

Faith and Victory

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

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"This is the VICTORY that overcometh
the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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TELL JESUS

Tell Jesus when the burden seems too great for
you to bear;
Go, lay it at the feet of Christ, and know that
He will care;
And tell Him all the *little things* that come to
cloud your way,
The puzzles and perplexities that trouble you today.

Tell Jesus all there is to tell about your daily needs,
About the dim uncertainties through which your
pathway leads;
About the cherished hopes that lie crushed lifeless
at your feet,
The golden dreams left unfulfilled, the labor
incomplete.

If you could know how tenderly He makes our cares
His own,
You would not stand apart again and bear the
pain alone;
You would not miss the joy and peace of walking
at His side,
Of finding tempest changed for calm, and sorrow
sanctified.

I tell Him all the story now, no other friend can be,
In morning light or evening shade, what Jesus is
to me;
His human heart is still the same today as yesterday,
And in His love I find my rest, and in His strength
my stay. —SEL.

"LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?"

In John 21: 15, the above question was asked to Peter after they had dined. Let us study for a while what *these* means, and what all is included in that one word, *THESE*. After they had dined the question was asked, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" It certainly included food and drink which gives life to the body, and makes for health when properly partaken of. When we have food, drink and health, that enables us to follow the other avocations of life, chiefly to work, think, trade, buy and sell, and get gain; and money will enable us to have all the comforts of the present age in which we live to satisfy every desire of the natural man. So we see

that food and drink is the source of the human life. Hence the question was asked to Peter after they had dined, "Lovest thou Me more than these, Simon?" And he unhesitatingly answered, "Yea, Lord, *Thou knowest* that I love Thee." Now these words were not spoken only for the benefit of Peter, but to all the world and to every creature upon the earth. For what sayeth our Lord in another place? "He that loveth father, mother, brother, sister, houses, lands, yea, and *his own life* also, more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Matt. 10: 37).

Again our Lord Jesus was asked the question, "Master, which is the first commandment of all?" And Jesus answered him thus, "Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord, and *thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.* * * * * There is none other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12: 29-31). This is the one command upon which hinges our eternal destiny and our salvation in this present life. This command was spoken by God to Moses upon the mountain and carried over into the New Dispensation of Grace by our Lord, and is just as binding and forceable now as the day it was spoken. They are the words that proceeded from the lips of our Lord which He said would judge us in the last day. Let us be honest with God and submit to Him that He may implant into our hearts that love whereby we can love Him supremely in our present life, insomuch that at any time we can feel a clearness in our very soul and can look up to heaven and say to the question of our Lord, "Yea, Lord, *Thou knowest* I love Thee more than these." Upon this one great question is the point where so many turn back and follow the Lord no more, as the rich young ruler that came to Jesus, only to turn away sorrowful because of a lack of love for the Lord above the riches that he possessed. At this one question so many in these last days turn back and give up hopes of heaven just for a few more hopeful years to enjoy this present evil world in all its gayety. May our Lord sober the hearts and minds of people to realize what will it profit them though they gain their goal in this life and lose their soul. What can

be compared with the *eternal* destiny of a soul? To gain heaven is to gain all. To lose heaven is to lose all. May God help those of His laborers to realize what they are working for. What great treasures are all around us, and how much effort do we put forth to win some of them for Jesus? "Lovest thou Me more than these?" should daily be ringing in our minds, and our daily prayer should be, "Lord, give me more of Thy love for souls." Love for Jesus is love for souls. Loving God with all the heart is to love our brother whom we can see.

It was this love for God that led Moses to forsake the throne and riches of Egypt and choose to suffer with the people of God. It was this love for God and his neighbor that led him to *dare* to go before Pharaoh. It was this same love for God that led him to dare to obey God rather than the king's command, which showed he loved God more than his *own life*. The Scripture says there is no fear in love, and perfect love casteth out fear. Therefore if we have this love in our hearts we will not fear to lay down our lives for the Lord and the salvation of souls. Some would be glad for the privilege to lay down their lives at the stake, but oh! how few there are that are willing to lay them down at Jesus' feet, and lay them down with a daily dying? Jesus' question is yet ringing out loud and clear to us and to all the world, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" It was this love that caused Mary to wash Jesus' feet with tears, and to be the first at the tomb on the morning of the resurrection. This love caused John to lean upon His breast at supper. This love caused the martyrs to love not their own lives even unto death, but to love the Lord more than all.

Jesus spoke that a certain lord made a great supper and bade many. Some excused themselves by saying they had bought land and oxen or had married a wife, therefore they could not come. Why? Because they loved those things more than the Lord. So it is today with the world in general, so many things they love so much it just seems almost impossible to them to give them up for Jesus. Some put off salvation by saying, "When I have my home and debts all paid, my children educated and a few dollars in the bank, then I will have time to give my heart to God." But oh! how sad that there is very seldom anyone in that condition ever repents of their sins and finds the Lord in the salvation of their souls. What says the Word? "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near" (Isa. 55: 6). The young say, "When I am older I will seek the Lord. When I have finished my education, then I will yield to the

Lord." What sayeth the Word of the Lord? "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it *shall* be given him" (James 1: 5). What will be given? The wisdom of this world which cometh to naught? No, verily no; but wisdom which cometh from *above*, which is pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated. Other young people try to excuse themselves by saying, "After I am married, then I will get saved." But the question is, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" How good, how sweet and restful it makes us feel, to look up to the Lord and say, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest I love Thee better than these." What says the Lord to the young? "Son, daughter, give Me thine heart in the days of thy youth." Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6: 33).

Others have said, "After I have sown my wild oats and had a few more years of the pleasure of this world, then I will get saved." But how few realize there is a reaping of the wild oats, and what a scar the sting of sin will leave. Hear the Word of the Lord, "*Now* is the day of salvation, behold, now is the accepted time" to get saved. The enemy of our souls will suggest many things for us to love, but never for us to love God with all our hearts. The devil will say to those thinking of being saved, "There is no pleasure, no happiness, and you will be despised and rejected by your friends and people. You cannot live like the Bible teaches," and many other discouraging things. But stop a moment dear soul that is thinking of giving God your heart and listen to the Word of God, "There is *no rest* for the wicked, sayeth my God." Jesus said, "Come unto Me and I will give you rest. * * * And ye shall find rest unto your soul." Oh! how good to have rest in the soul, how happy it makes one. "The wicked shall be cast into hell and all the nations that forget God."

Jesus said, "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also" (John 14: 3). They that love the Lord shall not want any *good* thing. He will withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly. "If ye love me, ye will be loved of my Father also and we will come and make our abode with you." What could be better than to have Jesus and the Father to abide with us? Jesus said, "I will give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth." All the premises of God are to those that love Him supremely. What is it that a true Christian possesses that makes them gladly lay down their lives rather than part

with it? It is none other than the precious love of God and the companionship of Jesus, and the comforting presence and power of the Holy Ghost. God has said and shall it not be done, that He would give the Holy Ghost to those that ask Him, and James tells us to ask in faith, nothing doubting, for if we doubt we will not receive. What will cause doubts to arise? Chiefly because we have not made a full surrender to God and said, "Yes, Lord, I love Thee more than these," from the very depths and sincerity of our hearts. A life *laid down* at Jesus' feet He will not fail to fill with the Holy Comforter. "And who then is *willing* to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" Who can say yes to the question of Jesus, "Lovest thou Me more than these?"

—IRVIN H. WHITEHOUSE.

NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINES

We have been accused by some of being indifferent to the doctrines of the New Testament. This we confess to be true, in part, owing to the past existing conditions, but our God of love and mercy by His tender guiding Spirit has shown us that the doctrines are very needful to be taught and practiced. In fact He has revealed to us the spiritual meaning of them to such an extent that we mean in the future not only to teach them but to observe and do them. When we speak of doctrines we do not mean notions and commandments of men, which originate in unbalanced minds and cause men to be ungodly and unsober. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

The doctrines of the New Testament as God gives them to us are: Justification by repentance and belief in the Son of God; Sanctification as a second work, cleansing, purifying, destroying the old man, the carnal nature, uprooting the planting of Satan, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost, giving overcoming grace and power to please God.

Also the doctrines and ordinances pertaining to the "Church of the Living God," which is the body of Christ: Every saved soul is a member of the body of Christ (which constitutes the Church of God) being born into this body by a spiritual birth, on record in heaven, by faith in the blameless blood of Jesus as an atonement for sin. "Thanks be unto God for the unspeakable Gift:" Baptism by immersion, even as our Lord Jesus Christ was baptised, symbolizing the death, burial and resurrection of our Savior; also by an outward act, showing an in-

wrought work,—a very sacred ordinance in helping to establish and settle a soul that is saved by repentance toward God and faith in the blood of Christ (The Atonement). Next is the partaking of the bread and wine as a memorial of the body and blood of Jesus, reminding us of the sufferings and of the killing pains He underwent, the great cost of our purchased redemption, causing a soberness to come over us and deeper decisions to take hold of us to endure and be willing and glad to suffer with Jesus, being an heir with Him of glory, bless His name,—followed by washing one another's feet, which reminds us that we are servants of one another, having a heart willing to do the most humble kind of service for our brother. For Jesus said, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. * * * If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13: 13-17).

These are doctrines we see and believe and mean by His grace to teach and practice and to magnify by our daily walk and work. The Lord helps us to see that if these doctrines are properly taught and observed, it will cause a steadiness and soberness to abide in the souls of the saved, and will be a safeguard against wild-fire doctrines and actions together with seducing spirits and doctrines of devils which are so numerous in these last days. Yours in word and work.

—FRED PRUITT.

"Are you adorning the doctrine,
The glorious doctrine of God,
Walking so holy before Him,

Following where He hath trod:
So when the world looks upon you
Nothing but Christ is in view?
So when the world looks upon you
Nothing but Christ is in view?

Are you adorning the doctrine,
And making attractive the way,
Honoring Christ by your actions
And by the words that you say?

Are you, my brother and sister,
Proving the Bible is true?
Are you, my brother and sister,
Proving the Bible is true?

If you're adorning the doctrine,
Its beauties your soul will array;
Showers of grace will be given—

Strength from the Lord as your day:
Light from on high will be streaming
Over the pathway you tread.
Light from on high will be streaming
Over the pathway you tread."

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Since sending out the last issue of "Faith and Victory" we have received some hearty responses from our readers. This causes us to rejoice that others are made glad by the reading of the gospel.

We are praying that God will keep Faith and Victory filled with plain, simple gospel messages,—that the wisdom of the world have no part nor lot in this matter, that the common people may hear gladly. We surely know that you have been praying for us and the work. We have seen the lovely hand of Jesus working in a precious manner. Continue to pray.

We have given our all to Jesus now and forever, and know that God just cannot fail. Yet we are still in this body of clay and we feel the need of your continued prayers that God will uphold by His mighty arm and make this work a blessing in the earth.

We have just received a letter from Bro. and Sister Llewellyn in which they state that the "Faith Gospel Car" is not finished yet, but by the blessings of the Lord they expect to soon have it completed and ready to occupy.

Bro. and Sister Llewellyn deeply and earnestly desire the prayers of all plain, true saints of God that He may make a clear way for the "Faith Gospel Car" to go forth, and that every turn of the wheels may go where the Lord leads and stop where the Lord says stop, that the pure gospel may reach from shore to shore. These parties are real saints, and those who desire meetings conducted by Holy Ghost filled ministers will do well to write them. It will be to your spiritual welfare to get in touch and keep in touch with these servants of the Lord, as they look only to Him for the supplying of their needs both temporally and spiritually, therefore are not under bondage to men nor companies of men, but are in a position to receive, break, and give to others. We shall be glad to forward all mail to their address. At present their address is Homestead, Okla., c/o A. J. Hiebert.

Brethren we have much land yet to possess. Let us endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ Jesus, and press on, utterly slaying all enemies out of the land, and setting up our Ebenezers all along the way.

Those wanting extra copies of this paper can have them by writing us.

The Assembly of the Saints of God will be held in the Church of God Chapel at Guthrie, Okla., beginning Dec. 21, and ending Dec. 30, 1923. We are making preparations for the Assembly now, and have faith that God will feed our souls from heaven's store house through His humble servants. Your presence is desired.

There are many things that the love of God abiding in your heart will cover, and should cover. There are many things that the love of God in your heart will uncover, and should uncover.

The same love that brought Jesus down from glory to die for those who hated Him will cause you to love your enemies, and do good hoping for nothing in return, for our reward is at the end of the race.

The love of God filling your heart will cause you to cover up and bear with your weak brother and to manifest the fruit of the Spirit of longsuffering. The same love in your heart will cause you to be burdened and cry out against present day Pharisees, which are nothing less than wicked spirits working through white-washed vessels.

The reason why some seem never to be filled with joy from heaven is because they are continually looking at self and taking note of their straight walk and righteous deeds, failing to see Christ and what great things He has done for them.

Seeing Christ and His work done for us will bring great soul-joy. Seeing self and measuring and comparing self with others will often bring fleshly gratification.

The Pharisees said many good things and taught the law and expounded concerning the prophets unto the people, yet we hear Jesus saying unto them, "Ye make clean the outside of the platter and cup; but your inward parts are full of dead men's bones." Therefore He told the disciples to "do as they say, but do not after their works, for they say and do not."

There are too many looking to men instead of seeing Christ, and this we prove by the way some compromise and follow those who are compromising. Some of the saints have been known to move from place to place as their minister (man-God) moved. Thus they exalt man and bring darkness on their own souls.

The natural man is corrupt and deceitful, and it matters not how well he may appear to the natural eye or how flowery his speech may be, he is worthy only of death. It is the Holy Ghost we should want to hear preach.

CORRESPONDENCE

Homestead, Okla.—Greetings in the dear and loving name of Jesus, who bore our grief, carried our sorrows, who pleased not Himself, made Himself of no reputation, but said, "I came not to do *my own will* but the will of the Father," who delivered him to die the death of the Cross. Truly Jesus said, "The Son of man goeth as it was determined." Paul's foundation of his teaching was that Christ Jesus must suffer, and his only determination was *not to know anything save Jesus Christ and Him crucified*. Herein Paul gloried when he stated, "God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Truly through His sufferings Jesus was perfected. Therefore we have much cause to rejoice, because of the way the Cross makes us see what we are in reality. By the light of Calvary's Cross we see whether the Spirit of the Cross through love has made us to have willing minds to tread closely to the side of Jesus and keep step by step in tenderness, submission, and a compassionate heart, clear from all worldly elements and all unnecessary rudiments. The closer we walk and cling to Him, the plainer we hear and understand His faintest whisper. May God help us even to be as beloved John leaning upon Jesus' bosom where we can hear His tender heart beat, which was broken with that undying love for a world of lost sinners.

"Let this mind be in you," said Paul. Surely God will have a few that will fearlessly and firmly keep in line day by day to give their lives freely for the pure Gospel. Beloved ones keep continually in the way of the Cross then we will always find more and more what God's love has done. What a sacrifice! What a denial! What a giving of the best heaven could contain, His beloved Son. Truly we have received Him with all unsearchable riches of His grace. Therefore henceforth we find no room or place in Him and in His Cross only to do and say, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Keep on. Many sincere saints rejoice in the Free Press. This is God's will.

We just returned from a meeting east of Okeene, Okla. Bro. and Sister Phillips, and Bro. Harris and many other saints were gathered together. The Lord gave us a precious meeting. We are praying God's blessings upon the work.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. D. LLEWELLYN.

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Utica, Penna.—Once more I send greetings in Jesus' dear name. I must write and tell you that it is with glad heart that I received and read the little messenger of love, Faith and Victory. It truly is a leaf from the tree of life, wafted to us by heavenly breezes filled with soul-inspiring messages, and may God speed the day it may bless us more often. It is His work and He is able, for "*the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the cattle on a thousand hills.*" and we are His children, then they are ours. He says, "All things are yours and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's." Dear ones God is

just as able to give us for His cause as He was to speak the coin in the fish's mouth. Oh, it is marvellous how He does provide for His little ones, His trusting children. Dear ones I could tell you many, yes many instances where the dear Lord has marvellously supplied means for me when I have asked Him, to enable me to help His cause. Yes, "Our Father is rich in houses and lands," so we never need fear, for we are children of the King. O praise His holy name. Yours all for God and souls.

—MRS. WM. MCKAY.

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New Bloomfield, Pa.—Greetings in the precious holy name of Jesus, the One that is altogether lovely, the fairest of ten thousands. I was glad to hear from you again. It did me good to hear from you and especially to receive your good paper, Faith and Victory again, which I read with interest. It made me rejoice when I read that little paper with its pages so full of truth. It was food for the soul. I wish every honest soul in existence could read it. It is just what is needed to encourage and strengthen honest souls, and I believe every soul that is honest will endorse it too, for it has the right ring to it. Do you know dear ones when I read those good pieces it filled me with joy to know that you have decided to take God's way, for there are so few publishing houses that will take God's way today. They would rather be governed by men of honor and rank than to be governed by the lowly Nazarene who came to "preach the gospel to the poor, and to set the captives free," praise His holy name.

If ever there was a time that pure literature was needed it is now, for there are publishing houses by the thousands that are working night and day printing literature that is poisonous. Yes, it is deadly poison, for it is done up so smooth and nice that if precious souls are not established they will read it and be deceived or confused so that they will not know what is right. It is sad how the false prophets and anti-christs are working for their master, compassing land and sea with their false doctrines, commandments of men and doctrines of devils. It is forged out of hell then printed in church magazines, papers, circulars, pamphlets, tracts and books, and Sunday School papers, then it is taught to poor innocent children, who grow up with a deception, and unless they get the truth preached to them either by preaching or by pure literature they will go down to perdition into eternal night forever.

Oh dear saints of God it behooves us to be up and doing for Jesus and try and save some if possible. Jude 23 says, "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire." And our dear Lord says, "The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest." We ought to be as busy for Jesus our Master as the false prophets are for the devil, their master. Yes, we ought to be more devoted to our dear Master's cause, for He loves us; yes, He died for us that through His death

we might have life and have it more abundantly. Glory be to His dear name. But those that are laboring for the devil, giving him their time and talents have for their reward eternal destruction and woe. What a contrast between the two masters! Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of the world—Satan, the deceiver and destroyer of the world. And what a contrast between the two rewards! Jesus offers eternal life which is love, joy and happiness forever. The devil offers eternal night, which is sorrow, misery and torment forever. Oh! how we ought to love and serve our Savior as our Master.

May the dear Lord help us to love Him more and serve Him better and be willing to take His humble way and be led by Him, and may we ever follow in His foot-steps. If ever there was a time that we need to follow close to the dear Lord it is now in these last times. *I ask the prayers of all God's dear saints*, to pray for wife and myself that we may be more willing and obedient, and more humble in His service. Oh, I want to serve more faithfully, to be up and doing for Jesus while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Pray for me that I may be true. Yours for the Kingdom.

—CHAS. L. HOUCK.

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Battle Creek, Mich.—Dear Sister, Bro. and workers: May our God attend your steps and keep you by power divine is our earnest prayer for you. We received the little paper and rejoiced to read the articles of faith. The Bible says, "The just shall live by faith." It certainly behooves every one to stand alone for the Lord. Surely we are in awful perilous times. But God has a remnant that will dare to trust Him and do His perfect will. We have continually held the work at Guthrie to the throne of grace, though we have been silent. Sometimes it is needful to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. He says, "No good thing will I withhold from them that walk uprightly."

We have had some precious meetings this past summer, but have closed them now on account of the weather. The places we go are from fourteen to twenty-five miles. We have witnessed some wonderful healings too. One sister was taken very sick one Sunday during the service. It seemed as if death had struck her. She got cold above her elbows and knees. But by holding on to God by faith He delivered her so she got up and was ready to eat her dinner. The Lord is a present help in every time of need, praise His name forever..

We are enclosing some names for you to send your paper to. Yours in Him.

—J. L. AND M. L. PIKE.

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Puyallup, Wash.—O my beloved brethren in the work of the Lord, may God bless you and put an everlasting "go on at any cost" in your hearts. The last little paper you sent out was better than ever, and I do enjoy reading little papers. I think some papers are like some people: they say too much and spoil all. They get big and puffed up just like

Saul did, or spread all over so we have to scratch to find a choice morsel. And I am so glad for a paper sent out free to the poor. I am sure God is going to support that paper if we keep *humble* and small in our own eyes. I believe God deals in small things more than He does in great things. There is the "narrow way" and "the still small voice;" "the chosen few" and the "little ones" that come unto Him. Glory to God! Let us be filled with the Spirit, *His Spirit* and be marching on. I am not going to forget the little paper to the poor. I feel a great interest in it already, and believe it is of God, and He wants me in the work. Let us keep humble and watchful, low down at Jesus' feet. He will carry us through. Pray for me that I stand steadfast, unmoveable in His way, that the enemy may never lead me astray.

"Like a rock in the billows I would stable be,
Till the storm is overpast;
Then I long to anchor, Lord, with Thee,
In my heavenly home at last."

Also I ask your earnest prayers for the healing of my body. I have many ailments, but I am not the least bit afraid, for I know the Lord can make me whole. Your Sister all on the altar, Christ Jesus.

—IONE E. ROBBINS.

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Trenton, Ga.—Dear Bro. in Christ: Some dear soul has sent me a copy of your dear good paper, and it is so good for the hungry soul, even the name, "Faith and Victory" is enough to fill the soul of a child of God. I see so many good letters from dear ones who are filled with the love of God. I am old and feeble and my journey is almost ended, but I praise God for His goodness and mercy which has followed us so long. About thirteen years ago I was laid down on my bed of affliction to work no more. We were left homeless in this world without any relatives left on earth to cheer or help us. About one year ago my dear wife was also taken down and is now in a serious condition. We are dependent on God for all we have. Will you dear friends pray for us, and as many as will please write to us. God bless you all. Your Bro. and Sister.

A. M. McCLINTON AND WIFE.

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Altoona, Pa.—Dear Brethren in Christ: "Faith and Victory" arrived on Monday. I cannot tell you the joy that filled my heart as I read its contents; but permit me to say that the stand you have taken to declare all God's Word as He reveals it to you is the best news (in these dark days) that I have received for a long time. I have been led to cry with the Psalmist: "Help, Jehovah; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men" (Psa. 12: 1). When therefore you announced your determination to declare "the whole counsel of God" at any cost to you, and free of cost to them to whom it is declared, my heart rejoiced in hope of seeing the glory of God. I thank God, and take courage.

Since receiving the paper, I have made mention of you in my prayers. I waited with sorrow to see how the matter would "fall" (Ruth 3: 18). "The just shall live by faith" (Hab. 2: 4; Rom. 1: 17; Gal. 3: 11; Heb. 10: 38). In itself it is not wrong to sell a paper for such and such a price; but, "To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4: 17). You knew the way of faith. Hence, your present course is the only consistent one which you could take. Every man stands or falls to his own master (Rom. 14: 4). God bless you and guide you into all His will for you. Pray for us here. Yours in Christ.

—R. J. HEAD.

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Enid, Okla.—Dear ones in Jesus: I was glad to receive "Faith and Victory." I pray that it may be used of the Lord in blessing souls, for it works in harmony with the Spirit and teachings of Jesus. The spirit of free-gift appeals strongly and is recognized by God along with the power of non-resistance. There is a comforting satisfaction in loving service for God that can come in no other way. "By their fruits (works) ye shall know them." Yours for the Kingdom of Christ.

—FRANK WHITMAN.

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

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"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves" (Phil. 2:3).

This should be the experience of your heart every day. When we are lowly, we see our own faults and imperfections and our brother's virtues; therefore we look upon him as better than ourselves. It seems to us that others are more humble than we are, and have more faith and love God more than we do.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6: 2).

To lift a load from off the shoulders of another is noble service. To remove a burden from another's heart is truly Christlike. He who goes through life bearing the burdens of others has found the easiest road; he who goes through life refusing to aid others travels a road of hardest toil.

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye" (Col. 3: 12, 13).

Such a life is a heavenly life. Think these words over and make them your experience today. Have bowels of mercies—that yearning, longing, compassionate feeling that would gladly bring every offender to Jesus for forgiveness. Be kind. Oh, the power of kindness! It cannot be resisted; it conquers where ever it goes. This cold world knows no music so sweet as kindness; it charms and delights the ears

of all. If you would be kind in word and act, be kind in thought. •Be humble in mind. Think well of others and not so well of yourself. Life will flow on peacefully and easily if we are humble; nothing can disturb. Be meek, sweet, and mild tempered. Bear long with the failings and weaknesses of others, carefully considering your own and keeping in mind how you would like to have others bear with you.

"The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest KNOW His will" (Acts 22: 14).

"Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, *doing* the will of God from the heart" (Eph. 6: 6). "I *delight* to do thy will, O my God" (Psa. 40: 8). It is our privilege to daily *know* the will of God. It is our duty to daily *do* it. It is a blessing to love to do it. Here is the sum of all Christian living: 1. Knowing the will of God; 2. Doing the will of God; 3. Doing the will of God in love.

"I asked the New-year for some motto sweet, Some rule of life with which to guide my feet; I asked, and paused; he answered soft and low, 'God's will to know.'

"Will knowledge then suffice, New-year?" I cried, And e'en the question into silence died: The answer came, 'Nay, but remember, too, God's will to do.'

"Once more I asked: 'Is there no more to tell?' And once again the answer sweetly fell, 'Yes, this one thing all other things above: God's will to love.'"

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Col. 4: 6).

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers" (Eph. 4: 29). Have a pure speech, made mighty by the grace of God. Be sober without gloom, be serious with cheerfulness. Have such a conversation as is suited to lift hearts to a higher plane. Your words should be such as to make better those you talk with and make them feel that there is something higher for them.

"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Eph. 5: 21).

This is beautiful. Submissiveness is a desirable grace and one that will strew your pathway with peace. How blessed it is to be always ready to give up our way! It is the easy way. We shall find life's way a hard road to travel if we are always wanting our way.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2: 20).

Is it true? Does Jesus live in you? If you are smitten upon the right cheek, does Jesus then live in you? If you are evil spoken of, misrepresented, mis-

understood, neglected, despised and forsaken, does Jesus live in you then? If you see your brother in need; if you have two coats and he has none, does Jesus live in you then? There are some in prison near you; there are those who are sick; there are those who are thirsty and hungry; in foreign lands there are heathen that know not God,—are you sure Jesus lives in you?

“*Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love*” (Rom. 12: 10).

Brotherly love is precious in the sight of angels. It is the most convincing proof of the Christian religion. “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” But in addition to brotherly love there should be kind affection. This is love felt and expressed. There are those who really love, yet whose nature is such that they do not feel much love. Kind affection, like every other grace, is capable of cultivation.

AN EXHORTATION

God says, “The light will shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.” I am much burdened that the *light* of the gospel shine clearer in the souls of His saints. The secret is hearing that *still small voice*, or the Holy Ghost quickening Jesus’ words in our heart and mind. What a mass of work is the zeal and working of the flesh or natural man, and the cunningness of the *old man*, looking for fame, honor, money. How different the workings and movings of God’s *elect*. It is not them but the blessed Holy Ghost, teaching, speaking through them. Even their quietness is heavenly. A lady told me how the heavenly quietness of George Muller awakened her soul.

Oh, I think the time is here when mighty signs and wonders should be done in the name of Jesus. We cannot be satisfied it seems until this be done. The formal prayer and anointing does not satisfy. It seems like Baal worship when there is none to answer. Some people went back to their medicine and doctors when their formal prayers were not answered. The *form* of religion, how beautiful. Ninety-nine out of every hundred would take up with it, and it is only a dead form. When we stand before people who have dread diseases, they ask for prayer and anointing. Does doubt and fear fill our minds? Or do we feel the mighty stirrings of the Spirit and the power of God on us to rebuke and cast out disease? Is it harder for God to open blind eyes than to cure a simple cold? Can’t God trust us with His gifts? Let us not look to others who ought to have them, but let us plead with God through Jesus by the Spirit to grant us the gifts of healings, and when we are just right and pleasing in His sight I believe He will work with us, and mighty miracles will be done in Jesus’ name. If we positively knew it was the mind and will of God for us to have this precious gift of healing, how would we feel about it? We do not know ourselves,

but God knows us altogether, from the beginning of our life to the end. If He can find one whom He can trust will He not use him?

Oh, for grace to humble ourselves before Him. God had His great men in the world. King David was one. What a wonderful king he was. After the anointing, how God tried him out before he came to the throne. How few go through the tests and trials. Oh, how God’s everlasting arms are under the *elect*, and only these will go through. I think of the heavenly graces they wear, how rare, how divine, how *free* from the world. What imitations of them there are in this world, but when you get close to some who wear them on the surface, you see the deformity underneath. That “root of bitterness” Paul speaks about is simply the old man showing himself. How many profess to be sanctified, but the old man is only *covered* in the heart.

When the Holy Ghost fills the temple we will all see eye to eye, and when He is in the temple real heavenly humility will sit on the front step, and one will feel the atmosphere of divine love. Oh, such love! How we love to be loved, pure, true, sweet love, not a thing covered. May God prepare us for the work whereunto He has called us, and adorn us with His gifts and graces, that we may go forth in His name with weeping, bearing precious seeds.

—MRS. J. E. W.

KNOW THE LORD

“*And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children*” (Isa. 54: 13). How precious in this world of confusion and strife, to have the Holy Ghost to lead and guide us. Jesus desires to teach His children. He so tenderly invites them: “Come unto me, *all ye* that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and *learn of me*; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matt. 11: 28). Many dear precious souls today are in such confusion that they hardly know what is right, or in whom to place confidence. But if such souls will let the *Holy Ghost* lead, He will lead and guide them in plain paths. Jesus will never lead His children in confusion. If we follow Jesus we shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8: 12). “The way of the righteous is made plain” (Prov. 15: 19). “I led them through the depths that they stumbled not” (Isa. 63: 13). We are sure to stumble and fall and get in great confusion if we get our eyes on something else besides Jesus. But if our eyes and our minds are stayed on Him, we shall be kept in perfect peace (Isa. 26: 3). Paul exhorts us to “look unto Jesus” (Heb. 12: 2). It is human nature to look to the visible and material things, but let us point souls to Jesus that they might endure as seeing Him who is invisible.

In doing anything it is always well to have a model by which to fashion our work. Nothing is done without a pattern, either real or imaginary. We

only have one life to live, and to live this one life as we should, we must have a perfect pattern. Thank God this perfect model can be found. Of all the number of lives that have been lived since Adam down to this present day, there is only *One* we can pattern after, and that is Jesus, and to live this *one life* as we should we must fashion it after Jesus. We are to walk in His footsteps. There have been many good men and women in the world and some very good examples, but none like our perfect pattern—Jesus. Paul said, "Be ye followers of me," but he immediately added, "even as I also am of Christ." We may so live as to reveal the life of Christ, that others will follow; yet not us, but the Christ-life manifested through us. We are told to be "followers of God as dear children" (Eph. 5: 1). God's children are dear to Him and He would have them follow Him, "look unto Him," and depend upon Him to guide them through life. He wants us to feel that *He* is our leader, and no other will we know."

It has been said there were so many heads one could not see the body. Let us remember that Jesus Christ is the head (Eph. 5: 23), and our leader, and let us determine not to know anything among men save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The Lord "gave some apostles; and some prophets, and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4: 11-13). God has set these in the body for the edifying of the saints, that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the slight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive. But speaking the truth in love may grow up unto *HIM* in all things, which is the *head*, even CHRIST. God sets these in His body, but He is the head. Let us look at Jesus as such and those that He has set in His body as only members. There is only one head and that is Jesus Christ. He has never put man up to be the head. Men of today may be good examples, but tomorrow may have gone astray. Let us, dear souls, look away to Jesus and keep our eyes off of men. Let the evangelist, pastor etc. be but as a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, to teach us to look to Him and He will teach us more fully His ways.

I once heard of quite a large congregation of saints that looked to the pastor instead of Jesus. The pastor moved to another town and some felt they could not keep an experience if Bro. A. was leaving so moved to the same town also. Had Bro. A. taught his little flock to look to Jesus they would have lived salvation, stood the tests and trials where God placed them and not depended upon Bro. A. to take them to heaven, but leaned on Jesus. God has very little use for "leaners" in His work. He cannot send them out alone. If they are left to stand alone they will go down. It is true that babes in Christ need care, but let us teach them to lean upon Jesus,

the only infallible One. He is able to make them stand. Oh, that men and women would teach souls to cease looking to men and papers as their head, but keep their eyes upon Jesus alone. If men go down and publishing works fail, let us keep looking unto Him. If our eyes are upon Jesus He will carry us through and we will not be in confusion. If we keep our eyes upon them, when they go down we will go too. We have seen it work just this way. I am convinced too many have just a "paper salvation" too many are "paper saints." Papers are good and I know can be mightily used by God in spreading the gospel and encouraging precious souls, and often prove a great blessing to isolated saints, those in hospitals and almshouses, where souls are unable to go out to hear the gospel preached.

God does not want us to despise human aid; no, but let this be the means of bringing us to Jesus. Dear souls, we do need to hear the gospel preached. We need to read the printed gospel. We need to admonish one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching. But let us see Jesus only in Bro. A. and so's sermon, and let us magnify Him. Let us see Jesus only in the written article and magnify Him. Let us always have the same testimony that Mary had, "My soul doth *magnify the Lord*" (Luke 1: 46).

A man objected to hear women preach and he said to a sister, "I don't believe in women preaching. I don't like to hear them." The sister answered, "I don't enjoy hearing women preach, neither do I like to hear men, but I do enjoy hearing the Holy Ghost preach. Dear souls there is nothing in man, we are what we are only by the grace of God, and without Him we cannot do anything. Let us keep in mind that it is the Holy Ghost who works in us, and we are only instruments in His hands. If He never picks us up and uses us we will never accomplish anything. Oh dear souls, let us look to Him and magnify Him. We are living in times when we need to establish our individuality with God. We must take our eyes off of everything else but Jesus; let nothing stand between us and God. He will lead, guide and teach us. "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord. For they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest of them, sayeth the Lord" (Jer. 31: 34).

—CELENA LACUE.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

We have observed that: Nearly all people are rebels, rebelling against the government of King Jesus. That sin, sorrow, pain and misery in many different ways are being reaped. That "men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." That Satan has many religious prophets keeping them in darkness. That Satan's prophets use the Bible to feed their followers, speaking great swelling words of vanity and allure them away from God through the lusts of the flesh. That Satan is

stirred and is very active and busy, covering under many coverings, using extreme measures, doing daring deeds, feigning himself to be Christ, sitting in the temple of God (this body) showing himself as God. We have observed also that: Some have Bible salvation and are walking in light. That they rejoice and are exceeding glad. That God has some Holy Ghost ministers who are not afraid to speak the truth, even though the devil be sitting on the front seat. That when judgment is going forth the one that needs the correction will often say, "Amen," thus keeping themselves blinded and harden their hearts against God. That when hail stones of truth are falling and sledge hammer licks are being hit to awaken sleepy souls, Satan often has an agent present to sooth them back to sleep again. That men generally love to be soothed to sleep and will pay liberally for its continuance. That many know of Jesus, but few know Him. That to know of Him is darkness, but to know Him is light. "If the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness." Jesus said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Also: That the ministry of Jesus was short, evidently because He dared to do and speak just what the Father gave Him, for we hear Him say, "I do always those things that please the Father." That Satan's prophets will use love for a hobby to cover up all kinds of worldliness, theiving and lying, inso-much that there will never be any house cleaning time. That judgment is always cruel and harsh to those who resist correction. That the best of us are needy and dependent creatures. That "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." That the true Holy Ghost minister does not take delight in sending forth judgment, but fears and trembles lest he should speak not as the oracles of God, or should minister not as the ability which God giveth, for his burden is that men be taken with Godly fear which worketh repentance. That Holy Ghost ministers step into the pulpit with a deep love and care in their hearts for the welfare of the souls of men and speak as they are pressed in the Spirit, often weeping as Jesus did over Jerusalem that would not hear. That the true judgments of God are balanced with mercy, longuffering and patience.

Awake, brethren, for "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment."

—F. P.

"COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE"

ONE of the saddest and most abominable sights we have to witness in these last days of shams and compromise, is a so-called holiness preacher exhorting young converts to join themselves to a crowd who have past the luke warm stage and have become spiritual refrigerators, yoked up with the world, the flesh and the devil.

A refrigerator is a good thing to put dead chickens in to keep them from spoiling, but to put a live chicken in a refrigerator is sure death. Is it not cruel, even murderous to put young converts in these spiritual refrigerators? What would you think of a Doctor who would advise a fond mother to put her darling babe in an ice box for its health, growth and development? We would think him to be a fit subject for the insane asylum. What then is your honest opinion of a holiness preacher or editor who will exhort new born souls, who have just been saved from a life of sin and carnal pleasure, to join a fun loving secret order, money making, cold, worldly, back-slidden, theatre going, tobacco tainted, holiness fighting institution called a church? A new born child nursing at the breast of its dead mother is not as sad a sight as the failure of a spewed out church to mother new born souls.

"Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you" (2 Cor. 6: 17).

—W. S. CRAIG.

"TAKE HEED WHAT YE HEAR"

"And there was a cloud that overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; *hear Him*" (Mark 9: 8). Truly it "is good for us to be here" in the place where we can hear the voice of Jesus speaking the words of this life unto us. He is the Good Shepherd, and has loved every soul inso-much that He gave His life for the sheep. "And He calleth His own sheep by name, * * * and they follow Him: for they know His voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers" (John 10: 3-5). The voice of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world is the precious gospel with its power to save. He lovingly calls to the sinner, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." His message in the beginning was, "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." When conviction and Godly sorrow work a repentance unto salvation, the Blood of Jesus blots out all sins, and they are removed as far as the east is from the west, and remembered no more against us.

Hear Jesus, dear sin-sick and wearied soul, when He says, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden * * * and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Unto those who hear and obey this loving inviting and drawing voice, Jesus says, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." "I will not leave you comfortless, but I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Ghost. He shall teach you all things, and lead and guide you into all truth." Paul said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."—power to mind the things of the Spirit and to mortify and put to death the deeds of the flesh,—power and boldness to obey God rather than man; yea, power

over all the power of the enemy.

In these perilous times, how we need to live so close at Jesus' feet where we can hear Him, discern His voice from that of strangers, for there are many spirits out in the world, some even having power from Satan to be transformed into angels of light, and to work miracles and signs and wonders, to deceive the elect of God if possible, trying to imitate so closely the true workings of the Holy Ghost, thus confusing and troubling many dear honest souls, and hindering them from obeying the true still small voice, and desiring or seeking the spiritual gifts that God desires to be glorified in, lest they be deluded.

How cunningly the enemy brings his voice. Once the Lord showed me a wrong, the very root of it, and told me to rise up and speak against the wrong, yes, even to say, "Thou art the man." This naturally was unpleasant to do, but I see now it would not have been me, but the Holy Ghost speaking. But as the time drew near for this duty a voice came, saying, "Rise up against the wrong, but do not say 'Thou art the man.' Leave that for me, and I will make it plainer and more forceable." I did not discern the enemy in this, and spoke as the last voice said and therefore suffered, neither was there the effect that no doubt plain strict obedience would have brought. Dear souls take heed to the after-voices that come to change, reason and detract, but when we hear the voice of the Holy Ghost let us stand on it and be obedient to it.

Jesus says, "Take heed that no man deceive you, for not every one that sayeth Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom, but they that do the will of my Father." Many voices are saying, "Lo, here; Lo, there," but go not after them. Try the spirits whether they are of God. If there is a doubt, stand still until the truth is known by the Word, Spirit and life. Let us prove all things, and continue in the apostles' doctrine and in prayers and watchings.

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

HOW DID THE JEW KNOW HIS SIN WAS FORGIVEN?

"If his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge, he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish: and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before the Lord: it is a sin-offering. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering . . . and the priest shall make an atonement for him . . . AND IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM" (Lev. 4: 23-26).

Suppose you had met the Jew returning from the priest, and had asked him how he knew that his sin was forgiven him—what would he have said?

Would he not have answered: "I know my sin is forgiven, because *God* says so. My sin came to my knowledge, and I could get no rest to my spirit until the blood of my sin-offering flowed. This hand *has been laid* on the head of the goat, and it thus became my substitute. It was killed; I saw it bleed and die; some of its blood was put upon the horns of the altar, then it was poured out at the bottom of the altar. Thus the atonement was made for my sin, and God said, 'And it shall be forgiven him.' By these words of God, I know with certainty that my sin is forgiven."

Now this was a shadow of the good things to come: a type or figure of the sinner's substitute who died, the Just for the unjust, to bring us to God.

My reader, are you still going on in sin? It may seem a light matter to you. You may think God is not so particular; that He will never cast you into the lake of fire. You may say, "I am not so bad." Ah, but when the Spirit of God convinceth of sin—when man's sin cometh to his knowledge, then there is no rest, day nor night. The most fearful, the blackest sins, have often been committed in ignorance of their terrible character. So it was with the very murder of Jesus. Peter says, "I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as also did your rulers" (Acts 3: 17). And Paul, speaking of himself, says, "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious; but I obtained mercy *because I did it ignorantly* in unbelief" (1 Tim. 1: 13). And when Saul's sin came to his knowledge, crushed in his spirit as to his past life, for three days and nights he ate nothing.

Oh, my reader, has your sin ever come to your knowledge in the presence of God? Do you feel something of its fearful vileness and guilt? Have you not loved the world that murdered Jesus? Yea, have you not for long rejected Him? May God bring you into the light of His presence now, while there is mercy. For most certainly your sin *shall* come to your knowledge either *now* before the *mercy-seat*, or *hereafter*, before the *judgment-seat*. Ah, there will be no sin-offering then, no mercy then, no forgiveness then; but the awful weight of sin in that place where the fire shall not be quenched. It will be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Be not deceived.

But perhaps my reader says, "This is no comfort to me. The weight of my sins is more than I can bear; they crush me down, down, down. I can get no relief. I don't doubt the blood of Jesus has been shed, but how am I to know that *my sins are forgiven*? That is the all-important question to me."

Well, remember the Jew. How did he know that his sins were forgiven? His laying the hand on the victim showed identification with the victim which,

in substitution, died for him. In every offering where blood was shed for atonement this took place. In the burnt-offering it was so. "And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make an atonement for him" (Lev. 1: 4). And so with the peace-offering (Lev. 3: 2). And so with the sin-offering in this chapter before us (Lev. 4).

Now though man could not reach his hand to heaven and put it on the head of the Son of God—oh, who could even have thought of such a substitute?—Jesus has come down from heaven, and freely offered Himself as the sinner's substitute. He has put forth His hand, and identified Himself with and for the vilest of the lost children of men. Yes, look at Him going up to Jerusalem. See Him give His hands to be nailed to the tree, and His blood to be shed upon the cross. There He was made an offering for sin. Oh, hear His dying cry, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me!" His precious blood has been poured out. Full, infinite atonement has been made. God hath accepted Him for the justification of every sinner who shall believe God, who raised up Jesus from the dead. All this is done. It is finished!

Now I ask, with all reverence, is not the blood of Jesus of greater value than the blood of a goat? And is not what God says about the blood of Jesus as true as what He said about the blood of the goat?

Alas, there are many unbelieving, yet would-be teachers now-a-days, who deny the efficacy of the sacrifice of Christ to put away sin, and to give peace to a repenting sinner. Ah, my reader, they are like the Sadducees and Pharisees of our Lord's day—"blind leaders of the blind" who fall into the devil's ditch. If you love your own soul, turn away from all such.

The value of the blood of bulls and goats was only as pointing to "the One that was to come"—to the atoning sacrifice of the Son of God upon the cross, by which God has been glorified and the repenting sinner saved. And woe shall be to all those who despise that blood, shed for the remission of sin. God now proclaims forgiveness through that blessed Jesus to every repentant sinner. "To Him give all the prophets witness, that *through His name, whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins*" (Acts 10: 43). And again. "Be it known unto you, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him *all that believe* are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13: 38, 39).

Now if the Jew knew that his sin was forgiven because God said so, you also, who believe what God

says about the blessed Jesus, should know that *your* sins are forgiven. God says, "All who believe are justified." Can you not, from your heart, now say, I have, I *do* believe that Jesus died for me? Then, praise the Lord; and tell everybody you *are* forgiven; that God says so.

"*The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin*" (1 John 1: 7).

"Blest Lamb of God, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till every ransom'd saint of God
Be saved to sin no more." —SEL.

MEDITATIONS

I said, "I must have faith in God,"
I said it o'er and o'er;
I said it with my lips and heart
Till I could say no more.

I thought that God would surely hear
If I should say so much,
And try so hard to have the faith,
His garments pure to touch.

But the harder I would try to have
The faith I longed to get,
The farther I would seem to drift,
And then I'd grieve and fret.

I read in James how they would pray
When in affliction sore;
And how the elders laid on hands,
And healed the rich and poor.

I longed to be as one of them
And feel the power of God;
But He has taught me by His Word,
There is healing in the rod.

So now I meekly work and wait
His blessings to receive;
For in due season I shall reap,
If only I believe.

He'll give me every thing I need
For body and for soul;
And keep me safely in His love,
Until I reach the goal.

So, while I'm pleasing in His sight,
And live for Him alone,
I feel secure from every foe,
For I am not my own.

I could not live without His love,
The cover for my sin;
I never shall forget the day
My heart received Him in.

He keeps me every day and night
As the apple of His eye;
And when my journey is ended here,
I'll reign with Him on high.

—TONE ROBBINS.