

# Faith and Victory

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

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

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## FAITH IS THE VICTORY

*Encamped along the hills of light,  
Ye Christian soldiers rise,  
And press the battle ere the night  
Shall veil the glowing skies;  
Against the foe in vales below,  
Let all our strength be hurled;  
Faith is the victory, we know,  
That overcomes the world.*

*His banner over us is love,  
Our sword, the Word of God;  
We tread the road the saints above,  
With shouts of triumph trod;  
By faith, they, like a whirlwind's breath,  
Swept on o'er every field;  
The faith by which they conquered death,  
Is still our shining shield.*

*On every hand the foe we find  
Drawn up in dread array;  
Let tents of ease be left behind,  
And onward to the fray;  
Salvation's helmet on each head,  
With truth all girt about,  
The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread,  
And echo with our shout.*

*To him that overcomes the foe,  
White raiment shall be given;  
Before the angels he shall know  
His name confessed in heaven;  
Then onward from the hills of light,  
Our hearts with love aflame,  
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night,  
In Jesus' conquering name.*

—SEL. BY SISTER MADEL WHITE.

## YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH

BY J. D. LLEWELLYN  
PART FOUR.

Our beloved Lord Jesus Christ proved by life, death and resurrection that this wonderful attribute of God the Father, *The Truth*, though crushed to the ground, will rise again. The eternal years of God are hers, but error wounded writhes in pain and dies

amid the worshipers. Seek where we will, it's ever divine. Wherever it grows it's a Lily in a Valley. Sydney Smith said, “Truth is the handmaid of justice; freedom is its child; peace its companion; safety walks in its steps; victory follows in its train; it is the brightest emanation from the Gospel; it is the attribute of God.” Let us keep one thing in view forever: *The Truth*; and if we do this, though it may seem to lead away from the opinions of men, it will assuredly conduct us to the throne of God. If the world even goes against the truth, then let us go against the world.

Jesus did not simply speak the truth, He was *Truth*, truth through Himself; for truth is a thing not in words but of life and being. We must live the truth, then we will know it. Counterfeits are full of error and do more mischief than does truth for good. Truth has faced all errors of all ages, and has proved an overcomer to stand on golden lines of eternal glory. History of truth heroism would fail to find sufficient space to record the full account of its warfare in noble characters. Many characters of truth have been, though, pressed down in deep waters, but the more such characters are violently thrown down, the higher they rise again. Praises unto our Mighty God.

Dear beloved child of God, let your heart be fixed upon Jesus, *the Truth*. As a hero of the Truth firmly stand to the end. As Jesus was hammered to the cross you also some day will meet such deep spiritual experience. You will go through bitter agonies, spiritual Gethsemane. The shadow of death will cast its wing over you. All heaven and earth will look as though they have forsaken you, and cause your soul to cry out, “My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken me?” Though the God of love may suffer such an almost unbearable test to come, yet soon He will come and help you, and that right early. Every hero of Truth who bears the test will break forth through the power of the resurrection of the blessed Redeemer, and break every binding bond like the Lion of Judea and sing, as the Psalmist, “He brought me out of an horrible pit; raised me up from the miry clay; set my feet upon the Rock; established my goings; put

a new song in my mouth: songs of praise unto our God."

Through the spirit of Truth every loyal character of Truth shall witness every evil deed uncovered; if not in this life, they shall shamelessly and fearlessly stand in the judgment and pass through unto the eternal joy of the Lord, and there shall understand and know all things, and realize that the Truth was the greatest friend in time and eternity. The Truth, the whole Truth only, can give the grand blessing: *freedom*. "The Truth shall make you free" (John 8: 32). The Truth forever shall stand as it has stood the tests of the past. May every true, loyal one who walks in the way of Truth be of good courage, for God's Truth shall be thy shield and buckler (Psa. 91: 4). Hold fast; press on, and store carefully in your hearts the precious promises of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. "Blessed are ye when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil for the Son of man's sake. \* \* \* Woe unto you when all men speak well of you" (Luke 6: 22, 26).

Let us consider Peter's precious words in 1 Peter 4: 1, "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise *with the same mind*." Concerning your tests and trials: "Beloved, 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" (Verses 12-13). To suffer with Christ Jesus *now* in the kingdom of patience is a *great honor* and marvelous privilege. "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ (the Truth), happy are ye, for the spirit of glory (yes, glory of the Divine Truth) resteth upon you" (Verse 14). John, the beloved, on Patmos saw a vision, saw such a multitude that could not be numbered and said, "What are these?" The answer was, "These are they that have come out of great tribulation with their robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7: 13-14). So praise our Almighty God that all the white washed holy saints have prevailed, and will prevail, and can firmly stand on the Rock of God's eternal Truth; bear all things for the Truth, and bravely, through the blood of Jesus, testify to all the world that Christ Jesus, who is King of kings and Lord of lords, that *HE* is *Truth*,—full of Grace and Truth.

May the advance be into deeper experience and greater knowledge for the real Truth, which is only

in the depths of God's sea of eternal Love, there are the precious secrets of eternal Truth. "If any man will do the will of the Father, he shall know the doctrine," which is Truth. There are various claims for the Truth and different opinions concerning the Truth which wildly rush on. Real Truth will not rush. Joseph Parker said, "Falsehood is in a hurry; it may be at any moment detected and punished. Truth is calm, serene; its judgment is on high; its King cometh out of the chambers of eternity." Yes the way of Truth is firmly and steadily traveling the lowly, simple path of self-sacrifice.

Thousands of noble Christians have passed through to glory, leaving their testimony for the Truth, even sealing them with their own life's blood by suffering martyrdom of all descriptions: the horrible scourging, the taring, gylatines, the burning stake, the gloomy catacombs, and the bloody sands of Arena. These who loved not their lives unto death passed away, with the spirit of the glory of God resting upon them. Beloved, evil days are upon us. Many turn away their ears from the Truth (2 Tim. 4: 4); resisting the Truth, "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth (2 Tim. 3: 7, 8). Because they received not the love of the Truth, for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they might believe a lie, that they might be damned who believed not the Truth (2 Thess. 2: 10-12). Many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the *way of Truth* shall be evil spoken of (2 Peter 2: 2). Let us pray that all brave warriors of the Truth may be steadfast and endure hardness as good soldiers, and fight on in the good fight of faith. The conflict will soon be over and victory will be their joy and a crown of righteousness the reward.

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## THE CHURCH

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"Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved?" (Solomon's Song 8: 5). Here we behold two persons journeying along life's pathway, one leaning on the strong arm of the other. They have left the same place and are on a journey to the same destination. There is something peculiar about them that interests those who see them. Who is this that walks so agreeably and leans so confidently on him whom she loves? They are coming up from the wilderness and are on the way to the Father's house, their eternal home. It is the true Church showing her full devotion and companionship to her Beloved, Jesus Christ. He the Bridegroom, she the Bride. She is delighted in his company and leans on

Him for support. He found her a slave in bondage, lost from her Father's home, suffering for want of food and raiment. She had no hope for the future.

The Son left the Father's house and went down into the wilderness in search for the lost one. He finally found her in a miserable, destitute condition, in a barren dry wilderness dark and dreary. He had with Him light and life and offered them as a gift if she only would accept Him. She did so and her eyes were opened, new life throbbed in her heart as she met Him who showed such love and sympathy. She realized that spiritual life must have nourishment to feed on and a suitable robe to wear. He brought all this and everything else that was needed for her use and comfort on the journey. She will cling to Him who found her and redeemed her from that unhappy condition. She will ever be true to Him, contented by His side, with full confidence in His guidance to Father's House.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHURCH BUILDING

There is only one spiritual Church and it is not a profession that makes us members, but the new birth. The church must be built within the consciousness of the individual. This structure must be based upon the understanding of divine principle. It must be the manifestation of Truth. This Church must heal but only as the individual member loves and lives the Truth can he heal, and only as he heals can he build. The member's duty is, therefore, to watch his thinking, never forgetting that each thought should be constructive, for every right thought is a building-stone in the church triumphant. It is a glorious experience in individual growth as each member grasps the opportunity of demonstrating, with power the Church built without hands, "eternal in the heavens."

—IDA NORMAN.

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#### GOD OF ALL COMFORT

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"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort" (2 Cor. 1:3). Would there be any comfort for the human race if God could be subtracted from His dwelling place? No, there would be none, I am sure, if such could be possible. How thankful and worshipful should we be then unto God, seeing that all of our comfort comes from Him. While the high critics, so called, are trying to prove the Bible is not the Word of God to man, it behooves us to believe every word of it, and prove it to be so in our heart and life. While some are trying to believe there is no hell, yet they are carrying in their hearts enough wickedness to make a hell large enough to torment

them throughout eternity, if they die in that condition. A dream I had one night before I was saved, in which I was made to die in sin, and the thought of being past the mercy of God and lost forever, was more hell for a few minutes than I ever want to be in again. Sir Francis Newton, the noted English infidel, on his death bed said, (when his infidel friends said, "Oh, there is no hell.") "Don't tell me there is no hell, for the fires of hell are already kindled in my bosom. Oh, the insufferable pangs of an eternal hell," and then died. Why do people carry such torture in their hearts? Because they insist to disbelieve God's Word to man, and His offered mercy and love manifested on Calvary.

Yes, He is the Father of mercy as well as the God of all comfort. Why are the professed sons and daughters of the Father of mercy so perplexed and troubled when in sickness, afflictions, trials and temptations? Is it not because they do not have faith in God, that He will fulfill the promises written in the Bible, His Word? God manifested in Christ is all that the human race dare need. In Christ we have a Savior from all sin, a sanctifier because He shed His blood for that purpose. "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). Let us go forth therefore unto Him. He is our healer and physician. "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings" (Mal. 4:2). He is a God of peace. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (1 Thess. 5:23). Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you, my peace I leave with you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27). How does the world give peace? The world gives peace when there is no war, and when there is no occasion to fight. The world gives peace when all is going well and smooth. The world gives peace of very short periods. Jesus gives peace in time of war; peace in sickness and affliction; peace in time of danger or death; peace in time of sore trials and dire poverty; peace that passeth all understanding. Praise God for peace and rest. Jesus said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." Rest from all sin, condemnation and fear, eternal rest. Now the *God of peace*, the *God of patience*, the *God of hope*, the *God of love*, the *most high God*, the *eternal God*, the *everlasting God*, (and to some people the *UNKNOWN God*), the *God of heaven*, *Holy God*, the *God of hosts* is His name, the *God of Israel*, the *living God*, the *Lord God*, the *mighty God*, *your God*, *my God*, *our God*, and the "*God of all comfort, Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them WHICH ARE IN ANY TROUBLE, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God*" (2 Cor. 1:4); may HE be your all in all.

—IRVIN H. WHITEHOUSE.

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"As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted \* \* \* (Isa. 66:13).

## FAITH AND VICTORY

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

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By the grace and blessings of the Lord we are making this issue of Faith and Victory sixteen pages. This does not mean that the next issue will be sixteen pages; yet it may be, and will be if the Lord supplies good manuscript and sufficient means as at this time.

In this issue we will give room for a "Little Folks' Page," praying that God will make it a blessing to every child that reads the Faith and Victory. This has been decided upon after much prayer and consideration, having received requests from a number of children's parents. We are glad to give the little folks a space for their own.

Many names are coming in for Faith and Victory; also good encouraging letters from those who have been set free by the Lamb of God that was led to the slaughter and opened not His mouth, that was made a sacrifice for our sins. God will reward those who are co-operating with us in getting out the clear, pure gospel to the people.

We are printing and sending out tracts with fifty different titles, bearing on gospel truth and they are called for inasmuch that they are going in a steady stream to all parts of the country, and many precious souls are getting light and being helped, blessed and fed.

These tracts are sent free, and will be sent free as long as God in mercy makes us able to print them. And those who want extra copies of papers, and desire tracts, send us your order. We shall be pleased to serve you as God makes us able.

We cannot find words to express the love that fills our souls toward our heavenly Father, for His great kindness and tremendous love and care in guiding and helping us in the publishing work. Truly He has proved His promise true, "that He would make all grace abound."

The ministers who are cutting and slashing without getting wisdom and having mercy are bringing upon themselves chastisements from the Lord, and if persisted in will be digging their own graves. Likewise also are they who are compromising with the world, prophesying smooth, easy things to be popular and well supported.

There is an even place to stand steadfast with God. There is such a thing as having an individuality with God that the devil nor cunning, crafty working men cannot overthrow.

In the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians and the twenty-seventh verse, we find this scripture written, "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular." And we know that when one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. Christ, being the head of the body, is touched and suffers when one of His redeemed ones is being persecuted, and it behooves us to be careful lest we offend or injure one that is under the blood, and is a member of Christ's body, and thereby loose favor with Christ, and it then become necessary for Him to chasten us for our learning and obedience.

Paul, who had imprisoned and beat those that believed on the Lord (Acts 22: 19), was informed of this fact when he was struck down on his way to Damascus, for he heard a voice saying unto him, "Saul, Saul! Why persecutest thou me?" And he answered, "Who art thou, Lord?" And He said unto him, "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest."

Let us who are the members of the body of Christ, love one another as dear children, and fear and tremble before we speak or act, lest we persecute Christ, who is our life and strength, for a house divided against itself cannot stand.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law"* (Gal. 5: 22). There is no law in Christ, or outside of Christ, that can keep us from bearing the fruits of the Spirit. For if we are thrown in jail for the word of our testimony it will afford a good opportunity to bear the fruits of love and kindness toward those who were responsible for this state. Likewise, if the children are cross and never seem to do right, this will afford a good opportunity to bear the fruits of longsuffering and patience. And when you are thrown among false brethren, this will have a tendency to quicken your discernment, and give opportunity to bear the fruits of meekness, humility and longsuffering.

Those who think that by giving time and talent in gospel work they are paying the debt that we owed God, are thinking wrong, for Christ has paid the debt while bleeding on Calvary's cross. We are His purchased possession (Eph. 1: 14) and as we yield unto Him as one being married to Christ, we cease from our own labors and just let Him work in and through us at His good pleasure, that we might bring forth fruit unto God who has loved us so much.

Your good works will not take you to heaven; but by entering into the way through the blood you will become zealous of good works. For it is written that, "He gave Himself for us, that He might r -

deem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2: 14).

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 James says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love Him." Oh, precious thought! Wonderful words of love and cheer!

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 "What men say or think about us will add nothing to, nor take nothing from, our standing with God."

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 A service of yieldedness to Christ through love for God is the only service that is acceptable to God.

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 How true is the Scripture that states, "My ways are not your ways, neither are my thoughts your thoughts." And how encouraging is the Scripture that reads, "But he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

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 A man without a forgiving spirit is a man without Christ.

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 We consider a gospel paper like we do a minister. Some say that when there are so many papers they do not know which one to support. Our way would be to support the one that was clear and plain with the truth, and was feeding and encouraging your soul. And when a paper became unclean and was lowering the standard, or was not definite concerning truth, quit supporting them just as you would a compromising preacher.

In the ninth chapter of First Corinthians and eleventh verse, Paul teaches us some on giving. Read from the eighth verse down to the nineteenth verse and the Lord give thee understanding.

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 We have been refreshed by a visit of a few days by Bro. and Sister J. D. Llewellyn. They are traveling around in their new "Faith Gospel Car" preaching the "Old-time Gospel" of the cross of Christ, the gospel that is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

These dear ones are firm against all manner of compromise, and they have no relish for easy, smooth preaching that tickles the ear and relieves of conviction. Let the real true saints pray much for them and write them encouraging letters if the Lord leads, that their arms may be held up while the battle is raging.

At this writing they are engaged in meeting at Hennessey, Okla. Pray for them and the meeting. we shall be glad to forward mail to them.

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 Wanted: Names and addresses of Christians who will agree to pray for a revival of love, unity, and power in Springfield, Ohio. R. F. Lamm, 1821 W. Pleasant St., Springfield, O.

PRAYER REQUEST

I want to request prayer for Bro. and Sister Busch of Branson, Colorado. Their little boy has T. B. of the bone in his leg. He has been afflicted for several months. Bro. Busch and wife have been trusting God for their healing for 19 years. They have great persecutions over their faith in God. The authorities have taken their little boy away from them to a hospital at Denver, and also arrested Bro. Busch for refusing medical aid. His trial is set for June 12th. Brethren, let us all as one body take this to heart just the same as if our own boy and get under the burden for the loved ones, and set apart June 11th and 12th to fast and pray for God to have His way in this case insomuch that He will liberate this Bro. and also restore his boy to him. Brethren don't stop at praying once, but pray much.

Your Bro. —R. JOHNSON.  
 Twitty, Tex.

CORRESPONDENCE

East McKeesport, Pa.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are so glad today to tell you that we are saved and kept with real sweet peace and victory in our souls. Oh, how we do thank our dear Jesus for coming into our hearts, there to sup with us and we with Him. His great grace has come into our lives and made us overcomers in this dark world, so that we can so live before sinners that they may see that we are not conformed to the world but transformed by the life of Jesus coming within and bearing fruits of the Spirit.

We are thankful to receive the little paper, Faith and Victory which we enjoy so much the precious Bible truth we find therein. Our prayer is that God will bless you in the work, for He says He will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly. And if we ask anything in His name in faith believing it shall be done. The Lord has so graciously manifested His goodness to husband and me. He healed husband of a very bad cold this winter and has also healed him of piles. I had some warts on my two middle fingers and the dear Lord has taken them away. I also scalded my fingers till there were large blisters raised on them. We prayed and trustd the Lord and He healed them. Oh He is all in all to us. We want to be more like Him and our lives to be useful in His service. We ask your prayers that we may ever prove true, and keep in the pathway of the just.

—BRO. AND SISTER JAMES DOUGLAS.  
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Shamrock, Texas.—The best news we can send you is that we are still saved and sanctified and satisfied with the good old Bible way. We are encouraged to live for the Lord who has done so much for us. It pays to live for Jesus. The way grows brighter day by day. We do love the precious Word of God, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. Oh, "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word;" just to lean upon

His promise and to know that He is nigh. We have truly found this to be so. The good Lord has certainly been good to us for which we praise Him. We can never do enough for our blessed Lord who has done so much for us.

We get so much encouragement by reading the little paper. We have meeting here twice a month. Please be agreed with us that God save some precious souls and raise up a church in this place. Also pray for wife's eyes. She had the measles and caused her eyes to be very weak. They trouble her much. Our trust is in the Lord and we know He can heal them.

—BRO. AND SISTER AUDNEY DAVIS.

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Wellsville, O.—Dear Sister in Christ, and all the dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' precious name, which is above every name. The dear Lord in answer to prayer performed a marvel in our home today. Our little Eloise is well, not a symptom of a bealed head nor asthma is seen in her body. All honor, praise and glory be to His lovely name. We knew it would be done when we asked for agreement. Oh, it pays to serve Jesus. I am so glad that I chose this narrow way.

I am glad to know you are all encouraged to press on in the noble work for God. May He overshadow you with His love and supply your every need. I truly think Faith and Victory is getting better each time. Souls are in much need of the pure gospel; saints need good nourishing spiritual food and truth; sinners need the plain, straight gospel from hearts of love that the Truth will awaken them unto godly sorrow and repentance. Oh, how sad that dear souls will hold to this perishable world and be lost. Be faithful and true, dear ones, and the Lord will uphold you.

I am so glad and thankful that the Lord has provided a gospel car for Bro. and Sister Llewellyn. May He bless them and make them a blessing in the calling wherein He has placed them.

May God bless you each and every one is our prayer. With much holy love.

—SISTER ALLIE ANDREWS.

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Apache, Okla.—Dear ones at Faith Pub. House and all the dear saints scattered abroad, greetings. How precious is the name of Jesus to me, when I think of what He suffered for us that He might redeem us and hath seen fit to purchase our freedom with His own blood. Oh, may we ever lift Him up before this sinful world that they may see and know that He is ever the same. My heart is made to rejoice when I read Faith and Victory for I know the Lord ever gives victory to those that really love and serve Him. Bro. J. L. Pike's testimony did me much good. To be sure, they are all good, but when I read one where they have been living for God so long, how it makes my heart rejoice. How precious are the dear aged true saints everywhere who have stood the storms and tests and kept the faith and love of God in their souls. May the Lord send more faithful laborers into His white harvest who will be of and have that persuasion that nothing shall separate them from the love of God and

souls. May He continue to send forth each one that is worthy.

Oh, the dear Lord is very precious to me. He is a Friend in every time of need, and when I get sick He heals me. Just last night He relieved me of sick headache, praise His dear name. He has promised victory over all opposing powers of Satan. It is worth so much in this world to have a real Friend that knows each pain and heartache, and is ever ready to comfort us when we humble as a little child before Him. We know the time is drawing near that we will all be called to meet our God, and who shall be able in that day to stand and face their Savior? A happy day it will be for those that have stood firm, that have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

I, too, pray God to send Faith Gospel Car our way if it is His will. I am sure He knows just where to send his little ones, and just where each servant can be most used for His glory. May the Lord continue to guide these dear ones and each one that is serving Him.

—SISTER OMA DOBBS.

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Russellville, Ark.—Greetings in Jesus' precious name: How I praise God for His goodness to me! Sweet Jesus! Sweet Jesus!—I feel like exclaiming with the sister we went to see this afternoon. We had not been in a meeting for sometime so mother and I drove out to see a dear sister in Christ. We had a little meeting and became very happy in the Lord. I felt so happy. I almost wished that not another thing would come between my being happy with the Lord—not another thing to try or bother me, or any of us. But "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." May the dear Lord help us to glory in tribulation.

This life in Christ to me is the highest way to live—yet how lowly! Even despised by the poor and base sometimes,—not to mention the rich of the world. Yet, we become poor for Christ's sake. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8: 9). "As poor, yet making many rich." But there are a few, some among the rich too, who are not satisfied with deception,—not satisfied short of the *Truth* as it is in Christ Jesus. Praise His dear name! And for these few, we pray God through Christ Jesus to send deliverance for soul and body, that they may be ready at His appearing.

May He encourage all of the discouraged is my prayer. We are indeed living in perilous times, I repeat with you, dear sister. So sad to see so many (many that have never been truly converted, therefore haven't even sweet days to look back to as those that are saved) without Christ in their lives. And we believe that heaven is better than the foretaste. And then to think of the awful punishment awaiting the ungodly, and those that obey not the gospel. How awful it will be not to be ready! How people would be preparing if they really believed what Jesus said about hell fire.

How I thank God for calling me from serving this world to worship Him, the fairest of ten thousand. The once "big things" now look small beside Him. Oh, I cannot tell how little they look in the light of truth. The biggest things in the world are little! Do pray for me that I grow stronger and stronger in Him. I want to know more, and see more of the riches of the Kingdom, and I want more applied (or lived) in my life, that I may be a help and not a hindrance to the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom. I have enjoyed reading the papers. Really tonight I feel I have many things to enjoy. With His great promises (His Word is Truth) I do not wish to mention the troublesome things. Praise His dear name! I know your prayers have lifted me—someone's have. I feel grateful for this. May the dear Lord bless each of you, and I pray that many souls be saved.

Yours in Christ. — GRACE A. THRELKELD.

Homestead, Okla.—I praise God today that I am saved from all my sins and am stripped from the world and the world from me. We find many good people on our way that have an open heart and door for us. Again we find some that claim even more than these, but will not even give a pleasant look. Oh, where is the love of God? In many it has waxed cold. I see it more today than ever before to have a burning love towards the saints. I praise God that He has a few saints that have not compromised, and are out clear on the Bible line; that have not lowered the standard, but are earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Oh, how it must grieve the Lord to come and suffer on the cross to wash the sins away from men and women, and then they turn back to the world and put on what they once laid aside: the feathers, laces, silks, ear puffs and other trimmings; and then go into various organizations and jabberings of tongues and millenniumism. Oh, where is Christ? Where did you first find Him? Did you meet Him at the cross? It has been said, "Just so it is not in the heart." It is in my heart to serve God with a pure heart. I am serving God with the best of my understanding, and if there is anything else the Lord shows me to do I say "Amen" to His will. Dear saints be steadfast and hold on to the end. We must deny self. Our promise for the reward is if we hold out and endure to the end and bear the cross.

—BRO. A. J. HEBERT.

Hazelton, Iowa.—Dear Sister in Christ: It has been almost two months since I received your good letter and it surely made my heart rejoice, Praise God. It surely is a great privilege to read a letter from the saints of God, true followers of our blessed Savior. Though we have never seen each other, we can feel assured that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Thank God for His mercy to me and your prayers in my behalf. On the 20th of Feb. I remarked that I felt better than I had for a long time and then it came to me so clear that they were praying for me

at Faith and Victory Pub. House, and when your letter came I saw at once that it was written that same day, and your way of rejoicing is so much like my own it does seem so good to me. I know I love the Lord with all my heart and my one desire is to be at my very best for Him.

In last Faith and Victory a child's page was referred to. I surely think it would be good. There are even grown people who might be helped by the gospel truth in that way. Again asking for an interest in your prayers for soul and body, and that I may keep low at Jesus' feet and be just what He wants me to be, that I may be able to please Him at all times and in all places. May the Lord richly bless you one and all in the work wherein He has called you.

—SISTER J. M. BUCKMAN.

Wagoner, Okla.—Dear Brethren: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am so glad that today finds us with real victory in our souls, praising God for all His wonderful blessings unto us. I am preparing myself so that I can put all my time in the preaching of the gospel. So I am now ready to consider any special call that anyone may need—meetings or special help in praying for the sick. Truly God's ministers need the real burden of souls on their hearts for the enemy's agents are certainly doing all they can to lead souls into deceptions; as I heard one of those false shepherds declare there were thirty-eight Pentecost Holiness, but we read in God's Word of only one holiness that God set forth, and Jesus prayed for all of those who are partakers of His holiness to be one (John 17: 21). The apostle Paul said, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing; and that there be no division among you; But that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1: 10). Brethren, it takes true salvation and walking in the light of God's Word only to bring about such Christian unity.

I pray God may stir every saint's soul for more of His truth and more of His oneness to be perfected in them and their lives, for it is the only thing that will convince this world of the reality of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and of His saving grace. I thank God for such a clean paper as Faith and Victory that sets forth the Bible doctrine of oneness as it is in the Word. The very name (Faith) in our Lord ought to stir every soul to action (and), this is a conjunction that couples something on to faith, which is Victory that always follows real faith. I pray God will keep the editors and this paper clean for the truth. I remain your Bro. in Christ, under His blood, and set in defence of the truth. —W. A. MOORE.

Dent, Mo.—Dear saints: Greeting in Jesus' name. Today finds me saved and serving our dear Savior, and trusting Him for all things. I am so glad I ever learned this strait and narrow way, for it just suits me, and as I walk with my Savior day by day it grows sweeter and sweeter. I have only been saved three years and I would not give these three years of Chris-

tian life for all the other years of my life that was spent in sin. Oh, the dear Lord has done so much for me. The greatest thing is the taking away of my sin and giving me such sweet peace and joy in my heart. It was sometime after I was saved before I could fully trust Jesus as my physician. I would take some medicine then I would feel condemned for it, but praise God, He was patient with me and showed me I must give up medicine, which I did. I also joined the Baptist church when I was first saved. I had always been taught that the Baptist church was the right church, so I did not know what to do and I joined it. I asked the Lord if I was on the wrong road to show me the right way. Praise His dear name He did not let me go on, for He knew my heart's desire was to serve Him in the right way.

A short time after I joined the church a dear sister said to me she hoped I would some day see the right way and church. Oh, how deep those few words sank in my hart. They helped me to give up all other things and come to the true light. Dear readers I want to tell you of some of the many things the Lord has done for me in the way of healing. My chest used to hurt me so much and He healed me of that, also a hurting in my right side which had bothered me for years. My sister and I prayed one night for this and I was healed that same night. This has been over a year ago, and it has not hurt me any more to speak of. He also healed me of the Flu. He also heals my boy for he calls us to pray for him when he is sick. The doctors said he would have to have an operation, but Jesus did the operation without a knife or money, and now he is well. My boy also prays for me when I am sick, and the Lord never has failed to hear his prayer. Oh, I want to raise him up to trust the Lord.

I ask the prayers of all the saints that I may always keep humble and true and that I may get closer to my dear Savior. I have met with many trials and persecutions, but always found grace sufficient to stand all for my blessed Savior. My sister and I are isolated from other saints, so we pray that God will send some of His dear children here to hold a meeting in this dark place. Pray for us.

Your saved Sister, —FANNIE BROWN.

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Squires, Mo.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing House. I have received Faith and Victory and enjoy reading the testimonies of the dear saints. I would like to have the Faith and Victory sent to some of my children that are away from home. The Lord saved and sanctified me 7 years ago and He keeps me by His power, bless His dear name. He took the pleasure of the world out of me and put me on the run for glory. He put a real go-through in my heart, praise His dear name. Pray for me that I may live humble at His feet where He can get glory out of my life.

Yours in Christ. —SISTER A. C. ABEL.

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Battle Creek, Mich.—Dear readers of Faith and Victory: May the dear Lord ever bless you all and keep you saved is our earnest prayer for you. Amen. I feel the leadings of the Holy Spirit this morning to

write you a few lines to let you know just how I feel in regard to Faith and Victory. I feel we cannot well do without it, for it has so many uplifting messages in it to encourage us on our pathway to glory.

We know these dear ones have given their service, means, time, talents and all to the Lord, and are sending out the paper for our good and the good of many other souls. Let us share the burden with them. So when you dear ones read this please go by yourselves and enter into your closets and when you have shut the door pray to your Father in secret to bless them and supply all their needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. God bless you all. Your Brother,  
—J. L. PIKE.

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Zadock, Ark.—I feel led this Saturday evening to send my testimony to Faith and Victory, to be read by the dear saints and others, that it might encourage you to press the battle a little stronger and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Read the 11th chapter of Hebrews and see if we have yet attained to it; if not, still pray and contend for it until we gain it. I have, and am just now going through one of the severest experiences of my Christian life. Last Wednesday, March 19th, I was almost bedfast, my fever was very high and I was weak. A difference arose in my family and I took part. It seemed that the devil as an angel of light flew quickly and placed a red hot coal on my lips. My tongue became an unruly member and seemd to set on fire my whole body, and it was set on fire of hell. Read this in the 3rd chapter of James. I uttered words and thoughts arose in my heart that the world never could have made me believe I would have uttered or thought. I went to bed and it seemed that the good Lord had entirely left me and turned me over to the devil, and he just dragged me down to the bottomless pit of perdition. There it seemed I just saw the fumes and the flames of hell rolling, and the shrieks, screams and curses that ascended I could hear so plainly that I just cried out, "Oh! It's just awful! It's just awful!! It's just awful!!!" And to think that I was so near heaven too, and had lost all, and again I cried, "It's just awful! It's just awful!!" My mouth just burned, and my lips hurt till it just seemed I could not stand it. It seemed that my mouth was burning away little by little, yet was not consumed at all. I cried to my family to never be guilty of casting a stumbling block in anyone's way, causing them to go down to that awful place, but to do all they could to help others to go to heaven and shun that terrible place where I was. And again I would cry, "It's awful! It's just awful!!"

Just at this instant I looked up and saw heaven, and all that heaven means. I saw Jesus and all the host of the redeemed with love just beaming in every soul for their good Master and for each other. And oh! I saw that heaven was just a lump of love. I cried out, "I love Jesus!" And I frankly told the devil I hated to serve a master that I did not love, and then have to spend eternity with him too. Then I just cried out, "Old devil I just hate you; I just hate

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# LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

## JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

*I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Happy all day long I am;  
He will keep me safe from harm,  
For I'm His lamb.*

*By His staff I'm led along,  
Guarded by His arm so strong;  
I'm so happy all day long,  
For I'm His lamb.*

*Then I never will repine,  
While around His glories shine;  
I am His and He is mine,  
Oh, I'm His lamb.* —SEL.

## SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN

"Then were there brought unto Him little children, that He should put His hands on them and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19: 13-14). When Jesus was here upon earth He was always busy about His Father's business. He went about doing good, and healing the sick, and speaking words of comfort and cheer to those in trouble. He was busy all the time, so many people coming to Him that sometimes He had to go off alone to rest. One time some little children were brought to Jesus. His disciples, I suppose, thought that Jesus was too busy to be troubled with children, so they rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me; forbid them not." He put His hands upon them and blessed them.

Dear children, would you not loved to have been with them then? Yes. I know you would. But, dear children, Jesus is just as real, sweet and kind today as He was then. He is not too busy that He can't bless you and hear your feeble cry. He watches over you; even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Yes, He said that not one sparrow falls to the ground without His notice, and then He said we are of much more value than they. So, dear children, when you get in trouble and your play-mates say naughty words and don't treat you kindly, pray for them. Tell Jesus all about it. When you find your school lesson hard tell Jesus, He will help you. When you are sick tell Jesus, He will make you well again. Tell Jesus everything. "Be careful for nothing, but by prayer \* \* \* let your request be made known to Him" (Phil. 4: 6).

Sometimes mother is so busy she cannot always hear your feeble cry. but Jesus is not so busy that He cannot hear little children when they talk to Him. Mother may forget. but Jesus will never forget to answer your cry. Jesus invites you to come to Him and He is always ready to put His hands upon you

and bless "all that come to Him." But we must come to Jesus before He can bless us. His sweet voice is still saying, "suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." —*Celena Lacue.*

## TO THE CHILDREN

To the children who are interested in pleasing God we wish to speak a word concerning this Little Folks' Page.

In the first place we will say that it seems that God has laid it upon the heart of Sister Wm. McKay of Utica, Pa., to act as your mother in giving advice and counsel. The Lord will bless you in writing to her and she would love to hear from each one. This page will be filled up with a few testimonies from the children living in various parts of the country, a short Bible story or more, and other good things for saved children, as God leads.

Remember, dear children, that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Read Psalm 111: 10). "A good understanding have all they that do His commandments; His praise endureth forever." In the second chapter of Col. and third verse we are taught that in Christ is hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. So if you desire to be wise and have wisdom, begin to look to Jesus and grow up loving and serving Him and His favor and blessings will rest upon you and make your life bright and happy and a blessing to others. —*Fred Pruitt.*

3002 Drury St., Kansas City, Mo.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing House: I have been reading one of your papers about Faith and Victory and I like to read it. Would you please send my mother one of the papers?

I am a little girl eleven years old and I am saved. I also have a sister that is saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We are saved for time and eternity. Your little Sister in Christ —*Frances Becker.*

## A LETTER TO THE CHILDREN

Dear children: We do feel so thankful that the precious Lord has opened the way that we can talk to you through the columns of His clean, pure little paper, Faith and Victory. He truly does answer our prayers, and oh, how we do thank Him for it. We rejoice to know that He loves the children and He has put His love in our hearts for you all. Oh, I have so much I would love to tell you of His kindness to me and others. I just want to tell you this morning of how He healed Gladys and Andrew, my little grandchildren. They were both very sick with cholera infantum, and had been suffering for several days. One day while I was holding little Gladys, I said to her, "Gladys do you know Jesus makes little girls well when they are sick?" She looked up with a smile. "Yes, Grandma; you ask Him to makes me

well." So I knelt at the chair in which I was sitting, with her still in my arms, I asked the dear Lord to heal little Gladys, and then to help her to be a good little girl. She sprang to her feet, clapped her little hands and said, "Now I want you to give Jesus some of my money." I told her No; Jesus just wanted her to be well and to be good and to love Him. She said, "Just one penny then; just one penny." You see, dear children, her little heart went out to Him in love because He had healed her. And this is why we all love the dear Savior so, because He gave His precious life for us.

I believe the dear Lord will lead other precious lambs of the fold to witness for Him through His own little paper as He did our precious little Sister, Hattie Johnson, of Twitty, Texas. May the dear Lord bless her young life and make her a blessing to many. But I must return to my dear little Gladys. She then said, "Jesus said I might have a drink of water." I gave her all she wanted to drink and it was the first of anything she had kept on her stomach for days. The dear Lord had made her perfectly well. She then said, "Will not Jesus make little brother well too? I told her yes, He would. She again clapped her little hands and said, "He's well now," and in answer to that little girl's faith God made her little brother well that moment. Yes, He made them both perfectly well without any medicine, and they had been sick nearly a week and most of the time very sick.

Oh, it is so precious to take everything to the dear Lord in prayer and He is always ready to answer us. I have not taken a drop of medicine for 35 years and never, never shall. I just trust the dear Lord. He has healed me many times. Now dear children, I have so much I would love to tell you, I think I shall certainly have to write you again before long. Your true friend and mother.

—Sister Wm. McKay.  
Utica, Pa.

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you!" But I soon found out that my resisting was as nothing down there. Heaven was all love and good, but hell was just to the opposite, and there was not a particle of love down there. They all hated their master, as well as each other. They screamed, they groaned, they snarled, cursed, quarreled, fought and sizzled on in that terrible place. I saw husbands and wives quarreling and fighting, and every member of the family that had once been of the nearest and dearest ties were manifesting the most horrible hatred, each one blaming the other for their being there.

When I awoke out of this trance (or whatever you may call it) my appetite was gone. I have not eaten or drunk since last Wednesday, March 19, nor do I want it, and this is bed time Saturday evening. I am sitting by the fireside writing this, and the Lord is blessing me with strength to write. Now the reason that the Lord has thus dealt with me is too much for me to tell all the details. But I will say that some three years ago I heard the call of the Lord to the ministry, with all my time and talents, saying that it was not meet, or reason, that I should leave the

Word of God and serve tables, but that I should give myself continually to prayer and to the ministry. This I have not completely done, though I have been going almost every Saturday and Sunday for the past eight or nine years in the work of the ministry; also as long as a month at a time, and have used as much as \$50.00 of our hard earned money during the month of my traveling and preaching. Yet it seems the Lord now said, "Give *all* your time and talents." My companion and children (four at home) did not seem to believe me, or rather could not understand that God was calling me to forsake them and go for His name and the gospel's sake (Luke 18: 29-30), therefore they were against it. Now it seems I have been obeying them rather than obeying God. It appears that God is showing them that they must give me up one way or the other; that I must either obey His voice and go into the vineyard and work for Him, or else He is going to take me out of this world, and then they surely will have to give me up, and get along without me. So Bro. Pruitt, just as soon as you get this call the good saints of God together and have special prayer for me and my family that we may all be more humble and low down at the feet of Jesus, willing for God to use us to His glory, when, where and how He pleases, and that we may learn to obey God rather than man. Also that a door of utterance may be opened unto me, that I may go and speak with all boldness the words of truth. But also that He may always give me meekness and love to speak it with, and that I can say, "Lord, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Oh, dear ones, may God make these few words a blessing and a warning to all to always obey God rather than man. "For if I yet please man, I would cease to be the servant of God." And oh, sisters, if God is calling your loved ones to work in His vineyard in the name and for the sake of Jesus, do not cast a stumbling block in their way. It might cause them to fall headlong into eternal ruin. I hope that I can yet say the truth and speak no lie that I am your saved brother in Christ, and in the one body.

P. S. Sunday evening: Had prayer and gained the victory. I arse and took a small drink of water and am now waiting for some food to be prepared. Praise the good Lord for the victory He gives. It pays to fast and pray and to tarry and wait upon the Lord, or stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. My fasting has been from noon March 19 until late in the evening of the 23rd. But thank God I've got the victory now. Pray that I may keep it. Pray for my family.

Your Bro. in Christ. —W. H. STORMS.

#### A LETTER TO THE OPPRESSED

Dear One in Christ:-

We send greetings to you and family and to all others there that love the Lord, who purchased us with His own precious blood and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. We have received your letter and have carefully read its con-

tents, which appear to come from a grieved heart, from one that feels the power and oppression of human creeds and laws, and of compromising, self-interest seeking spirits that would gradually coil around God's free-born souls and rob them of their liberty in Christ who has set us free. Our heart goes out to you and others in like condition, for these things have been very grievous to us in the past, but thanks be unto God who gives us the victory. He has delivered us from all of these binding and law-making powers and enables us to abide in Him where we have peace, joy and comfort in the Holy Ghost.

In regard to question No. 1: Under the Mosaic law the people of God were compelled to give a tenth to be considered loyal to God, but under grace we are freed from the law and are married to another, even to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God (Rom. 7: 4). So you see by these Scriptures the law is reckoned as a dead husband and now we are married to Christ who is a better husband and gives us better things than the former husband, and we love Him so much that we forsake all and follow Him. We continue to give of our substance as He desires it, and where He desires us to give, for we now give to the cause of Christ because we love Him, and not because of compelling law and rules laid down.

Those who try to bind the law upon souls that are married to Christ are trying to compel them to committ spiritual adultery, for if we reckon our former husband as alive to be obeyed, and at the same time claim Christ as our husband, are we not in spiritual adultery? If a gift is given out of compulsion or through fear of man, or men, in the eyes of God it is not a gift. A gift is not a gift unto God or Christ unless given freely and gladly. A gift to be acceptable to God must come from love in the heart to God and to souls that are in need of salvation or edification. We would not want to leave the impression that men under grace are exempt from giving to the cause of Christ, or of helping those pastors and teachers that labor among them in word and doctrine, for whosoever among us that God is using to give us spiritual food to encourage and to enlighten, should be given too of our substance, not by law or rule, but because the love of God prompts us to give to their needs, and we do it willingly and gladly as unto the Lord, for the Lord loves a cheerful giver. Paul has made this plain to us in the fifteenth chapter of Romans and the twenty-seventh verse. Read it and see for yourself.

Now there are many dear saved souls that have made it a rule to give one tenth of their income to the Lord's work, and God is blessing them for it, not because of the rule but because they love to give to the Lord's cause, and they give it gladly and freely and have it in their heart to give more if God should prompt them to do so. It is not the giving of the tenth, but the compelling of the giving, that kills the gift. People who love much give much more than a tenth and do it gladly, for they know that they are only giving to God what already belongs to Him, and

they are only acting as stewards for Him. All we have belongs to the Lord, and we are only stewards over what He has entrusted in our hands. Not only a tenth is His, but all we have belongs to Him.

As regards the second question: If conditions exist as you state them (which we do not doubt) you are simply in a sect, and one more subtle than others around you, and the Word of God is to you: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins." May God give you boldness to walk in the light and be willing to suffer the reproach of the cross with the despised few. There are so many false teachers these days that lead souls into compromising terms with Satan and bring judgment down in many ways for merchandising purposes and to hold the confidence of really saved souls. May boldness and wisdom be given to humble saints of God to clear themselves from all the rubbish of the world, that would-be teachers surround them with and often make them drink of, causing confusion of faces and darkness of vision which lead to a "form of Godlikeness, but denies the power thereof." Paul says, "From such turn away."

Man's salvation comes about by repentance toward God and faith in the shed blood of Christ as an atonement for our sins committed against a righteous Father, and sanctification is brought about by presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, who purges out the devil's planting by faith in the blood of Christ, making pure our hearts, filling us with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and bringing us to oneness in Christ Jesus, who is the head of the body, the Church of the living God. The Word teaches us that we are members of His (Christ's) body (Eph. 5: 30), and those who try to separate us from the body by bringing us under bondage to laws and the commandments of men are enemies of the cross of Christ, and because of this many are weak and sickly, and some faint and sleep, and finally die spiritually. Oh, how sad the wreck! May God revive, quicken, bring out, and set free those in need.

Yours in the faith,

—FRED PRUITT.

#### THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

SELECTED BY CELENA LACUE

*"Wherefore, be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5: 17).*

I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people generally is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

2. Having done this, do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If so, I make myself liable to great delusions.

3. I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the

Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.

4. Next I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and Spirit.

5. I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

6. Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly. In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.

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*"Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you"* (1 Peter 5: 7).

The French translation of this passage is, "Unload on Him all your cares, for He takes care of you." The word "cast" brings to our mind the action of taking something and throwing it over on Jesus; but as we have found many times, dear friend, our cares are too heavy to lift. Have you felt them crushing you with their weight? Did you ever see a coal car unload? The man took out the front of the heavy cart a little pin, and the cart was so balanced on the akels that then, with a slight pressure on the back, it would tip up, and the load slide to the ground, and the pony would trot away with a light step. You do not have to take your load up, just take out the little pin of your endeavor to help matters and then, with your hand of faith and commital, tip up the big burden and run on, for "He takes care of you."

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*"We trusted"* (Luke 24: 21).

I have always felt so sorry that in that walk to Emmaus the disciples had not said to Jesus, "We still trust;" instead of "we trusted." That is so sad—something that is all over. If they had only said, "Everything is against our hope; it looks as if our trust was vain, but we do not give up; we believe we shall see Him again." But no; they walked by His side declaring their lost faith, and He had to say to them, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe!" Are we not in the same danger of having these words said to us? We can afford to lose anything and everything if we do not lose our faith in the God of truth and love. Let us never put our faith, as these disciples did, in a past tense—"we trusted." But let us ever say, "I am trusting."

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*"He worketh"* (Psa. 37: 5).

The translation that we find in Young of "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass," reads: "*Roll upon Jehovah thy way; trust upon Him: and He worketh.*" It calls our attention to the *immediate* action of God when we truly commit, or roll out of our hands, into His, the burden of whatever kind it may be; a way of sor-

row, of difficulty, of physical need, or of anxiety for the conversion of some dear one.

*"He worketh."* When? *Now.* We are so in danger of postponing our expectation of His *acceptance of the trust*, and His undertaking to accomplish what we ask Him to do, instead of saying *as we commit*, "*He worketh.*" "*He worketh*" *even now*; and praise Him that it is so. The very expectancy enables the Holy Spirit to do the very thing we have *rolled upon Him.* It is out of *our reach.* We are not *trying* to do it any more. "*He worketh!*" Let us take the comfort out of it and not put our hands on it again. Oh, what a relief it brings! *He* is really working on the difficulty. But someone may say, "I see no results." Never mind. "*He worketh,*" if you have *rolled it over* and are looking to Jesus to do it. Faith may be tested, but "*HE worketh;*" the *Word is sure!*

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*"They shall not be ashamed that wait for me"* (Isa. 49: 23).

"Yes, leave it with Him, the lilies all do,

And they grow;

They grow in the rain, they grow in the dew—

Yes, they grow.

They grow in the darkness all hid in the night,

They grow in the sunshine revealed by the light,

Still they grow.

"Yes, leave it with Him, 'tis more dear to His heart

You will know,

Than the lilies that bloom neath the snow.

Whatever you need if you ask it in prayer,

You can leave it with Him, for you are His care,

You, you know."

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*"Settle it"* (Luke 21: 14).

What were they to settle? The Master told them of the trying circumstances into which they'd be brought, and then admonished them to *settle it not to meditate* what they should do or say. And for this reason, that it should be given them in that hour what they ought to say. I admit that it is natural to think of trials ahead of us; and as Christ told these disciples, He tells us too "settle it," that we will be met when we reach the difficult place, with just what we need. I once heard Spurgeon say that God did not provide grace for imaginary troubles, because we broke the commandment, "Take no thought for the morrow." "*Settle it*" that you will not think (meditate) about trials ahead, but will trust for what will meet you there.

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*"Quietly wait for the Lord"* (Lam. 3: 26).

How hard it is for us to quietly wait for God!

We are too apt to outrun Him, to forestall the quiet unfolding of His purpose, and to snatch at promised blessings before they are ripe.

*"Be quiet! Why this anxious heed*

*About thy tangled ways?*

*God knows them all, He giveth speed,*

*And He allows delays."*

“JESUS IS PASSING BY”

*Do not think that you shall not be so blessed,  
As He passeth by today;  
For He has grace, sweet peace and rest  
To all who believe, and His Word obey.*

*Dear precious souls, oh, come; draw near!  
Jesus now passeth by;  
Come tell Him all, without a fear,  
He waits to hear your humble cry.*

Yes, dear souls, “Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.” May we, as the blind man, call upon Him for mercy and help. Oh! how good and precious to know He even passeth our way, and stops as He is passing by and speaks so kindly to our souls, “What wilt thou that I shall do to thee?” Yes, dear burdened one, He stops and comes to thee; hear Him sweetly say, “I am thy Burden Bearer. The thing that is too hard for thee, bring to me.” “Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee.” Oh, you that are discouraged and downcast; you who feel weak, remember Jesus is your strength. Lift up your countenance. “Hope thou in God.” He speaks to encourage and comes to bring strength. “Be strong and of good courage, for I am with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1: 7). “My grace is sufficient for thee” (2 Cor. 12: 9). “When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee” (Isa. 43: 2).

Dear soul, if you are persecuted, forsaken, rejected, despised, or whatever may be your need, Jesus is stopping, waiting to help. He brings the message of love to your very soul. “Blessed are ye when men shall persecute you \* \* \* great is your reward in heaven” (Matt. 5: 11-12). “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13: 5). Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are. “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will \* \* \* make a way to escape \* \* \*” (1 Cor. 10: 13). “Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2: 10).

Yes, Jesus passeth by and comes bringing all you have need of. Not all are desiring and looking to see, or are even eager to see, Jesus as He passeth by; but the lowly, the humble, the contrite, can always see Him and receive their help, when He passeth by. We must be ready, looking for Him. We cannot find Him in the busy cares and burdens of life. If your soul is engrossed therein, He passeth by but we do not behold Him, we fail to see Him. Neither can we, or do we, go out among the multitudes to find Jesus or to see Him as He passeth by, for He is not numbered among the crowds, but rather we can find Him in our secret closets, there in humble, sincere prayer, pouring out our souls before Him, telling Him our needs, confessing our weakness and dependence, asking Him for the needed grace and strength; then 'tis there we

can by an eye of faith, see Jesus, yea feel His touch and the power thereof, as He passeth by.

Oh! let us draw nearer that we may behold Him. Let us humble ourselves before Him that we may see the beauty of His countenance and realize the love He hath for and toward us, and let that love touch and melt our hearts and souls as He passeth by, yet stops, as He hears our cry for mercy and help and fills us with renewed strength, inspiring our faith, deepening our decisions, and witnessing unto us that victory shall be ours, causing our very souls to rejoice in His salvation, and praise to spring forth from within. We then are made to realize the sweetness of His presence, and to know of a truth that Jesus has truly passed by and we, indeed, have felt His touch.

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MAN'S WAY OF ESCAPE

By reading the Word of God we find there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. If Satan could succeed in doing away with hell he could prove that God was unjust. God would not be righteous in His dealings with man if the saved and the wicked were to share eternal bliss alike.

“Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God; on them which fell, severity; but toward thee goodness, if thou continue in His goodness, otherwise thou shalt be cut off” (Rom. 11: 22). In another place we find these words, “If the righteous scarcely be saved, Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” (1 Pet. 4: 18). Some men think that they can remain neutral and be taken to heaven some way, but the Word teaches us if we are lukewarm God will spew us out of His mouth. The preaching of hell and eternal torment to men will awaken them to their awful doom, if they continue on in sin, and as they begin to look about for a way of escape, they will find that there is only one way, and that is through the blameless blood of Christ which is the door to eternal life.

Peter says in the fourth chapter and twentieth verse of Acts, “Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.” And Jesus says in the tenth chapter of St. John and first verse, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.” And again in the seventh verse He says, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep,” and in the ninth verse He says, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and

out and find pasture." The next thing men want to know is how to get in at the door which is Christ. As the Word of God is a lamp unto us mortals, we shall go to the Bible to find this out. In John 3: 16 we find these words, "For God so loved the world (sinners) that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Thus we see the goodness of God toward us sinner, for 'while we were yet in our sins Christ died for us.'

When men see the goodness of God toward them it ought to bring a Godly sorrow in their hearts and cause them to come to Him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, repenting with sorrow for having failed to keep the commandments of God and neglecting to believe in Christ, the atonement for our sins. When we come to the knowledge of having refused and rebelled against the Gift of God it ought to prick us to the heart and cause us to become tender toward God who has been waiting patiently so long. "For God is not slack concerning His promises, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3: 9). By rights we ought to be punished severely for our sins but Jesus steps between us and God and is willing to suffer in our stead, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree, pouring out His sinless blood to act as a covering to God for our sins; and when God looks down upon us and sees our faith in the blood of Christ as being innocent and without blame, He passes over us as being just men and favors us as sons and daughters grafted in by the atoning blood, and as long as we continue in His goodness, by obedience to light given, His favor will rest upon us.

Now there was no other man that could atone for our sins; one man could not atone for another man's sins as each of us had to, or ought to be punished for our own sins, but Jesus did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, therefore His blood being innocent He could by the shedding of His blood appease the wrath of God for others, and this He did when He poured out His precious blood on Calvary's cross. So we see that Jesus is the only way of escape for poor sinning man, and those who purpose to climb up in any other way are counted by the Father as thieves and robbers,—as those trying to steal and rob Christ of the glory of being the Savior of all men.

May the Lord help men and women to see the goodness of God and come to repentance. We have seen men so wicked that they would curse and swear with the very breath that God gives them. How terrible to go to meet a righteous God without our sins

under the blood! Awake, dear souls, and flee to the Savior, the City of Refuge, the Rock of Ages, the Friend of the abused and crushed ones, for He is waiting with arms out-stretched ready to receive you, ready to heal the wounds of the enemy and give you peace, joy and comfort in the Holy Ghost.

—FRED PRUITT.

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### HELL: A TERRIBLE REALITY

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*"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God"* (Psalm 9: 17).

The popular god is not the God of the Bible. The popular god is a dead trunk. He has no eyes, he cannot see; no ears, he cannot hear; no feet, he cannot pursue; no arm, he cannot punish.

Listen, O heavens! God has changed (though in our simplicity we used to think Him unchangeable)! Our modern god is not at all the same as the ancient God. The God of the ancients had iron for Sodom and Samaria and Tyre and Jerusalem, and Balaam and Belshazzar. The God of Abraham used to thunder in His ire. He ruled with a rod of iron, and dashed to pieces sinning nations like a potter's vessel. But our modern god has no iron in his constitution. He has sheathed the sword, and sat down helpless in heaven, an indulgent weakling! Sinai's thunders are hushed forever; and the arm which used to visit vengeance swift and dire upon impenitent sinners, now hangs nerveless and paralyzed. That is the popular god, and I for one, refuse to worship him; for I have nothing to do with the creation of man's wishes, but with the *God of the Bible*.

God is unchanged and unchangeable. "I am Jehovah, I change not," is a word that smites modern thought and popular infidelity right on the cheek-bone and teeth, and will one day put an end, to all unbelief in His power to punish—in hell!

The reign of iron lasts still! The same God—who hurled oceans over Alps and Andes, drowning a world, and scorched Sodom to cinders in a hurricane of fire, and choked the streets of Jericho with corpses, and threw the Roman dogs on Jerusalem, to tear it limb from limb, until, in wild struggles of darkness and fire, a nation found its grave—reigns still. The same God—who cursed Cain, and sent remorse upon Esau, and dug a grave for Korah, flung Jezebel to the dogs, and slew Belshazzar at his own banquet table, and hurried Judas to a suicide's eternity—reigns still, unchanged forever, and what He has done before, He can do again.

God has two sides—mercy and justice. *At Sinai He sets forth His justice. At Calvary He is just and merciful.* If you find me a god who is all mercy and not just, I will not scruple to call him an idiot of your imagination. I totally refuse to have anything to do with your india-rubber god, at whom you can shake your fist and yet live; for he is not the God of the Bible. Justice and mercy are the twin pillars of His throne; and the day God ceases to be just and

punish sin, He will cease to be, and heaven will grow dark.

The popular god, who is all mercy, is not the God of this Bible, is not the God of His people, is not the God of Calvary, is not the God of heaven!

*There is a hell*, understand this first and be mercilessly clear on this point. The Hebrews took their idea of the awful place from Hinnom's Vale, a deep gorge on one side of Jerusalem. Here red-handed Manasseh passed his children through the fire to Moloch—horrid king!—while thunder of drums drowned their dying screams. It was the sewer of the city—the abominable receptacle of every conceivable filth and impurity; to consume which, fires were kept constantly burning. The cries of bloated vultures, the unceasing fires—now smoldering, now blazing out anew, as the wind rose and fell—and the deep banks of stenchful smoke always lying over that horrid vale, made it, in the eyes of every Jew, a picture of hell.

*There is a hell*, though *Universalism*—or *the devil's theory of hell*—with blandest of smiles, comes to tell us, that all alike, saint and sinner, will turn up in heaven at last. The murderer and the murdered, the seducer and the seduced, the hater and the hated, the robber and the robbed, to their surprise, will all find heaven at last. Nero and Paul, Jesus and Herod, Judas and Peter, Cain and Abel, Elijah and Jezebel, Tom Paine and Murray McCheyne, will all come out at the same side of the judgment throne. A strange heaven indeed!—with all the hypocrites and whoremongers and drunkards and backbiters and blasphemers standing on the glassy sea. I say in the name of reason, the thought is blasphemous.

Sin is being burnt into your soul as with a red-hot iron. You cannot throw it off as you do your clothes. It is part of your being. Look out, men, sin is no trifle; it will live when the sun is buried.

The more popular theory of the age is *Annihilationism*; that is, "I die like my dog." I die a sinner, and am nowhere ever after. The coffin that encloses my body is the grave of my soul, and, of course, punishment of any kind in eternity is an impossibility. Now this theory denies the immortality of the soul; for when my body dies my soul dies. But God says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell,"—"where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

To your Bibles, men, and let us have the truth, whatever it be. I will cite the eternal God Himself, and hear what He says: "*The wicked shall be turned into hell*" (Psa. 9: 17). You may scatter the everlasting mountains or split the sun in twain, until with shorn locks and dimmed eye, it stumbles on the pathway of light; but you cannot alter God's Word. I cite the tender-hearted Savior; and three times in one chapter (Mark 9) He speaks of a *worm that never dies and a fire that never shall be quenched*. Now be mercilessly clear, for your soul is at stake. Answer me this question, *Did the Lord Jesus lie when He spake of the unquenchable fire?* Did the Son of God picture a lie when He shows us the rich man lifting up his eyes in torments, and begging a drop of water to cool his tongue? Did He mean to harrow

up our souls with lying pictures of that which never existed? Nay; but answer me. Of course not, you say; "It is impossible for God to lie." Well, then, it is impossible that there is no hell; and let that settle the question forever.

If there is no hell, there is no heaven. They have the same foundation—God's truth—and if hell be a fable, heaven is a fable too. There is as much proof in this Bible for a hell, as for a heaven. The threatenings are as numerous as the promises. God woos, and as distinctly thunders. Drown the fires of hell, and you drown the music of heaven, and like our dogs let us die. The plan of redemption is one. Take hell out of it and the whole scheme fails.

*There is a hell, then*. Be mercilessly clear; let no doubt rest in your mind here, as you love your soul. Because if not, Calvary was a huge mistake; the death of Jesus was the greatest blunder of the ages. The eternity of punishment and the divinity of Christ stand or fall together. Jesus was not God if there is no hell. The Book which tells of the one tells of the other.

By the permanency of sinful character, the demands of a broken law, the truth of God's Word, and the death of yonder Son of God, *there is a hell!*

Understand, second, that *the wicked shall be turned into it*. I have no delight in preaching hell. I would refrain from harrowing your feelings but that necessity is laid upon me. Woe is me if I preach not the Truth, the half of which is, "*He that believeth not shall be damned*." I dare not, on peril of my soul preach a one-sided Gospel, lest I should be found smoothing your road to perdition.

If there is no hell, certainly we ought to stop preaching the lie. But if there is, I ask you, as you love your soul, is it a thing to be hid from you until you are in it? is he your friend who hides it from you, till you are there, and past redemption? If you were walking hard by the edge of a precipice, and about to put your foot on thin air unawares, would not I be branded as a murderer did I not with loud cries warn you? *With endless torment on the track you tread, and only a few steps to it, how dare I stand silently by while you move forward?*

Now for one warning ere you sink, sinner! "*The wicked shall be turned into hell!*" Many have had foretastes of it ere they died. Esau finds no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully, with tears. Saul's troubled spirit foreshadows the restlessness of hell, with no harp of David to soothe it. Judas feels the undying worm twisting in his soul, and takes to the halter to escape it. The dying cries of Voltaire were echoes of the shrieks of the damned. Mrabeau prays for laudanum that he may forget the eternity to come—a wail from the sea of woe.

These last moments of wicked men ought to burn in your soul the stern fact that "*The wicked shall be turned into hell!*" Colonel Charteris, while dying, offered thirty thousand pounds to have it proved conclusively there was no hell, but his offer was of no avail.

Unsaved sinner, you shall be turned in *there*: God says it. You may wish it otherwise; you shall wish in vain. Turned in *there*! Your companions—fiends, and murderers, and adulterers, hypocrites, and blasphemers. Your torment in body and soul unsupported, and that forever. There is no death in hell, mark that unbeliever. Death, which is a monster on earth, would be an angel in hell. If death went there all the damned would fall down and worship him, and a shout of triumph would rend the fiery vault till all was still. But there is no death in hell. Long as heaven lasts hell will last. Farewell, offers of mercy and wooings of love. Farewell, voices of mirth and songs of gladness. No more forever shall mercy woo thee. No more forever shalt thou rest in thy sin. It *was* sweet. Now it will haunt you, and scare you, and damn you; and as you rise to your feet, it will hurl you down again—your sin! Never shall you rest again. Black clouds thunder it from above, 'No rest,' and tongues of flame around say, 'No rest,' and the tortured everywhere shriek, 'No rest.'

You *must* go there. You shall be turned into hell. It will be by force. No entreaties shall save you. No power can rescue you. The arm of God Almighty will turn you into hell. Drunkard! you shall be hurried from your cup smitten of everlasting thirst. Swearer! God will rivet the last oath on your tongue and drag you to judgment. The last laugh you have at Jesus, scoffer, will remain in your lungs, and echo there forever. Ye drunkard-makers who put the bottle to your neighbor's mouth and make money by the murder of souls, ye shall be turned into hell, damned forever.

*I warn you, decent and respectable sinners, you, shall be turned into hell, all ye that forget*—not despise, not reject, not hate, not deny, not blaspheme—merely forget God, ye shall die the second death. Cowardly and unbelieving, you shall have your portion with the hypocrites, where is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. *Your decency is damning you while it keeps you from the Savior.* The harlots and the publicans shall go into heaven before you who make a Christ of your morality. *Decent unbelievers, you are going from the communion table to an endless hell.*

"*He that believeth not shall be damned*" (Mark 16: 16). —SEL.

#### THUS SAITH THE LORD

"The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes being in torments. \* \* \*

"And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16: 22, 23, 26).

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. \* \* \*

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man ac-

ording to their works. \* \* \*

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20: 10, 13, 15).

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#### HE IS ABLE

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"Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7: 25).

"He ever liveth to make intercession for them." For whom? For *ALL* who would repent of their sins and be washed in the blood which Jesus shed on Calvary.

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow," for, praise God, *He is able*, and *willing* to forgive all sin and make the soul white and clean.

Though you have gone to the very bottom of the social scale of morals; have committed every sin in the devil's catalogue, *He is able* to wash your sins all away that your soul be as clean as a babe. Why does He do it? Because He loves you. How? Through the sacrifice of Himself, the pure Lamb, on the cross.

*He is able*,—but *you* must be *willing*. He is pleading with the Father to give you another chance to repent before too late, that your soul may abide with Him in Heaven forever.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost," not just clean up the surface, that you may be respectable, but Jesus *is able* to save your soul to the *uttermost*, that you may *know* that you have been born again, and are really a child of God.

Pardon was granted for all through the Sacrifice, but only those who accept it will have it. Any one could hold out a sum of money to you, but unless you took it, it would not be yours; and unless you *desire* and *take* salvation, you will never have forgiveness. Jesus bore the punishment that your sins should have brought to you, and you shall have to bear it unless you accept His salvation, therefore *HE IS ABLE* to save you now.

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#### HE IS ABLE—ARE YOU WILLING?

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Jesus is waiting now to receive you,  
Come, sinner, come.  
He is able to relieve you,  
Come, sinner, come.

Oh, why will you linger in sin today?  
Jesus is calling you now;  
If from His grace you are far away,  
Come, and at His feet bow.

He is able,—are you willing  
To have salvation so free?  
Into your heart His love instilling,  
While He whispers, "Come unto Me."  
—R. G. A.