

# 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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## THE CROSS—THE CROWN

*The cross for only a day;  
The crown forever and aye;  
The one for a night that will soon be gone,  
And one for eternity's glorious morn.*

*The cross then I'll cheerfully bear,  
Nor sorrow for loss or for care,  
For a moment only the pain and strife,  
But through endless ages the crown of life.*

*The cross till the conflict's done,  
The crown when the victory's won;  
My cross never more remembered above,  
While wearing the crown of His matchless love.*

*My cross I'll think of no more,  
But run for the crown set before,  
That ever through ages my song may be,  
Of His cross that purchased my crown for me.*

*The work of redemption done,  
His cross and His crown are one;  
The crimson and gold forever will blend  
In the crown of Jesus, the sinner's Friend.*

—SEL. BY SISTER MABEL WHITE.

## A HEBREW'S SEARCH FOR THE BLOOD OF ATONEMENT

In the spring of 1898, I was holding some gospel meetings in San Francisco and several times addressed the Jews attending a Mission to Israel. On one occasion, having concluded my discourse, the meeting was thrown open for discussion with any Hebrews who desired to ask questions or state difficulties, as also for any who had been brought to Christ to relate their conversions.

The experience of one old Jew interested me greatly and as nearly as I can I give his remarks in his own words, though not attempting to preserve the inimitable Hebrew-English dialect.

He said, "This is Passover week among you, my Jewish brethren, and as I sat here I was thinking how you will be observing it. You will have put away all leaven from your houses; you will eat the 'motsah' (unleavened wafers) and the roasted lamb. You will attend the synagogue services, and carry out the ritual and directions of 1898, I was holding some gospel meetings in San Francisco and several times addressed the Jews attending a Mission to Israel. On one occasion, having concluded my discourse, the meeting was thrown open for discussion with any Hebrews who desired to ask questions or state difficulties, as also for any who had been brought to Christ to relate their conversions.

my brethren, that you have everything but that which Jehovah required first of all. He did not say, 'When I see the leaven put away, or when I see you eat the motsah, or the lamb, or go to the synagogue;' but His word was, 'When I see the blood, I will pass over you.' Ah, my brethren, you can substitute nothing for this. You must have *blood, BLOOD, BLOOD!*"

"Blood!" That is an awful word for one who reserves the ancient oracle, and yet has no sacrifice. Turn where he will in the Book, the blood meets him, but let him seek as he may, he can not find it in the Judaism of the present.

After a moment's pause, the patriarchal man went on somewhat as follows: "I was born in Palestine, nearly seventy years ago. As a child I was taught to read the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets. I early attended the synagogue and learned Hebrew from the Rabbis. At first I believed what I was told, that ours was the true and only religion, but as I grew older and studied the Law more intently, I was struck by the place the blood had in all the ceremonies outlined there, and equally struck by its utter absence in the ritual to which I was brought up.

"Again and again I read Exodus 12, and Leviticus 16 and 17, and the latter chapters especially made me tremble, as I thought of the great Day of Atonement and the place the blood had there. Day and night one verse would ring in my ears. 'It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul!' I knew I had broken the law. I needed atonement. year after year, on that day, I beat my breast as I confessed my need of it; but it was to be made by blood, and there was no blood!

"In my distress, at last, I opened my heart to a learned and venerable rabbi. He told me that God was angry with His people. Jerusalem was in the hands of the Gentiles, the temple was destroyed, and a Mohammedan mosque was reared up in its place. The only spot on earth where we dare shed the blood of sacrifice in accordance with Deuteronomy 12 and Leviticus 17, was desecrated, and our nation scattered. That was why there was no blood. God had Himself closed the way to carry out the solemn service of the great Day of Atonement. Now, we must turn to the Talmud, and rest on its instruction, and trust in the mercy of God and the merits of the fathers.

"I tried to be satisfied, but could not. Something seemed to say that the law was unaltered, even though our temple was destroyed. Nothing else but blood could atone for the soul. We dared not shed blood

for atonement elsewhere than in the place the Lord had chosen. Then we were left without an atonement at all!

"This thought filled me with horror. In my distress I consulted many other rabbis. I had but one great question—Where can I find the blood of atonement?"

"I was over thirty years of age when I left Palestine and came to Constantinople, with my still unanswered question ever before my mind, and my soul was exceedingly troubled about my sins.

"One night I was walking down one of the narrow streets of that city, when I saw a sign telling of a meeting for Jews. Curiosity led me to open the door and go in. Just as I took a seat I heard a man say, 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.' It was my first introduction to Christianity, but I listened breathlessly as the speaker told how God had declared that "without shedding of blood is no remission," but that He had given His only begotten Son, the Lamb of God, to die, and all who trusted in His blood were forgiven all their iniquities. This was the Messiah of the fifty-third of Isaiah: this was the Sufferer of Psalm 22. Ah, my brethren, I had found the blood of atonement at last. I trusted it, and now I love to read the New Testament and see how all the shadows of the law are fulfilled in Jesus. His blood has been shed for sinners. It has satisfied God, and it is the only means of salvation for either Jew or Gentile."

Reader, have you yet found the blood of atonement? "Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1, 29). Are you trusting in God's smitten Lamb—the sacrifice of God?

—SEL.

### AN EXHORTATION TO THOSE PROFESSING GODLINESS

Dear saints of God: Greetings in Jesus' precious and holy name, who has washed us in His own blood and has redeemed us unto God. Praise His dear name forever and ever. Well, I praise Him for salvation this morning, that it reaches even me. Dear ones we are serving a mighty God of all power. I pray that we will realize more and more how mighty God really is, and that we will fear Him more and love and serve Him better. If we would just fear God as we should and walk before Him in trembling, and if we could always see Him as a God of love and of all power and wisdom, and would exalt Him as we should, then oh, how little we would see ourselves to be. There are no big I's; we are just worms of the dust for we realize there is just *One Great I AM*. This vision entering the heart does away with all self-esteem, then oh how sweet everything works for the spread of the gospel. Then God can have His will and way with us. It is not our own will, but God's will that we want to obey.

If we love and fear God we will conform our lives more and more to His teachings. We will dress as His word declares a saint should dress. We will put off all the vanities of the world. We will not follow the styles that are flooding our country over and are drawing poor souls down to perdition. Such styles are forged out of the pit of hell and are reproduced in earth, especially in our large cities; for instance Paris, the fashion center of the world, a city that for years has been noted as a city of vice and crime, where morality runs very low. Our boys that were permitted to visit this city tell us it is the most wicked and degraded city in the world. They describe it as the red light district of the world. Think of it dear ones. And then for intelligent men and women of our enlightened country to desire to follow and pattern after such styles that are produced from such a place. It grieves our hearts to see professed saints desire to pattern after such styles which the devil himself is the designer of such immodest, indecent apparel. We see them with the low neck, sleeveless, transparent dresses, short cut skirts, silk stockings, stepping out before the public in such an indecent manner. Should a child of God desire to follow such styles? No. They ought to abhor them instead of desiring to follow and pattern after such. God's children are a separate people. There is a distinction between God's children and the world. God says in Ex. 19: 5, "Now if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." Also in Deut. 14: 2, "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth." Read also Ps. 135: 4, "For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto Himself, and Israel for His peculiar treasure." Also Titus 2: 14, "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." 1 Peter 2: 9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness unto His marvelous light."

According to the Word of God we are to be a peculiar people, an holy nation, not a style and fashion loving people, for we are not of the world as Jesus has chosen us out of the world. Therefore we ought to follow after righteousness and dress according to to the Word of God given in 1 Tim. 2: 9 and 1 Peter 3: 3, rather than follow after the fashions and styles of the world. If the saints of God would just con-

sider where these fashions come from, they would hate the very appearance of them instead of wanting to conform to them, for the Word says in Rom. 12: 2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." In many cases, sad to say, we can see the Scripture being fulfilled as spoken in 2 Peter 2: 22, "The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Many poor souls are being weakened and are in danger of being drug on the downward way to perdition, by not continuing to walk in Christ Jesus as they have received Him, but the things that the grace and light of God taught them in the beginning were ungodly and worldly, the god of this world has so blinded their eyes that they think it is alright to take up again. Thus the offence and reproach of the cross ceases. Dear ones Jesus only mentioned the two ways, the narrow and strait way that leads to eternal life, and the broad wide way that leads to hell and everlasting banishment from God. I cannot find a way spoken of in the Word of God that would be between these two ways. Let us read in Gal. 4: 9, "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" Now that is what I call bondage. But if we keep low down at the feet of Jesus and exalt God as we should, we will reverence and love Him enough to keep His commandments, and His commandments will not be grievous nor burdensome to us, nor will we call them bondage, for where the Spirit of Christ is there is liberty, praise His dear name. And we will be willing to give up all the vanities of the world without a regret or a desire to retain such as our gold, rings, pins, fine jewelry, or costly array or pearls and unnecessary things which are worn today by many women professing godliness.

Sisters, read Isa. 3 and weigh this over in the fear of God. Brothers and Sisters, let us get busy and cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins (Isa. 58: 1). Let us as the people of God be careful how we dress and let us not be afraid to speak about it to warn precious souls of the dangers that lie hidden from the view of the natural eye. Brethren and Sisters, how many a young man fell a victim and prey, and lost their purity through immodest dressing, yes, not only young men but old ones as well. How many homes have been wrecked; how many husbands have been ruined and brought disgrace on their families? How

many crimes could be traced back to immodest dress?

Dear ones let us get awake and be up and doing and work out our souls salvation in fear and trembling and not be afraid of dressing too plain, and we may save ourselves a lot of trouble, as well as others who may be watching our lives. Let us pattern after the design of our blessed Creator, who designed durable non-transparent, modest apparel. Let us dress as becometh godliness, and we will not cherish nor have any desire for the things that we have thrown away, but will value this salvation more than the trifling things that would lead us into compromising terms with satan's kingdom of darkness. If there is any unnecessary thing that is a question in our mind, let us give God the benefit of the doubt, and be sure we are right. There seems to be a general letting down of the standard on all lines, and especially on the line of dress. Some publishing houses have discontinued publishing good tracts and articles on dress, because the publishers that once printed them have compromised. May God help the true publishers that are not afraid to publish the truth, stand true to God, and the One True Way, and may we all obey the Word as given in Jer. 6: 16, "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths; where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Dear saints of the Most High please pray for me that I will always be humble and true, and obedient to God's will in all things. Your Bro. in Christ for the One True Way.

—CHAS. L. HOUCK.

#### HE LEADETH ME

*The way is dark my child; but leads to light.  
I would not always have thee walk by sight.  
My dealings now thou canst not understand.  
I meant it so, but I will take thy hand.*

*And through the gloom,  
Lead safely home My child.*

*The day goes fast, my child, but is the night  
Darker to Me than day? In Me is light.  
Keep close to Me, and every spectral hand  
Of fears shall vanish, I will take thy hand.*

*And through the night  
Lead up to light My child.*

*The path is rough, but O! how sweet  
Will be the rest for weary pilgrims meet  
When thou shalt reach the borders of that land  
To which I lead thee as I take thy hand.*

*And safe and blest  
With Me shall My child rest.*

—Sel.

## FAITH AND VICTORY

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Since sending out the June issue of Faith and Victory many names have been coming in for the paper. While this will mean greater burdens and responsibilities, yet we rejoice in spirit to know that God is working, and we look to Jesus who has all power and will not forsake those who trust in Him. A good many are writing us that they appreciate Faith and Victory, and they want the paper to continue coming to them, as well as to others whom they are burdened for.

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Again we ask those who have not written us during the last year to do so if you want Faith and Victory to continue coming to your address, as we expect to go over our list of names and remove those from the list that do not write. Please give this your attention for our convenience and your good.

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To be lost in Jesus, blind and deaf to the voice and attractions of this world, will mean persecutions from the blind leaders of religious movements who drag souls into compromising terms with Satan and his kingdom of darkness.

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While there is such a thing as being extreme and fanatic, yet we as the saints of God must watch lest false teachers hide under these phrases and bring us under their wings of compromise and thus darken our vision of clear Bible truth.

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We have heard many that would teach good truth and then add phrases and different Scriptures until the sword became dull, and a man (after it was over) would be as one who dreamed he was hungry, and behold he eateth; but he awaketh and his soul is empty.

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Bro. J. J. Grills from Dyersburg, Tenn., who has been attending the Tulsa Camp Meeting, has been visiting us for a few days. He perhaps will stay in Oklahoma until after the Camp Meeting at Okla. City.

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The Church of God Camp Meeting will be held at Oklahoma City, Okla., from the 1st to the 10th of August 1924. We request your prayers and presence in behalf of the meeting.

Bro. and Sister D. Z. Staten, 217 S. 28 Ave., (Phone Harmony 7720), Omaha, Nebr., desire any traveling ministers and workers passing through or coming there to labor for the Lord and souls to feel a welcome to come to their home. They would be glad to have whomsoever the Lord would lead to come and help in the work in that city a few weeks, or as long as the Lord wills.

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Being called of God to print and send out the gospel, we mean by the grace of God to do this and have no heart to listen to those who would have us cease from doing what God has told us to do. We are aware that the devil is mad, is trying to crush us and cut us off, or get us to hush such plain talk, but Jesus was hounded by Satan and his agents, warned and threatened and on one occasion ancient history tells us that Pilate, through fear of the scribes and Pharisees (professors of God) called Jesus to him and warned Him about the danger He was in for His plain talking, and told Jesus to be more careful in the future. But the answer of Jesus was, "Dam up the mountain gorge and it will burst over and uproot the trees in the valley below." While there are some that would crush us out if possible, we are thankful to God that many of our brethren are in favor of the work continuing on, and others through lack of knowledge or by being misinformed think that the saints should have only one publisher, but this we believe to be a mistaken idea, for God calls members to preach the gospel through the printed page as well as from the pulpit, and for either one to disobey would mean to grieve the Spirit, and bring the disapproval of God upon the soul.

In the Bible we have the gospel by Matthew, the gospel by Luke, by Mark and by John, and we are sure that none of us would be in favor of doing away with any one of them, even though we liked one better than the other, for they all present the gospel in a different manner and some give things that others do not mention. God did not call all of His disciples to write the gospel, but those whom He called wrote, and we are glad of it. To decide to have only one paper, one publisher, and look on others with suspicion and envy would be making a king and imposing him on God's heritage, and would cause innocent souls to become cold and filled with suspicion one toward the other. The phrase "our church paper" belongs in sectism and should never be heard in Zion, as all papers that carry the gospel of Christ and set forth the church of God, and teach the oneness that Jesus prayed for, are church papers, and are for, and belong to, the people of God.

Brethren, let us quit building sects and making lords, and let all the saints be free to pasture where God feeds and support and aid those whom God is using to feed them, and then every publisher will stand or fall as God upholds him and not because of prestige by fear of men. Let us as the free-born children of God be on our watch lest we be caught in the same traps that Satan has used from the beginning. "Watch and pray" is a good motto to

always keep in mind, for God has called each of us to have an individuality with Him for He is a jealous God and wants us to be free to move at His will.

Peter says, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Therefore, brethren, seeing that we have such a high calling let us throw off the works of darkness and walk according to the perfect law of liberty and not permit ourselves to be bound in organizations nor under the power of companies of men. In Isaiah 57: 13-14 we read, "When thou criest let thy companies deliver thee: but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them; but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain; and shall say cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people."

So we see that it behooves us as strangers and pilgrims to watch and pray and resist the enemy, and have no other God before us but the Almighty God. "For all good gifts come down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning."

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#### REVIVAL MEETINGS

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To be conducted by the Church of God at 1270, Sutter St. San Francisco, Calif.

Providence permitting and interest justifying same

The Glad Tidings of free and full salvation to be presented from time to time by a holy, anointed ministry in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. This sincere and compassionate preaching is expected to bring deep and pungent conviction upon the unsaved, until they cry unto God for mercy and pardon. It is not the will of God that any should be lost and go into eternal perdition, but that all should be saved. The meetings will be conducted with a view of getting multitudes both of Jews and Gentiles soundly converted to the Lord Jesus.

Definite and radical teaching concerning the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is for all true believers. There are many and grievous errors in the world to-day about this subject, yet a candid and unbiased study of the Holy Bible will clear away all error and guide all honest souls into a settled experience.

Full salvation in Christ Jesus according to the New Testament standard, places true believers in a position to be perfectly unified in the One Body of Christ, which is the true and exclusive Church of God. God has always designed that His true children should be one in Christ Jesus, but false shepherds have caused division and havoc and in many places utter ruin.

Healing of the sick and suffering by laying on holy hands and anointing with oil and offering the prayer of faith. This precious gift has been placed in the true Church of God to be used to the glory of God, the relieving of the suffering and also to convince the ungodly.

All expenses to be met on the free-will offering plan, and none need stay away on account of poverty. A most diligent effort will be made to supply the needs of the foreign Mission field.

A most diligent effort will be made to print and distribute the Holy Scriptures and portions of the same, both at home and in the foreign field. We expect by the good hand of God upon us to print tracts, papers and books which shall magnify the atoning blood of Jesus in cleansing the vilest of sin and bringing forth the true unity of God's people unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

We solicit prayers, supplications and giving of thanks of the devout of every nation that God will abundantly supply every need and that many souls may be eternally saved.

—W. M. POTTER.

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## Correspondence

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Tulsa, Okla.—Beloved ones in Christ Jesus: Greetings again in His prevailing name. We rejoice to say today that we have peace and victory in our souls, and perfect satisfaction that we are pleasing in His sight, because we love to do the whole will of God, regardless of opinions of men who love to lean a little to self respect and self interest. By the grace of God we will not compromise, but warn the wicked of his wicked way; yes, his evil deeds, that his blood may not be required at our hands. We are satisfied that God through the Holy Ghost will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment, and make manifest the hidden things of dishonesty, hidden things of darkness. Praise God, we are more determined today to stand firm and true. When the meeting closed last night, while I looked over the congregation, the thought came to me, soon we will all part, some going one way, some another, but all will go to their known abode, their known town, their known people. But, Ah, we must go to unknown people and places. Here we need the grace of God, that our hearts may be encouraged to be strong and bold in the Holy Spirit, to preach the Word as God reveals and inspires. For this one thing we have clearly discerned and proved, that the real true saints who are completely clear and cut loose from all the love of the world, surely love the truth, and the stronger and keener it is the more they rejoice in it. Also we have proved that the low down sinner respects the truth and melts under it.

So thus we find that spiritual experience teaches the deeper will of God, and then they that do the will of the Father shall know the doctrine, and this doctrine (Gospel of the word of the cross) must be preached unto all nations as a witness. Yet surely we are in the days wherein sound doctrine is not endured, and the love of many waxes cold, because iniquity abounds. Yet, we have a solemn command: *Preach the Word*. This is the gospel which has power unto salvation from every mortal thing of the flesh; it is to be preached to this sin cursed world. Sin in all its

ways and effects must be denounced and uncovered through the gospel of the cross. The preaching of the cross will arouse the devil and cause persecutions, tests, trials, perils and reproaches. Praise God, this is a good sign of victory and that we are fighting the good fight of faith.

Well, the camp meeting is over; souls were saved, sanctified, healed, and devils cast out. We rejoice much in meeting the dear saints from abroad. It gives us joy to greet them, and sorrow to part. But we hope to meet some day to part no more in that land of rest in glorious reunion, where there will be eternal joy and peace and freedom to all who abide in Him. Peace be unto all the saints.

BRO. AND SISTER J. D. LLEWELLYN.

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North Platte, Nebr.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus: I received a sample copy of the paper, "Faith and Victory," and it brought many blessed messages to my soul. I do not know who sent my name to you, but I would like to thank them and I would greatly enjoy having it come right along. I was greatly touched by the article on the children's page, "A Truthful and Touching incident," also the letter from the prisoner in Tucker, Ark. These things only prove God's power all the more. How I do rejoice in the love of my Savior! I am only 19, but how glad I am that I did not waste my youth before I gave my heart to God. Some dear old-time holiness people held meetings here four years ago, and they preached with such power and Spirit of God that I feel under deep conviction. I had been hungry for years without hardly realizing it, but I was always seeking satisfaction in worldly pleasures which I never found. Well, glory to God, it wasn't there to be found. I had to go to the feet of Jesus to find it. I confessed my sins to Him and sought forgiveness, and He who died for the sins of the world rolled away the burden from even me. A year later He sanctified me and He has kept me by His grace ever since. These four years have been the happiest of my life, for I found the peace and satisfaction I had been seeking. Never once have I regretted giving my life to Him, and never once has He failed me when I called upon Him. Truly there is power in prayer. I am in school now, and my life is in His hands, and I am glad for the privilege of preparing myself for whatever work He may call me to do. Praise His dear name. It's a blessed privilege to serve Him and work for Him. I pray God's richest blessings to be upon your work there and upon all the saints in every place. Your Sister in Him.

—JOSIE M. FATTIG.

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Branson, Colo.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing House and the dear saints abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We certainly do enjoy the little paper. I thank the dear Lord that there are a few that stand by the old Bible way. It does our souls good to read the letters from God's dear children. We truly thank the Lord for delivering us from the enemy of our souls. We have been going through

some severe trials but the Lord has been with us through them all. He delivered us out of that court trial, for which we truly thank Him. We know that it was only through the prayers of the saints that we were delivered, as the folks that were against us were awful wicked people, but in the Psalms David said if our ways please the Lord He will cause that even our enemies will be at peace with us. Praise the dear Lord. There are only a very few here that stand by the old land marks as laid down in the Word, but we praise Him that there are a few scattered all over the world that will stand true. Our boy is improving fine, but pray that the Lord will soon make him completely well to His glory. These trials are drawing us closer to the Lord and we have a stronger decision than ever to press on to the end. It is very dry here but we are not discouraged, for David said that he never saw "the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread." The dear Lord will provide some way for us. Pray for us. Yours for the salvation of lost souls.

—BRO. AND SISTER WALTER BUSCH.

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Bartonville, Ill.—Greetings in Jesus' precious name, who has loved us and suffered and died that we might live and have this wonderful free salvation. It has been some time since I have written you, for I got so much courage from your last letter and the little paper that comes to bring food and courage to me. But I want to say that Jesus is still my dearest and best friend. He is all the world to me. I still sit here in my wheel chair, here in this dear corner that has grown so dear to me. It is a precious prayer corner to me. Here is where I have such precious talks with Jesus as He comes and whispers precious things to me of the wonderful things He has in store for me. I have been passing through some trials and troubles lately. I could scarcely bear them, tried to bear them alone, but I asked God to help me; still I held on to them too. But when I got to a place where I could not bear them, I just let loose of them and left them with the Lord, as He says to cast all our cares on Him, for He cares for us. When I left them with God, how quickly He marked them all out, much better than I could my self. God can plan everything out for us if we just let loose and let Him. My heart rejoices as God does lead us safely through every trial. When the dark clouds are around us we can go for refuge 'neath His sheltering wing.

There is not much it seems that I can do for my blessed Master but to pray to Him and believe His Word and promises. I would love to do more for Him, to tell other poor lost souls the way to come to Jesus, to tell that sweet old story of Jesus and His wonderful love. His love is so wonderful, so rich and full; just to tell it o'er and o'er, the precious love of God. How good He is to me unworthy though I am. He loved me so much that He reached down and lifted my wandering feet from the miry clay, and placed them on the Rock Christ Jesus; He led me into safe paths; He has put a new song in my mouth, even praises to my God and King. Now He is my Shepherd, I

know I shall not want. It has been ten long years since I came here to the State Hospital to find a home and place to stay. There is no one that knows all I have endured and passed through only myself and God in these ten years. I have been thinking today as I look back over those long years of the way God has led me. He has never left me alone, but has safely carried me through every trial and sorrow, and I have learned to know Him better, learned to trust and love Him more. I have been much in prayer today; the sad, homesick tears come to my eyes and overflow, but I will be an overcomer with God's help. I will not lay down my cross that God has given me; I will bear it to the end. The heavier the cross here the brighter our crown will be. I pray often for a faith "that will not shrink though pressed by every foe; that will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe, that will not murmur or complain beneath the chastening rod: but in the hour of grief and pain will lean upon our God." With love and prayers to all the dear saints: Your shut-in sister in Christ.

—RETTA C. PRENTICE.

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Meridian, Okla.—We want to greet the saints through the little paper Faith and Victory. The Lord does answer the prayer of faith. I want to tell you how good the Lord has been and is to me. In April of this year I was taken sick with a severe fever. It kept me in bed 21 days, but I just stayed with the Lord and prayed. I did not take a dose of any kind of medicine, nor did I have any thing rubbed on my body. I just trusted to the Lord and praise His dear name He raised me up from the affliction.

The Lord has also taught me to withdraw from every one that walks disorderly (2 Thess. 3: 6). The precious must be taken from the vile and not the vile from the precious (Jer. 15: 19). We ought to obey God rather than man (Acts 18: 4). I know I am in the strait and narrow way that leads from earth to glory, praise His name for ever more. May God give every one of His servants more faith and strength to do His work is my prayer. Please pray for me that I may become stronger in body and in spirit.

Your sister in Christ. —SUSAN BRYANT.

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Lincoln, Ark.—Dear saints and Christian friends: Faith and Victory is at hand again and I am glad to get it. We are isolated here and seldom get to hear a good Bible sermon. This makes the paper lots of help. I love to read the good testimonies. Good clear testimonies from each other is lots of help, but let us be very careful in giving our experiences. I have just been reading in 1st Peter 4th chapter where it says "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Dear readers I do not say this to censure any one; I only say it as a caution. We must keep close to the Lord by much praying, and keep on our guard. We are living in perilous times, as we see by the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Word of God. God is undoubtedly making up His jewels. We are in a sifting time. So many different kinds of doctrines and imi-

tations of the plain straight truth. I am certainly glad tonight I am in the strait and narrow way. I can never thank my Lord enough for showing me this good old Bible way which is so simple when we submit ourselves to our blessed Creator.

I have gone through some trials of late which gives me more courage as I press onward. Dear reader if you are a child of God just starting out on the journey to glory, have just lately been born into the kingdom of God, if you have not met with many trials you are likely to do so before going very far. In Isaiah we read that "many shall be purified, made white and tried." So you see God wants to clean us up and purify us and make us fit for His kingdom, and then try us. Now read Hebrews 12: 6 of whom the Lord loves and chastens. Read also 1 Peter 4: 13 where He says "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you." I have only been in this strait and narrow way about 3 years. I have had some of this experience. I have had my plans all up set. I have had the worst kind of poverty looking me in the face, was stricken down sick and have been crippled. Sometimes it seemed to me the Lord had forsaken me. But then when He would see that it was enough He would bring the promise, that He would not suffer me to be tempted above what I was able to bear, and would make a way for my escape, and by holding on with patience and prayer He has always answered in good time. It seems I am one that the Lord is leading through this world in perverse circumstances, and not best to be allowed to prosper in a financial way, but I certainly thank Him for His goodness to recognize me and pull me out of the mire when I was low in sin. This is worth more than all the goods of this world. We can see many drifting away after the things of this world. May this stir all who are striving for the heavenly prize to be watchful, prayerful and careful, and be contented with such things as the Lord provides. From one who intends by the grace of God to go all the way.

—L. F. SHUMATE.

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Perkasie, Pa.—I wish to greet all the saints in Jesus' precious name. May grace, mercy and peace be multiplied to you is my prayer. I am praising the Lord for victory in His name. When we become willing to trust the Lord at all times, and humble enough to obey Him in every little thing we have precious victory in our souls, do we not? "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, just to know thus saith the Lord."

Dear ones, in these days of peril and deception let us cling to the Word of God. May I call your attention to 1 Cor. 7: 29-31: "But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of



this world passeth away." I trust I will continue to hear from Jesus' little ones through the pages of Faith and Victory. Let us determine to press the battle on until the final victory is won.

Yours in Jesus.

—ROSELLA SLIFER.

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Hudson, Kans.—Dear Brothers and Sisters: Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus. I am writing to let you know that I enjoy reading the little paper and hope you can continue to send it to me. I never read a paper that I liked any better, and I would miss it if it failed to come, as I do not get to go to meetings to hear the preached sermons of the Word. I always feel built up in my soul by reading the messages and truths contained in the paper. It has been over three years since the Lord healed me and I am still trusting Him for my healing when I get sick and He has never failed me yet. Pray for me that I may always be faithful to My Lord, and may God bless you in the work He has called you unto.

—MINNIE KEELER.

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Rhea, Ark.—I am glad today to testify that I am still saved and under the precious blood of Jesus. And, praise His holy name I am still determined by the help of God to press the battle on. I feel like the Lord is leading me more out into the work, but I have many hindrances insomuch that I am not able to go as I would like, and as I feel the burden for souls. Please pray for us that the Lord open the way for us. There are no saints near here to meet with, and wife and I get hungry for spiritual food. But there is One who never leaves nor forsakes us, so we can feast at Jesus' table all the time. My desire is to be in good meetings with the true children of God. I would be glad to hear from any dear saints who want meeting. I would be glad to help if the Lord permits. Please pray for me.

Your Bro. in Christ.

—J. E. LOGSDON.

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Baltimore, Md.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing House: I want to add my testimony for the dear Lord, and praise Him for all He has done for unworthy me. He has saved and sanctified my soul and I enjoy His dear service. Truly all His dear children are precious to me. This fellowship we have with Him and each other is just wonderful. I have fully decided to go through with Jesus on the strait Bible line which is the only way from earth to heaven, and Jesus keeps me free in Him (John 8: 32-36). I received the paper, Faith and Victory, and enjoy reading it very much. It truly is a clean gospel paper. May God bless it to the salvation of many dear souls, and help each one at Faith Publishing House, and all writers for the paper to keep founded on God's dear Word, and bless and reward them all.

By the help of God I am doing what I can to distribute Faith and Victory papers and tracts here among the people of Baltimore, as the gospel truth surely is needed much here, for false doctrines and deceptions are many and our only safety is to cling

alone to God's dear Word, which is the only thing that is going to stand,—not the many hundreds of man's ways to get to heaven, but God's one way (John 14: 6). So, dear saints, let us be true to God and each other, and hold up only Jesus and His Word, and souls will be won to our dear Savior (John 12: 32).

The way of the cross is an unpopular way, and brings reproach from the world, but by and by when Jesus comes again to give judgment, and we receive our final reward, God's dear children will be the very most popular people then (Luke 22: 28-30). It pays to serve God. Let us all be true to Him. Pray that I ever do His precious will. Yours in the service of God.

—JOHN H. CLAY.

154 McPhail St., Baltimore, Md.

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Butler, Mo.—Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus. I do so appreciate the dear letters of encouragement received from you for the communion and fellowship of saints is precious to the soul whether it be through written pages or face to face. And too, dear sister I thank the dear Lord and you for a card containing words of comfort and hope which I received a year ago while I was lying upon the bed of a very severe affliction.. And I do praise God for the little paper, Faith and Victory, with the help, encouragement and holy inspiration the Lord brings through its contents. It contains more spiritual reading and Bible truths than any other paper of its size that I have ever seen. May God ever keep it just as clean and pure as it now is. And may God ever keep you workers at Faith Publishing House low and humble at His feet where you may ever keep filled with the blessed Holy Spirit that He may ever lead, guide and direct you in the work you are doing.

My heart is filled with joy to read the precious testimonies of the saints which show that some few people in this old sinful world are traveling the highway of holiness. It seems just like being in a good Spirit-filled meeting to read and meditate upon the precious truths and articles printed in the little paper, seeing and knowing that Jesus is being lifted up that souls maybe drawn to Him.

How true it is that sometimes children of God do not appreciate their salvation as they ought. I think the reason we do not appreciate the greatness of salvation is because we don't meditate as much as we should upon what it means to us. I believe if we would just take more time for quite, earnest, thoughtful meditation upon all that God has done for us when He saved our souls, we would appreciate our salvation more. Oh, let us take more time to meditate upon our salvation that has brought us out of the darkness of sin's night into the sweet, holy light of God; that has brought us out of the pitfalls of sin into the beautiful highway of holiness; that has taken away our guilty conscience toward God and given us instead a sweet peace of mind in Him. I really want to appreciate more and more my most valuable possession, the salvation of my soul. The more we ap-



# LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :11).

## LITTLE TRAVELERS

*We are little trav'lers here,  
To the heav'ly land;  
Angels hold a place for us  
In their shining band.*

*Along the way to perfect day,  
We never weary grow;  
It is not far to the gates ajar,  
And rejoicing on we go.*

*Faithful little trav'lers here,  
Courage! watch and pray;  
When our last earth-journey's o'er,  
Dawns the perfect day. —SEL.*

## SEEKING A BETTER COUNTRY

If you had been boys and girls fifty years ago, dear children, you would have seen in many parts of the country many canvas-covered wagons, drawn sometimes by horses or mules, but more generally by oxen. The mother, the little children, and all else they possessed, were put inside; the older children walked, while the father or one of the older boys drove the team. At night they camped; they set the animals free that they might feed on the grass all around; they built a fire on which the mother and the girls cooked them food, while the boys provided wood, brought water, caught fish or hunted if they could, and looked after the animals.

These people came from many countries far away. They had heard of America, that it was a good country, rich and plentiful and free, whilst in the countries where they lived they suffered from poverty, and were often oppressed by those in power. They believed the report, and though it cost them some struggles to leave their friends and the scenes of their childhood, they pulled up and came away to seek a new home and plenty in this favored land. Boys and girls with school-friends and companions to go with their fathers and mothers to the good country they had heard of but had never seen.

The children of God, dear young people, do the same thing in a far higher and deeper sense. They give up this world for heaven. They have heard of that blessed land where all is peace and love and light, and, weary with the burden and wretchedness of sin, they have left it all and started for heaven.

There was one thing which the people who came to America had, all alike, to do to get here. I wonder if you can tell what it was? *They all had to go through the mighty deep—cross the ocean.* So every one who goes to heaven must go there *by the cross of Christ*—that is, he must learn however painful that may be, that he is a guilty, lost sinner, and that it is Jesus who, by His death on the cross, has put

away our sins and opened wide to us the door of heaven.

These travelers on the way to where they could get plenty of rich land, had some lovely days and lovely scenery, and they enjoyed them together. Then again they had storms, muddy roads, swollen streams, wet clothes, and other troubles, which made the way painful, and made them wish to reach the end of their journey as soon as possible. The children then would find fault sometimes, and wish their parents had never left the old home. Those were dark days which made the fathers and mothers sad, but they kept on.

Thus too, dear children, the way to heaven is bright and happy if we keep in the sunshine of our Father's presence, and in the enjoyment of the love of Jesus. It has sorrows too—times when we cannot help weeping and wish the Lord to come and take us to heaven. Then if we take ourselves to prayer, God hears us, and He comforts us, and answers our prayers, and so makes us learn what a loving Father we have.

Dear boys and girls, you who have Christian parents, are you going on with them to heaven, or do you still love sin and this world! —SEL.

Utica, Pa.—Dear Children: As I am alone this evening, I have been thinking much about my heavenly Father's precious little jewels that are scattered up and down this green earth. I have also been reading over some of your dear letters that have lately reached me. I hope to be able to answer each one individually, but should I fail I trust you may accept this as a reply, but I shall not fail to talk to the dear Lord about you. Yes, dear children, I shall remember your every request at our loving Father's throne. And you dear little one, Ada James, away in San Francisco, Calif., God bless and increase that missionary zeal in your young heart, that so longs for the salvation of other dear children, and may He give you many of their souls as bright stars in your crown to shine through a long and bright eternity with Jesus and the angels; yes, and all the redeemed hosts of heaven. And I want to say to dear little Margret Johnson that when they say naughty things to you at school, you saints and holiness children, it only drives you closer to the dear Savior; you feel His loving presence with you, and I know it makes you feel sad that they too are not happy in Jesus' love. But, O how He loves to speak through the lips of His little ones.

It just comes to me now of a dear little boy of this place who had given his little heart to the Lord: some of the larger boys at school in teasing him said, "Now when you go to prayer meeting they'll call on you to pray and then what will you do?" The little fellow said, "Well, can't I pray? Didn't I

go out in the wood house and ask God for a sled, and didn't He send it to me?" That was real child-like faith wasn't it dear children, such as the dear Lord wants us all to have. He just loves to answer our prayers when we ask Him for anything we need.

And just now it comes to my mind of how the dear Lord granted a childlike request of a little nephew of mine. He said to his mother, "I am hungry for candy." She said, "Take some of your money out of your bank and get you some." He said, "Oh, I don't want to use it for candy." A few days later he said again, "I'm just *real* hungry for candy, Mama." She said as she had before, "Get you some, dear child. You have money in your bank." He said again, "Oh, I don't want to use it for candy." Soon after he came in so happy and said, "Just see, Mama, what a candy man gave me!" He had his hat and both pockets full of chocolate drops. His mother said, "I guess you must have asked the dear Lord for some candy didn't you?" He said, "Yes I did, Mama, but I didn't think He would give me so much." But that is just what the dear Lord has promised to do is it not dear children. He says He will give us more than we can ask or think.

But I must tell you how it came that the candy man gave it to him. As the man was passing him, in driving over a crossing a box fell out as the door of his wagon was not latched. He said to Ralph, "Come, little boy, and help yourself." So he called another little Ralph and they divided the candy between them. The dear Lord always has His own sweet way to answer our prayers has He not, dear children? If your unsaved school mates only knew how happy you are in Jesus' love, they too would want to know Him, and I must tell you that little boy is a man now, and he guards closely the Lord's bank which He still replenishes regularly and gladly.

Good by, dear children.

—AUNT LUCY MCKAY.

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preciate our salvation the more faithfully we will strive to keep it.

I am glad the Lord is blessing you in the work and encouraging you to press on. I count it a blessed privilege to cooperate with you dear ones in the spread of the gospel. It is truly glory just to work for Him. I have distributed a good many of your tracts and other literature and the Lord is blessing some of those to whom I have given the literature. But others, while they read it, seem to take but little if any interest at all in it. And some people I have found while distributing literature have refused to accept it at all, which has caused me to shed many tears. But how sweet to know that God's Word says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him?" (Psa. 126: 6). And while so many are refusing to read good, sound, Biblical literature which might be the means of bringing them to Christ, I am so thankful that we can live holy

lives before them and pray for them and they cannot hinder us. How blessed to know that while they can refuse to read the literature we offer them, they cannot make God refuse to hear our prayers offered up to Him in their behalf. Please pray for me that God will help me in every way that He sees I need to be helped, and may He keep us all faithful to Him unto the end is the prayer of your sister in Christ.

—MABEL WHITE.

Zadock, Ark.—I feel led to send my testimony to the dear saints to encourage them on the way. This morning finds me praising the dear Lord for the blessings He has bestowed upon me. I feel this morning that He has healed me, for I have been improving ever since the dear saints prayed for me. May He bless every one and keep you humble at His dear feet is my prayer. He is ready to comfort us when we humble ourselves before Him, and I mean yet to trust Him for my healing. Jesus is truly all in all to me. He is the best remedy I have ever found. Our lives are in His hands, why should we not be willing to obey His voice. He says my sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life. And they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hands." The nearer we live to the Lord and obey Him, the better we can hear His tender voice calling us to follow Him in the path that leads to eternal life, and sweet eternal peace, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. Please continue to pray for me and my family. Your sister in Jesus' love.

—VIOLET VAUGHN.

Upland, Calif.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are praising God for health in soul and body, by His mercies and love to us. Dear saints the fight is still on between God and the devil, between God's saints and the devil spirits, but thank God the victory is ours. The devil is a conquered foe. Jesus overcame him in the wilderness, on the pinnacle of the temple and on that high mountain. He put him to flight. Bless His dear name forever and ever. Listen, dear souls: "Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases" (Luke 9: 1). He sent them to preach the kingdom of God. "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He Himself would come. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves." Again dear ones, listen to what is said of them as God's given power worked in and through them: "And the seventy returned again with joy saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." My dear brethren take courage, the words of our dear Savior are true and verified. "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because

your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10: 19-20).

Dear ones my heart is filled with joy, my soul is all aglow as I meditate on and know the realities of the exceeding great and precious promises of the Lord and of how His ways are higher than man's ways as the heavens are above the earth. "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes: even so Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight" (Luke 10: 21). Now there is safety in God's protection. So dear ones whom God has called, do not fear to obey, move in His strength. Pray for me and the work in these parts.

Your Bro. in Christ.

—D. T. LEVELY.

### HOW TO GET HEALED

I have testified many times to being saved, sanctified and healed, but never have told how it was done, and indeed neither can I, and do not suppose I or anyone else could possibly tell in mere words that wonderful experience that comes to us only through the Holy Spirit, by our believing and seeking. First, we must believe that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. James says those who have a doubt in their heart will not receive any thing from the Lord. So when we ask and receive not, we ask amiss. There is something lacking in us, not the Lord, for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is just there where He has always been, with outstretched hands and the free gift for all who reach it.

The woman who had suffered 12 years reached Him, although she had to press her way through a surging crowd, and I imagine she was not very well able to be on her feet. Another reached Him, although he had to be carried and let down through the roof. And how about the blind man who sat by the wayside begging? No one could make him keep still until he reached the Lord. These had the faith once delivered to the saints and it is the very same faith that heals today, the very same faith that has healed me many times, and heals me now. How did I get healed of Neuralgia, Hemorrhoids, Catarrh, Grippe, Blood-poison, Rheumatism, Influenza, and Strangulation of the bowels, when I was all but dead, yes, and many other diseases and afflictions too numerous to mention? The way is very simple. Just fall into Father's arms and say, "Here I am, Lord, to live or die." I can safely say that I have never been healed yet by the power of God without giving up everything I ever knew or could do. God needs no help whatever. He made the worlds and all that is in them.

I remember one time husband and I had a little lesson on this line. He was afflicted with the shaking palsy and was almost helpless, so that I had to lift him out of his chair and help him to walk. One night I had put him to bed and had gotten nicely settled for a good nights sleep myself, when all at once he called to me to pray for him quickly, as his

head was hurting him so he could not stand it. It was neuralgia. I laid my hands on his head and we were agreed for his healing, and the pain all left him. We settled down again, and I was dozing off into a good sleep when he was awakened and called to me again to get up quickly as he was dying. I jumped out of bed and raised him up, then helped him into his chair and pulled him out to the stove which was still warm and on which was a kettle of hot water. The neuralgia had gone to his stomach or near his heart and it did seem he would go any moment. He was purple in the face and gasping for breath, and in my excitement I grabbed the hot water bottle, poured hot water in, then applied it to his side, then put his feet in a bucket of hot water. All this time I was praying as hard as I could. I was kneeling down by his feet praying and wrapping the quilt close about his feet and limbs, when a voice spoke in my ears saying, "Which do you want, the Lord or hot water?" I jumped to my feet and said the same words over to my husband. He could not speak, but began pulling at the hot water bottle and trying to get his feet out of the water. That was enough; I understood. I took away the hot water and wiped his feet. Then the enemy said he will die now. I replied, "Amen: Lord, he is in your hands to live or die." It did seem he was gone for a minute, and it was only for a minute, for in less time than it takes me to tell it, he spoke and said, "Put me back in bed. I am alright now." We went back to bed and to sleep praising God. Even the thought of doing something is a hindrance to faith. It diverts the mind from God, and will cause us to be double-minded as James speaks in James 1: 8 and 4: 8. God is a jealous God as well as a merciful God, and will not give His glory to another.

I have had experience in later years since my husband died, that brought sorrow upon me. I went to the arm of flesh for prayer and advice when afflicted, and was told I should wear a truss until the Lord healed me. Well, I am not healed of the rupture yet. Another told me I should be careful what I ate and recommended certain foods for indigestion, and I got worse and worse until I cast everything away and said, "Lord, I will trust you though I die," and have been getting better ever since. My advisors were church of God ministers. Now I want to get back to the place where I started to drift, and forever keep my eyes on Jesus. A man once thought to help God by putting his hand on the ark and dropped dead. It is a disgrace to ourselves as Christians and a dishonor to God to even think of limiting His power. Yes, and it is dangerous. God's Word is sharper than any two-edged sword and will pierce even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4: 12). How careful then we ought to be to walk before Him with fear and trembling. I want your prayers that from this day on, that nothing shall separate me from the love of God. I know God has a peculiar people zealous of good works, but the good works are done by the power of God.

—IONE E. ROBBINS.

## A LIVING WITNESS

Dear Saints and readers of Faith and Victory: I am sending my testimony this morning to tell of God's mercy to unworthy me. I feel led to write this testimony to the glory of God for His healing power in my recent affliction of three months and twenty days. A few days before January 9th, I was reading my Bible and a voice spoke to me and said, "God tries the heart." On the ninth of January I took sick and went to bed. I began to suffer. The Lord said to me, "Don't speak or do any talking to anyone." The saints soon gathered around my bed and wanted to know what was the matter with me. By the help of God I bore the cross and said nothing. Some told wife that she ought to have a doctor, that if anything happened to me she would be clear concerning the law of the land. So the doctor came and the Lord said to me not to be afraid to keep my mind on Him. The doctor put some kind of an instrument to my heart and told wife I had a partial paralytic stroke of the brain. She told him not to give me any drugs for it was against my will. He replied that medicine would not do me any good.

My strength began to leave me and my flesh also and I got so poor that I only weighed 94 pounds. I did not go to any scales to weigh, for I was so weak I could not stand on my feet. I was meditating one day about my weight and the Lord gave me a dream that night showing me that my weight was 94 pounds. I believed it just that way as if I had weighed on scales. The next thing, the people began to advise wife to send me to a hospital, which was a discouragement from the devil, but God gave me confidence in Him that the world could not take me unless He permitted them to, and He touched me and said "Be still." The devil then tried to make me feel like I was lost, and the dear Lord gave me another dream in which I was walking along in a bluegrass pasture near a big woods, where the trees were large, and a storm rose up so quick I could not get away. The whole woods was blown up high in the air, as I looked up the big trees were coming down on top of me. It looked like my time had come to die. But when the trees fell on me I was still standing between the forks of a big tree. God gave me this dream showing me if a time should come that I could see no chance to escape, just to still trust Him and He would deliver me.

Shortly after this I was meditating about the way I was suffering, and about the temptations that came to me and Jesus manifested Himself to me with the Scripture, saying, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God" (Isa. 41: 10). I am still thanking God for the great encouragement in the beginning of my affliction. I fasted twenty-one days, then I began to eat some food. For some time the food that I would eat did not taste right and would fail to give me strength. The Lord showed me it would not give me strength at the present time. I got out of bed one day but was too weak to stand, and fell on the floor. The Lord showed me I didn't need to walk, for the news went far over the land about me

being so sick and trusting God without the aid of drugs. The State Board of Health sent a specialist to examine me, and a policeman stood by while the work was going on. The doctor told me he thought I had a cancer of the stomach, and said I ought to be in the hospital. I replied I would not take drugs or hospital treatment, but that I would trust God. After I said that he didn't have much to say, and soon left the room.

I was so weak and poor wife began to cry to God in prayer very often, wanting Him to raise me up at once. She kept praying until God told her to stand still and see the salvation of God. She stood still for about a month and yet it was not God's time to deliver me, and she thought it would be good for me to get up and try to walk, thinking that God would strengthen me and I would soon be able to go about. Wife was working down town one day and the doctor told her I would never be any better but would rather grow worse. He said I would lose my feelings so I could not button my clothes without looking at the buttons, and told her that the day of miracles was past, to which she would not agree. Wife still held on to God for me. By this time the saints, large crowds of them, came to pray for me. They would feel my pulse saying I would not be here many days. Some said the devil had taken the advantage of me and had captured my mind, and that I had given up the dear Lord. But He kept telling me to hold my peace and be still and look to Him. The case was so strange to them by me not talking. The Lord forbid me to say anything to my wife or children, or to make the children obey. The Lord showed me I was afflicted from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet, caused by the devil, and even my mind was afflicted so bad it was not meet for me to talk. It would come to my mind about the affliction of Job, how he suffered and held to God, and that God was trying me to see if I would stand for Him. There was a time in Job's sufferings that he would not talk. The Lord began to show me that food was injurious to me, so I began to deny myself of daily food as Job did. I came to the place where I would only eat one meal every other day. But, praise God, on May the 29th about one o'clock in the day the healing power of God came into my afflicted body. I lay perfectly still and never moved hand or foot. The power of God straightening out my arms, and even drew the ends of my fingers to the palms of my hands, drawing the poison out of my body. My feet and limbs were done the same way. The flesh on the top of my feet had become dead, and the feeling in them gone so that I could not tell by rubbing them that there was any life in them. Between my shoulders it seemed that the flesh had died, and had begun to dry up. My face was swollen so bad that my right eye was closed, caused from the poison of my flesh. My hair was dead, would not stay brushed down, and was coming out in large bunches at a time. The ends of the hair that came out of my flesh was white as though it had come out of a dead person.

When the power of God came in my lungs my

breast would expand out to its fulness insomuch that I could see the bed covers raise up. Then it would enter my stomach, and my stomach would expand, then it would come back as though it would touch my backbone. I then could feel something begin to come out of my stomach and lungs and flow to my mouth, which was a yellow fluid, looked like yellow water, but was thicker. I had my head on three pillows and this yellow fluid came out of my mouth and my shoulders and arms were wet nearly to my elbows. One pillow slip had a stained spot 18 inches long and 6 inches wide, and the others were stained but not so much. My gums were swollen and in such a condition if I would bite any thing they would bleed. My breath smelled so bad my wife would often leave my bed side. Bro. Pulliam came in while God was healing me, and this yellow fluid that I spoke of smelled so strong that the first thing he said was that the windows ought to be raised. When the power of God began to blow the stuff out of my head, I am willing to say that anyone could have heard a roaring from my nostrils a long way off. After all of the poison matter came from my body and head, the Lord formed a clear water in my mouth, and the power of God used my hands to take this water and anoint my head, and my dead hair that I spoke about was immediately brought to life and was set back to my head. The next day the comb was put to my hair to show the people that my hair was pure and would not come out. Some rubbed their hands on my head and pulled my hair to see for themselves, for it looked so slick one woman said I must have water on my hair, and put her hand on my head to see. But all confessed that it was the wonderful work of God. Then the power of God took my hands and anointed my swollen face and neck with the same water, and rubbed them with my hands. A hot burning fever began to come out of my face and neck, and the swelling was soon gone. Dear ones I don't mean to say I used my hands in this work. I lay as a helpless baby, never moved hand or foot. It was the power of God that used my hands.

Bro. Spence was here holding meeting near my house in a large tent. I was completely healed about 15 minutes before meeting time. The Lord took my hands and laid the bed cover off of me, raised me out of bed and led me into a bed room and got my clothes down from the hanger, and said to make all things ready. He led me to get my shaving outfit and I had not seen my razor for over four months. The power of God took me to a little room to a box and put my hand down in one corner of the box on my razor. Wife decided that I had better not shave, for I might cut myself. I called for my shoes, but only one could be found. I was carried by the Lord into a room and my hand was put down under some clothes next to the wall and picked up my other shoe. The Lord said to put them on and go to meeting, so I did as He said and walked about a quarter of a mile to meeting. While the meeting was going on, a voice said to me, "God is well pleased with your suffering, and the power of hell shall not hurt you."

I have been on my feet ever since the hour I was healed. At one time my stomach was so bad I could not eat rice or anything else. The next morning the Spirit of God led me to eat two slices of bread and a glass of milk and one egg. Then the Lord made it known to me to stay out of bed. In three days I was eating fried steak and other things like a man that had never been sick. Also the third day I began to work, casing windows and doors, and most every night going to meeting, growing strong in body and spirit, praising God for His wonderful mercy to me. With the help of God I mean to press the battle on until death. I took sick on the ninth day of January and was healed on the 29th of May, during which time I suffered severely. I believed God through those four months and twenty-one days, waiting for the deliverance of my God whom I trust. When we present our bodies to God a living sacrifice, we have no more to do with it. It is God's personal property, and it is His business how he permits it to be used or suffer. In all this great suffering I was tempted many times to take drugs and use home remedies, but never used either. Closing with a determination to please God in life, asking an interest in prayer for myself and family. Your saved Bro. in Christ.  
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#### BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in and sup with him and he with me"* (Rev. 3: 20). Dear reader, listen! Jesus is knocking. Stop; be still; wait just a moment! He says, "Be still and know that I am God." Listen to hear His voice; listen to His call. Listen to that tap, tap, tap. The Savior is knocking at the door of your heart. Do open the door. Do let Him in. The key is turned in the door of your heart. You have locked and barred the door on the dear Savior. You have locked Him out as though He were a thief. He is a stranger to you, but He longs to come in and be your guest.

Oh, He loves you so! Remember how He took the place of the thief on the cross. Remember how He died for you. He is your very best Friend, if you will only let Him be. Why do you lock Him out? He is knocking, please let Him in. Hear Him say, "Today is the day of salvation." Let Him in today. Sinner, Jesus came to save you. He said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Listen! Jesus is still knocking.

Jesus is pleading for your soul, yield now to His control. He wants your heart; He wants your love; He wants your life, your all. Give Jesus your heart. Call upon Him now. Let Him save you. Listen, O listen to His still small voice; listen to His call. Come to Him now. This is the time. Come to this narrow way. Turn from your sins and come to Him, He will not cast you out. He will gladly take you in. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11: 28)

---SISTER W. E. NICOLL.

## THE CHURCH,—THE BODY OF CHRIST

*"For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones"* (Eph. 5: 3). God's plan is laid and the only way we can have any part or lot with Him in serving Him in the carrying out of His plan is to get in line with God by humble submission to His will, then He can place us in the Body as it pleases Him. Thank God for the glorious invitation that we unprofitable creatures have of entering into the Body of Christ, the Church. When we are in the Body we are not in the world, spiritually speaking. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17: 16). We are a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, representing the Body, Jesus Himself being the Head of the Body, the Church. "And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell" (Col. 1: 18-19).

After the earthly ministry of Jesus was finished, the apostles represented the next members of the Body, the Church, which was still favored with the light of the true gospel for some time, leaving the morning church clear as was seen by John in His vision, "And in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle" (Rev. 1: 13). The garment being supported at the breast instead of the neck left the arms and shoulders uncovered, representing that during the apostolic epoch of the Church's history, she was clear, as shown by these members of His Body. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (1 Cor. 12: 27). After the death of the apostles the body of truth was almost veiled, the church goes into obscurity for a long period of time. But during all this dark and dreary age Jesus was serving His church, walking among the candlesticks, looking after the supply of oil to sustain the feeble lights. The golden girdle is a symbol of divine service. "I am among you as one that serveth," and well and faithful has He served, for at all times since the Church was built, there have always been some devoted souls whom God could use in the carrying out of His plan. Does not this fill our hearts with gratitude and praise for our dear Master, that He has brought His church out of the age of darkness into the marvelous light where we now have a beautiful vision of the Body, which He again blesses with the clear light at this evening time, and is represented by the feet members of the Body. "And his feet like unto fine brass."

Oh, how clean, refined and humble are the Lord's servants which represent the feet, illuminated by the Truth and shine forth as if they burned in a furnace. We have shining upon us rays of divine inspiration. How it should consume in us all the dross of selfishness and purify us.

Thank God for the privilege of living in this glorious epoch of the Church's history where we can rejoice at the exclamation, "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved?" Who is this that cometh forward shining as a bright light after 1260 years of wilderness hiding and papal supremacy? The approval of the Lord is upon the true Church. He exclaims, "My dove, my undefiled is but one." Who is she that looketh forth as the morning fair as the moon and clear as the sun? It is the true Church representing the Body of Christ.

—IDA NORMAN.

## PLAIN DRESSING

Plain dressing is in keeping with the Bible, the Word of God, and is pleasing to the eye of our Father who watches over all, who never varies nor changes. Yet, plain dressing alone will not assure one of heaven. We have seen fathers and mothers that dressed plain and dressed their children plain, and the world looking on them could read the truth and see Christ manifested in their dressing, by not being conformed to the world with its fashions. But in their homes they were sour, cross and ugly, and without patience with the children, for which cause God was grieved and their spirituality was very low, languishing, ready to die.

James teaches us if we look into the perfect law of liberty (which is the Bible) and continue therein, being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, we shall be blessed in our deeds. Evidently those who are cross and unrespectful of their children are forgetful of the teaching of Paul in the 3rd chapter of First Timothy, where he says to have our children in subjection with all gravity. Now there is nothing that has more gravity than love which is manifested by gentleness, kindness and patience. If we show a combating spirit to the children we will be increasing the same in their hearts and these things will grow and the breach between you and your children will widen, and in time you will reap bitterness and sorrow of heart, the result of what you sowed. The children's hearts will become cold and hard and they will look on you as one that is cruel and heartless, as one that sees no good in them; they will be led to sneer at religion, and thus the enemy will succeed

in robbing a home of happiness and destroy your soul and their souls. Now the enemy is very wise and cunning and brings about these things gradually and has excuses for you as you go on, and will grip and fasten you with this disposition until your torment will begin before you pass into the dark regions of eternal night.

We have observed others that could dress plain, and were fairly good to the children, but were so given to appetite that their food had to be just so, were intemperate in their eating (which is contrary to the Word of God), could not fast one meal (no matter how much the need) without having the headache, and because of giving way to this fleshly lust were very lean in their souls, and the enemy had them on the road to destruction. Such souls need to awaken to their condition and cease to eat until they have victory over this fleshly lust that is warring against, and robbing, the soul of the life of God.

Others because of natural ability and talent (which gives advantage) become puffed up and lord it over God's heritage, continually causing trouble among the innocent, teaching many things that grieves and sickens their souls, and through fear keep them from eating nourishing food from the true shepherd's hand. Thus the enemy works and carries on his soul-destroying devices, with one in one way, and with another in another way, as he sees the opportunity.

While satan has many more ways of leading souls to perdition than the above named ways, yet these are some of his ways and show how we need to watch lest we make a hobby of overcoming certain evils and fail to see how the enemy is ensnaring us in some other way. The truth of the matter is that God is pleased for us who profess to be Godly to dress plain and simple and not in any wise to conform to the fashions and fads of the ungodly nor dress to please the world, and thus show love for the world which is condemned in the Word of God. In First John 2: 15-16 we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world."

Brethren, God wants rounded out Christians, He wants jewels that will flash heavenly light to the world or the ungodly, no matter what side they look at, so let us strip for the race and count heaven cheap at any cost of suffering or self denial, for if we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him. Let us know and consider the Scripture in the second chapter of Titus which reads, "For the grace of God that bring-

eth salvation has appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Brethren, we have no promise of sharing with Christ in His glory unless we suffer with Him in this present world, for Paul says, "We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8: 17). Paul does not consider the sufferings of this present world worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us, neither let us compare them and halt between two opinions, but let us yield unto the Lord and not become offended in Him who traveled the lowly despised way, and meekly and humbly received the sneers and scoffs of a proud God-professing people.

In your interest.

—FRED PRUITT.

### A CHURCH WITH A PURPOSE

*"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the Word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of ONE heart and of ONE soul \* \* \*"*

(Acts 4: 31-32). The above text expresses the condition of the local assembly of God's people at Jerusalem. This notable miracle stirred the Jews. They were enraged at the result of this miracle, for they saw that Jerusalem was being filled with their doctrine. They brought Peter and John before the council, threatened them that they speak not at all nor teach in the name of Jesus (Acts 4: 17-18). "So when they had further threatened them, they let them go." The apostles being let go, came to their own company (the saints). They reported all that had been done. They all felt their dependence upon God and the need of His special help, so with *one accord* they lifted their voices up to God and began to pray, and when they prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and the result was they "spake the Word of God with boldness, and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of Christ." Mighty signs and wonders were wrought by the church. God manifested His power and glory in their midst. Here was the morning church in her purity, glory and power. This is the pattern for the Church of God today. This was not a condition to be enjoyed only by the saints at Jerusalem, but it is for us today. Every assembly of God's people should be filled with this power. If we do not keep filled with His Spirit and power we are like a bubble float-



ing around over this world of confusion. We are indeed living in perilous times. Saints are dividing and sub-dividing. Let us awake and settle down more and more into Jesus and every individual keep filled with the Spirit of God. What we are individually, we will be collectively. If we individually settle down and tarry at the feet of Jesus until we are endued with power, the result will be a church filled with the power and glory of God.

God wants His saints to be living coals of fire. If we individually keep filled with His Spirit signs and wonders will be wrought and souls will be saved. How few souls we see today really come through to a real Bible experience of salvation. The reason for this is, I am convinced, there are too many lukewarm saints, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of God. God wants His children to be on fire for Him. Many professed saints know nothing of inward joy, peace and heavenly victory. Let us arise and shake off this spirit of lethargy and get in touch with Jesus; yes, tarry with Him until we are endued with power from on high. Then when we pray it will be more than mere words repeated, it will bring fire down from the sky; it will shake whole communities; preaching will bring conviction to the hardened sinners; souls will be brought out with a clear definite experience. Our singing will have real heavenly unction. Singing in the Spirit will bring conviction to the soul, and encourage those that are cast down. When a number of such Spirit-filled saints assemble together they will accomplish something for God. Such a congregation will be noted for their faith and power. The prominent thing in their lives will be the fact that they are spiritual and have power with God. The man or woman who keeps filled with the Spirit and lives in touch with God is not apt to be led astray and fall a prey to the devil. It is when people begin to drift that they open the door to all kinds of deception. We may cling to the form and be zealous for the truth, but if we lack the power we are of no use to God.

In Revelations we read of a church that had the outward form to perfection; they labored faithfully and patiently, could not bear with evil, tried them which said they were apostles and found them liars. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Rev.2: 2-4). The outward form was commended but they had lost the vital principle, the power, their first love. The attractive thing in a child of God's life is not their personal appearance, natural eloquence or natural ability or great education. I cast no reflection on education; the knowledge could be used to God's

glory, but I fear there is danger in trying to substitute learning for power. This will never do. Sectism has tried this and failed. They have built the colleges and seminaries to educate their ministers. They spend years of study on theological lines, but fail to reach the deep things of God and save the lost. They try to discover the mysteries of God through their channel of learning, but they utterly fail. Theological schools have never yet turned out men of Paul's stamp—men who "turn the world up side down." God said, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to naught the understanding of the prudent." "The world by wisdom knew not God." "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty, and base things of the world and things that are despised hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not to bring to naught things that are." Why? "That no flesh should glory in His presence" (1 Cor. 1: 18-29). May God help us to depend more upon Him. He has hid the deep things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. The Lord is not so much concerned in getting men of great natural ability as He is in finding faithful men to accomplish His work.

A gospel with power is more than mere words. Paul said, "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power." A gospel with the Spirit and power will feed the soul. Flowery sermons may tickle the ears but will never awaken souls. Sectism has failed to reach poor dying souls through the channel of learning, fine oratory, artistic singing and classical music. So let us from such turn away. This may impress the people and win applause, but it fails to reach the soul that will live on through eternity. In order to reach souls the Word must be preached with power. If the Word is thus preached it will feed the souls. We may make a few ungrammatical sentences, but the Spirit will carry the truth home. We hear too many "good sermons" that are "words only." When the Word is declared with power it will bring conviction upon the people. Signs and wonders will follow a man of power. We are indeed living in the age when God's power needs to be more manifested. We do not mean to depreciate what God has done, but we need more. Let us tarry at the feet of Jesus until we be endued with power from on high. "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might" (Eph. 6: 10).

—(ELENA LACUE)