many ways to get to heaven. Oh, how sad it will be for the ones that profess Jesus and yet are climbing up some other way, for Jesus says, "The same are thieves and robbers." No wonder there will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, on the judgment day.

Oh, how precious to enter in at the door and to have the angels carry good news to us from God our Father; for Christ is the head of the body "The Church," and He is at the right hand of God. We are members of His body, for Him to move about as He wills, for His glory, that the life of Christ might be continually manifested among sinful men on the earth.

CORRESPONDENCE

Homestead, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings unto you and all the dear ones in the Truth. We are continually praying for you that the good Lord may clearly reveal His perfect will unto you, for His Word hath said, "The way of the just is made plain," and also "I led them through the depths and they stumbled not." The dear Lord will surely work all things for your good and to His glory as long as you will walk in His Holy Love, and be likeminded for the futherance of the pure gospel, steadfast unmoveable, not shaken by every wind of doctrine, but always abounding in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. For this cause I bow my knee unto God in prayer for His noble cause is pure and holy, clean and perfect, consecrated by His blood.

Oh, how the hearts of true self-denying and fully consecrated saints, who seek daily to draw closer to the Lord and sink deeper into His will, do blend. Why? because they are radical for that clear common Bible way, and truly seek to be *dead* to the world and crucified with Christ, hid with Him in God. For "Blessed are they that dwell in the secret place of the Most High, for they shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." In the shadow of the Cross the world has lost all its fame, praise and reputation. In the glory of the Cross we find no room for any unnecessary articles of this perishing world,—the pretty style, gold, precious stones, fancy superfluous trimming, feathers, ribbons, attractive colors, ornamentals and unnecessary things. We, as true saints of God, have no place for beautiful, attractive notions. These draw the minds of many unto a wasteful, lustful and fleshly state of life.

This we can say, "*IT'S THE FLESH*," and they that are after the flesh cannot please God. But, praise God, they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections thereof, and are risen with Christ from the *dead*, and their affections are on things above. Praise the good Lord.

Well, beloved, may the good Lord help us to hold fast, for the end is nigh. Pray for us, dear ones. All agree that this Gospel Van which the Lord is providing may prove in perfect order in being the means whereby many precious, perishing souls can be, and will be saved.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Hennessey, Okla.—Dear Bro. in Christ: The best thing I can tell you is that I am sweetly saved, encouraged to press on and live for Him who did so much for me. I am not at all tired or weary of the way, it's brighter every day and all the way. Yes, it truly is. I would not exchange my experience in the Christian race if I could be made an heir of a fortune. No; for that would not give me peace. I'm satisfied, only the very longing of my soul is to get closer to Jesus, and more of His love and grace to others show. I am *decided* to go this way, and I want to help encourage and to take others with me.

It is much help to my soul to read of dear young people who are saved and living for the dear Lord, who have victory in their very souls over the devil, the flesh and every carnal desire. It is truly wonderful that such a clean, pure and holy life can be lived by the willing, and those whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

I am busy most all the time, yet we truly have good meetings. The Lord truly blesses His Word to the edifying of all. All the saints here are doing well.

Your Bro. saved through Jesus' blood and in His service.
—PAUL LAMB.

Olymer, Pa.—Dear ones in Jesus: I am glad I am still saved and trusting in the dear Lord and to know that He is our present help in every time of trouble, for He has been a dear Friend to me. God wants us to love one another and pray for one another, for "God is love." What He desires is people that will obey the Bible, then the way will grow brighter every day. Oh, how thankful I am that God loved us so much that He gave His dear Son to redeem us from a lost sinful world. Let us be more burdened for the people that are still in sin. I do thank God for this wonderful salvation and I desire your prayers that I may ever be found pressing onward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
—MRS. THOMAS ROUNSLEY.

Utica, Pa.—In His dear name once more I greet you. I am encouraged and praising the Lord for all His goodness to the children of men. Oh, how my heart goes out after dear young consecrated workers for my dear Redeemer, but I do not only ask His blessings upon these alone but pray for all who are sacrificing and laboring for Him who has tasted death for all mankind. I love to talk with the Lord about all of you there, asking many good things for you all at Father's hand. O, praise His precious name. My heart is overflowing with gratitude to God tonight for His goodness to us all. O, glory to His matchless name. Your true Sister in Jesus.

—MRS. WM. MCKAY.

Cresent, Okla.—Dear ones in Christ: In His dear name I once more send greetings, praying our Father in heaven to richly bless your souls and to keep you continually in His loving and tender care. I am so thankful to the dear Lord for His love and tenderness.

Truly I am an unworthy creature, and God knows I am so weak and ignorant yet His patience and forbearance has ever been with me. When my mind dwells on God's great love to my soul, I want to sink down in the very dust at His dear feet and praise Him.

I must tell you a dream I had two nights ago. Every night after all were in bed I had been going down in the woods by an old blown down tree to pray, and meditate. That night after I had prayed I sat down on the lower part of the tree to read by the light of my flashlight. I read the 9th chap-

ter of Acts and was wondering why the Lord never appeared to folks in that way now, and why the Lord does not send angels to encourage His Saints.

After I went to the house and was in bed asleep, I dreamed I was there on the tree and was meditating on the very same subject, and while thus in meditation an angel suddenly stood before me and asked what I was thinking about. At first I was so awed by his appearance I could not speak, but he smiled and I felt so free and began to tell him. He said, "That's what I am here for: to bring you a message from heaven." I thanked him and asked him to please tell me for I so desired to know what the message was. Then he sat down beside me and told me to get the light and read Luke two: from the fortieth verse on. I obeyed, but could not see why he had given me that to read. Then as if he knew my thoughts said, "Did you get the message?" I answered, "Not yet,"—wondering. Then he said, "As Mary, many, many to day are going along in the company where they suppose Jesus to be, and sad" (The angle sighed so deeply and looked so sad then continued speaking) "sad, sad to say many will not stop to look for Him, but will go on supposing Him to be along somewhere until that great day of judgment, then to find Him missing." At this he laid his hand so tenderly on my head and said, "My child, may you not be one of them, but know each day that He is with you, yea, even in your heart." After speaking thus he disappeared and I awoke. I got up and read the scripture he had directed and really I did not even know where the scripture was but it was found just where I had dreamed.

I cannot tell you the help this dream has been to me, and I am earnestly, yes more earnestly than ever before, praying the dear Lord each day to really and truly abide in my very heart and life. As the poet says, "give me Jesus alone" let company and all else go, but give me Jesus. I cannot tell it as I feel it in my soul, but brethren I want ever to know that "Jesus is mine." —A SISTER.

Seiling, Okla.—Dear friends in Christ at Faith Publishing House: I have just come to understand you are sending out tracts and Faith and Victory. I have been sending them out with mine. I have been sending out tracts for a year or more from publishing houses in Calif., Ky., Mich. and Pa. and also what you have sent me. I have kept them going. They are too good to lie idle. You may send me all that the Lord directs and enables you to and I will keep them at work for Him. I have been a cripple for 16 months and the sending of these silent messages is about all I can do for my blessed Master. I have lived here for 25 years. I am now in my 87th years and have worked in my Father's vineyard for 68 years, and expect to do my little until He calls me up higher.

I fell and broke the pelvis bone, hip bone, and sprained my back and have been unable to walk since. Please pray for me that I may be healed and be able to do more for Him who died for me. Yours in the Master's service,

MARY B. LAKE.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

SELECTED BY CELENA LACUE.

"Be not anxious for your life what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor for your body what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?" (Matt. 6: 25).

Cast all your care upon God. See that all thy cares be such as thou canst cast on God, and then hold none back. Never brood over thyself; never stop short in thyself, but cast thy whole self, even this very care which distresseth thee, upon God. Be not anxious about little things if thou wouldst learn to trust God with thine all. Act upon faith in little things; commit thy daily care and anxieties to Him; and He will strengthen thy faith for any greater trials. Rather, give thy whole self into God's hands, and so trust Him to take care of thee in all lesser things, as, being His, for His own sake, whose thou art.

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12: 11).

There are three ways of meeting divine chastening. We may despise it, as something commonplace—something that may happen to anyone; we do not see the hand of God in it. Again, we may faint under it, as something too heavy for us to bear—something entirely beyond endurance; we do not see the Father's heart in it, or recognize His gracious object in it, namely, to make us partaker of His holiness. Lastly we may be exercised by it. This is the way to reap "the peaceable fruits of righteousness" afterward *** Every stroke of His rod is a proof of His love.

*"Wherefore seeing we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, ***" (Heb. 12: 1, 2).*

You know when a man goes up in a balloon he takes in sand as a ballast, and when he wants to mount up a little higher, he throws out a little of the ballast, and then he will mount up a little higher; he throws out a little more ballast, and he mounts still higher; and the higher he gets the more he throws out—and so the nearer we get to God the more we have to throw out of the things of this world. Let go of them; do not let us first set our hearts and affections on them, but do what the Master tells us—lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

"According to your faith be it unto you" (Matt. 9: 29).

Our faith in God is the measure of His power to save us. One man comes before Him with a quart cup in his hand, and prays God to fill him "with all His divine fulness." A quart-cup is his conception of "divine fulness." The Master fills his little cup, but explains to men and angels that it was ac-

looked upon by many as a *living God*. May God help us to know that He does not forsake *even in our days* those who rely upon Him, and that our God still supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory. "They that trust in the Lord shall not be confounded." Brother, Sister, we need to pray, "Lord, increase our faith."

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When God started Faith Publishing House all the literature was sent out free, and the Lord never did fail to supply, insomuch that some marvelled how wonderfully God supplied the means to carry on the work. The Lord blessed our souls and also encouraged our faith. Every test only increased our faith. Several times it seemed God was going to fail but He never did,—never came too late. Especially at one time I thought God was going to fail us. We had all the papers in the mailing bags and no means on hand to send them out. Our request was made to the Lord and He *did* supply in a marvellous way. In the afternoon's mail came a letter containing a check for \$40.00, sufficient means to send out the paper and get the needed groceries for the home. Such experiences are indeed encouraging to faith. God not only blessed our souls, but when I returned home (to Pa.) the brother God used to supply this need mentioned how the Lord at the time blessed him for giving. Brother, Sister, do you not think this is God's way of working? We must have faith in God. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof" (Psa. 50: 12). One hundred dollars is no more to the Lord than 10 cents. He can supply one hundred dollars just as easily as 10 cents, and thus prove to the world that our God still lives. If God leads and has the preeminence in a work He will not fail to supply the need of His work.

We are convinced that this separation here has been brought about by God's own dear hand and the dear Lord had a wise purpose in doing so. By the help, blessing and leading of the Lord we will continue to send out Faith and Victory free, and as often as God permits. This method complies more fully with the text, "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt. 10: 8). "Our Master requires us to preach the gospel to the poor (Matt. 11: 25), and free gospel literature affords a channel by which not only its publishers, but also its supporters, are enabled to obey this command by supporting God's work." A free gospel, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat, yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55: 1). Our Master said, "*He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor*" (Luke 4: 18). I am sure the Lord blesses in the free work of the printed gospel as much as He blesses His ministers who preach the Word without charge, depending on and looking only to God for support. Our God still lives and answers by fire (1 Kings 18: 36-38).

We do not condemn others but we must follow the Lord and labor under the burdens He places upon us. It becomes our duty when God leads thus to follow Him, and not be so much concerned about "John" and what he is going to do (John 21: 18-23). Our business is to obey Him. We are not looking forward to doing a great work (great in the eyes of the world) but to carry on a little simple work by faith. We fully realize if it is carried on only by *our* efforts it will fail in the end.

We desire to hold up God's Truth, the Doctrine of the Church of God, and teach the Word as straight as God reveals it to us, at any cost. We fully realize there has been a general letting down, but by God's grace we mean to lift up the standard and not fail to declare the whole counsel of God. We are launching out by faith but feel God's everlasting arms are underneath us and we cannot fall, for He is able to make us stand. We know our labor is not in vain in the Lord. May God bless all who are laboring and doing all they can for the salvation of precious souls.

We earnestly desire the prayers of the Saints of God that He may keep us true to the end. May God richly bless each one. Yours seeking for souls.

Workers at Faith Publishing House.

—By C. L.

"It is natural to compromise conscience and to follow the social and religious fashions for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty."

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Again we greet our dear Brethren and readers everywhere in the precious name of Jesus, the only name given whereby we must be saved.

Owing to the many burdens, trials and perplexing problems which have confronted us, much waiting upon God has been of great importance, hence we have found it impossible for the past few months to send out Faith and Victory.

The Lord once spoke to us saying He did not measure work for Him by quantity but by quality. During these times of prayer and waiting, the Lord has been blessing us in visiting the Hospital, County Farm and Jail with the gospel. Letters and tracts have been sent out continually. We find it pleasant to labor for Jesus under the burden He places upon us. Even the hard things He calls us to go through are made easy by His helping sustaining hand.

We are fully persuaded that work for Jesus, is work for Him, only when prompted by love for the saving of souls and edifying of the same.

We have determined by the grace and wisdom of God that "Faith Pub. House" shall be in reality just what the name implies, whether little or much literature goes out.

The tracts and papers go out to many very poor people and we rejoice to send them to such souls, and will do so as long as God gives strength, for Jesus said "The poor have the gospel preached to them."

James says, "Harken my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to them that love Him" (James 2: 5).

We serve the same mighty God today that framed the world by His word—that sent the angel and closed the lion's mouth for Daniel—walked in the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children—that shook the prison doors open with an earthquake and let Paul and Silas go free. We serve a *living God*.

The man who said, "Let no man trouble me for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus,"

often had to stand alone, and though all men had forsaken him, God stood by him and delivered him, and he said, "I trust Him yet to deliver me."

Paul said, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace:" (Rom. 8, 6).

The carnal mind is always working to get perishable things and hold or use them for a selfish purpose, but the spiritual mind is getting and using them in such a way as to help some poor needy person: that their treasures may be in heaven.

John says, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Indeed this is a manifestation of great love to think that God, the creator of the world would condescend to look upon us unworthy creatures, as sons. Oh, how humble we ought to be. Oh, how we ought to reverence, honor and seek His face to know how to walk, talk and do in this present evil world.

A merchant was searching for goodly pearls and when he found one of "great price," he went and sold all that he had and bought the "pearl of great price."

This "pearl of great price," represents Jesus in your soul which eclipses all other goods and satisfies every longing of your heart.

We met a man (a hoary head) on the street the other day that scorned at the idea of God creating him, cursed and swore, said he did not want any literature that taught such stuff. What a sad picture to see a gray headed man soon to meet God his maker, having in his heart such a rebellious, ungodly spirit. But such is the condition of every heart, (in a more or less degree) that fails to sell all that they have and buy the "Pearl of great price."

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life." In Revelations He says, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Jesus is this open door, He has made the door-way to heaven, through the pouring out of His blood on Calvary's cross, and all who walk by faith in what His blood has done for us, have entered in at the door, are in the way, will be led and guided into all truth, will be manifesting the life of Christ.

While Jesus said, "I am the way" yet men have sought out many ways to get to heaven. Oh, how sad it will be for the ones that profess Jesus and yet are climbing up some other way, for Jesus says, "The same are thieves and robbers." No wonder there will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, on the judgment day.

Oh, how precious to enter in at the door and to have the angels carry good news to us from God our Father: for Christ is the head of the body "The Church," and He is at the right hand of God. We are members of His body, for Him to move about as He wills, for His glory, that the life of Christ might be continually manifested among sinful men on the earth.

CORRESPONDENCE

Homestead, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings unto you and all the dear ones in the Truth. We are continually praying for you that the good Lord may clearly reveal His perfect will unto you, for His Word hath said, "The way of the just is made plain," and also "I led them through the depths and they stumbled not." The dear Lord will surely work all things for your good and to His glory as long as you will walk in His Holy Love, and be likeminded for the futherance of the pure gospel, steadfast unmoveable, not shaken by every wind of doctrine, but always abounding in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. For this cause I bow my knee unto God in prayer for His noble cause is pure and holy, clean and perfect, consecrated by His blood.

Oh, how the hearts of true self-denying and fully consecrated saints, who seek daily to draw closer to the Lord and sink deeper into His will, do blend. Why? because they are radical for that clear common Bible way, and truly seek to be *dead* to the world and crucified with Christ, hid with Him in God. For "Blessed are they that dwell in the secret place of the Most High, for they shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." In the shadow of the Cross the world has lost all its fame, praise and reputation. In the glory of the Cross we find no room for any unnecessary articles of this perishing world,—the pretty style, gold, precious stones, fancy superfluous trimming, feathers, ribbons, attractive colors, ornamentals and unnecessary things. We, as true saints of God, have no place for beautiful, attractive notions. These draw the minds of many unto a wasteful, lustful and fleshly state of life.

This we can say, "*IT'S THE FLESH*," and they that are after the flesh cannot please God. But, praise God, they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections thereof, and are risen with Christ from the *dead*, and their affections are on things above. Praise the good Lord.

Well, beloved, may the good Lord help us to hold fast, for the end is nigh. Pray for us, dear ones. All agree that this Gospel Van which the Lord is providing may prove in perfect order in being the means whereby many precious, perishing souls can be, and will be saved.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Hennessey, Okla.—Dear Bro. in Christ: The best thing I can tell you is that I am sweetly saved, encouraged to press on and live for Him who did so much for me. I am not at all tired or weary of the way, it's brighter every day and all the way. Yes, it truly is. I would not exchange my experience in the Christian race if I could be made an heir of a fortune. No; for that would not give me peace. I'm satisfied, only the very longing of my soul is to get closer to Jesus, and more of His love and grace to others show. I am *decided* to go this way, and I want to help encourage and to take others with me.

It is much help to my soul to read of dear young people who are saved and living for the dear Lord, who have victory in their very souls over the devil, the flesh and every carnal desire. It is truly wonderful that such a clean, pure and holy life can be lived by the willing, and those whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

I am busy most all the time, yet we truly have good meetings. The Lord truly blesses His Word to the edifying of all. All the saints here are doing well.

Your Bro. saved through Jesus' blood and in His service.

—PAUL LAMB.

Clymer, Pa.—Dear ones in Jesus: I am glad I am still saved and trusting in the dear Lord and to know that He is our present help in every time of trouble, for He has been a dear Friend to me. God wants us to love one another and pray for one another, for "God is love." What He desires is people that will obey the Bible, then the way will grow brighter every day. Oh, how thankful I am that God loved us so much that He gave His dear Son to redeem us from a lost sinful world. Let us be more burdened for the people that are still in sin. I do thank God for this wonderful salvation and I desire your prayers that I may ever be found pressing onward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ, Jesus.

—MRS. THOMAS ROUNSLEY.

Utica, Pa.—In His dear name once more I greet you. I am encouraged and praising the Lord for all His goodness to the children of men. Oh, how my heart goes out after dear young consecrated workers for my dear Redeemer, but I do not only ask His blessings upon these alone but pray for all who are sacrificing and laboring for Him who has tasted death for all mankind. I love to talk with the Lord about all of you there, asking many good things for you all at Father's hand. O, praise His precious name. My heart is overflowing with gratitude to God tonight for His goodness to us all. O, glory to His matchless name. Your true Sister in Jesus.

—MRS. WM. MCKAY.

Crescent, Okla.—Dear ones in Christ: In His dear name I once more send greetings, praying our Father in heaven to richly bless your souls and to keep you continually in His loving and tender care. I am so thankful to the dear Lord for His love and tenderness.

Truly I am an unworthy creature, and God knows I am so weak and ignorant yet His patience and forbearance has ever been with me. When my mind dwells on God's great love to my soul, I want to sink down in the very dust at His dear feet and praise Him.

I must tell you a dream I had two nights ago. Every night after all were in bed I had been going down in the woods by an old blown down tree to pray, and meditate. That night after I had prayed I sat down on the lower part of the tree to read by the light of my flashlight. I read the 9th chap-

ter of Acts and was wondering why the Lord never appeared to folks in that way now, and why the Lord does not send angels to encourage His Saints.

After I went to the house and was in bed asleep, I dreamed I was there on the tree and was meditating on the very same subject, and while thus in meditation an angel suddenly stood before me and asked what I was thinking about. At first I was so awed by his appearance I could not speak, but he smiled and I felt so free and began to tell him. He said, "That's what I am here for: to bring you a message from heaven." I thanked him and asked him to please tell me for I so desired to know what the message was. Then he sat down beside me and told me to get the light and read Luke two: from the fortieth verse on. I obeyed, but could not see why he had given me that to read. Then as if he knew my thoughts said, "Did you get the message?" I answered, "Not yet,"—wondering. Then he said, "As Mary, many, many to day are going along in the company where they suppose Jesus to be, and sad" (The angle sighed so deeply and looked so sad then continued speaking) "sad, sad to say many will not stop to look for Him, but will go on supposing Him to be along somewhere until that great day of judgment, then to find Him missing." At this he laid his hand so tenderly on my head and said, "My child, may you not be one of them, but know each day that He is with you, yea, even in your heart." After speaking thus he disappeared and I awoke. I got up and read the scripture he had directed and really I did not even know where the scripture was but it was found just where I had dreamed.

I cannot tell you the help this dream has been to me, and I am earnestly, yes more earnestly than ever before, praying the dear Lord each day to really and truly abide in my very heart and life. As the poet says, "give me Jesus alone" let company and all else go, but give me Jesus. I cannot tell it as I feel it in my soul, but brethren I want ever to know that "Jesus is mine." —A SISTER.

Seiling, Okla.—Dear friends in Christ at Faith Publishing House: I have just come to understand you are sending out tracts and Faith and Victory. I have been sending them out with mine. I have been sending out tracts for a year or more from publishing houses in Calif., Ky., Mich. and Pa. and also what you have sent me. I have kept them going. They are too good to lie idle. You may send me all that the Lord directs and enables you to and I will keep them at work for Him. I have been a cripple for 16 months and the sending of these silent messages is about all I can do for my blessed Master. I have lived here for 25 years. I am now in my 87th years and have worked in my Father's vineyard for 68 years, and expect to do my little until He calls me up higher.

I fell and broke the pelvis bone, hip bone, and sprained my back and have been unable to walk since. Please pray for me that I may be healed and be able to do more for Him who died for me. Yours in the Master's service,
MARY B. JAKE.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

SELECTED BY CELENA LACUE.

"Be not anxious for your life what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor for your body what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?" (Matt. 6: 25).

Cast all your care upon God. See that all thy cares be such as thou canst cast on God, and then hold none back. Never brood over thyself; never stop short in thyself, but cast thy whole self, even this very care which distresseth thee, upon God. Be not anxious about little things if thou wouldst learn to trust God with thine all. Act upon faith in little things; commit thy daily care and anxieties to Him; and He will strengthen thy faith for any greater trials. Rather, give thy whole self into God's hands, and so trust Him to take care of thee in all lesser things, as, being His, for His own sake, whose thou art.

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12: 11).

There are three ways of meeting divine chastening. We may *despise* it, as something commonplace—something that may happen to anyone; we do not see the hand of God in it. Again, we may *faint* under it, as something too heavy for us to bear—something entirely beyond endurance; we do not see the Father's heart in it, or recognize His gracious object in it, namely, to make us partaker of His holiness. Lastly we may be *exercised* by it. This is the way to reap "the peaceable fruits of righteousness" afterward *** Every stroke of His rod is a proof of His love.

*"Wherefore seeing we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. ***"* (Heb. 12: 1, 2).

You know when a man goes up in a balloon he takes in sand as a ballast, and when he wants to mount up a little higher, he throws out a little of the ballast, and then he will mount up a little higher; he throws out a little more ballast, and he mounts still higher; and the higher he gets the more he throws out—and so the nearer we get to God the more we have to throw out of the things of this world. Let go of them; do not let us first set our hearts and affections on them, but do what the Master tells us—lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

"According to your faith be it unto you" (Matt. 9: 29).

Our faith in God is the measure of His power to save us. One man comes before Him with a quart cup in his hand, and prays God to fill him "with all His divine fulness." A quart-cup is his conception of "divine fulness." The Master fills his little cup, but explains to men and angels that it was ac-

according to the man's faith—not according to His own will. Another comes with his gill-cup. The King of Glory is a gill-cup God, according to his conception. He presents his cup, and it is filled; but the Lord forces him to tell the world that this was his way of asking—not God's way of giving. Another borrows his wife's thimble, and holds it up to the Lord for his inheritance. Of course the little thimble is filled, but the explanation must go with it: "*According to your thimble!* O, if men would only know the Lord in the 'exceeding riches of His grace!' 'Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.'"

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Beloved, we are all travellers far away from our Father's house, from our loved ones, from the peace love and joy of home, passing through a hostile foreign country, the bullets of the enemy are whizzing and falling all around us. Few, if any, can understand us. The world kicks and cuffs and beats and spits upon us. Yes, we long for home, home; but "comfort one another with these words"—the words of His sure return. O, what comfort, what joy, what peace! We can afford to suffer and toil and watch and wait here "for the glory to be revealed when He shall appear." Think you not, as we bow over our loved ones, over the caskets, over the open grave; as we miss the light footfall, the kindly words, and feel in every place the deep, silent sense of separation, shall we not be glad to see Him?

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RETAINING INTEGRITY

God is ever seeking to glorify and magnify Himself, and to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him. When we read of and meditate on the mighty acts and deliverances wrought in behalf of those who had unwavering faith in God we question and wonder why there are not now more examples and additions to the great cloud of witnesses to the mighty works of God. We believe the Lord's coming is near, for many are departing from the faith. "Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" God is no respecter of persons, and His eyes continually run in search of those who "have no other God before Him." But dear souls, it takes spirit, soul and body willingly sacrificed upon the altar of God, so He can have *His way*. Some out-of-the-ordinary circumstance, test or call is brought into our lives wherein we must

"against hope believe in hope," and in which God "who * * * calleth those things which *be not* as though *they were*," might glorify Himself and show that His strength is not human. Yet there is a *work* to do to show faith in God,—a choosing to suffer, stand still or go forward in the name and strength of the Lord, not accepting deliverance, for this is the victory that overcomes, even faith in our mighty God. If a call is sent to our heart and soul that seems impossible, faith in God with whom all things are possible, will work obedience. All the faithful ones spoken of in Heb. 11, who obtained a good report through faith, were severely tested and brought in contact with powers of the enemy, yet they had respect unto the recompence of the reward, and endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Time failed Paul to mention Job among the cloud of witnesses, but I surely believe he is an example of faith in God. He was a man perfect and upright, but Satan moved God "against him to destroy him without cause, and still he *holdeth fast his integrity*." Dear soul has there come into your life a circumstance that it seems God Himself is moved against you, and you have come to that place in the way of the cross as did our Savior, when He said, "This is your hour and the power of darkness?" Do not give up nor charge God foolishly, but search your heart and see that you walk uprightly before God and know that He shall be glorified and your soul will be polished to shine brighter for Him. It may be too that the fiery trial becomes so great, whether it be affliction, persecution, loss of sons, daughters, and all things temporal, inasmuch that your dearest and most loved friend, or even your bosom companion, would say, "*Dost thou still retain thine integrity?*" Curse God and die." God is only testing and proving you, and if you hold fast your confidence and integrity, He will show Himself strong in your behalf, and bring you out more than a conqueror, and thus be glorified and prove to souls that He is righteous in all His ways. Praise the Lord.

As God's ways are not man's ways, and He chooses the foolish things to confound the wise, and the weak things to confound the mighty, the wise and mighty of the world then try to crush and scorn and put to naught God's chosen ignorant and unlearned servants. They look at things natural, but dear souls the power of the Holy Ghost within doing the works will give boldness that all the adversaries cannot gainsay nor resist. So if God has placed His hand upon you and a call upon your heart, do not confer with flesh and blood either with your own natural inability or of the worldly wise, but look unto Him who has washed you in His blood and anointed you with His Spirit, and this same anointing shall teach and lead you. A short time ago while praying to know God's will more perfectly, and for grace to do it, the Holy Spirit brought to my heart the sayings of Jesus, "What is that to thee? *Follow thou me*." I saw that my concern should be to follow my Master, and not look or inquire as to what this or that one or body of people

are doing, yet retaining that brotherly love "that worketh no ill to his neighbor."

During the past few months many voices have come to us; some from friends and loved ones in the Lord; some from those to whom the preaching of the cross is foolishness; many accusations and suggestions from the enemy of our souls; but among all a sweet, small and firm voice from Heaven saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it. Retain thine integrity with Me and live. The trial of your faith is of more value than all the perishing gold of this world." We certainly have felt the strength of the prayers of God's people, and may He richly bless and encourage each one. Please continue to pray for us.

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

GOD'S WAY

In the beginning when God created Adam and Eve, He placed them in the garden of Eden. There they had all that was good and needful for them. They talked with God, and God talked to them. They were happy and innocent. But Satan, who is ever ready to cause trouble, sorrow, pain and anguish, knowing of the commandment of God that they should not eat of one fruit of the Garden, under the penalty of death, sought their attention and gained their confidence by telling them a lie, for he said, "Ye shall not surely die." He also promised them great knowledge and of being even as gods, knowing good and evil. So we find that through the confidence they put in Satan they stretched forth their hands, took of the fruit and did eat, breaking the commandment of God who had created them, and thus lost their innocency and were ashamed, trying to hide themselves from God among the trees of the garden. "And God called unto Adam, and said unto him, *'Where art thou?'*"

And God understanding the matter began to talk to the serpent and said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." When He said, "it shall bruise thy head," we have the first promise of Christ and His work of restoring fallen man back to God. Christ was born of a woman and by His life of self-denial and utter submission to His Father, not caring for the perishable things of this world (which are the strongholds of Satan), set an example of doing and living, so that those who follow in His steps will truly find that the head of Satan is bruised and under their feet shortly. Those who believe from the heart that Jesus is the Son of God, that He was without guilt, without sin, that the blood He shed on Calvary was pure, holy and undefiled, and receive this blood as a covering, a cleansing for sins, become innocent before God, can talk to God and God will talk with them.—condemnation is lifted and peace, joy and righteousness come in. As we follow on to know the Lord, our walk with Him will grow sweeter and more pleasant, and the Scripture will be fulfilled which says, "we are raised up together, and made to

sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Bless His name.

The coming of Jesus to redeem man back to his innocent state has been prophesied by the prophets of God all down from the beginning of the creation. Moses spoke of Jesus and His coming in this way, "And I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which He shall speak in my name, I will require it of him" (Deut. 18: 18-19). The other prophets spoke of the coming of the "Rest Giver." Christ is often referred to in the Psalms. Isaiah, having a clear revelation of the coming Christ, broke forth boldly with the questions, "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" And, catching a clearer vision of Him and His work, He speaks much about Him, saying, "He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." Another portion of this prophecy says, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Then looking at his surroundings and considering men in their fallen state, he cries out, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Beholding a clear view of the sufferings of the crucifixion scene, he speaks of Him as being oppressed, afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who shall declare His generation? He was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people was He stricken, saying that He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death,—that His soul was made an offering for sin, and that He should see the travail of His soul and be satisfied: by His obedience many shall be justified, for He shall bear their iniquities.

By reading in the Gospels of the sufferings, crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus, we can not help but note the clear knowledge that God had given Isaiah many, many years before it happened, proving the Scripture that "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning." When men realize this fact, oh, how they ought to yield and submit to God, that they might be molded unto a vessel of honor, for who are we that we should reply against our Maker? For consider, dear friend, the princes of this world, the great men, the mighty men, the men of wisdom (earthly), the religious scribes and pharisees, how they put Jesus to death and thought it great wisdom to do so, expecting thus to get rid of Him,

But God raised Him from the dead, putting them to an open shame, proving to the world and to all people that their wisdom was foolishness with God, and that they were only fulfilling that portion of the prophecies because their hearts were evil, and God used them thus, or rather permitted Satan to do so. Oh, how great is our God, our Creator! No wonder David says, "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." And Paul declares that "the wisdom of men is foolishness with God."

Oh, dear sinner friend, if you are sewing fig leaves together to hide your shame, making flimsy excuses, you are losing all, for God sees you, and calls to you loudly, "*WHERE ART THOU?*" Oh, dear moral man, you who are hiding in the trees, under your good works, God sees you and is calling to you in a solemn but loud voice, "*Where art THOU?*"

Have faith in the blameless blood of Christ to cleanse you from all your filthiness, from all your idols, and be made a new creature in Christ Jesus. The Blood is a full covering for sin, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. As God beholds you under this covering, He will see you innocent and a joint-heir with Christ, if so be that you suffer with Him.

In His love,

—FRED PRUITT.

COMPROMISING.

"And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged Him, to be crucified" (Mark 15: 15).

One great hindrance in many lives that otherwise would be lived for God's glory are found in those five words—"willing to content the people." The spirit of Christ has no fellowship with the spirit of the world. If we would content our friends that are away from God we must take the choice of displeasing God and in truth deliver up Jesus to crucifixion again.

"Who is not for me is against me" and it was those who were against Jesus who nailed Him to the cross. If we are "for" Him and we love Him in spirit and truth we shall find that we do not content the people around us, some may say you are right, but for the most part they will take offence.

Dare to be a Daniel,

Dare to stand alone;

Dare to have a purpose firm,

And dare to make it known.

"Contenting the people" is a hard task—yet so very easy. It is easier to follow and drift along down the stream than to stand aside for your convictions and be ridiculed or worse than that to have those who are dear to you think you feel above them, to have the unspoken disapproval of those around you.

"Let us go without the camp, bearing His reproach" and if we will not compromise with the world we shall find ourselves uncerimoniously dumped without the camp more than once. To a true child of God that will not bring sorrow, but joy unspeakable and full of glory, for to be like our Lord we cannot always have the best wishes of all.

One man who could have prevented the greatest catastrophe in history was too willing to gain public favor, and he delivered the Son of God to the angry multitude to be put to an awful death unjustly—when he could have saved Him. It was necessary for our Lord to die that death else the scriptures never would have been fulfilled, but what a terrible thing to be the one who, through vain glory delivered Him up. Pilate was willing to compromise all hope of eternal life that he might please the people, let us learn our lesson well, for there are times when the temptation to “content the people” may lead us away from God.

It may be more pleasant to let others draw us along in conversation, pleasures and ideas, but if we would be pleasing to our Lord we must stand fast in the faith once delivered to the saints, being kind and gentle and lowly like our Lord, but firm and steadfast and unmoveable when it comes to questions of loyalty to our God or popular opinion. —SEL.

AS UNTO THE LORD

While it is according to the Word to preach on giving in the work of the Lord, yet we must take heed that we teach it God's way, and not for a selfish gain. Paul exhorts the Christians to “abound” in this grace of giving to God. “See that ye abound in this grace also” (2 Cor. 8: 7). “But this I say: he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9: 6). “Upon the first day of the week *let every one of you* lay by him in store as God hath prospered him that there be gathering when I come” (1 Cor. 16: 2). All God's children can give to the Lord, let it be only “two mites,” He will abundantly bless and reward. Obedience to God brings joy to the soul. God's directions on the subject of giving are plain and so simple.

While it is right to teach God's children to give to the needy and for the spreading of the gospel, yet there is so much begging and hinting heard from those who are more interested in the “loaves and fishes” than in suffering with Jesus that one is almost timid to teach along this line. Let us not forget, dear souls, though we abound in everything,—in faith, love, utterance, diligence, patience and longsuffering, God desires us to “abound in this grace also.” Paul said, “Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account” (Phil. 4: 17). Paul assures us that if we give of our substance to the cause of Christ, He will bless us and we will bear fruit unto God. Jesus is pleased when we bear much fruit. “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples” (John 15: 8). “Give, and it shall be given you” (Luke 6: 38).

We must preach the Word along all lines and not fail to hold up the standard of God's eternal truth. God is our Father and He does not desire His children to be exposing their needs to any other than their

Heavenly Father (Matt. 6: 8; 7: 7). “Let your requests be made known unto *God*” (Phil. 4: 6).

The Lord has taught us some simple lessons, of what it means to live by faith. One time we were stopping at a brother's house, a farmer who bought his gasoline by the barrel, and had a barrel full in the yard. The morning we went to leave, I was working around the car and the thought came to me to measure the gasoline. Satan advanced the thought that I should wait until this brother was around and then measure the gasoline in the tank, and he would be sure to tell me to fill up with gasoline out of his barrel. We resisted this thought as coming from Satan and did not measure it when he was around, however, when we cranked the car to start this brother called us down and told us to back up there and fill up with gasoline.

Another time while we were hauling some old people back and forth from a tent meeting, and while taking them home from meeting the enemy whispered, “You had better not do this, as you only have a little gasoline and no money to buy with.” I again resisted the devil and told him that the Lord would take care of that. On arriving at the tent a man came from the crowd straight to me and handed me some money, and said, “This is for gasoline.” Thus again the enemy was defeated and God was honored, proving Himself to be faithful to those who trust Him.

Teaching on giving should not be done with a selfish purpose in view, but for the glory of God and in the interest of those who give, that they may give freely as unto the Lord, for free giving is edifying and opens up the soul for the in-flowing and out-flowing of the love of God and causes the giver to prosper, flourish and rejoice in their Creator.

—F. P.

FALSEHOOD

“As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.”

A little liar will make a big liar unless bent to truth by careful raising and training.

What is a lie? It is a falsehood, an untruth, something that really is untrue. What is a liar? One who tells untruths or falsehoods.

Is a liar going against God and His Bible? He certainly is. How do we know? The sixteenth verse of the twentieth chapter of Exodus commands people to not bear false witness against their neighbor. Bearing false witness is bearing false testimony or telling a lie, an untruth.

In the Ten Commandments we are plainly told to not bear false witness; such is lying.

What does The New Testament say about lying? Ephesians 4: 25, says “Wherefore putting away lying, **SPEAK EVERY MAN TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR.**” Colossians 3: 9, says “**LIE NOT ONE TO ANOTHER.**”

Many Scriptures can be found in the Bible that condemn lying. Whenever you lie, you displease God, hurt your own character and make your friends, playmates and neighbors think or love you less. You

bring hatred and suspicion upon yourself by telling falsehoods, and if you continue to tell falsehoods, it will get so by and by that people will not trust you and will not take your word or believe your promises. Lying is a terrible sin, and the Bible says, "All liars shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone," Revelations 21: 8.

It is a notable fact that if you try to correct a liar, they will turn onto you and try to make you a liar no matter how honest and truthful you may be.

A liar is a bad actor. Why? Because they will tell a second lie to get out of the first one. As a general thing, I put a stop to liars coming to my house.

What is the remedy for a lying nature in a child? Perseverance in training them to be truthful; do not give up the battle.

What is the remedy for a lying nature in an adult? Nothing but the power of God through Christ Jesus. "Nothing but the blood of Jesus can wash away the sin of falsehood or change the lying nature. Some day people will be sorry, sorry, very sorry for their foolish talking, joking, jesting and lying; for God is against all such. "Let it not be once named among you as becometh saints." —SEL.

TIME FOR JESUS

Have you any time for Jesus

Ere you pass away from earth?

Have you time for deeds of kindness,

Time to show your righteous worth?

Have you time to read the Bible?

What is all your haste about?

If you have no time for Jesus,

He will have no time for you.

Have you any time for Jesus?

Time to speak a word of cheer?

Have you time to pray in secret?

Have you time to sing a song?

Oh, take time to be religious;

You surely must take time to die,

Sad will be your final ending.

If you have no time for God.

In the rush for worldly pleasure

You incur the wrath of God;

In the rush for fame and money,

You displease the God above.

Oh, take time to lay up treasure

In that bright eternal world;

Oh, take time to work for Jesus.

Then He'll have some time for you.

If you have no time for service,

You will have no treasure there;

If you give your time to Satan,

You will reap eternal woe.

Oh, be wise and work for Jesus,

You will have a great reward.

If you have no time for Jesus,

He will have no time for you.

—A. W. LUSE.

THEIR LAST WORDS

The last words that proceeded from the lips of an amiable and wealthy man, once a professed Christian and a Sunday-school teacher, were, "I am going out into the darkness, and I know not where I am going." How solemn such a dying testimony—from a professed Christian, one who had grown up under the sound of God's Word, who had taught it to others himself, but had not received it in his own heart, and hence was never converted to God—never born again! So, when the shades of night settled down upon his life on earth, and he was about to pass into eternity, not a word of assurance could he utter—nothing, save the solemn testimony,

"I AM GOING OUT INTO THE DARKNESS, AND I KNOW NOT WHERE I AM GOING!"

Dear reader, would this be true of you! Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13: 5). "For if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8: 24).

The last words of another,—who, we are told, was a devoted husband, a kind and tender father,—as he was passing away, and his wife spoke to him of eternal things, were,

"IT IS TOO LATE NOW—TOO LATE NOW!"

Oh, the remorse of a soul passing out of this world, where the sweet strains of God's redeeming love were heard in the gospel message, yet passing out unsaved with all those memories! An open Bible almost everywhere, a free gospel, and everlasting salvation proclaimed, but refused or neglected! Then, when laid low, and about to leave this world, conscience, so often stifled, now accuses, proving the words of the Psalmist, "How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors" (Psa. 73: 19). And no wonder, for "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9: 27).

My dear reader, if yet unsaved, be warned in time; be aroused; be not deceived; be alive to these eternal realities *now*, lest it be for you also "*too late, too late!*"

A CONTRAST INDEED

They stood around her bedside. She was in the prime of life, but stricken down with that treacherous disease, consumption, and had now but a few hours to live. Reviewing the past, sins there had been, she well knew; but they had been confessed to God, and forgiven (1 John 1: 9). The blood of Jesus Christ had forever put them away. Then the Word of God had given the assurance that everlasting life was hers (John 3: 33), and that she was *even now* saved (Eph. 2: 8, 9). In this assurance, coupled with the bright prospect of living through eternity with the Savior, and a heart full of love and gratitude to Him who loved her, these words broke the quietness of her sick-chamber:

"HAD I TEN THOUSAND HEARTS, I WOULD GIVE THEM ALL TO JESUS."

She passed away; left the body behind, to be present with the Lord (2 Cor. 5: 8). It was placed

in the grave until the resurrection-morning, and the tombstone still marks that lone spot with the words at the bottom, "Had I ten thousand hearts, I would give them all to Jesus."

Precious testimony; blessed death! May the overflowing cup that was hers be thine, dear reader, now, and forever. —A. E. B.

SINNER, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

"*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him*" (1 John 2: 15). "*So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he can not be my disciple*" (Luke 14: 33).

Oh, sinner friend, will you just think?

Do you know that you are damned?

And that your poor, benighted soul

Is forever sinking down?

Oh, will you behold the Son of God

That takes away the sin of the world?

For this He died upon the cross,

So in hell you won't be hurled.

Oh, will you hear me, dying friends?

You may have a popular name,

But if you cling to this world and its treasures.

You will not with Jesus reign.

You may profess to be a saint,

Have your name here on some book,

But sad will be your final doom,

If from this world you have not looked.

You may fill some pulpit here,

Or you may have other work done,

But hear me now, for you can't stand,

On that day when Jesus comes.

Dear reader, I trust if you are a sinner that you will behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1: 29). For He came to save His people from their sins, (Matt. 1: 21), not in their sins; not at the judgment bar of God, or in the world to come, but here in this present world, in this life, praise God. If God's purpose had been to save us in our sins, He could have saved us without sending His only begotten Son here to this wicked world to suffer and die on that cruel cross for us, by the hands of wicked people that hated and opposed the strait and narrow way. There would have been no need of his death if He had purposed that we live in sin all the days of our lives. But instead of this He wants us to "serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life" (Luke 1: 74-75). Praise His holy name!

If we are committing sin we are of the devil (1 John 3: 8). If we are committing just one known sin, we are a sinner in the sight of God. It may be just anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy or filthy communication, but it must be put off. "*But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth*" (Col. 3: 8).

Let it be what it may, if we are commanded not to do such, it is sin. "*For they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God*" (Gal. 5: 21). Dear soul, if you are cut off from the kingdom of God here, you surely will be cut off from the kingdom of heaven in the world to come. And if you are clinging to the treasures of this world, or just having a desire for them, and are clinging to its forms, fashions and pleasures, you are not of God. He has inspired this very warning and teaching: "*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him*" (1 John 2: 15). We are admonished also to set our affections on things above, "*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*" (Col. 3: 1-2). We are to lay our treasures above, not here on this earth, "*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*" (Matt. 6: 21). We must flee from these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and meekness (1 Tim. 6: 11).

Dear reader, this is the doctrine that Jesus brought with Him from heaven, and it will bring eternal life. This is truth, and the truth is what saves us. If we do not have the doctrine of Christ and abide therein we are not of God. "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son*" (2 John 1: 9). But if we believe and take a firm stand for the truth we will suffer persecution today just as the first followers of Jesus did, for it is called new doctrine or heresy today just as it was then. "*And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this NEW DOCTRINE, whereof thou speakest, is?*" (Acts 17: 19). "*But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.*" (Act. 24: 14). The ungodly have the same hatred for the truth today that they had for it when Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*" The world has not changed but it is waxing worse and worse (2 Tim. 3: 13).

Suffering for and with Jesus is just as necessary as believing. "*For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake*" (Phil. 1: 29). "*Yea all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution*" (2 Tim. 3: 12). But, thank God, if we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him (2 Tim. 2: 12). So we pray that "*The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (1 Thess. 5: 23). For without holiness no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12: 14).

Oh, may God help you dear soul if you are not free from sin and the world, to get free, and be ready for that day when Jesus will come again to reward every one according to his works.

—MRS. IDA LEE.