

# 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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## NOBODY KNOWS BUT JESUS

*Nobody knows but Jesus,  
Is it not better so?  
That no one else but Jesus,  
Thy own dear Lord, should know,  
When the sorrow is a secret,  
Between my Lord and me,  
I learn in fuller measure,  
His own quick sympathy.*

*Whether it be so heavy  
That dear ones could not bear,  
To know the bitter burden  
They could not lift nor share—  
Whether it be so tiny  
That others could not see,  
How such a seeming trifle,  
Should mean so much to me.*

*Either or both, I lay it,  
Down at my Master's feet,  
And find it alone with Jesus,  
Mysteriously Sweet.  
Sweet, for it brings me nearer,  
To my dearest, truest friend,  
Sweet, for He comes the closer,  
As 'neath the Cross I bend.*

*Such sorrows are the channels,  
Through which His blessings flow,  
And through such bitter secrets,  
His heart of love I know,  
Nobody knows, but Jesus,  
It is music for me today.*

*And through the darkest hours,  
It will chime along the way,  
Nobody knows—O Jesus,  
How grateful I should be,  
For the precious gifts of sorrows,  
Unknown to all but Thee! —SEL.*

## YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH

### PART ONE

BY J. D. LLEWELLYN.

The Truth is one of the most powerful working elements that has, is, and ever will exist in the pure character of our Creator. It is the Word of God, and the Spirit of God: the very heart of God. It

has gone forth and will go forth as a two-edged sword (Heb. 4: 12). It has been established from the first word our Almighty God uttered, from the creation until now. The Truth is the element that *bears, reproves and exposes* in this life, and at the judgment. The Truth is a spiritual element that presses through all other sweet eternal elements and stands between them and all the destructable evil elements of the spirit of error.

Early in the peaceful garden of Eden God made man, that master-piece of all His creative work, and made him in His own image. *Only for two things* He purposed his creation: First, *to please Him*; Second, *to glorify Him*. This noble being, God made him a little lower than the angels, crowned him with glory and honor, and gave him dominion over all the beasts of the field and every living thing. David says that he was fearfully and wonderfully made (Psa. 139: 14). What living creature on earth can make plans and laws like man? What animal has the least instinct like man to worship especially the Great God of wonders, for His marvelous works to the children of men? Into the beautiful garden of Eden dared an evil power which is known since as that old Serpent, the Devil, who filled with that spirit of error and subtilty, deceived and robbed that marvelous being of God from its holy, perfect, peaceful state. Here, right here, the great and terrible cause began which since has affected universally the whole human family. Thus the spirit of error and the Spirit of Truth, these two great powers, have been in a continual terrible warfare.

When we look back over the history of the ages, we find that most of the human race have been greatly influenced by the spirit of error (a deceived spirit) to stand in array against the spiritual power of Truth. Yet the Spirit of Truth, by faith through all early ages and unto this day, has withstood every test and has conquered every foe, though only few in number: such as the Hebrew nation, selected apart from all nations of the world. Such were those faithful, fearless Hebrew lads, Daniel, David, Elijah etc., who staggered not at the promises of God, but

were strong in faith, giving glory to God, as Abraham did. Yes, down through the annals of time they have been but few and far between. They dared the Lions and the fiery furnace. Many of them even stood *alone*, and faced the evil powers of this dark world. Elijah withstood and mocked four hundred and fifty of the prophets of Baal on mount Carmel. Daniel slept among the lions and not one of them opened his mouth to hurt him. David, when only a youth with a sling, conquered and killed Goliath of Gath. Heroes of Truth in the Spirit of Truth have *by faith* been tested through various severe persecutions and trials. Note Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 11: here we have a glorious catalogue of beautiful pictures of the stamp of Truth *by faith*, through objects of pure characters who were more than conquerors through Him that loved them. These suffered horrible treatment for the Truth: afflicted, tormented, wandered in sheep skins and goat skins, in caves and holes of the earth, destitute in the world. All these the world was *not worthy* of: all these received a good report: all these by bearing the Truth, have through the Truth exposed every dark cell and spot of every evil spirit.

The powerful Spirit of Truth has bombarded heavily the forts of all the forces of darkness. In the *Morning Light* the noble Captain of our eternal salvation finished His great plan in His death and victory over all the powers of hell. He died a noble martyr. He arose the third day to live forever. He came forth, praise God, as a Lion of Judea, who broke every chain, having the keys of hell and death. The joyful tidings sound through the heavens and earth: *praise, honor, and glory* be unto the Lamb forever.

Down through the dark ages thousands of heroes of the cross have followed His footsteps. Fearlessly they held the *Truth* by faith against all opposing powers of the spirit of error. All evil spirits of hell have struggled severely and numerous to abolish the Truth in every age and nation, especially during the Gospel age, during the dark and cloudy days, Pagan and Papal powers greatest struggle was then made, which has not since been known in history. But praises be unto our God, the *Truth* has exposed every evil deed done by Paganism, Catholicism and Protestantism. Even unto this day, the Spirit, (sword) of Truth, praise God, is still swinging from shore to shore and is conquering and will conquer *all* powerful errors and Goliaths of times. These are plain facts that connect with the true, pure characters that have been stamped or sealed by the Spirit of Truth.

(To be continued.)

## HAVE FAITH IN GOD

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, *it was needful* for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Jude declared it was *needful* for him to exhort us to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. It was needful because "certain men had crept in unawares \* \* \* turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness." Many of the saints were unaware of this and no doubt thought these men were holding the grace of God in truth. Dear saints of God, in these perilous times when we see so many dear souls that once stood like a rock in the billows, and dared to herald forth this glorious truth at the peril of their lives, now "departing from the faith" (2 Tim. 4: 1), it grieves our hearts and puts a real determination in our souls that we will by God's grace continue to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Peter had such faith in God that he could truthfully say to the lame man at the Gate Beautiful, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. \* \* \* And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God" (Acts 3: 6-8). Two things we note here are: Peter's faith, and that he had no silver or gold. But in these days we do not hear so much "Silver and gold have I none;" no, but some of our dear brethren have let down so much in faith, and have so much care and concern for temporal things that they will write and ask the brethren before making arrangements to come and hold a meeting, "How much money can you raise?" Oh Brethren! let us lose sight of material things and feel the weight and responsibility of souls.

"And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. \* \* \* And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake" (Acts 6: 8-10). He boldly told the learned religious Jews that they were stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart, and "ye do alway resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye." And as they stoned him to death, he cried out, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7: 60). Stephen had so much faith and confidence in God that he did not prophesy smooth things to please those men, for he loved their souls and did not fail to lay down the judgments of God, as God prompted him to. He was not seeking to please men nor cater to their desires.

Paul and Peter had so much faith in God that they did not fear to tell those who were putting on adornments to adorn themselves in "modest apparel, \* \* \* not with broided hair, or gold, or pearl, or costly array" (1 Tim. 2: 9; 1 Pet. 3: 3). The early saints had so much faith in God they did not fear to preach a clear-cut gospel,— did not shrink from laying down the judgments of God—and they were so filled with the love of God that they were willing at any time to be slain for the sake of Truth and the salvation of souls. These humble ministers of God were not preaching easy, smooth things to tickle the ears of the self-righteous men who are willing to pay liberally to be comforted in this manner. They had faith to look to God for their support, and were not afraid to preach the preaching that Jesus bid them, and did it in the fear and love of God. And the result was a clean Church without spot or wrinkle, out and out for God.

Many of those who "eat their own bread, and wear their own clothes," and call themselves "Church of God" to take away their reproach, need to hear the cry, "Come out of her, my people!" When we read appeals that are being made to men for their money, we wonder where faith is, and it has caused us to fear, feeling assured that their faith in God has need of increase, for they fail to follow Paul's instructions, "Be careful for nothing; but in *everything* by prayer and supplication, *let your requests be made known unto God*" (Phil 4: 6); not to the world, or the brethren, but to God.

In the fiftieth Psalm we find these words: "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof" (Psa. 50: 10-12). David also said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psa. 37: 25). Brethren, let us shake off the slumbering stupor that the enemy would numb us with in these perilous times, and act out the faith that we profess to have in God. Let us give God a chance to show Himself strong in our behalf that other nations (sects) may see and tremble before the armies of God, of which Jesus is the Captain. If we say we believe that Jesus has all power, both in heaven and on earth, and we act differently it is only an assumed faith, and we flatter God and speak lies with our tongues. (Read Psa. 78: 36-37). Because God does not cut off souls quickly, but is longsuffering, they presume upon His mercy and continue to give way to lusts of the flesh and carnal

desires, and draw back from walking by faith. As it is written, "The just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Heb. 10: 38).

Be not deceived, Brethren, "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6: 7). Awake, Brethren! "Have faith in God!" (Mark 11: 22). —FRED PRUITT.

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### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

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"The way of the Cross leads home" (to Heaven). "Deny thyself, take up thy cross and follow me." This is a message of love from Jesus. Jesus denied Himself. He laid aside His crown and royal robes and stepped down from His glorious throne in Heaven and came to this earth, and was mocked, scorned, spit upon, laughed at, scoffed at, and rejected of men. He came to His own and His own received Him not, but as many as did receive Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on His name. He suffered and died on the cruel cross that the sinner (you, I, and all who will believe in Him) might go free. For whom the Son makes free is free indeed. "Who-soever committeth sin is a servant of sin." "For the devil sinneth from the beginning." The devil is a liar and the father of lies. Then if you lie (or tell stories—stories are lies) the devil is your father, and you are his servant. That's what the Bible says. "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Stop lying!

Jesus loves you and that is why He tells you what is wrong and what is right. That is why He gave Himself a ransom for many. Let Him save your soul from death and hell. "He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Jesus gives you an invitation to come to Him. He will take away the lying spirit, and give you the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." "What will it profit a man though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" REPENT!

What will it take to move the nation,  
 To wake the people from their sleep?  
 To open the eyes of men and women  
 To their nakedness, shame and defeat?  
 What will it take to free the people  
 From their heavy load of sin?  
 Sorrow, pain and woe have bound them,  
 The rich, the poor, the small and great;  
 Lift up Jesus, precious JESUS.  
 He has died to break the chain.

Let us arise, dear saints of God, and lift up our voices and weep and cry, and bewail this lost world. Let us ask God to help them. His promises are all true. Then arise, dear saints of God; let us stand on God's Word of Truth and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom with its power to save.

—SISTER W. E. NICOLL.

## FAITH AND VICTORY

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Our souls are much encouraged and built up since sending out the January issue of Faith and Victory. Many new names have come in for the paper, also encouraging letters come that revive our spirits and cause us to thank God and take courage.

God has blessed us with the gospel, and is blessing our feeble efforts to spread it to others. Let us pray earnestly that every gospel message will be blessed with increase by God's own dear hand. Our only desire is to send out the truth clear and straight without compromising. We can plant and water, but God alone can give the increase (1 Cor. 3: 6).

In Hebrews 12: 11, we find these words, "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." Let us not become weary and faint by the way when the Lord chastens, knowing that His hand is a hand of love and mercy, but let us be filled with the fear of God and yield willingly to His will and pleasure.

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him" (2 Chron. 16: 9).

Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words," also, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The Apostle John said, "For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous."

The way that leads to the mansions that Jesus has gone to prepare is a narrow way, so narrow that none but the redeemed can walk there.

We have recently visited the church at Homestead, Okla. There is only a small band of saints there, but they are on fire for God and we were all edified and strengthened as we rejoiced together in the Lord.

Bro. and Sister Llewellyn have been there for several months getting their "Faith Gospel Car" ready for traveling, and also having meetings. The "Faith Gospel Car" is now ready for the roads, and

Bro. and Sister Llewellyn are rejoicing much over the goodness of the Lord in providing the conveyance, and we rejoice with them for they are worthy, as they have suffered much in getting the Gospel to the people in various parts of the country.

While missionaries in Wales and England they went from city to city on foot, through rain and mud and suffered hardships and privations that only the Lord and they know. Their Gospel Car is six by twelve feet and is built out of light material, yet durable and strong throughout, nicely painted, and Scriptures printed on sides and ends. These dear souls are definitely called of God for evangelistic work, and many souls have been saved and sanctified under their labors. We shall be glad to forward any mail to them.

The book, "Bible Tongues vs. Familiar Spirit Jargon," that we advertised in the last issue of Faith and Victory has been much desired by our readers, and orders have been coming in from various parts of the country until our supply has been exhausted. We have ordered another supply of these books and will send to those who have ordered just as soon as they arrive. We feel that every saved soul ought to read this book. It contains 91 pages and exposes these muttering spirits and extremism, and other delusive spirits that are so numerous in these last days. When we hear the cry, "Lo, here is Christ;" or "Lo, there is Christ," believe it not. (Matt. 24: 23: 24).

The price of this book is twenty-five cents, post paid. Order one and keep posted that ye be not deceived.

Love, kindness, longsuffering and mercy are fruits of the Spirit of God. Yet if we use these virtues to cover up stealing, lying, and wrong deeds in others we do them an injury, and these virtues cease to be Godly. Leaders are tempted to do this for a large following and good support, and it is sad to see some yield to this temptation. Brethren, read over again about Saul, his career and end. Let God search you out.

Those who have sat down and counted the cost will not send an ambassage of peace when the enemy is coming with twenty thousand (Luke 14: 32). The cost is forsaking of all that we have and looking and relying wholly upon Jesus, the strong Arm of God, the Rock that cannot be moved.

We have recently been informed that the "D. D's" together with other educated men are choosing a committee to probe into this divine healing to find out just how it is done. They think it is something like electricity or the radio, and when they have solved it they expect to sell it to the seminaries over the country so the young ministers coming on will acquire this knowledge and use it along with their other pastoral duties. Truly "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

## CORRESPONDENCE

Hennessey, Okla.—Greetings to you in much holy love in our Savior's name. Grace be unto you, and peace be multiplied. May the dear Lord bless you abundantly, lead and guide you into all truth for His name's sake. I am praising the Lord for His sweet peace in my soul. I am happy in His salvation. I am glad for everything, and as the Lord has placed us that is where we must live and let our light shine for Him. It is not His way it seems for us to all be in one place, but here and there He places us and we are to shine for Him, that other dear souls may be helped and encouraged for the Lord. "God's way is best, I will not murmur." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of Life." Truly that crown is worth striving for, and I am encouraged to work and labor on. The pay we receive here day by day from the Lord,—joy, peace, His great love and mercy toward us, and numberless other blessings, yea, more than we can name—is worth working and striving for in living for Jesus, not regarding our final pay at the end of our Christian race. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things the Lord hath prepared for them that love Him. Oh, I pray the dear Lord to keep us steadfast unto the end."

The Lord can and does help when we cast our burdens upon Him. Oh I desire from the very depths of my soul to be more and more like Him. I am praying for more of a life of consecration; more of a life of prayer and faith in Jesus. It truly takes a humbling and that means so much too. The way up is down in the Christian's life. Truly I want to go down. I don't want a name, neither do I desire fame or reputation, but I want to be what would please Jesus, and be where I can always hear and know His voice, and obey His every call. I am so thankful for such a Heavenly Father that we have, and that "like a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Praise the Lord.

Oh, how precious for brethren to dwell together in unity, and that we can have the same love and care one for another. I do thank the Lord for the holy love He gives us one for another. Were it not for God's love in our hearts we wouldn't have much love or care for each other, but oh, how different when God works in our souls. I am so glad we let Him in. We don't want to become carried away with one another and love the creature more than the Creator, but I mean to "love as brethren," and keep in the order of the Lord and have God's love in our hearts, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

I do love the Lord, and am saved up to all I know and understand, and have a willingness to do His whole will as He gives light and knowledge. It is precious to do His will and I desire with my whole heart to do service for Him. I rejoice for the privilege to be faithful and true to Him, and so live where He can use me in the very smallest way, and where He can then trust greater things to me. I do desire

to be something for the Lord, yet, *I am willing to be nothing.* "Oh, to be nothing, nothing; Only to sit at His feet." I am willing to suffer, yea, want to suffer for Jesus' sake, just when His will and way be done. I thank Him for His love and dealings to me. Truly I feel unworthy. I want to go on down more and more in His love and humility. I want to be consecrated and given up more and more. I believe we must die day by day: I mean die to self and daily take the cross and follow. You know I just love the Cross, "The old rugged Cross, stained with blood so divine. \* \* \* For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me." I purpose with the dear Lord's help and grace to stand by the cross, ever cherish and bear it, and at last we may exchange it for a crown. Remember me in prayer. May the blessings of the Lord rest upon you and His very presence fill your soul continually. Oh, I humbly pray God to guide you, and keep you all to His glory. Your saved Sister.

—RUTH LAMB.

Olympia, Wash.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus: It surely does seem as though the enemy has been very busy here. However, I am glad that I can say the Lord does give real victory and I am rejoicing in His love. I don't know when I have enjoyed the service of God more or have had more victory. The Lord's presence seems so near and precious to me. You remember I requested you to pray earnestly for me that I might discern the will of God in a certain matter. Thank God, I have, I believe, found out His will, and this makes my heart rejoice. I do not care what God's will is for me, *just so I can know it*, and then by His grace *I am willing to obey it*. I have found that only in the center of God's will there is real joy and happiness.

It really is sad that people spend so much time over technical things when there are so many souls in need of a Savior and the Bread of Life. When we manifest the spirit that we think *we are the only ones* that are right and every one that does not live up to the light we have is of the evil one, then we are getting in a dangerous condition I believe. How I do wish the Lord could some how get all His people together in such a way that they be as tightly bound in love as the Father and Son. I am looking for the time to come when we may have to seal our testimony with our blood, and that is the time when the real spirituality of God seems to flourish and be so marked and wonderful. I only hope, trust and pray that my faith may not fail and that I may be one of those who will stand true to my Lord whatever comes.

It must be wonderful to be counted worthy to suffer like that for Jesus. I have been reading some of "Fox's Book of Martyrs," and it is truly full of noble and true examples of faith and of the power of God. Praise His dear name! How happy Jesus must have been when He saw they manifested that true love toward Him, following His example, counting not their lives dear even unto death.

The Lord has been answering prayer in behalf

of several of the dear young people here, and it fills my heart with real joy and praises to Him. How good, kind and merciful He is to each one of us. I only wish we were able to do more for the dear souls around us. It seems such a pity that some of them shall go down into eternity without God. Pray that I may be a real example in my neighborhood and a real blessing in the hands of God. Above every thing, I want my life to tell for Jesus. I have thought how little it takes to encourage some dear souls: just a smile, a word, or a kind act.

I am so glad that you feel the divine approval of God upon your life and work there. That is worth more than all this world. I also feel that at present I am in God's will and it is surely precious. I just love to go and visit those in pain or sorrow or in need, and then have the Lord help me scatter a little sunshine. But I want to be content in any place the Lord wants me whether seen or unseen. With Jesus I feel we can be content anywhere. There is so much to do and I am only trusting and praying the Lord to help me be strong in Him, and to be sure that *I take the needed time to spend alone with Him* that I might listen for His directions and obey them. If ever there was a time when we needed to watch and pray it is now. It seems to me the enemy has almost succeeded in putting a spirit of lethargy and carelessness over many of God's dear children, and if we are not careful I fear the coming of the Lord will soon be, and we will not be found ready to meet Him. It surely means much. Never has it been so hard to reach souls, and never have there been so many spiritual perils and snares as there are today. Sometimes the very thought of these things almost makes me fear and tremble. Yet I know that the Lord will lead and direct every soul that will only tarry at the feet of Jesus and will diligently seek His face.

I truly love the Lord tonight and oh, how I do want to do His will, for I am fully persuaded that all things of earth and all the riches, pleasures and jewels of earth are nothing compared to Jesus. These things fade away when Jesus is revealed in all His purity and beauty. Let us be true to God. I feel that He is with us and I am sure that the great God of heaven who has never failed any saint, will prove true, and we shall be led on till we reach heaven's portals. So often come these words to me, "Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

God bless you and make you a real blessing there. I am sure that He does. I pray that the Lord may help us to be a blessing and encouragement to each other. I am sure that many times the Lord has helped me in answer to your prayers. I thank you with all my heart for them too. "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another."

Yours in service for our Master.

—MATHILDA PAULSEN.

Patton, Pa.—I am praising the Lord for victory tonight, and for the joy and peace I find in serving Jesus. It is getting sweeter every day. Just like the song: "Sweeter as the years go by." How unworthy we are of our Savior's great love. I was thinking today how unworthy I am. What have I done to prove my worthiness or love? He is so good to me. I had several burdens on my heart this week. I went through some very discouraging things that seemed hard for me to bear, but, praise God, all things have worked out for my good and His glory. I know they were permitted by the Lord.

Salvation just suits me. My desire is to draw closer and know more of His Word and will. I pray the Lord will ever overshadow you with His presence, and lead and guide you through all your pilgrimage here. We will go through hard places, but the Lord will deliver us out of them all if we are only faithful. His grace is sufficient for all our needs. He knows the desires of His children and He will never turn one of His little ones away. We serve a wonderful God. Oh! I praise Him for salvation and the joy I have in my soul. The devil certainly is cunning and is mighty, but our God is mightier. Yes, He is *Almighty*, and I mean to continue to serve Him. At times it seems dark but we know the sun is shining behind the clouds. I praise the Lord for healing my body. He is fully able to heal. The Lord is so good to me. He keeps me and answers prayer. Pray for me. Your sister in Jesus.

—BERNICE SHUNKWILER.

The Dalles, Ore.—Dear saints of God: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. May our heavenly Father bless you all with glorious victory and the love that casts out fear. I am praising God for salvation and victory in my soul. I will say, dear ones, I am not well. I will soon be 84 years old. I have Rheumatism in my left arm and I fell and broke several of my ribs and I cannot get the victory for healing, and there is no one that I know of anywhere near me that I can ask to pray for me, as all that profess to be saints have let down the standard of Bible salvation and have compromised with the world and have lost their faith. They too have lost out in their experience by fellowshipping those that have compromised and are preaching smooth things so as to not hurt them. Dear saints I will ask you all to pray for me that Jesus will heal me of my Rheumatism and broken ribs. May God bless you all to His glory and keep His sheltering love over you and give you victory over all opposing powers and deceptive spirits and teachings contrary to sound doctrine. Your sister in the one body, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

—PHEBE GREEN.

Wheeler, Mich.—To the saints of God everywhere: Christian greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am so glad I can say I am saved. I have been saved out in this evening light for thirty-four years and it is just as light and bright as it ever was. I left Babylon and all its pride and fashions,

came out and left everything that belonged to her, and I have never had any desire to go back after anything that belonged there, or that was of the world. I am out, and by the help of the good Lord and His Word and the prayers of the good old saints, and all the saved and sanctified saints, young or old, I am going to stay out. Why is it we can't all be one as the Father and Son are one?

It certainly did me good to get the little paper, Faith and Victory, and to know that there are so many standing for the good old Bible way. I sure believe in the old kind of religion. I do believe in the Church of God, not only by name but by practice, by being born into the family of God. I know the church has never lost her power. I do love to hear the shouts and praises that come from the true saints of the most high God. There is but one true way, but many false ways. Why is it that way? Because men want their own way. They drift little by little until they will have a way of their own, or follow some other way. My prayer is that the saints will stand on the Bible way, and stand out clear on the way that D. S. Warner taught and lived. See what he suffered (and yet he enjoyed it) to bring this evening light doctrine out, and I do believe we as the children of God will suffer some to keep it out from sect Babylon. I expect to be true until the end. I am not looking for any better way than the way Jesus marked out for His people to walk in.

I have seen some of the spirits spoken of in Rev. 16: 13-14. If you pin them down to the truth they slip out some other way. Oh, may the Lord help the people, all the saved people, to stand for the truth of the Bible just as it is: all see alike, all speak the same thing as His Word tells us to do. Someone is disobeying the Bible or there would not be so many different ways taught. Is it I, or is it you or someone else? May God help each one to search the Word and contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. I have written this in love, for the good of the people. May the God of heaven bless all His dear saints all over the world. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7: 21-22). His will is for His people to square their lives by His Word and worship Him in spirit and in truth. Amen.

—W. H. CLINGENPEEL.

New York, N. Y.—Dear ones in Christ. I have been saved for the past fourteen years. I was saved among the Church of God brethren in Trinidad, British West Indies, for which I give God all the glory. I proved that God is a real deliverer from sin and sickness, and sadness and is all in all to me. My reason for writing to you is I find that the closer I live to God there is a longing in my heart to know more about the true people of God. Just four months I have been here in New York, and as I go among the different congregations of the Church of God in New York, Brooklyn and Freeport it seems to me that there is something needed, and that some-

thing is the oneness of God's people. I have met with a dear Bro. here by the name of Shaw and have found that he is a real child of God. While speaking with him about the different brethren he has contact with, he showed me some of your literature from Faith Publishing House. After reading and re-reading it I find some precious things that gladden my heart. It brought a longing to get in contact with you, praying that the sweet fellowship of of God's people may be united in one body as in the days of the Apostles.

I am in New York, not having work. I have a family of nine boys in the West Indies. There is a burden and longing in my heart to return home. I feel I can do more in the vineyard of God there He has been using me to His glory here and I can be of more benefit to my children when I return. I ask the dear brethren to join with me in prayer that God will grant me the means and way to get back home. I also want you to send me the little paper, Faith and Victory and also some tracts for distribution, as it seems this is one of my greatest works for the Lord. I have been preaching this glorious gospel for several years, and when I shall have returned to Trinidad there will be more for me to do in the Master's service. I truly need your prayers. Your Bro. in Jesus.

—EDWARD SEALE.

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Piggott, Ark.—Dear workers at Faith Publishing House: Greeting in Jesus' name. I am very glad to get your little paper. It is a real source of encouragement to me. There are about six of us at this place contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. We are praying that God will send a minister of the Church of God here with the real Gospel Truth.

Yours in Jesus' name.

—SISTER RETHA THRASHER.

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Madisonville, Ohio.—To the saints of God. Greetings in Jesus' precious name: We are all saved from sin, trusting in God, living ready for the coming of the Lord. We feel much more encouraged to press on since we received your encouraging letter today, and thought it good to write to the saints in those parts to tell you how the Lord is blessing through faith in Him. Praise His dear name. We had cottage meeting Thursday night and the Lord gave us a glorious service. A white woman was blessed in the meeting and as she went out she gave us an offering for which we give God the praise, for He is supplying our needs. The just shall live by faith. We have food and raiment and we are content in the state God permits us to be in. Your saved and sanctified brother.

—A. D. WASHINGTON.

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Glamorganshire, Swansea, South Wales.—I must express my gratitude to all workers at Faith Publishing House for your kindness in sending me the paper. I feel that I have always admired the faith and work of Geo. Muller. It has been a great help to me since I have been saved in the year 1895. It was a similar

testimony of faith in God that encouraged me to put my whole trust in God and not in man. I find all contents of Faith and Victory very precious truth. I hope to have another one as soon as possible if the Lord should tarry. Please be agreed with me in prayer for the Lord to do mighty work in His name at this place.

Jesus is coming soon. This is so good and encouraging to know. How few believe that He is coming to receive us. So many believe the Lord is going to reign as king on the earth for a thousand years, and that the ungodly will have a chance to be saved. There is no Scripture in God's Word to prove this. For unto us He is now our glorified Lord, and we have been made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Praise His holy name. It is also written that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; and the earth also, and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (2 Pet. 3: 10-11).

With Christian love to all the saints, I am your Sister in Christ.

—RACHEL DAVIS.

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Homestead, Okla.—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, and to all others who may read this. I am praising the good Lord for salvation and sanctification. The Comforter that Jesus said He would send is filling me with love divine and giving me power over all the power of the enemy, praise the Lord.

I feel that it would be pleasing to God to tell how I got sanctified. For a long time I had been feeling my need of more help from God in order to live victorious all of the time. While at meeting I asked the brethren to pray for me that I be sanctified. They laid on hands like the apostles did and prayed that God would sanctify me and fill me with the Comforter. As they did this I was helped and much encouraged and continued to call upon God that He would satisfy my heart with His presence. This calling continued on for two months with much consecrating, humbling and confessing, and after giving myself and all completely into the hands of God, now and forever, I was standing near Bro. Llewellyn in meeting when suddenly the power of God came surging into my being, and later the Lord showed me that it was the sanctifying power of God. After this I had great victory and my soul was filled with the love of God.

The manner in which God revealed it to me came about in this manner. I had been praying much and as I retired for the night I lay on my bed for some time and the Lord sent a light from heaven over me, a very bright one, and as I was very much puzzled about this, the Lord gave me the Scripture which reads, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Since then I have never given

way to the devil's lies of not being sanctified and filled with the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, and I do know that God who has begun to live in me will continue to do so as long as I walk in Him as I have received Him. I am a man of fifty-eight years and I have been professing ever since I was twenty-two years old and my life has been up and down—sometimes saved and sometimes unsaved, very, very unsatisfactory, but now, thanks be unto God, there is no more condemnation as I walk in Christ Jesus, for I am in standing grace. Praise God who gives us the victory.

Pray for me that God keep me humble at any cost, that the flesh be continually crucified so God will continue to live in this mortal body.

—P. J. EPP.

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## THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

SELECTED BY CELENA LACUE

*"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men"* (Col. 3: 23).

The work we are doing, are we doing it heartily as unto the Lord? We will give a few rules by which to test our work. First, if we are doing our work heartily unto the Lord we are so conscious of it that we can answer "yes" promptly from the heart when we are asked if what we are doing is for God. Second, if what we are doing is purely for God we are not envious of any one who is doing a similar work, but will rejoice if they have greater success than we. Third, if what we are doing is wholly without self interest we will not be anxious or troubled but tranquil about the success. Fourth, if what we are doing is from the heart unto God we will not be troubled about what men say about it. We will keep on doing God's will and let man's judgments pass like we let the water flow on down the stream. Fifth, if what we are doing is wholly for God's glory we will take as much interest in it in secret as before the public. If you would advance in the divine life you must aim steadily at perfection in the least things.

*"All things work together for good to them that love God"* (Rom. 8: 28).

If this promise is real to us we will not say, "It is too bad," when we meet with some trial, affliction or opposition. God is hidden in every trial that comes to us. If we will lovingly embrace it He will reveal Himself to us. Do you desire to love God with purest, fondest love? Do you desire to have deeper conceptions of the love of God? Then you must submit willingly to the trials that come your way. If you set in to love God more, you are certain to meet with severer trials.

If all is on the altar laid  
We can never be afraid;  
If we have died upon the cross  
We can never suffer loss.



*"Leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2: 21).*

As I stood today looking at a painting of Jesus with a child in His arms I contemplated His character. I thought of His love for man, of His disinterestedness in self, of His sacrificing life, of His passionate all-night prayers, of His unconcernedness about earthly things, of His making of Himself of no reputation, of His tranquility amidst the unjust criticism of men, of His meekness, humility, compassion and simplicity. Being in the spirit I caught such a vision of His loveliness of character as I never had before and my heart panted to be like Him.

The mystery of love is solved best through suffering. If we are living members of Christ's body we will with His love, love what He loves. If we do not have deep sorrow of heart, the pain of compassion, an agony of spirit, because Christ is dishonored by the sins of men, we do not love.

If we love Jesus as passionately as we should, nothing that we can do for Him will we consider to be painful or difficult. All things will be light and easy, sweet and pleasant. And when we have done them we feel like we have done nothing.

Are we separated from everything that hinders the pure, free love of our souls for God; from all that interrupts the communion of our hearts with Him; from all that dulls our spiritual powers and renders us insensible to the joys and sufferings of Jesus?

*"But Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim. 6: 6).*

We have freedom—not when we have our own way, but when we take God's way. To be hoping this and hoping that, wanting this and wanting that, is to not have our wills wholly lost in the will of God. If we are always doing that which is pleasing to God, we will be rich enough, great enough, contented enough. If you are truly longing daily to become more like Jesus you are not caring for much else in the world. The excellence is not in the thing we do but in the motive in which we do it.

*"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's" (Rom. 14: 8).*

Begin now to look a little more closely for God's guidance in the common affairs of life; listen a little more attentively to the Spirit's whisperings; be a little more obedient to the Spirit's promptings; be a little more watchful of your words and thoughts, be a little more earnest in your prayers, guard a little more carefully the affection of your heart, be a little more charitable in your judgments of others, look a little less at temporal things, and more at eternal things, think a little more about the passionate love of Jesus, be a little more thankful to God for His mercies, do a little more to make others happy and you will find yourself growing into a sweetness of

life that will make you wonder how you ever lived so long without it, and feel you can never live without it again.

*"For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, THEREWITH to be content" (Phil. 4: 11).*

If you would be happy, do not struggle so hard to alter your circumstances as to adapt yourself to them.

*"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Heb. 2: 1).*

An abundance of grace can soon flow out through the little gate called, "Heedlessness."

*"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3: 3).*

There is no life in all the world so peaceful and blessed as a life hid with Christ in God.

*"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6: 9).*

We ought never to grow weary in doing little things out of pure love for God. If you could always understand God's dealings with you, He wouldn't be God.

*"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you" (1 John 3: 13).*

If you would secure the salvation of the souls of men you must be willing to lose the smiles of men.

*"In EVERYTHING give thanks" (1 Thess. 5: 18).*

Praising God for blessings increases them. Praising God for trials lessons them, therefore praise God alike for blessings and trials.

*"As dying, and behold we live" (2 Cor. 6: 9).*

What a strange contrast is a Christian! Always in *warfare*, yet always in *peace*. When he looks into the Scripture, he finds himself *rich*; when he looks into his cupboard or wardrobe, he finds himself *poor*. He knows he is a *son* of God, and an *heir* of glory; yet men treat him as the filth and *offscouring* of the world. Hasten, Lord, the time when we shall be *manifested as we are*.

The present circumstance, which presses so hard against you, (if surrendered to Christ) is the best shaped tool in the Father's hand to chisel you for eternity. *Trust Him, then. Do not push away the instrument lest you lose its work.*

#### EFFECTS OF THE CROSS

In Galatians 6: 14 we read, *"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."* We can plainly see in this the two-fold effect of the cross. When the

young man came to Jesus to know the way of eternal life, He first told him how that the world and the things of the world must be crucified unto him. He then told him, "And come, take up the cross, and follow me." Just as this young man turned back, so many turn back to go the ways of the world instead of following Jesus on to Calvary, where the world and all its sinful follies can be seen conquered at our feet, there to be crucified with Jesus, that *our life* may be dead and we hid with Christ in God. The way of the cross is the true way that leads home to glory. It is not a strained way, or a way in which there is no pleasure, but it is the only way of real joy, peace and happiness.

Dear souls, do not draw back from following Jesus through the fiery trial, scourging and "without the gate" and city, on up the way to die the death to the world, flesh and your own life, where He sanctifies and fills with the perfect love and power of the Holy Ghost, which will strengthen, establish and settle you. The preaching of the cross to the worldly wise is foolishness, and if we in word or deeds begin to conform to the world, the offence of the cross ceases. But God's Word says, "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). The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life war against the soul, therefore it is absolutely necessary that the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world. Then when temptation comes we can count it all joy and overcome, for "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." Yes, to continually see what Jesus has done will keep the soul filled with good cheer, praise the Lord. Do not let the enemy bring an accusation that would cause you to take some by-path when tempted, but rejoice as a strong man to run this race, for by overcoming the temptations, and bearing the reproaches of the cross is witnessing for Jesus. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col. 3: 1).

Dear souls, to follow Jesus all the way will surely mean a cross to the ways of man, but let us say from the heart, "Henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Gal. 6: 17). Men who have perverted the right ways of the Lord will come to trouble you, putting their ways before you as God's ways. Yes, many in these last days come saying, "The Lord, the Lord," claiming the Lord showed them this, that and the other, and if heeded will work to sever your individual connection with heaven, and the Holy Ghost leadings. May God help us to live close and low at His feet so that when the voices come, "Lo, here, and Lo, there," even though they may say, "Lord, Lord," we may know the strangeness and not follow. Many will use their own minds and reason you out of the way and truth of God if you heed them. They will tell you the way to win souls to Christ is to

conform to their ways until you win them, then change them unto the way of the Cross. Jesus says, "And I if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12: 32). Let us take delight in the way of the cross, that souls may see that deep settled peace, joy and satisfaction in the midst of commotion; see that there is no thirsting for life's pleasures, nor adorning rich and gay. For we've found a richer treasure, one that fadeth not away.

Jesus said, "The cup that my Father giveth me, shall I not drink it?" (John 18: 11). We hear Him telling His disciples how He must suffer many things of the elders and priests and be killed. But Peter, in natural love and defence, "took Him and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." But Jesus had to rebuke him, for he didn't know that the crucifixion, death and resurrection must be, and was of God the Father, but he only saw as man seeth. Christians sometimes find the heaviest and hardest cross form those the nearest and dearest to their hearts. Therefore Jesus speaks these gracious and comforting words, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16: 24-25). "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15: 11).

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

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### THE WAY INTO BLESSING

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The way into every blessing is shown in God's Word. Our Lord said in John 17: 14, "I have given them Thy Word." The greatest gift which He has to give to any of us is the Word of God. Jesus received the Word day by day from His Father, and gave out to His disciples what He had received. He came into this world to give to us "Life more abundantly"—a tidal wave of Divine life (John 10: 10).

How does the Lord Jesus impart this LIFE to us? Go to the written Word again, and this mystery shall be revealed to you. Jesus says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life." The coming of Jesus always brings a renewal of life. When pain or sorrow comes to us, a simple remedy to meet it with is just to look up into His face, trustfully, and say, "Thy Life meets this." Do we need wisdom *to know how to act* in a business matter, or in a trouble in the home? The Life of Jesus Christ can come to us as knowledge. Every need in our daily lives can be effectually met by a manifestation of the Life of Jesus in the power of the Holy Ghost.

If we hope to realize this open secret of the Life of Jesus in ourselves we must wait on God, pay heed to His written Word, and obey Him in all things. The secret of the Life of Jesus is simply this: He was a perfect listener, and He was always learning from His Father. In like manner God sends His Word and His Spirit to ourselves, and He bids us listen to His voice continually. He once said to me, "If you do not give thousands of hours to My Book, you will be of no use to Me in My work." I saw clearly that I must listen to the Holy Spirit, *as I studied the Word*, regularly and diligently.

Healing, spiritual knowledge, true discernment, and every other blessing, all come to us through letting the Holy Spirit teach us to understand the Word, for it is a living Seed which brings forth living fruit, when it is sown in the good soil of an understanding heart. Every time we believe God, by receiving His word into our hearts, and allowing it to produce in us the good things we are in need of, *we are eating of the fruit of the Tree of Life*. For we have entered even now, by faith, into the New Jerusalem, and, being in it, we have a right to partake of the Tree of Life, which is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ, the Tree of Life, is even now within you. Die to your own life, and you shall partake of the Life of the Lord, for you have become a sharer in what He is, and also what He has. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with singing" (Psa. 107: 21-22).

—HARRIETTE S. BAINBRIDGE.

### THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

The Gospel of Jesus is like a great guest chamber, or a resting chamber, where the atmosphere is perfect love and peace and the guests are the elect of God, chosen in Christ Jesus from the foundation of the world. And I declare in the face of all flesh, the world and the devil, these, the elect abiding in Jesus, do see eye to eye; and they live by *every Word of God*. The reprobate finds much fault with the Word. We hear it in their words, and see it by their actions and the places they go, the way they dress etc. There is not one in hundreds that you can sit down and talk with about the glory, riches and power of the kingdom. Why it has pleased God to reveal Jesus Christ in us, we do not know. "Amazing *Grace of God*." Why did He awaken our sleeping souls and give us light and Truth and *Life*? Yea, the Holy Ghost to lead into Jesus, the great Gospel

plan, where we can hear that still small voice.

The Gospel is the greatest thing in the world (Heb. 1: 2). Many, yea thousands, of the people are working at it, but few get into it. Jesus says, "Strive to enter in." A thousand foes are trying to hinder. "Fiery trials" are trying our faith. I often see the Word shining like diamonds. I often feel Jesus' words of life and power in my heart and mind, yea, in my soul. But oh, I want more, more, more. It is for us, that the Holy Ghost might just reveal Jesus in us, through us to others. Only the Holy Ghost leads into it. How wonderful! How full the Law and the Prophets,—pointing to the Gospel. Oh, the Gospel feast! The sacrifice of Calvary! "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world!" The poet says, "Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more."

How many professors are finding fault with God's Word. They say this, that and the other is non-essential. Their works, their words, actions, dress and all betray them. I often think how men study to make up fine sermons, articles etc., and the Lord rejects it all. Abide in Jesus and the Holy Ghost will reveal this, that and the other of the wonders of the kingdom in you, and as you tell it you will feel the glory upon you. "Oh, for a faith that will not shrink though pressed by every foe."

—A SISTER.

### ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14: 1). Unbelief is the foremost sin of these latter, evil days. When once unbelief has entered a child, man or woman, then they take the first step downward into sin. Eve, after listening to the cunning lie of the devil, began to reason with him, doubted God, ate of the forbidden; liked it, gave to her husband to eat also, and the result was SIN. "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5: 12). We see and know that the unbelief started by Eve in the garden of Eden has passed upon all mankind, and is gripping the hearts and minds of the masses of people today. Unbelief causes the infidels and atheists to say and act as if there was no God. Unbelief causes the hypocrite to say he believes in God and to act *vica versa*. "This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent" (John 6: 29). "If thou canst believe, *ALL THINGS* are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9: 23).

The question asked by many is "Will God? Does God fulfill His Word?" Yes, He does fulfill, and will fulfill all His Word whether we believe it or not. Does God require every one to believe His Word? Yes, He does. "He that believeth not shall

be damned" (Mark 16: 16). Seeing then that the Word of God is so plain, positive and true, what then shall the end be of those that believe not? There is but one place for those that continue on in unbelief. They shall die in their sins, and Christ said of such, "Where I am ye cannot come." Does God take the vilest sinner and cleanse him in the Blood of Jesus and make him as white as snow? Yes, God does this. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1: 9).

Does God in these last days sanctify the believers? Yes, His Word is just the same. Jesus prayed to the Father and petitioned Him thus: "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth" (John 17: 17-20). Paul said to the believers at Ephesus, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" This is one important question in the believing Christian's life today: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Some might be prone to say, "I don't believe God gives the Holy Ghost to believers now like He did in the days of the Apostles." Oh, yes, He does. It is unbelief that hinders God from giving the gift of the Holy Ghost. Jesus made a positive statement in Luke 11: 13: "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Why have you not received this priceless gift from God the Father? "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things" (John 14: 26). We see by such positive Scriptures as the above that the Holy Ghost is for the believers, and it is our fault if we have not received Him.

Another prominent question today is: "Does God heal the sick today as of yore?" Yes, God heals the sick today just as He did in the days of the Apostles. Yes, we can prove it by many, many witnesses if they were called upon to answer. Jesus positively said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do" (John 14: 13). "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16: 18). "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, \* \* \* and the Lord shall raise him up" (James 5: 14-15). There are many more words of promise in God's Word. I will here relate a few instances in my own life of God's healing power. Once when at death's door, with the most severe case of acute indigestion, the doctor told my father that at the longest I would not live more than one or two hours. A few minutes after the doctor had gone, God in His great mercy sent

in one of His servants to pray for me. I being unsaved at the time did not ask prayer or send for the elders. In my meditation I said within myself, "I am unworthy to send for the elders or ask prayer of anyone," but promised God I would repent if He let me live. The brother, seeing my painful condition and hearing my groans, was burdened to pray secretly for me that I might be healed. God heard the prayer, performed a miracle, and instantly all pain was gone and in a few minutes I was sleeping like a little baby. I awoke with no pain, ate some, and was well, praise His precious name. And since I have been saved God has healed me several times. One instance I want to relate, as so many think God will not heal us of small things as well as large matters. Having one day counted 23 seed warts on my hands, I wondered when they would stop coming. One night after retiring I was meditating on the goodness and mercy of God to me, and was moved to seek to please Him better. Two of my warts that day at work were almost knocked off and were bleeding and burning. The question suddenly came, "Why should I have to suffer with these warts?" The answer came at once, "You have never asked God to take them off. Ask Him and He will." Then I did ask God to remove those warts, feeling all the time unworthy that God should do so much for me. I went to sleep and arose the next morning forgetting all about warts until the third day afterwards. When washing for supper, after work, the question came clear, "Where are your warts?" Surprised at the question I looked to see, and behold, they were all gone. Praise the Lord, He is just the same today. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13: 8). His power and mindfulness of His little children is just the same today. Believe His Word and obey His voice, and thou shalt see a performance of those things which His Word speaks of.

Does God satisfy every longing of our hearts? Yes, He does. "There is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee" (Psa. 73: 25). "He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away" (Luke 1: 53). Whatever the question may be in your life, God does and will fulfill every promise of His Word. Have faith in God. Ask for the things desired. We are told to ask in faith, nothing wavering. Faith in the Word of God will cause the miracle to be wrought. Faith in God will bring deliverance every time. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11: 1).

—IRVIN H. WHITEHOUSE.