

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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LIFT ME, JESUS

Lift me, Jesus, to Thy bosom!
I am weary of the care,—
Weary of the pain and sorrow
That surround me everywhere,
Weary of the ceaseless striving
'Gainst the evil all around,
Weary of the endless toiling,
Sowing seed on stony ground.

Fiery trials oft confront me,
Fearful in their grim array;
Fierce temptations oft assail me
As I tread the narrow way;
And my courage almost fails me,
And my strength is almost gone;
And the path seems lone and dreary
With the night-fall coming on.

Lift me, Jesus, to Thy bosom!
There, I find my sweetest rest.
There, my soul is healed and strengthened;
There, my heart is cleansed and blest.
There, the trials and temptations
Vanish as He leads the way,
And His smile of Love and Mercy
Turns my darkness into day.

Lift me, Jesus, to Thy bosom!
There to live above the strife;
There to learn the precious lesson
Of a Spirit-guided life;
There, behold with clearer vision,
And with heart and brain grown wise,
Things that seemed the sorest trials,
Prove but blessings in disguise. —SEL.

THE NEW LIFE

In the twenty-third chapter of Proverbs, and twenty-sixth verse we find these words: "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." Now this text is speaking to two kinds of people, the first part is to the unsaved soul that is letting his affections go after the things of time and sense, the things of this world, and thereby refusing, resisting and rebelling against the ways and thoughts of God.

A soul to get saved must first become awakened to the fact that they are lost and then alarmed because of this knowledge, insomuch that they will hate the life that is working within and through them and causing them to be so attached to earthly things. For Jesus says, "If any man come unto me and hate not *his own life*, he cannot be my disciple." So dear soul do not try to cultivate the self life in order to get saved, for the Word says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2: 8, 9).

So we see by this Scripture that you cannot save your soul by your own power or wisdom, neither can the preacher nor Deacon Jones save you, but salvation comes as a free gift from God. And so you must come individually to God, being sorry that you have neglected and refused Him; come with a repenting heart for He will not despise a broken heart and a contrite spirit. By this we see that by repentance toward God and faith in the innocent blood of Christ as an atonement for your sins will bring to your soul peace from heaven, and the load of guilt and sin will pass away and all things will become new. You will receive a new life; old things will have passed away and you will be a new creature in Christ Jesus, Praise God.

There are many Scriptures that teach us how to approach God for the free gift of salvation. In 1 John, first chapter and ninth verse, we read, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So after repenting, confessing and forsaking our sins, we do not by faith claim the gift of salvation, we in actions and behavior leave God as one that has lied, which is not possible for God to do. The right thing for you to do after you have confessed and forever forsaken your sins is to count God true and claim His Gift, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

We read in Ezekiel 36: 26-27, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And

I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." By these Scriptures we see that the work that is wrought in us is wholly the work of God, and we receive the change by confession and yielding to Him. Oh, dear soul, hasten to the Master's feet and behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. Behold Him in the garden when He was so burdened and heavy in soul that He cried out in great agony unto the Father that the cup of suffering might pass, but in the next breath He says, "Not my will, but thine be done," and His sweat was as great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Behold Him when they put a scarlet robe on Him and a crown of thorns on His brow, and bowed their knees in mockery. Behold Him under the load of the cross on His way to Calvary, and see the cruel hearted men driving the nails through His feet and hands; see the spear being thrust into His side, and behold the water and blood gushing out. All of this He meekly and willingly bore that you might have eternal life abiding in your soul. Then consider for a moment you being as one with the throng that abused and slew our blessed Savior, of which throng you are if unsaved, for the life that you now have is drawing you on to destruction and everlasting banishment from God, from all that is pure and holy, for your present life is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Oh, dear soul, repent that iniquity be not your ruin, for our God is tender, kind and true and only seeks your good in all things, and desires you to be as an obedient son, that will be exercised by His correction and yield your members to righteousness unto holiness, and give thanks and praises unto God for the unspeakable Gift.

In Isaiah 55: 7 we read, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." And the text teaches us not only to give Him our hearts, but to observe *His ways*, which are altogether different from our ways. As we observe His ways we will no longer walk according to the course of this world, but our affections will be on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Our conversation will be in heaven from whence we look for the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our life, and by continuing on in His goodness, when He appears we will appear with Him also in Glory. Bless His name.

—FRED PRUITT.

THESE ARE HOLY GARMENTS

Leviticus 16: 4 speaks of literal holy garments which Aaron, God's high priest wore when in service of the Lord. Now all these things were a type and shadow of real things to come, which were and are truly realized in Christ Jesus, the High Priest of God. Let us study our example and note with care and interest just how He was clothed, not outwardly but the hidden man of the heart, even the man from Heaven. Some of the names of His garments which command you in James 5: 14: "If any are 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 [not *man*, but **THE LORD**] shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him." Praise God, that Scripture is true, and *all* of God's Word is true. The sooner you believe God's Word, the better it will be for you.

When you call for a doctor you are not obeying God's Word. Cannot God heal a body since He created mankind? If you invent and make a Ford are you not expected to be able to repair it when it gets out of order? Then why do you call on man to repair that which he has not and cannot make,—a human body. God is able and willing to repair that which He has made in His own image. He does

And who is it out of an honest and good heart that can look into this picture of Him and not see the vital necessity of arming ourselves with the same mind (same garments) that we may be partakers of His holiness and of His life? Jesus said, "I have left you an *example* that you should do *as I have done unto you*." Oh how much that means, for us to do to each other as He did unto us. He forgave, was longsuffering, loved us even to the laying down of His own life; He became poor that we might be made rich. How apt are we to make ourselves poor that our brethren may be enriched? How many of us will leave our throne of glory and condescend to become a willing servant for the good of others? Some may say they could be of more service on the throne, but that is not following our Example who came down. Many it seems in this day and time start to follow the Example but leave off following at John 6: 15, and instead of going to the mountain *alone* as did Jesus, they yield to the honor and praise of men and are easily forced upon the throne from whence many never come down until too late. Be clothed with humility, and be subject, yea, every one of you one to another in the fear of God. How many there

are that are clothed with garments that have many pockets, and who seek to fill them with the praises of men which come to nought.

Seeing these things we are made to realize more the necessity, as Paul said in Ephesians 6: 11-18, of putting on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. All these garments and ornaments are freely given to us of God through His Son, and are ours for the asking. And dear one how desirous are you of obtaining these priceless gifts to adorn yourself with, that you may be found clothed when He comes? How often do you ask the Father for them? Do you desire them more than life? If so, you shall have them, as the Word says, "He will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly."

In this life when we go to purchase clothes and garments, we look at them first and see if they be good, or if they will look good on us. We wish to adorn ourselves so as to appear in public respectably. What garments are we choosing to appear before God and how will we look in them? Are they the kind that Jesus wore? Many people appear in public with clean outer garments, but their under garments are dirty and soiled. Also do some people appear to serve God but have many dirty garments covered up with a thin cloak of self-righteousness.

Now Aaron was commanded to wash even his body in water before putting on the holy garments to appear before God in, which is a type that we should wash in the Blood of the Lamb first, and then put on the holy garments to go forth to serve God and His saints. In modern language let us be clothed upon with these: having on the under garments of a meek and quiet spirit, which God delights to look upon; have on the shoes of the *gospel of peace*, the pants or skirt of truth, the shirt of prayer, the collar of love a good coat of righteousness, a hat of salvation, a walking cane of faith, and an overcoat of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, where we can hide in from all the cold storms and blizzards of the enemy and keep warm in this cold world, while we walk by faith in the Son of God. "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked"

CLOTHE ME, LORD

Oh, clothe me, Lord, with a humble mind;
So from Thy steps I may not decline.

Clothe me, Lord, with forgiving grace,
That I may live to see Thy face.

Clothe me, Lord, with truness to Thee,
So others in me Thy life may see.

Clothe me, Lord, with love divine,
That in darkness I, for Thee, may shine.

Clothe me, Lord, with Thy robe of white,
That I keep pure in the darkest night.

Clothe me, Lord, as Thou seest best,
That I may retain Thy sweet soul-rest.

Oh, clothe me, dear Lord, so when I die,
I'll be clothed upon with a house from the sky.

—IRVIN H. WHITEHOUSE.

SERVICE

Connect your service with nothing but God, not with any particular set of persons. You may be comforted by fellowship, and your heart refreshed; but you must work by your own individual faith and energy, without leaning on anyone whatever; for if you do, you cannot be a faithful servant. Service must ever be measured by faith, and one's own communion with God. Saul even may be a prophet, when he gets among the prophets, but David was always the same, in the cave or anywhere. Whilst the choicest blessings given me here are in fellowship, yet a man's service must flow from himself, else there will be weakness.

"Let everyone prove his own work," and then shall he have "rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another...."

In every age the blessing has been from individual agency; and the moment it has ceased to be this, it has declined in the world; it is humbling, but it makes us feel that all comes immediately from God. The tendency of association is to make us lean upon one another. Where there are great arrangements for carrying on work, there is not the recognition of this inherent blessing which "tarrith not for the sons of men." I don't tary for man, if I have faith in God. I act upon the strength of that faith.

Let a man act as the Lord leads him. The Spirit of God is not to be fettered by man. All power arises from the direct authoritative energy of the Holy Ghost in the individual. Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13) were sent forth by the Holy Ghost, recommended to the grace of God by the Church at Antioch; but they had no communication with it till they returned, and then there was the joyful concurring of love in the service that had been performed. He that had talents went and traded. Paul says, "Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." Love for Jesus sets one to work. I know no other way.—SEL.

"Wherefore, my beloved, work out *your own* salvation with fear and trembling: For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *His good pleasure*" (Phil. 2: 12, 13).

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The burden of our heart is to get the gospel of the kingdom to unsaved souls, and to encourage those that are saved to have greater faith, confidence and trust in the living God.

Oh! that the great sacrifice of our Christ,—the atonement for our sins,—the innocent blood, could be more clearly taught and set forth in a way that souls could see the greatness of His love manifested to them, and that they might know He is only seeking their good and is anxious to give them power and overcoming grace in this present evil world.

Dear unsaved soul, God can do a definite work in your heart and translate you from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son in a moment of time. In other words, be born of the Spirit, receive new life from Jesus. Praise God.

The soul that has dug deep and is sealed to the Rock, Christ Jesus, will not send an embassy of peace when the enemy comes with twenty thousand, and in that way compromise with wicked spirits that they might *share loot together*.

Spiritually, wicked spirits have a way of absorbing and drawing on your substance and soul life like in manner as to a leech.

It is far better to be accounted as one stricken, smitten and accursed of God and have Christ and liberty in your soul than to be a machine made brick in some man's building.

Oh, Brethren, fear not those that after they have killed the body have no more that they can do, but rather fear Him that is able to cast into hell fire. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints, but God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

The parting of Red Seas and the driving back of Jordan waters come only to those who are looking only unto Jesus and are willing to stand apparently in certain destruction, looking for *HIS* escape.

The only safe place for a soul while in this body is to have self fully crucified and your life hid with Christ in God, that it be no longer *I* but *He*.

The Psalmist David says, "Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be envious against the workers of iniquity: For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37: 1-4).

These thoughts are inspiring and renewing to weary pilgrims here in this evil world, and remind us again, and clearly, that our citizenship is in heaven from whence we look for our Savior, the invisible, immortal King.

The prosperity of professed children of God is often a sign of darkness in soul, and sometimes to an alarming extent, for Jesus says, "If the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness."

There is a vast difference between the man who preaches, and the man who preaches *Christ*.

We are holy because God looking on us sees His righteousness in us.

CORRESPONDENCE

Martinsburg, Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in His holy name. Grace be unto you and peace from God, our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. And this I pray that your love may abound yet *more and more* in knowledge and in all judgment, that ye may approve things that are excellent and that you may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. Thus by the grace of our God I have been impressed, trusting these words shall be a comfort and joy unto you, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

We truly pray that all your good work shall henceforth prove to all men *all FAITH and VICTORY*. Truly this is the vital need of every sincere child of God. Without *faith* it is impossible to please God. For the just shall live by faith. If we truly have got to clear "*touch stone*" of the cross. *faith* will firmly stand and fight through unto perfect victory. The

victory which overcometh the world is even our faith.

Beloved ones, you can be assured of our prayers that the God of all grace be graceful unto you in all times of raging tempest, and all dark smoke from the burning pit with all its delusive doctrines. We pray that the Holy Spirit will ever direct and lead you on to higher and higher ground of the Holy Mount of real inspiration, where all air has a pure spiritual atmosphere, and make the true, clear handy work of our Creator plainer to your spiritual eyesight than ever, that He may do *His will*. We also have had experiences such as you mention, even held in foggy and misty deceivings, with the powers of the Pit glorying in our mournful tears and sighs. Now beloved we have clearly discerned and detected the power of these workings, though far across the waves. Our hearts truly are burdened; many hours have been spent in prayers with many tears. *May our prayers CONTINUE.* May Christ Jesus, who has given us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts, be glorified in all your work, and grant you the opening of His good treasure, that you may be supplied in all good things according to His riches in glory. Thus we say keep clean and clear from all delusion, do God's work as *He directs*, and you will never see the need of any good thing, nor shall turn aside for help in any way. "*If God guides, He provides.*"

We have much to report of the goodness of our Lord to us-ward, as we testified of my healing at Wyatt W. Va., and victory over a hard conflict. Since the dear Lord has given us a rest to our souls and bodies, we have been here over two weeks with dear Bro. and Sister Ake, who are very precious in the Lord. Soon after we came here my wife took very sick and was in bed for a couple of days, but through earnest prayer and fastings is now up able to go about. So the good Lord is preparing us for another conflict which we expect soon at New Bloomfield, Pa., Lord willing. Pray for us that God shall open unto us a door of utterance to speak the mystery of the gospel, that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak. Truly we shall move on, not in our strength, but in the strength of the Lord. We cannot glory *only in our infirmities*; though bodily weak, yet stong in the Lord. Praise His holy name.

May the Lord's tender, loving hand ever lead, direct and protect in all the deep waters He permits to prove greater experiences for you is our prayer. Move on patiently in the Lord and He will work out His good will in you, and supply all your needs. With much holy love,
—J. D. LLEWELLYN.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Dear workers of Faith Publishing House: I am enclosing a list of names to whom please send your paper. I am also sending an offering to be used in your work for the Lord. Your paper, "Faith and Victory," is splendid food for Christians. I am delighted with it and shall pray a wide circulation for it, also for God's rich blessings to rest upon each of the workers of the Publishing House.
—CAROLINE WEINTZ.

Epping, New Hampshire.—Dear Bro. in Christ: I received your card and the package of tracts, and yesterday a paper, Faith and Victory, all for which you have my heart felt thanks. I read all of the tracts and papers and they were some of the best I have read. I gave out half of them to some of the inmates of the Alms House, but some of them began to find fault and seemed to care nothing for them. Many times I have laid tracts on tables for people and afterward would find them thrown upon the floor and spit upon. Well some spit upon Jesus when He was here to bring salvation to their souls. Oh, we are living in very perilous times and the world is growing worse. I pray Jesus to come soon.

I am here now in the Alms House. I am in my 17th year of sickness. I can only get about on crutches. I was a wicked sinner when I first took sick and was in terrible pain. The doctors said I could not live. I called upon God with all my might and He saved my soul and I am still living. All praise and glory to Jesus. Your Bro. in Christ,
CHAS. P. SMITH.

Ennis, Texas.—Dear people of God: How I do praise the Lord for His true people that live holy and pure and He does hear and answer prayer. Your paper is so good and encouraging. I hand the paper to others to read and send the tracts out to friends through the mail, to people that never have the truth preached in its purity.

I am much improved since the saints have prayed for me, but I am not yet able to do anything only I can get up and walk around some, for which I give God all the praise. He has been with me the past winter or I never would have lived. Some have talked about me and persecuted me, but praise the Lord I have been helped so much, I am more determined than ever to trust Him. I have coughed so hard this winter it has hurt my throat and lungs and they are left weak. I was swollen all over but am better of that. I have been down most of the time for six months and I ask agreement in prayer that God will completely heal me, for my only desire is to help spread the gospel to dear eternity bound souls. Pray that I may be filled with the true Spirit of God and live real humble and little at my Savior's feet. Yours for the full gospel,
NORA DUNAGIN.

Crescent, Okla.—Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings. I am glad to be able to report victory in Jesus' dear name. The Lord is wonderfully blessing my soul as I live for Him. Praise the dear Lord forever. Truly my decision and determination is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. I have had some tests, but the blessings which have followed far exceedeth them, praise God. I need much help from the Lord, but I know He will give it as it is needed. It seems that we ought to be shining brighter for the *rubs* we are getting. Praise our God; "Except ye forsake *all*, ye cannot be my disciple," saith the Lord. By *His* grace and help I am determined to be faithful to the end and gain heaven. Please pray much for me.

Your Sister in Christ,
BESSIE METCALF.

State Prison,
Wethersfield, Conn.

Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all at the Faith Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. My dear friends I have received the little paper, Faith and Victory, and believe it ought to be in many homes. I thank you for sending me the paper and I wish you would continue to send it and anything that will bring us men here nearer to God.

I am one that has been very low down in sin. This is three times I have been here. The old devil has kept me on the run for a good many years. He has smitten my life down to the ground and kept me in darkness as one dead. I was dead but did not know it. I am very, very sorry so many years are gone and nothing to show. I am 58 years old, but today I can say I am a happy man. I am looked down on for what I am here for, and for trying to be true and faithful to God and to those around me day by day. So many think when down, stay down, but they do not seem to know or care to know that God can raise them up and make new creatures out of them, and destroy the works of the devil in their hearts and lives. Many only look to get all they can out of this life, never thinking of the life Jesus wants to give them. May God open the eyes of all here to see how they stand before a loving Father and Savior.

Oh, dear ones, I am happy to say today that Jesus is my best Friend, my Savior, and all I long for. I hate my self and I look to Jesus for victory over myself day by day. God has promised the longing of my heart and He will bring it to pass. (Psa. 37: 4-5). Now dear loved ones will you please pray for me, I want the Spirit of Jesus to rule all my life so that glory and praise will go up to God. O bless His holy name, He is so good to me unworthy as I am.

—ALBERT LAMBERT.

Stoneboro, Pa.—To the publishers and readers of the paper, Faith and Victory: I have carefully read your little paper and find it all good food for the soul, and I hope and pray for its success in the salvation of many souls. The dear Lord showed me very clearly this winter, in a dream, the great lack of preaching and printing and testifying is a clean heart. I asked the Lord for the interpretation of the dream and the answer came, "They are not preaching it." I said, "What is it they are not preaching?" He said, "A clean heart."

I also had a dream of Sunday School out of doors and a huge Bible opened at the book of Deuteronomy. I said, "Where is the lesson?" A man answered, "The last chapter of Deuteronomy." I asked the Lord the meaning and He said, "Read the chapter." I then understood that present leaders were not allowed to lead the Church into the deep experience of sanctification.

I had also another dream of explaining and thus exposing the mystery of iniquity. I was receiving a message from heaven and was unable to receive it, only as an unseen hand helped, and said that this was to explain and expose the mystery of iniquity. This

hand pointed up into the heavens where I saw a horse's head and then a whole army of horsemen. The horses were red. I then saw a huge man lying across the heavens in full uniform of worldly soldiers with a sword by his side. Presently the man began to dis-joint and go to pieces, and I was informed this represents the anti-Christ church of today. May God help us to get out and keep out of the power of beast religion. There is no one that is clear and clean in heart but what will obey the voice of God: Come out of her My people. May the Lord add His blessings to this is my prayer.

—C. W. KOONCE.

Anadarko, Okla.—Dear Friends and Brothers at Faith Publishing House: The little paper you have sent to me (in my daughter's name) I enjoyed more than I can tell you. My daughter (Bonnie) passed out of this life June 24, 1922, age 19 years and 5 months. She was my baby. While she lay sick some one sent her some reading matter from your Publishing House, which was the first she would read of any Christian tracts and papers, and I believe they led her to fear God and pray. She was educated as far as was possible in a worldly way, and held her diplomas from business colleges, but she knew nothing of God's Word. She was in perfect health when she was stricken down, and she at once said God had laid His hand upon her for neglecting the things that were most important and going too far in sin. She lay suffering for six months, but thanks to my God and Savior she was happily converted two weeks before she died. I had her anointed and prayed for and all the fever left her, and we all thought she was healed. She said, "I am so happy," and raised her hands and shouted for two hours. Oh, I will never forget how bright and beautiful she looked and talked, but, alas, after twenty-four hours her fever returned and was 105 until she died. I sent for the people of God to come and pray for her again, but to no avail, for she said the healing she got was of the *soul*, and not the *body*.

Now I am left alone, and desire prayers that the Lord shall work by His hand in my affairs, and in a way that I may be near and with His people.

—MRS. CARRIE WILKERSON.

Des Moines, Ia.—Dear Brethren in the Lord: Greeting in His precious name and love that knits our hearts together in Him. Your letter has been gladly received. Truly, precious is the Lord to those who put their trust in Him. Yes, Brethren, we must live and labor, suffer and die for Him, spiritually in the heart whether literally or not. The cup may be bitter but the glory that is to be revealed hereafter is not to be compared with the present things. And so we have it: "And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto Him, Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Luke 9: 57-58). "And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, *let*

him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 9: 23; 14: 27). Oh, precious Lord, Thy will be done.

So let us faint not nor be weary in well doing. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh, surely. My prayers to God are continual in your behalf. Your Bro. in Him.

—GUY LITTLE.

Hazelton Iowa.—Dear friends in the Lord: Some two or three weeks ago I wrote you asking you to pray for the healing of my body, and I received an answer with your promise. I am so happy and thankful to be able to tell you that I feel that the Lord has heard and answered, for I can truly say I am much better, and I know my help cometh from the Lord.

I just received the little messenger, Faith and Victory, and I thank God for the great privilege of its encouraging words, for its healing balm. May the Lord bless you one and all and supply your every need, and encourage you to press on. My earnest prayer is that you may be able to continue the great work of spreading the gospel of Jesus to His glory. Praise God for His love to man, for surely we are unworthy creatures.

As I think I have told you before, there are very few here who are endeavoring to walk in the light, so I again ask your prayers that we may hold out faithful, for we have the promise if we endure to the end we shall be saved. I am praying for enduring grace over every opposition that my light may shine for Jesus. In holy love,

MRS. J. M. BUCKMAN.

Zadock, Ark.—Dear workers of Faith Publishing House: Greeting in the name of our dear Lord Jesus. This morning finds me happy in His love, and praising Him for having done so much for me. For I had wandered away from His fold not realizing that I was leaving His path of love and light until I discovered that I was in total darkness, not knowing whither to go. But when I turned back and began to call for help from our dear Redeemer I was cut to the heart to learn that I had gone so far from the path of righteousness. I humbled myself in my heart and on my knees and began to crawl back over the rough way over which I had stumbled, trembling with fear that I could not find my way back from whence I came. But as I called more earnestly and fervently He heard and answered my call and His beautiful light burst out on my sight again. I could see my way clearly. Now I am so thankful and happy in His love that I want every true child of God to pray for me, that I may shut my eyes to the world and its ways so that I can see and understand God's ways more perfectly, and that I may be satisfied and contented in His love, though all the world be against me. I am praying daily for Him to help me to be perfectly willing to do just what ever He wants me to do, and to suffer anything for His name.

So dear saints who happen to read these lines, please pray for me that I may be faithful.

—LISSIE WILLIAMSON.

JESUS THE SAME TODAY

"Jesus of Nazareth, a man *approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs* which God did by Him in the midst of you" (Acts 2: 22). God's approval of His faithful is manifested in His power given to those who pray the prayer of faith. We see by the above text that the miracles and wonders wrought by Jesus served as a seal of our Heavenly Father's approval of Christ's faithfulness, yet the blind preachers could not see this truth and accused Him of healing people's infirmities by the spirit of the devil. And today the same Pharisaical assertion is made by those formal Christians without faith and power, that those believing children of God who pray for the healing of the sick and the restoring of sight to the blind, perform miracles by the spirit of the devil. But the Scripture makes it plain that those miracles of healing are the manifestations of God's approval and should serve as a seal of our apostleship instead of an occasion for reproach and slander.

It was this charge against Jesus that "*He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth He out devils,*" that brought forth the declaration of our Lord, namely: "*He that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: Because they said He hath an unclean spirit*" (Mark 3: 22-30). To call the Holy Ghost an unclean spirit is *blasphemy against the Holy Ghost that is not pardonable*. Yet professed Christians of today are guilty of the same blasphemy when they attribute the healing power of the Spirit as being the work of the devil.

All ministers of Christ who anoint and lay hands on the sick, which are healed by the prayer of faith, are simply keeping the works of Jesus and thus revealing "*Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.*" No Christian should object to this, for the promise is "*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations*" (Rev. 2: 26). Surely it is very important that our Lord's faithful children *keep the works of Jesus* unto the end in the true old time completeness. The Beelzebub spirit is the opposition to our Lord's ever regenerating, baptizing and healing Spirit, which breaks down the iron bars of infidelity. All glory to Jesus Christ.

We never take one step ahead in Christian works and Christian experience in advance of our faith. It is impossible for one to "*keep the works*" of Jesus in our life without faith in all the spiritual gifts of Jesus as recorded in 1 Cor. 12: 1-12, for a

lack of faith is always a loss of spiritual power. The gift of healing the blind, the deaf and dumb, and those doomed souls which doctors cannot help is certainly the gift issuing from Jesus to His true disciples to pray the prayer of faith as recorded in James 5: 14, 15, and Mark 16: 17, 18. In humility let us seek to reveal the resurrected "Jesus the same yesterday, today and forever." —N. M. GOOD.

WHAT IS SELF?

It is the principle which governs us in our natural life, and which takes in our being the place God claims is His. It is self in a man which feels hurt and wounded when he does not get the credit he desires for that which he does; Christ in us gives all the credit to God. It is self in us which retaliates when we are unjustly treated; Christ in us when He is reviled, reviles not again.

It is the carnal mind, which "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8: 7), and which Jesus calls on us to deny. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself" (Matt. 16: 24). Self, like King Saul, is always head and shoulders taller than anybody else.

Self in us pities itself, thinks it has a right to be noticed and sympathized with, when in physical suffering. When it cannot get room in the omnibus, when the car conductor won't stop, when some one opens a window and makes a draft, or shuts a window and it can't breathe, self thinks it is to be pitied. Self loves to relate all these circumstances in order to excite and receive the compassion it craves. Christ in us sees the hand of God in all these things, believes they are all working together for our good, and praises God for a little test of faith or patience.

Self in us feels hurt if other people are being praised, their work for God related, and their zeal and love admired; self thinks it loses too much ground, and seeks to turn the conversation to its own zeal and devotion or that of its parents, brother, uncle, aunt, or twentieth cousin; so that the party spoken to shall feel that self has as much to boast of as anybody has. Christ in us is pained when anything is said about ourselves or our work, knowing that the Lord Himself does it all; but rejoices to hear that of others spoken of, and is glad of the grace of God in them.

Self is conscious of the impression it makes upon people in entering a room; Christ in us makes us unconscious of ourselves.

Self is always ready to exact its rights as regards honor, comfort, convenience, property, etc., and self has generally a somewhat magnified view of what its rights are. Christ in us has no rights but the will of God, and can, therefore, always and under all circumstances praise Him.

Saul is an apt type of this rival of God in our hearts and lives. Self may be changed as Saul was, may have "another heart," and be "turned into

another man;" but self is still self and not Christ. Self may be changed from sinful and worldly self to converted self, but the same self-seeking, self-esteem, self-pity, self-justification is there, only on another ground. Self may become sanctified(?) self, and the passion of life may be holiness; self may be the essence of consistency, and yet be self still and not Christ. There may be the greatest devotion, the greatest self-sacrifice, but it may be for the object of obtaining holiness in ourselves; for the satisfaction of being known as holy people; but this is self still. Christ seeks not His own glory, nor His own will, nor His own ideal, and speaks not His own words. Numbers of earnest Christians do not discern how much of self there is in their spirit, in their work, in their aspiration after, and in their experience of holiness.

As Saul was rejected, so is self, God cannot mix with self, and so self must die; but die by its own hand it cannot. If we attempt to mortify self, the very attempt strengthens it; it is only as self is handed over to God and ignored, that its death comes about. Self although condemned, may linger on, constantly manifesting itself in one form or other where it is least suspected.

But how am I to get rid of self? Hand it over to Jesus. He tells us to deny ourselves, but it is in favor of another self, even Jesus. He is our new, our everlasting life, our eternal self. Instead of me—Jesus. "Not I live, but Christ liveth in me." It is not I that pray, but the Holy Ghost prays in me. It is not I that conquer sin, but Christ in me does it all. —MRS. M. BAXTER.

WORLDLY CONFORMITY

The Bible plainly teaches us how we should dress to the glory of God.

The following are a few references on this subject: Gen. 35: 2-4; Exodus 33: 4-6; Isa. 3: 16-23; Rom. 12: 1, 2; 1 Tim. 2: 9; Jas. 1: 21-27; 1 Pet. 3: 3, 4.

"What does that gaudy ribbon and those ornaments upon your dress say to every one that meets you? It makes the impression that you wish to be thought pretty. TAKE CARE! You might just as well write on your clothes, 'No truth in religion.' It says, 'Give me dress, give me fashion, give me flattery and I am happy.' The world understands this testimony as you walk the streets. You are living epistles, 'known and read of all men.' Only let Christians act consistently, and heaven will rejoice and hell will groan at their influence. But, O, let them fill their ears with ornaments and their fingers with rings—let them put feathers in their hats, and clasps upon their arms, and heaven puts on a robe of mourning and hell holds jubilee."—FINNEY.

"Christian parents are bound to refrain from putting ornaments on the dress of their children as much as on their own clothing. Those who indulge their children in superfluous ornaments commit the double sin of doing wrong themselves and teaching their children to do what God has positively forbidden.

SOME EXCUSES FOR PRIDE ANSWERED

1. O, I desire to look like other people. 'Nothing superfluous should be worn simply because it is in fashion.' 'Be not conformed to this world.' 'If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him.'

2. Other professors of religion wear the same fashions. 'What is that to thee? Follow thou me.' 'Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.' Christians should *set*, not *follow*, the fashion.

3. Why, our minister says there is no harm in adorning the body. 'If any man preach any other gospel to you than that you have (already) received, let him be accursed.'

4. I love God and my heart is not set on these things. You may think so, but if all your ornaments were stripped off you would soon find the contrary. 'This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.' 'He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.'

5. One might as well be out of the world as out of the fashion. 'Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.' A dead bird has no use for feathers.

6. I can afford to wear these things. 'Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are God's.' 'So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.'

7. I never had the light. 'Thy word is a light unto my path.'

8. I do not believe it is wrong to dress as one pleases. 'If we believe not, He abideth faithful; He cannot deny Himself.' 'We ought not to please ourselves,—for even Christ pleased not Himself.'

9. Why, I never think of these little ornaments. 'Well, if you never think of them, why do you remember always to put them on?' 'If any man be in Christ, he is a *new* creature. old things are passed away; Behold, all things are become new.'

10. It makes no difference how you dress if your heart is right. You might as well say, 'It makes no difference how much you lie if your heart is right.'

11. The 'General Rules' of the Methodist church after stating a great variety of sins, including the putting on of gold and costly apparel, which the *candidate* is required to avoid, says: 'And all these things we know His Spirit writes on *truly awakened hearts*.' According to these 'General Rules' thousands in the Methodist churches today, who wear gold, jewelry, feathers, flowers, etc., including many who profess holiness, are not so much as *truly awakened*.

—SIMS.

 AN AWFUL SIN

Many souls would get saved and keep saved, were they encouraged, rather than hindered and discouraged.

Priests and pastors often prejudice those of their congregation against meetings where experimental

religion is taught and sought, and especially do they object to them seeking the same. In like manner do parents often hinder their children, and children their parents; husbands their wives, and wives their husbands. Relatives and neighbors often hinder each other. They stay away, yet believe every slanderous report, and never go to see and hear for themselves.

Friend, are you guilty of the above? Guilty of hindering an immortal soul in doing what God commanded them to do? "Repent and be converted." Guilty of robbing a soul of the highest gift God ever gave them—the right to choose?

Think of it! Guilty of keeping a soul out of heaven! If you are, an awful curse is resting upon you. "It would be better for you that a millstone were hanged about your neck, and you cast into the sea, than that you should offend (hinder) one of these" (Luke 17: 2). You certainly will have an awful hell in that you not only refuse to obey God yourself, but also hinder others. You may say, "I do not oppose others." Very well, but do you encourage them by word and example? If not, your influence hinders them. You are bound to exert an influence over some one, either for good or evil, that will help to land their souls in heaven or hell. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14: 7). The responsibility of life is upon you. Your influence will be felt by some soul all through eternity. "Except ye repent and be converted," you will not only lift up your own "eyes in hell," but you will find those there that will add to your torment for helping to damn their souls.

Consider this! God will hold you accountable for every word and action that would tend to hinder or discourage another. When you tantalize, persecute or ridicule God's humble followers, you are doing it to God. When you mock and scorn at them, you are mocking at God. "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6: 7). "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (or sisters) ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25: 40). —SEL.

 MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

Jesus taught and admonished His disciples to take heed lest they be deceived, and when wars and commotions come not to be terrified. Also He says, "Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18: 8). It is the purpose of Jesus, dear souls, in all His teachings and leadings, to bring many sons and daughters up through great tribulation, wash us white in His holy blood, and bring us unto glory, that where He is we may be also. He spoke to the beloved John when He permitted him to be banished to Patmos of the "*hour of temptation* which shall come upon all the world, to *try* them that dwell upon the earth." Most anything of use in this temporal life is tested as to

its quality and fitness before it is put into the service for which it was made.

Now souls that have their life and self-sufficiency dead and hid with Christ in God, are likened to earthen vessels, that all sufficiency may be of Christ and not of themselves. Yet, if needful, while abundantly rejoicing in the Lord for the lively hope He has begotten us unto of an inheritance undefiled and eternal in heaven, God permits Satan to visit us with an hour of temptation, it shall work for those exercised patiently therein a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. The need that the Lord sees, that causes Him to permit such seasons of fiery trial, is the removing of dross and the purging away of those things that are hindering the bearing of more fruit unto God. Peter pointed the strangers and pilgrims to Jesus, by whose power they were kept, and to the value of "*the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire.*" (1 Peter 1: 7).

Dear souls that have beheld the Lamb of God, have seen and partaken of His sacrifice for your sins, and He has translated you out of the kingdom and bondage of Satan into His glorious kingdom, you are graciously exhorted, when tempted and reproached for the name of Christ, to "think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are *partakers of Christ's sufferings*; that when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." It is the purpose of Jesus who is raised from the dead and ascended to the right hand of the Father, and who has made you free from the body of sin and death, that your heart and affections be upon Him and your treasures above, and thus He draws you away from the vanities of earth. But notice also another exhortation to the purpose of the "*God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you*" (1 Pet. 5: 10).

True humility is brought about in a great measure by the fiery trials and tests of faith. Jesus, our dear Savior, was seemingly forsaken of the Father and delivered into the hands of His cruel-hearted crucifiers;—but the counsel and will of God had ordained this suffering and sacrifice for every man's sins. See Him in His humility, His judgment being taken away, and He was given vinegar and gall to drink, for He realized and said, "But this is *your hour, and the power of darkness.*" Job said in the midst of his fiery trial: "For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof *drinketh up*

my spirit." Oh souls, who may be in a season of trial, purging, humiliation or temptation inasmuch that your "*judgment is taken away,*" and which "*drinketh up thy spirit,*" draw nearer and nearer the bleeding side of Jesus, our Hope of Glory, and receive the benefits from the sufferings; for there hath no temptation befallen you but what is common to all, and there is a way of escape, and that way is made by Jesus. So steadfastly, and directly, look unto Him the author and finished of our faith, and ye shall endure as seeing Him who is invisible. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

THE LORD'S DEALINGS WITH THE CONVICT, DANIEL MANN

[*The following is taken from a booklet of the above title by PAUL J. LOIZEAUX, which is his personal experience. The convict, Daniel Mann, was sentenced to be hanged within a few weeks when found by this servant of the Lord. He had killed a guard who had also just recently been saved. BRO. LOIZEAUX continued to visit this converted convict until his execution, and, at his request, spent the night prior to his death with him in his cell. This incident took place in the Penitentiary at KINGSTON, CANADA.*]

The first time I visited him was on Friday, Nov. 18th. He appeared very cheerful, but his ways soon convinced me he was doing all in his power to excite himself into happy feelings to drown the thought of his impending execution.

Upon testing him a little as to the *ground* of the hope he expressed concerning the life to come, I soon found it to be his repentance, his comparative freedom from evil desires, his love to God, etc. He thought surely he had made his peace with God since he had so many good things to show.

His *lips* talked about Jesus and His love very nicely. He repeated some of God's precious promises, but evidently his heart was so intensely occupied with self that he could grasp no meaning in those promises.

His earnest face, however, and the thoughtful attention he paid to what I said to him, attracted me at once. I remembered how, four years before, I was in the same state—occupied with my humility, my repentance, my faith, my love—and while putting on a cheerful face, to make myself believe that happiness which I had often heard a man at peace with God, what bitterness lay in the depth of my soul! I remember when, at the climax of misery, some one me to Rom. 3, how it had opened heaven unutterable deliverance it brought me; and to have him get in the same place.

I told him nothing *he* could do could save him—neither his repentance, nor his love, nor looking to the work of the Spirit in him, could give him peace with God. “You are lost,” I said; “you are dead in trespasses and sins—*condemned already*—and you might as well think that weeping and promising to do better could put away the sentence pronounced against you the other day, as to think your repentance, or your promises, or any thing from *you*, can remove the curse of God’s eternal law which now hangs over you, as well as over every soul of man who is not saved.

I told him the only thing that could meet a “lost” man’s need was salvation. A “dead” man needed life, and a “condemned” man needed mercy.

I declared to him that he was grievously mistaken if he thought he had made *his* peace with God. *He* could never do that. “What, then, must I do?” he said, in a half-bewildered way. “Read there,” I said, and my finger pointed to Col. 1: 20, “*And having made peace through the blood of His cross...*” I pointed again to Gal. 3: 13, and said, “Read again here,” “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.”

I then besought him to read, thoughtfully and prayerfully, Rom. 3, 4 and 5; and commending him to the Lord, who alone, I knew, could open his blinded eyes, I left him in his lonely cell.

I did not call again until the following Tuesday, November 22nd. The turnkey at the entrance-door told me that one of the criminals was anxious to see me. Without asking which of the two, I called first on the one occupying the cell nearest the entrance-door, but found him much as before—more occupied with the actual consequences of his crime than with his lost condition before God—ready enough to pray and engage in devotional exercises, but completely blind as to what salvation is.

I left him, much downcast in my spirit, and full of that dejection which often makes one weary, when, after having set forth a *finished salvation* before a poor sinner, he answers you, “*I will try to do better;*” and I had well-nigh forgotten the turnkey’s announcement, when, Daniel Mann’s cell being opened to me, I was soon reminded of it. Scarcely had I taken my seat on the wooden bench beside him when he said to me, “I longed to see you.”

“What for?” said I.

“Since daylight this morning,” said he, “I have not been able to *pray*; I can only find time and room for *praise*.”

“How is that?” said I. “What makes you so happy?”

“You remember,” said he, “your visit to me last Friday, and the three chapters you told me to read in Romans? Well, after pondering a good deal on what you told me, and which sounded so differently from anything I had ever heard, I read them over and over again, but I got more and more miserable. All day Sunday was dark and gloomy, and yesterday too. I felt as if I must surely perish. Last night, I could not close my eyes a single moment, but I lay on my couch in misery—oh, what misery! Suddenly, while in my despair, my mind was arrested by a part of Rom. 5—these verses: ‘For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.’ Oh, dear, *dear* sir, need I tell you the effect? I jumped to my feet. I praised God outright. I felt like a man who is already in heaven. I saw why Jesus was on the cross, crying out, ‘My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?’ I understood what is meant by ‘It is finished.’ I saw God’s love to me, and I praised, and praised, and praised again. I saw my salvation was not out of anything from me, but out of Christ’s finished work; so I cried out, ‘Oh, glorious thing!’ I am as sure of my salvation now as I am sure Christ’s work is finished; yea, *was* finished over eighteen hundred years ago. I have it, I have it, for I *believe!*”

As he spoke, his earnest face, wet with tears, looked to me like the face of an angel. Tears rolled down my face too. I took him in my arms, and could but exclaim, “My brother, my dearest brother, we shall sing together throughout eternity the value of the blood of Jesus.”

Again he said, “How blind I have been! I never saw till this morning! Till then, my eyes were altogether turned *inward*—looking within to see something that God could be pleased with; but since early this morning, my eyes are turned *outward*—to that which has been done for me. Till this morning I always thought, what I had heard many say, that ‘Christ had done His part, and we must do ours’ to be saved. What my part was, however, I never could get anyone to tell me with certainty, and still less could my own heart tell. I had the Bible, but I did not know where to begin. I was told I must repent; and earnestly and prayerfully I went at it, but never had the certainty I had fully satisfied God. I was told by many to be very earnest in prayer; and I agonized with God until I could but cry out, ‘Lord, if I *must* go to hell, I will go there praying.’ I tried every way, but there was no light. Sometimes I tried

to make myself believe I was harder to please than God, and comforted myself with the thought that, when I got there, I should find Him much less severe than I thought; but, after all, all was darkness, and it seemed as if hell in the life to come could not be much worse than this life in such a state. Before, all was darkness, and I preferred hanging to being sent back to the Penitentiary; but, this morning, as I saw my salvation all *finished*—yes, finished by the *Lord Jesus*—as I saw I was justified freely by God's grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, an indescribable peace took hold of me—all was bright. I saw at once I now had the key to the Scriptures—the key of heaven itself. The face of God was now visible to me. I could see Him smiling on me, and I shouted to the top of my voice, "This is the true light that comes from heaven!"

"Ah! talk to me now about *my doing my part*, and I can answer, I have been doing that since I was born, and here is the sad end of it!"

Here I felt the pang which crossed his bosom, and I said, "Yes, you have faithfully finished the work the devil gave you to do; but hear the word in Jno. 17: 4,—'I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do.' Who said that? What work was that which the Father gave Him to do, and which He, in anticipation, says He has finished?"

The pang was gone. His dear face beamed again. The word "finished" was enough to soothe all his sorrows now. It made him laugh with delight every time it was pronounced. We knelt, and praised God together for a long time, and I left that the happiest of all places on earth—a converted criminal's cell.

WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Do you believe? "He that believeth is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (St. John 3: 13-19).

"If any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." So, if you once loved the dance hall, the picture show, the card game, the pool hall, the swimming pool and all the things that are worldly, and are really saved, are really born again, you

will be a new creature. You will care no more for the former things, amusements that are of the world, money, houses, lands, clothes and styles, and jewelry, but you will look for a city whose builder and ruler is God,—a city eternal in the Heavens. You will set your affections on things above. You will not be conformed to the things of this world, but you will be transformed by the renewing of your mind; you will put off concerning your former conversation (Satan) the old man. For God said, "Be ye holy in *all manner* of conversation" (1 Peter 1: 15).

Jesus is coming soon, prepare to meet thy God! You have no lease on life. God is allowing you to live in order that you might be saved. Jesus paid the price when He laid down His life on the cross. Jesus bore the sins of the whole world in His own body on the tree. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Except ye repent of your sins and believe the gospel, ye shall all likewise perish.

Do you now believe? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of this world? and that without the shedding of the blood of Jesus there was, and is, no remission of sin? Are you not glad Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever? Yes, Jesus is just the same today. He performs miracles today. Is it not a miracle when Jesus saves a soul from sin? Jesus heals bodies too. Has He not declared by His stripes ye are healed? "I am the Lord that *healeth* thee." I *know Jesus heals*. He has healed me of many things, and is my physician. I have seen many people healed of many diseases by my Savior. Praise the Lord.

The Bible *does not say* "If any are sick, call a doctor. He will give you some pills or operate on you and you shall be healed." But my Bible does the hidden man was clothed with are: righteousness, holiness, meekness, purity, faith, obedience and the Holy Ghost. Psalm 132: 9 says, "Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;" also verse 16 says, "I will clothe her priests with salvation." Isaiah 61: 10, speaking by the Spirit of Jesus, said, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for He hath clothed me with the GARMENTS OF SALVATION, he hath covered me with the robe of RIGHTEOUSNESS." Consider Him also as revealed to John in Rev. 19: 13: "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called the Word of God."

not need the help of man. Can you trust God? Will you BELIEVE God? Will you OBEY God?

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

—MRS. W. E. NICOLL.