

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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BEHOLD HIS GOODNESS!

*Say, where is thy refuge, poor sinner,
And what is thy prospect to-day?
Why toil for the wealth that will perish,
The treasures that rust and decay?
Oh! think of thy soul, that forever
Must live on eternity's shore.
When thou in the dust art forgotten,
When pleasure can charm thee no more.*

*The Master is calling thee, sinner,
In tones of compassion and love,
To feel that sweet rapture and pardon,
And lay up thy treasures above;
Oh! kneel at the cross where He suffered,
To ransom thy soul from the grave;
The arm of His mercy will hold thee,
The Arm that is mighty to save.*

*As summer is waning, poor sinner,
Repent, ere the season is past;
God's goodness to thee is extended,
As long as the day-beam shall last;
Then slight not the warning repeated
With all the bright moments that roll,
Nor say, when the harvest is ended,
That no one has cared for thy soul.*

—SEL.

FOUR GREAT IMPOSSIBILITIES

IMPOSSIBILITY NO. THREE

Turn to Matthew 26 and let us read a solemn passage about the Lord Himself, verse 36, "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here while I go and pray yonder. And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch with me. And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, Oh my Father, *If it be possible*, let this cup pass from me! nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

Between God in all His unsullied holiness, and the sinner and all his unmitigated badness, Christ has come! Jesus, the holy, spotless one, has come, as sent by the Father, into this wicked world. The one upon whom heaven opened, and to whom the Father's voice was addressed, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." He who could Himself say, "I do always those things which please Him." The one, who from the moment He was laid in Bethlehem's manger, until He died on Calvary's cross, never once did His own will; whose life went up without one single imperfection, as a sweet savour to His Father: such is the person—Divine, yet human—who has undertaken the glorious work by which God could stoop in righteousness from the ilimitable height of His glory to the miserable depth of human degradation and pick up, and bless and save, and make fit for that glory, the very vilest, most polluted sinner.

See Him as the shameful, yet most glorious close of His wondrous history drew near, on the Mount of Transfiguration, encircled with the brightness of heavenly glory. Again the well-known voice is heard, "This is my beloved Son; hear Him." But even in the midst of that bright scene, what subject lay nearest to His heart? "They spake of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem." And then He descends from the dazzling splendour and glory and favor of that moment, to encountered all the shame, and wrath and darkness of the cross. But here in the garden, on the way to it, He is at once accosted with this grand question that has been before us, How is God's glory to be maintained and the sinner who has outraged Him to be saved?

He retires from His disciples with a heavy heart; and oh, dear reader, just consider the solemn gravity of the question brought before the soul of the Lord Jesus at that moment. There was a cup that night put before Him, and what did it contain? Collect all your sins from the moment of your birth until now; gather together all the vile things you have thought, said and done, that you would not dare reveal to your bosom friend. Horrible sight! What do

you deserve therefore? The infinite wrath of God. The Lord is here, in presence of your sinful self and sins, and the cup is filled with the wrath of God, which you have merited. He knew what the drinking of it would entail—the absolute forsaking of God. And now He must decide the question—whether He should go from that garden straight into the glory of God from whence He came, and escape the cross, leaving us poor sinners to perish: or should He drink the cup, suffer the death, endure the wrath of God, and have us with Him in glory forever? How wonderful the moment! Could Jesus have gone into heaven without dying on the cross? Most assuredly. But what, then, about you and me? We should have been justly damned in hell forever! “Father,” He prays, “if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.” If there be one way by which I can have these sinners with me in heaven without drinking this cup, let it pass from me. But, no! It is impossible. If the sinner was to be saved in consistency with God’s holiness, righteousness and truth, Jesus must die. He shrinks from it—shrinks from being forsaken of God. It was His perfection as man to do so. But soon the conflict is over. His love and obedience have won the day, and we hear Him say, “The cup which my Father hath given me—shall I not drink it?” and bearing His cross, He ascends the mount and in tenderest, infinite, adorable love, He dies under the judgment of God. Ever blessed be His name!

And thus the mighty distance between God and the sinner is bridged over, and the boundless river of His love is free to flow down to the lost, atonement has been made, sin has been judged, and God’s holy character has been vindicated! Turn, then, from your miserable self-righteousness to the agonies of the cross, and there behold the blessed work which enables God to save you the moment you fling every human crutch away, and believe in Jesus. Do not be afraid to bring all your sins into the light. “The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanseth us from all sin.” The wrath of God has come down upon, and been exhausted by Jesus, so that there is no more wrath for you to suffer, if you are only a poor sinner that rests alone on Christ’s finished work.

Say, like the dying man in Dublin some years ago, when asked how he could venture to meet God after his wicked life, “God is glorified about my sins in the cross of Jesus; God is satisfied, so am I.” “What?” said his unconverted friend to him, “your sins forgiven! you going to heaven, that have lived such a life!” “Yes,” he calmly replied, “God is glorified, God is satisfied, so am I.” But how has God shown His satisfaction? This brings us to

IMPOSSIBILITY No. FOUR

See Acts 2: 23: “Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it *was not possible* that He should be holden of it.” Here is the grand truth of resurrection following upon the truth of His death. As it was impossible for the Lord to escape the cross if sin was to be atoned for, so was it impossible that He should remain in the tomb now that sin has been perfectly expiated. If you want to know the value of the cross in God’s eyes, you will never know it except in resurrection. Do you ask whether you may be perfectly sure God is satisfied with the blood of Jesus as having made complete atonement for your sins? Behold the man that bore them at the right hand of God, the majesty on high! And how did He get there? God raised Him from the dead. Who put the pains of death upon Him? God, who “loosed the pains of death” from Him. The same God, and why? Because God’s holy nature was satisfied, yea, glorified by the death of Jesus on the cross for sin, and therefore “it was not possible” that the grave should hold him.

My reader, it would have been an act of unrighteousness—I speak with reverence—it would have been an act of unrighteousness on the part of God if He had left Jesus in the tomb after He had fully atoned for sin. Impossible that He should remain there, and now the prayer of the Lord Jesus, who glorified the Father upon the earth, and finished the work which He gave Him to do, is answered—“Glorify Thou me with the glory which I had with thee before the world was;” and we look up to heaven to behold that “visage that was marred more than any man’s” radiant with the glory of God, the proof that God is satisfied, and that you and I who believe are saved. “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.” If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as having made full and complete atonement to God for your sins, you are saved. You have not to feel that you are saved, you have to believe it. You could not feel it until you know upon the authority of God’s Word that you have eternal life.

I said I would return to that 6th chapter of Hebrews at the close, just to show how this statement, “It is impossible of God to lie,” comes in in its own connection. First, we have seen: how impossible it is for God to come down to man’s level. Second: how impossible it is for man to reach up to God’s level. Third: how impossible it was for the Lord Jesus to escape death, if God and man were to

be brought together again. Fourth: how impossible it was for God to leave that blessed one in death when atonement for sin had been made. And now in conclusion, let us see how blessedly this 6th chapter of Hebrews confirms it all for our souls. God comes in by His Word and His oath to make good to you and me the results of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may be delivered from every doubt and fear, and know what true settled peace with God really means.

God makes a promise to Abraham and afterwards He swears by Himself to its accomplishment (compare Gen 15 with Gen. 22)—wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability (unchangeableness) of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things (God's Word and God's oath) in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." When Abraham was given the promise that his seed should be as the stars of heaven, what did he do? Did he try to feel it? Did he look into himself for some experience or happy feelings to give him assurance of it? No. "He considered not his own body now dead, nor yet the deadness of Sarah's womb—he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief—but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able to perform" (Rom. 4th chap.). Abraham had absolutely nothing but the Word of God to assure him of his blessing. He relied upon the veracity of God! And, my reader, you have nothing less. Do you want anything more? Had Abraham "considered his own body," his feelings, his experience, his walk, he would most assuredly have concluded that such a thing could never be. Now, my friend, cease considering your own heart or your feelings. All is gloomy in that direction. There is no solid resting ground in self, nothing but shifting sands. But, "consider Him,"—look off unto Jesus at God's right hand, who is there because He has put away the believer's sins, and stake your soul's security upon the most reliable of all things—God's blessed Word. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

"Oh," you say, "I do believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior." Then you have everlasting life. God says so, and it is impossible for God to lie. The simple question is whether you are going to make God a liar. "He that believeth not God hath made Him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son—and this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His

Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Now mark the next verse: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life." From this it must be apparent that the way you are to know that you have eternal life is not by feeling, but by believing the things that are written. And so our passage in Heb. 6 says, That by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the fore-runner is for us entered, even Jesus. Could we have a better haven of rest? and could we obtain a firmer anchorage? Faith rests upon the Word of God and gets strong consolation from it, and hope, both sure and steadfast plants its anchor inside the veil and looks out for the return of the coming One to take us where He has Himself gone before. "Hope has dropped her anchor, found her rest, in the calm sure haven of His breast; Love esteems it heaven to abide at His side." Then, dear believer, yield yourself into His loving hands and believe that in doing so you are giving true delight to the heart of God.

—Selected.

THINGS TO BE EXPECTED

Trial and affliction are sure to come, and yet we act as if we did not expect them. Happy is the man who is not surprised when trouble comes. We say happy. We mean that he is already half fortified against them in realizing that they must come, and this is a help in bearing them. It helps in letting patience have its perfect work. After all, much of the force of affliction is broken when we meet it bravely, for it is according as we think in our hearts that the weight of affliction is felt. It is a good deal as we look at it as to its weight. We increase our own troubles by our mental attitude.

An old writer says, "God had one Son without sin, but none without sorrow." So Peter says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you."

Pain drives us to prayer, teaches us to pray, and teaches us how to pray.—Sel.

"For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin" (Heb. 12: 3-4).

"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times" (Psalm 12: 6).

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We again send greetings to our readers everywhere, and can truly report victory over the powers of darkness, with deep decisions in our heart to always heed the voice of God.

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Since sending out the September issue of Faith and Victory, the Lord has given us a lieve of absence from the office work in which we have been steadily employed for several years. His pleasure was for us to go out in meetings. The first call was to Anthony, Kans., where Bro. S. M. Helm is pastor. We continued there a week with the saints, speaking the words of God, and as far as we could discern the saints were much edified and encouraged to press on with the Lord, and the Holy Ghost did His office work of convicting and saving.

Some of the saints there are loosening up and getting free from the compromise spirit, or seemingly hidden sectism, and have ears to hear the voice of the Holy Ghost. This gladdens our heart and proves again the words of Jesus, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me." Sister Celena Lacue assisted in the meeting at Anthony.

The saints there were anxious that we continue the meeting longer but it was necessary for us to close in order to fulfill an appointment at Twitty, Texas, where Bro. R. Johnson and family live.

After being at home two days we went to Twitty, Texas in the Ford car, accompanied by Bro. and Sister James Glasgow. We held a ten days' meeting there. This is a new field and we found opposition to the full gospel by those who are darkened by sectish teaching, but the Lord gave us calmness and wisdom and finally great victory and power in teaching clearly the truth, and some opposers became quiet and were good listeners. We thank God for the meeting there, for it ended in victory and much gospel truth was planted in the hearts of men and women that will no doubt bear fruit in years to come.

From Twitty we went to Apache, Okla., where Sister Oma Dobbs lives, and held meeting there in a consolidated district school house. This also was a new field and God blessed and gave much liberty in the ministry of the Word, and conviction rested on the people night after night as light and truth went forth. Some who were bound in man-made organ-

ized churches became much interested and gave knowledge of it by their actions.

We have been strengthened and helped by this vacation, both soul and body, and we are truly thankful to God for His tender mercy to us on this trip. Many times in trying circumstances has the Lord proved faithful to His promise that He is a present help in every time of need, and now we are back in the office with a greater burden for the printing work which God has laid on our hearts, and with a clearer knowledge of the need of truth being sent forth through the printed page, for Satan is flooding the world with his false teaching and cunning, crafty stunts that unbalance souls and blind their hearts to the humble ways of Christ. May God lay a greater burden on the saints' hearts to support clear gospel teaching that will act as a beacon light amongst the darkness of false prophets.

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Sister Celena Lacue who has been assisting in the office work for over a year, has returned to Patton, Pa., where her parents live. Her work here in the office has been much appreciated, and we are sure that God will reward her for all faithful service.

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Mary A. Pruitt, the wife of your humbled servant, is filling Sister Celena's place here in the office, as she is consecrated to cook, scrub, care for the children, and do office work.

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Jesus said, "If the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch." Dear soul, if you are being led by a false prophet you will fall into the flames of torment where the devil and his angels are. Take heed unto thyself. "Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame" (1 Cor. 15: 34).

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By their actions and deeds we discern that very few men have real faith in eternal things, but it seems easy for them to have faith in material things that are perishable. For instance, they will labor, strive and sacrifice much to gain, hold and possess earthly things. They will have faith and confidence in flesh and blood, the banker, the rail road company, and men of wealth and influence, but when it comes to showing faith and confidence in Christ, by actions and deeds, most of them stagger and fail.

All that we behold with the natural eye is in a decaying condition, even the elements about us will melt with fervent heat. The earth that we tread upon and the works therein shall be burned up. After speaking of these things Peter warns us saying, "Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (2 Peter 3: 10-11).

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Jesus says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

How few show a faith and confidence in these words spoken by the Lord Himself, but most men

are doing the opposite of this truth. They are seeking mostly to gain temporal things of which Jesus said would be added if they would seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

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Most men, after they have gained wealth, say by their actions like King Nebuchadnezzar, "Have not I by my might and power gotten all this wealth for my honor and my majesty?" (Dan. 4: 30). God humbled and abased the King and sent him out to eat grass like the oxen until he knew and acknowledged that God ruled in the kingdoms of men and gave them to whomsoever He will, sometimes to the basest of men.

After the King's reason returned he spake saying, "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4: 35).

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Oh, how needful it is that men become wilted and limp in the hands of God that His pleasure and glory may be fulfilled in them. But most men need the rebuke that Steven gave the council that was accusing him, and speaking for the Lord, and of literal, temporal things, said, "Hath not my hand made all these things? Ye stiffnecked, and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did so do you" (Acts 7: 50-51).

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Let us show faith in the knowledge that God gives us through the Holy Scriptures and know that God rules and has control over satan and all the gods of this world, and can give and withhold temporal things: that He gives bread to the eater and seed to the sower and multiplies your seed sown. When Jesus says, "All these things shall be added," He means all needful temporal things for your soul and body's wellfare. Have faith in God.

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Continue to pray for us, dear saints, that we may be given wisdom from above to continually deliver ourselves of the burden He places on our hearts concerning printing the gospel and sending it forth; that the love of God so fill our hearts that we will always act as one professing godliness. May God bless you all.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clovis, N. M.—Dearly beloved in the Lord: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious and holy name. Once more I am permitted to write you, by the good will of our God who becomes dearer and more precious to my soul each day I live, for He alone gives me life both physical and spiritual. He is my life and by His grace I am daily receiving more of His fulness, and grace for grace, hallelujah to His dear name forever. "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus," and as He condescends to walk so closely by my side we hold sweet communion together and perfect fellowship in the Spirit, I have a satisfying portion in Him alone.

My joy is complete. I can ask nothing more only to get still nearer to Him and be more like Him, and to be perfected in all His will, love and grace. To this end I ask the prayers of all God's dear children everywhere, whom I love and send greetings to. First I would say that the good Lord in His love and mercy and by the prayers of the dear saints, has wonderfully strengthened me in my body, enabling me to do all necessary work: prepare for our meeting (which has just closed), care for the people to a great extent, and never missed one service or Sunday School. We had a very precious and profitable meeting both to the saved and to quite a number of unsaved ones. We were glad to have Bro. Harmon with us once more and we trust that much lasting good has been accomplished by his coming, and the blessings of the Lord, and that everyone that has been benefited will continue to grow and advance in spirituality and in the knowledge of God's holy Word.

The Lord is so good, gracious, kind, longsuffering and merciful, yes, forbearing and patient toward I cannot express the joy and satisfaction, the peace, contentment and rest to my poor tempest-tossed soul. He does give a satisfying portion in Jesus, my blessed precious Redeemer and reigning King. All glory to His blessed and holy name forever. I humbly ask the prayers of all saints that God will direct me and keep me ever humble and always perfectly submissive to His will, as I contemplate going to Calif. soon to my children, and leaving Clovis (not by choice) for God has so blessed me and the dear saints here together I am loth to leave them, but my age and infirmity seem to demand it, as I can not live alone in this climate in real cold weather and storms, so if the Lord permits I shall go, but my decision is heaven at any cost. I know, in these perilous times, God is able to keep me trusting His promises alone, and obeying all His precious Word. Victory is mine continually. My prayer is that God will bless you, all saints, and His work in general. Amen.

Your sister in Christ.

—JULIA MYERS.

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Sellersville, Pa.—Dear friends in Christ: I send greetings in His precious name. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4: 19). What wonderful, precious promises for the child of God! Our minds can hardly grasp the reality of them. When we have once tasted and found the Lord good to our souls, we only long to sink deeper into His love and will. I cannot praise the dear Lord enough for bringing me out of sin and confusion. I am now enjoying liberty and freedom in our Lord with all the dear saints who desire to do the whole will of God.

For several years I belonged to a sect which makes a great profession and claims to live by the whole Word of God, but as I grew in grace, and my desire was to be all the Lord wanted me to be, God revealed some things to me which were not according to their view, and they rebuked me for doing those little things that I felt led of the Lord to do. To my sorrow and shame, I must say I did not stand the test

very long, but I did not have the sweet joy, nor was I satisfied as I now am. When I was sick of such a life of ups and downs and knew I had grieved the Lord, He spoke to me again in His love and mercy and I settled the question, deciding to go all the way by the grace of God. Then the sweet peace and joy that filled my soul, I never shall forget.

We read in the Word that it is the small foxes that spoil the vine. By not taking heed to the little things we give the devil our little finger, and he keeps on until he has the soul captured. It behooves us one and all to keep watching and praying "that ye enter not into temptation." I enjoy reading Faith and Victory very much. Please continue sending it to me. Your saved sister in Jesus.

—JULIA CRAMER.

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Opelika, Ala.—Dear friends in Him, "in whom we *live* and *move* and have our being." Thank you for the tracts and all the literature you sent me. Have you any post cards and Scripture texts that you could send to help in the work here among the children? All will be very thankfully and very gladly received. Thank you for your kind letter and all it contained. Yes, by the grace of God I am a Christian, saved and also sanctified and kept sweet by His power at all times and under all circumstances. "His blood avails for me." Jesus is my all in all.

I am of the white race, a Northerner, born in New York City and have always lived in N. Y. State until I came south a few years ago. I am interested in Africa and, like Livingston, love its very lovable people. Race prejudice is very strong here in the South, and yet, there are some who are free from this. I am specially interested in work amongst the children, and have been in the work for many years. Free classes for children meet daily in the mission rooms to learn how to read and to write. A blessed work in Jesus' dear name. The poorest of the poor come: just the kind that Jesus loves the best. School taxes are high here and very few of the poor little ones can go. This work is a labor of love for the Master, and is supported by free-will offerings alone.

I am in bed all the time from an accident, but *very* happy and am growing happier all the time because Jesus is mine and "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." I will be glad to hear from you at any time. In His name. *Miss E. Jean Levy,*

Supt. Hepzibah Mission, Box 605, Opelika, Ala.

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Opelika, Ala.—Workers at Faith Pub. House: Dear Brethren in Christ: Miss E. J. Levy has shown me your letter to her, expressing Christian sympathy and asking her whether she is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and for healing.

I have known Sister Levy about twelve years, and so believe I can answer for her genuine reliance on the atoning Blood of Christ and nothing else for her salvation; also, for more than one instance where not only her health, but her life, have been saved by God alone.

She was raised in the Jewish faith, her mother being of Jewish and her father partly of Gentile descent. About thirty-two or three years ago she found Jesus as her Savior. Since then her life has been one long pilgrimage, without home ties, often without means, frequently with violent persecutions for Christ's sake. Once was she stoned; once was she threatened with death by a butcher knife in the hands of a Jewish woman; once seized by the hair by another Jewish woman and flung across a room; once was she beaten about the ears by a rabbi and rendered deaf for life; many times was she made to move from house to house, and sometimes from city to city; often has she suffered here for regarding negroes as her friends and for trying to give their children some idea of cleanliness and purity of soul; in fastings oft; in bodily weakness much; in perils of landlords and neighbors; in perils with false friends; in patience, longsuffering and forgiveness without stint when these things helped souls, and in unflinching resistance to evil when this is needed; with and through it all, and as her only reason for enduring it, unfeigned love of Jesus and of the brethren. Yes, I believe you can safely assume that she is His.

If you need references as to my own reliability, I will gladly furnish them on request.

Sincerely in our Lord,

Archibald B. Moore.

111 South 9th St., Opelika, Ala.

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Branson, Colo.—Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus. We are still praising God for salvation full and free. The Lord has not yet seen fit to send our boy home from the hospital, but our trust is still in God to send him home. We certainly do appreciate the letters and prayers of the dear saints. It has been very dry in this country this year, and the Lord did not see fit to permit much feed to be raised for the cattle. But the Lord will make some way for us, and we have our trust in Him. Please continue to pray for us and our boy that God will have His way with us and him. Yours in His service.

—WALTER BUSCH AND WIFE.

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Richwood, W. Va.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Today finds us in deep meditation and prayer about the condition that exists here. We are just a little hand full, as it were, of God's children and we are passing through great trials and severe testings at the present time. There are only a few souls here that are willing to take the clean, holy way that Jesus marked out for us to follow. Quite a number have cast their lot with the tongues people or Pentecostal Church of God. We cannot agree with the teachings of these people, so you see we have to separate and stand for the truth of God's Word. It seems as though the dear ones here are afraid to come out and face the enemy and help to fight for the precious truth as they understand it. Dear ones pray for the little flock here that we may all be as bold as a lion but harmless as a dove, and that each one may feel it their duty to go forth bearing the

message of truth to all they come in contact with. True, the battle may be long and hard to win, but praise the dear Lord, we have the promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. So, why should we fear to go forth and with love and sweet humility do what Jesus commands us to do? Pray for the dear saints here that they will be aroused to a sense of their duty as never before. We have victory in our soul, but our heart beats with yearnings for the dear ones here without anyone to take the oversight of the work. We are glad to get the little paper, Faith and Victory. It gives us new courage and strength. May the good Lord bless the work with the richest of blessings is my prayer. With love to all the dear saints, I am your saved brother.

—F. L. EIEFRITZ.

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Battle Creek, Mich.—Dear workers at Faith Publishing House and saints scattered abroad: Greetings. The dear Lord bless you and keep you saved and walking in all the light that shines on your pathway is our earnest prayer for all of you. Amen. We are kept reasonably well in our bodies, for our age, by the mercy and care of our blessed heavenly Father. We are glad to say we have victory in our souls, and are continuing to walk in every ray of light that the dear Lord shines on our pathway. We enjoy receiving the little paper and love to read it. We ask all of God's true saints to pray for us that we prove faithful to the end.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. L. PIKE.

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Perkasie, Pa.—Dear ones in Christ: Greetings in His precious name. Your letter and the tracts you sent me were a welcome blessings from the Lord's hand to my soul. I am so glad and thankful that the dear Lord ever led me to the meetings where I could hear the whole truth of His Word. Some power of the enemy tried to keep me away, but the Lord in His mercy helped me, and now I praise Him for the way He is leading into His truth. I am praying the Lord to open the way to have meeting in our home. I ask your agreement in prayer to this end. I am looking to the dear Lord, because I know when He does a thing it is done well, praise His name. He has done a work in my heart that cannot be erased. I praise God for His precious Word, and faith to believe it. When we read it earnestly and prayerfully He does give us the witness and satisfaction in our soul that by just following Jesus we are right. Oh how simple! how easy if we are just willing. I truly thank God that He helped me to see His church, the one body. I ask the prayers of the saints that I keep true. Your sister in Jesus.

—MARTHA BEER.

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Centralia, Wash.—Dear workers at Faith Pub. House and all the readers of Faith and Victory: I am taking this opportunity of greeting the saints of the Most High God, through this precious little paper which is food for the soul. How I do praise God for the free press, as we are taught that the gospel shall be preached to the poor, praise God. Well, yes, I do praise Him for a full and free salvation, but to think

what it cost our blessed Savior to make it free for us: just to think of the dear Son of God leaving His Father and His glorious mansion and come to earth, where He had not a place to lay His head. While the foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, and His creation has homes and many comforts and loved ones to enjoy, yet He, the One that helped to create the heavens, the earth, the sea and all that in them is, and the cattle on a thousand hills are His, and at the same time He had not where to lay His head. And while He was here on earth even His loved ones by the fleshly tie thought He was beside Himself, and even they did not understand His great mission. He was setting an example for us to follow, of self-denial, of love and obedience, and He said that all who did the will of God were His mother, brother and sister. So we see by that what a great tie the Blood and the Spirit brings to all nationalities, kindreds and tongues, colors and climes, for He is no respecter of persons, but all that obey God and keep His commandments are accepted of Him. We are taught that it is better to obey than to sacrifice, and we are to obey all the Word of God. If we say that we love Him and do not keep His commandments, we are liars and the truth is not in us. In another place we are told if we break one of the commandments we are guilty of all, and also if we love Him we will keep His commandments, and His commandments are not grievous. Jesus taught us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, our neighbor as ourselves, and to do unto others as we would that they should do to us. Within ourselves we cannot obey, but with that great loving Spirit of Jesus in us, with the same self-denial that He had we can do all things that He said, but without being washed and redeemed by the Blood, having the Holy Spirit to guide we are helpless and undone, and cannot expect the peace and joy that belong to the children of God.

How I do praise God for the things that belong to His family, that all can receive the same love and care and blessing in soul and body. Yes, praise the Lord for the healing that was brought to us in the atonement. Of course we do not all receive the same gifts, but all belong to the church so may all be benefited by them. They are all for our good. I feel that I need the prayers of all the children of God. Your sister in Christ, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

—CATHERINE WILSON.

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Tremont City, Ohio.—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Grace unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to thank you for the nice package of free tracts you sent me and also the sample copy of Faith and Victory. I cannot tell you how much I did appreciate the article, "Exhortation to Those Professing Godliness." It did me so much good. I read it over and over again, and praised and thanked our Heavenly Father that there are still a few who have the courage, holy boldness, and enough love of God in their hearts to cry out against the awful flood-tide of worldliness that

has swept in among the holiness professors and threatens to drown many souls in perdition. It grieves my heart, and almost makes me sick, as I go to different camp meetings and see those professing to be following the meek and lowly Lamb of God dressed like they were going to a ball room or show. It grieves me to say it, but it is truth: some professors dress, or undress much worse than the harlots did a few years ago. Then you would see them on the street with powdered and perhaps painted faces and gay clothing, that was about all. Compare that to the way professors are dressing today. Oh, is too bad, too bad! Well, thank God for the old fashioned way that leads to Heaven. I was saved some twenty years ago, afterward was sanctified. I have worn the plain dress ever since I was saved, and if I should live twenty years more, I expect to still be wearing the plain dress, "modest apparel." Oh, I am so glad that I ever heard His precious voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." I am glad that I feel the precious blood still flowing over my soul, and Oh, how I love Him because He first loved me. I ask an interest in the prayers of God's saints. God bless you and encourage you to keep right on in this good old Bible way.

SISTER SAREPTA BOOSINGER.

Glenwood, Iowa.—Dear ones in Christ: Greetings. I truly thank the Lord and you for the little paper Faith and Victory you have kindly sent me the past year. I am an old lady 75 years old and I certainly enjoy all good religious papers and I pass them on to others to enjoy reading. My husband is an old soldier, and we are both soldiers for Jesus, saved, sanctified and ready, packed up, to go when Christ comes. He does not come as a thief to the saved, for we are watching and waiting for His coming. Praise God for full salvation that makes us ready and keeps us ready. May God bless and reward you for all your labor of love. Pray for us.

—SISTER MINNIE HODGES.

State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.—Dear ones in Christ Jesus: I have just received the sample copies of Faith and Victory. I want to thank you for them. The boys were so well pleased with them. They would be glad to receive a few copies as often as you publish them. They contain the truth. They may be the cause of saving many souls in here. May God bless His precious Word, and bless you in all your good work for Him. I am trying to live my life for Christ. Please pray for me. Your faithful Brother in Christ Jesus.

—PETER G. FLEENOR—37205.

State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.—Dear Christian friends: Your letter to hand yesterday evening. It found me with a severe depression of the head. Words are inadequate for me to express the joy your letter and tracts and little paper brought to me. I took them to work and re-read them, as the Lord has blessed me with some leisure time. All the articles seemed to be running over with the love of God, and especially the one "The Secret of Peace,"

did me so much good. Seemingly I am not in prison. I meditate over God's goodness and mercy toward those who love and serve Him. Many poor souls on the outside world are in greater prisons than I: with many walls of sects, pride, fashion, prejudice, and other things too numerous to mention. Read the 12th chapter of Romans. I read it daily and I want to live up to the same and all of God's Word. Please send me some tracts and pamphlets to pass among the men here. I would be so glad for any Christians living in this city or passing this way to come and visit me. Sincerely yours for Christ.

—OSBORN SUTES—14098.

Englewood, Fla.—Faith Publishing House, Dear friends: I am a Home Missionary in a most difficult field, and am unable at present to send a contribution, but I would like to receive your precious little paper, Faith and Victory, if you can see your way clear to spare it. We would also request the prayers of God's children. The Lord bless you all in that blessed work in which He has you engaged. Humbly in His most blessed service.

H. Irving Bond and Wife.

Wellsville, Ohio.—Dear workers at Faith Pub. House and dear saints of God abroad, greetings: We trust that the dear Lord is blessing and encouraging you in your lives and labors for Him. We praise the name of our precious Savior this morning for His wonderful saving and keeping power in these days of trouble, trials and afflictions. Our only desire is to press onward and upward to the goal. To do this we realize we will be nothing in the eyes of the world. Jesus has said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer I have overcome the world." May God bless and encourage your dear souls to fight on the good fight of faith. Pray for us.

Your sister in Jesus' love. —ALLIE ANDREWS.

Highland Park, Mich.—Dear saints of God. I want to add another testimony in the intent that God might be glorified. A few days ago our baby took sick and in four days was very weak being unable to stand upon his feet. We could see that he was losing flesh. He would not play and only ate a few bites of food during the day. The dear Lord had not made known His sweet will concerning the case and I began to seek the Lord and to strengthen myself in His Word and promises and to ask Him to enable me to stand and uphold His son in whatever His will should be. The fourth night wife and I anointed the child and had agreement in prayer for him. During the night I could hear him groaning as though he might be in some great suffering. I got up early the next morning, before day, getting ready for my work, and I was talking to the Lord about our baby. The Lord said to me, "Go in the room and pray for him." I went and had prayer, got my lunch pail and went to work. That night when I returned home he met me at the door with a smile, and he had played all the day. How I praise our dear Lord for His wonderful

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LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

HE LOVES ME, TOO

*God sees the little sparrow fall,
It meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me, too.*

*He paints the lily of the field,
Perfumes each lily bell;
If He so loves the little flowers,
I know He loves me well.*

*God made the little birds and flow'rs,
And all things large and small,
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all.*

—SEL.

Utica, Pa.—Once more greetings, dear children, in our loving Father's name. Early this morning as I lay upon my bed of rest, my heart went out to God in thanksgiving and praise for His continued loving care over me since a little motherless girl. My heart then went out in prayer for other motherless children, yes, and also for you other dear ones that have Christian parents to point you in the way our dear blessed Savior trod. The dear loving, familiar voice then said, "Arise and talk to me about my lambs; yes, and also to them." So here I am, at just half past four in the morning, seated at my little writing table at the front window in the sitting room, under the gas light, talking to you dear young soldiers of the Lord, and you precious ones that have not yet found Him, the children's Friend. I first knelt at my chair in front of the fire, asked Father for a message for His little ones, then picked up the precious Bible, asking Him for the Word He would have me to read. The Bible opened at the 6th chapter of Ephesians and my eyes first fell on, "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

But sometimes children have unsaved, wicked parents, like a dear little girl I read of the other day, whose father brutally kicked her for doing what she felt God would be pleased to have her do. But we hope there are but few children who are as cruelly treated as this dear little one was. Yes, it is best in all things to obey God whether others are pleased or not. But that father was not worthy of a precious little daughter, so God took her to dwell with the angels and Christ, whom, at the Mission, she had so learned to love. But before she left for her bright home above, she asked her mother to cut a piece from her dress, stained with her own blood that she might take it to show Jesus that she died for Him, as He had also shed His precious blood for her. But I am glad to tell you that through that little girl's true-ness to God both of her parents were saved. Yes, it always pays to be true to God. —AUNT LOEY.

Cedar Springs, Mo.—Dear one at Faith Publishing House: I have been reading the paper, Faith and Victory. I like to read it. I am a little girl eight years old. I am saved and the Lord heals me when I am sick. I have a little sister six years old. She is saved too. Pray for me that I will be a worker for the Lord. Please send me some tracts to distribute. From your little sister in Christ.

—LORA BACKER.

JUNE'S LESSON

Once upon a time, and that time was last spring, there lived a little girl by the name of June. She was the very picture of health. To look at her you would hardly think that she could be sick. But she became very sick indeed; and it seemed that she must die. She is as well as ever now; but before she got well, little June learned a lesson. Let me tell you about it.

No; she did not learn the lesson at school. June is not old enough to go to school. "Where did she learn it?" In her sickness at her home. You see, little June had been told *not* to sit on the grass; for the ground was very wet and cold for the time of year. One day June ran out of the house and sat down on the grass. She caught cold, and became quite sick. They sent for an elder of the church to come and pray for her, as the Bible tells us to do in such cases, (James 5: 14-16). God is good, and He answered the prayer by making June better.

But little June forgot. She ran out again without any hat or coat in a cold, cold wind. June again became sick—very, very sick. A nasty lump gathered in her neck, and she was very bad in other ways too. One day she told the one that was taking care of her at the time (Little June has no mother of her own): "I'll not sit on the grass any more."

That was the lesson which June learned. As the good man in the Bible says: Before her sickness Little June did not do as she was told, but when she was sick she saw that it was best to obey. (Psa. 119: 67).

But June learned another lesson. Yes, there were others bound up in this matter in more ways than one; and they had their lessons to learn as well as little June. But we are to tell about June's lesson. One day when June was still very sick, and it seemed that she could not live, a meeting was held at her home, and she was brought into the room. Again and again was God asked to bless June by those present. After God had healed June, and she was running around as usual, she made a visit to the home of one who prayed for her that day. Sick as she was, June had heard the prayers that were made for her that day. This good sister asked her if the lump in her neck had all gone away.

"Yes," said June.

"Well, who took it away?"

"Ah, you know."

"But *who* took it away?"

"You,—and the preacher."

That was June's way of telling that *God* had healed her in answer to those who had prayed for her. She came to see, though she did not understand it all, of course, that God and *not* man, had made her well. Is not that a lesson worth learning, to know that God really lives and blesses in answer to prayer?

—R. J. HEAD.

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love to us. We mean by the grace of God to press on in this wonderful way. We ask an interest in your prayers that we grow stronger in the Spirit of God.

Your saved brother and sister.

—IRA MCGAUGHEY AND WIFE.

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Perkasie, Pa.—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. May grace, mercy and peace be multiplied to you, is my prayer. How I do love to hear from Jesus' little ones scattered here and here, and my prayer to our Heavenly Father is that He will abundantly bless each one. The dear Lord is giving us such precious meetings which so encourages our hearts to go all the way with Him. Truly my heart says amen to all of God's will and ways. I am so glad for Jesus tonight. Surely I owe Him everything. I am so glad I can say from the very depth of my heart, "Take the world, but give me Jesus." As I meditate upon my sweet experience of walking every day with Jesus, I can say with our beloved brother Paul, "I would to God that all men were both almost and altogether such as I am" (Acts 26: 29). Truly, "Happy is the man whose God is the Lord." I can say with the psalmist, "I am a companion of all them that fear thee."

I do praise the Lord tonight for the love He has put in my heart for the saints. The sisters here are all so precious. As I think of how satan tried to turn me against them and the precious truth of the gospel, I cannot but marvel at the power, love and mercy of God which won the victory. What would we do without Jesus who holds us in His hands and protects us from all the power of the enemy. May we ever keep real watchful and pray for one another, and ever keep our eyes on Jesus. Your blood-washed sister.

—ROSELLA SLIFER.

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Dent, Mo.—To the saints and readers of Faith and Victory: Greetings. I am thanking the dear Lord this morning for what He has done for me: that He has saved me from sin and taught me the true "Bible Way." By His help and grace I mean to live for Him and do His will. He has been so merciful and good to me, even while I was in sin, it seems I never can repay Him.

I had a desire most of my life to be a Christian, but with no help or encouragement at home I stayed away from God until I was about twenty years of age. When I was younger I thought I would be a school teacher, and when I went into the world to work for myself I would live right then. So, failing to teach school, I went to work away from home, and I always expected to live the best I could but put it off

just a little ahead. Dear unsaved readers, this is always the devil's way of keeping souls bound in sin. He knows if we put off salvation from one time to another, we may possibly never give our hearts to God. We read in Psalm 95: 7-8, "Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart." So you see when we hear Jesus asking to come into our hearts we must come to Him then and open our hearts, or He may leave us not to return. In Psalm 49: 8, the Word says, "The redemption of their souls is precious." Read 2 Cor. 6: 2, "Behold *now* is the accepted time, Behold *now* is the day of *salvation*." So you see we have no promise but for the present time. Tomorrow may be too late. Unsaved friends, please do not put off salvation to some future time.

I was a member of the Presbyterian church until I was nineteen years old, and we were taught to just live the best we could without repentance. I did not know how to come to God, but when I gave up sin and called on Him He heard me and saved me from all my sins. I am sorry to say that since the Lord saved me, I forgot Him and went back into the world. But praise His name He has brought me back to His fold through His great and enduring mercy, and I mean to live for Jesus the rest of my life. The Lord has promised us victory over all sin. But He teaches us in Luke 14: 25-35 that we are to leave all and take up the cross daily and follow Him. The promise of the eternal prize is to those who endure to the end, not to those who only started on the way. I request the prayers of the saints that I may be true.

Your saved sister.

—MARY GLOVER.

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Glamorganshire, N. Neath, S. Wales.—To the dear ones at Faith Pub. House and saints abroad: Once more I send greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. I am thankful, and rejoice too, with the other dear ones who write in the paper, that I can testify to the joys of full salvation and sanctification. I can truly and inwardly say that I am "A happy Christian." Blessed be the Lord who gives it all.

*"When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His Word,*

What a glory He sheds on our way!

When we do His good will

He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey."

I am young, 23, so I can recommend my Savior to the young friends who may read this. Truly I have found "The best Friend to have is Jesus."

I want to thank the Lord and try to encourage you to continue in the work that God has called you to do. He alone knows the encouragement the testimonies and other precious truths have been to me I just receive it here in our country as a rich gift from our Fathers loving hands, in care for my soul. I am praying that God may send showers of blessings upon many saints through its pages, and the riches of God's kingdom be extended. Praise the dear Lord for our high and holy calling. Dear brethren, may we recognize our privilege and our grave responsibilities. "We are laborers together *with God*" (1 Cor. 3: 9).

*"Channels only, blessed Master,
But with all Thy wondrous power
Flowing through us
Thou canst USE us,
Every day and every hour."*

Please continue to send me Faith and Victory. I close with sincere love and prayers for all the dear children of God and for sinners. "Brethren pray for us." Praise God for prayer, and its links which connect us together in the Lord. *Believe* to the end beloved ones. Yours in the Master's service.

—SISTER CHRISSIE MACDIARMID.

GOD. LIVES, AND . LOVES, AND CARES.

The passengers on a certain steamer out on the ocean were much perplexed and badly frightened. The fogs were gathering all around; but the chief mate of the vessel, to comfort the passengers, said, "You need not be the least uneasy; the fog extends only to a certain height above the vessel, and the captain is at the mast head, up above the mast head, up above the fog; and it is he who is directing the vessel." Then their fears were banished; they knew that the captain could be trusted.

Have the fogs and the mist ever gathered around you? Have you ever felt as though everything was going to pieces? Have you heard the breakers roar, telling you that the shore was near at hand and that to go ashore meant death, destruction? George MacDonald, that pious Scotchman, one time was puzzled by the black skies, and the noise and din; but when he remembered that God was still on the Throne, he sang:

*"Into His hand went mine,
And into my heart came He;
And I walked in a light Divine,
The path I had feared to see."*

So you may sing if you but will. Put yourself in His hands and stay there. Do not be alarmed by noisy tongues, envious folks, ambitious, selfish souls. God knows. You are His special care; you have been bought with a price, and belong to Him. You may not see very far ahead along the way; but you do not have to when you walk with Him, when you trust Him. Amid the encircling gloom you can, and should, say with Newman:

*"Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me."*

To know that He cares should be enough to banish all your fears. God is good, no matter what comes; and it is ours to believe it and to act our faith. A minister was one day talking to a number of boys. He told them of a man who, because trials came to him, said, "God is not good." The man asked the boys, "What would you say if anyone should make that statement in your hearing?" Instantly a lad with clinched fist, and flashing eyes, and indignation in his voice, replied, "I'd tell him he lied." The reply was rather impolite; but the lad had the right idea, and was ready to uphold it. God is good; and we may leave to Him the things we do not understand. "God is His own interpreter, and He will make it

plain." Settle it once for all that God lives, and loves, and loves, and CARES. That knowledge itself brings a blessing.

*"The world is wide
In time and tide,
AND GOD IS GUIDE;
Then do not worry."*

Child of God when you are tempted and tried above measure, remember God and what He wants to be to you, and what He is to you. Remember Browning's man who "sprang to his feet, stood erect, caught at God's skirts, and prayed." We all may do that. A woman one time, in dire distress, did not catch at God's skirts; but she just touched them, and her distress vanished. She prayed doubtless, in her heart; and as I read history, sacred and profane, I learn that the men and women who went with God had learned to pray. They believed that God lived, and loved, and answered prayer; and so under all circumstances they kept in touch with Him. "Ask, and ye shall receive," came from the heart of One who invited us to cast our cares on Him—ALL our cares.

A writer in one of our magazines tells that one time he had the privilege of riding from New York to Albany on the engine of the Empire State Express. The engineer was a little, bronzed, weather-beaten man of fifty years. He ran around his engine with oil can in hand, then climbed to his cab and waited for the conductor's signal to start. When it came, he made a quick motion, seized the lever, and the train was off. The writer said: "For exactly three hours the telegraph poles sped past; and we rolled and thundered onward through towns, villages, and cities, over switches, across bridges and culverts, and through tunnels and viaducts, at the terrific rate of a mile a minute. The little man at the throttle looked straight out ahead at the two lines of glistening steel, one hand on the throttle, and the other ready to grasp the air brake. I was not afraid, for I saw that he was not. He spoke not a word, nor looked at me nor at the fireman who worked like a titan. But I SAW THAT HIS LIPS KEPT MOVING as he forced the flying monster forward. At last we reached Albany. What a relief it was. My nerves were unstrung. I had enough for a lifetime. The little engineer left the cab and was tenderly feeling the bearings, when I turned to the fireman, and asked, 'Bill, why does he keep moving his lips while at the lever?' 'Who—the old man? Why don't you know? He always prays on a fast run. Twenty years he has run on this road with never an accident.' The faster he ran, the more he prayed."

Jesus is our Example. The greater the pressure the more He prayed. I have sometimes thought that He went to Mountain tops to be nearer the Father who cared. GOD LIVES, AND LOVES, AND ANSWERS PRAYER!"

*"I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know. God answers prayer.
I know that He has given His word,*

Which tells me prayer is always heard.
 And will be answered soon or late;
 And so I pray and calmly wait.
 I know not if the blessing sought,
 Will come in just the way I thought;
 But leave the prayers with Him alone,
 Whose will is wiser than my own,
 Assured that He will grant my quest,
 Or send some answer that is best."

—Selected by Mathilda Paulsen.

FINANCES

This has become a hard matter to speak about, yet Paul deemed it necessary to give certain instructions to the church in regard to giving and receiving. The main gospel principle is that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Human wisdom and fleshly desires would invert the divine order. Many persons seem to give their money rather thoughtlessly to whoever demands the same the loudest, while others seem determined not to give at all, no matter how worthy the cause of the person may be. Both classes are not upon scriptural grounds. Love and generosity will find the need and a satisfactory way to supply the need. Unity in giving will not come, however, as long as certain special interests are clamoring for money and attention, and over-reaching the needs that have not organized a lobby to represent them before the church. "He that hath an ear, let him HEAR". This article has been written without a penny of reward or salary, as a voluntary contribution to the hard-pressed cause of Bible truth. It will be sent to some holiness paper for publication. A real holiness paper will print this article which is written absolutely free from the coercion of strongly organized religious factions. Parties—some powerful and domineering—having flourished among religious people for centuries, in spite of Paul's warning and rebuke to factionists among the church at Corinth. Such will likely afflict the cause of Christ until He returns to the Judgment, but there will also be a holy remnant who will refuse to worship such an idol. I must speak to the shame of many that they will give money to some movement that is out of God's order, although it may be a "going enterprize", and withhold from those who are doing a pure, worthy work, although not winning the crowds or the notice and approval of the world. I speak to the shame of religious people that they are tamely being deceived by quantity rather than quality. Many will follow the big crowds, and we know where Jesus said the crowds were going in the last perilous times! It is good to realize there are a few who measure to the apostolic standard and actually are moved by a desire to impart spiritual gifts to the people, rather than to work in a corporate, institutional way where everything can be controlled by men's wisdom, and money be demanded and received in a business-like way "for service rendered." Pray for a wider, deeper setting up of the church, and be willing yourself to serve and sacrifice in the noblest

work given to the children of men. Resolve to do some observing and thinking for yourself, and seek God for the gifts of the Spirit. These are a special blessing that He reserves for students in His own school of faith and praise." He will put the words in your mouth and the glorious shine upon your face that the most unlearned may see and profit by. You will become so occupied with really spiritual work that you will not feel the lack or the loss if you do not have a sheep-skin or a diploma in your inside vest pocket from some preacher-training school. God himself will train and graduate finally into that vast, noble throng who have gained the heavenly prize—and best of all, YOU WILL BE SATISFIED.

—Dedicated to the "truth", and the gospel church that is represented as the pillar and ground of the truth.
 —R. F. Lamm.

AND IN HELL HE LIFT UP HIS EYES

"*And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments,*" so the record reads in Luke 16: 23, describing the condition of a man who neglected God and "lived his own life" and "had a good time." Did he expect to land in hell? No. This poor soul undoubtedly thought he would make it all right. Thousands of men, and women and children, too, are expecting some time to get saved and make it home to heaven, but the demon, neglect, has a big hold on their soul and the "more convenient time" will never come, and before they scarcely realize it they will slip out into eternity. You are traveling to a long home, for God says "man goeth to his long home." And much as you dislike to make the journey, sooner or later you are going to step off the stage of action, and what next? God tells us "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9: 27). "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5: 28-29). In Revelation 20: 12-15 is a description of the judgment and the concluding verse tells us, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." No excuses go there—not one—just plain facts. "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." What an eternal home—lake of fire—brimstone—weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth—yes, and ten thousands times worse than you can picture. And every one of them had the price of their salvation paid for by the Blood of Jesus, and an eternal home of bliss and glory—but some of them rejected the Blood of Jesus—others neglected the Blood—said time enough yet—some said they didn't need it—some ignored the Atonement—and some one thing and another—but they all landed in this horrible place for their eternal home—in hell they lift up their eyes being in torments. Tonight at the right hand of God there is a Savior that died to save men—and He invites you to

come to Him and find life. And He says, "And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Seek refuge in Jesus. —SEL.

“EXAMINE YOURSELVES”

The real picture of every one of Adam's race in its natural condition, as it is laid down in God's Word for everyone's inspection:

EXTERIOR FULL VIEW

From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. (Isa. 1: 6).

INTERIOR VIEW

The heart, which ought to be the best part: "Out of it are the issues of life," is the worst part. It is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. (Jer. 17: 9). "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6: 5).

DRESS

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64: 6).

HABITS

"All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53: 6). "They are all gone out of the way; they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3: 12).

Is the person thus described fit to dwell with God in heaven? of which it is written, "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21: 27).

All by nature are corrupt, vile, undone, and there is no hope held out to any of Adam's race only in believing and obeying the gospel. The whole truth of God shows there is no good in man by nature, therefore the words of the Son of God must be brought to bear upon men and women in these days as much as when He told the ruler of the Jews: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again" (John 3: 3-7). Nothing will do but a new creature. (Gal. 6: 15).

—ANGUS McDONALD.

HOW WE MAY KNOW WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

If there is any thing on this earth that we should be sure about, it is our standing with God. People are very particular about being sure of every other matter in this life, but when it comes to being certain whether or not they have eternal life, millions and millions are very careless. They seem to think because they had a little experience with God a month, or 50 years or more ago, that will do to depend on to take them through the pearly gates to live with God throughout an endless eternity. Millions think because they felt sorry for a few sins, left them off and joined some so-called church, have their names on its record, are subject to its rules and do charitable acts: visit the sick and such like, that this is having

eternal life. But in the First Epistle of John the Word of God tells us of a number of ways that we may know whether or not we have eternal life, and not have to be guessing about it, or be in suspense about this one important matter. We are not going to try to mention everything the Word says, but will call your attention to enough that will be sufficient for you to test yourself by, if you are not sure, dear reader, whether or not you have eternal life. In other words, you may know whether or not you have a Bible experience of salvation.

Now remember, dear reader, that the apostle John says by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, in 1 John 5: 13, that he has written this "that ye may know that ye have eternal life." So we see that it is very necessary for us to be sure about this matter. God wants us today to know of a certainty about this thing. Now let us see how he says we can know. One way is this: he says, "Hereby we do know that we know Him if we keep His commandments." Not just part of them, but all of them. Dear reader, how is it with you on this test? Are you keeping all His commandments, or are you just keeping those that suit you best, those that don't interfere with your wishes and desires? James 2: 10 says, "If ye offend in one point ye are guilty of all. Jesus died that you might keep them all. His death would be useless if we could not keep them. In 1 John 5: 3, we read, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." Praise God. We know that to be a fact. Not one of them is grievous to those who have eternal life. Oh dear souls, every one of them is sweet to the true child of God.

Another way we can know whether or not we have eternal life:—1 John 2: 9, "He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now." It doesn't make any difference how long you have been professing religion, or how long you have had your name on some record, or how many good deeds you have done in your life, if you get angry and have bitterness in your heart toward those that speak evil of you, or those who do you a wrong, you are still unsaved, though you might have thought for 50 years or more that you had eternal life. But, glory to God, when we get the religion of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, or this Bible salvation, we do not get angry and have bitterness in our hearts against those that do us wrong or speak evil of us. Praise God, we do not want revenge in word or act.

Another way we can know that we have eternal life is that we will not love this world. Dear souls, are you dead to this wicked world, or do you love it? Do you love and desire its gold, silver, and other treasures, its fashions and forms, its pastimes and pleasures? If you do, dear reader, God's word (not I but the eternal Word of God) says, "the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2: 15). So you may know assuredly that you do not have eternal life. Perhaps you think because you do not worship these things that it is not a sin, but you don't have to

worship them to make it a sin. But, take warning, all you have to do to send your soul to that pit of a burning, endless hell fire is just to love them enough not to give them up completely. That is all it takes. You must forsake them; you must be dead to them; you must hate them and condemn them to others. There is just one way to have eternal life, glory to God, and that is God's holy way, the dear old Bible way. There are other ways that seem right unto man, but we are told in God's Word that "the way that seemeth right unto man is the way of death."

Another way you can test yourself:—1 John 3: 6 says, "Whosoever abideth in Him (Jesus), (or whosoever hath eternal life) sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him neither known Him." Dear reader, do you commit sin? Perhaps you think because you don't commit some sins that would cause you to be looked down on in the eyes of this world, that you are alright. Perhaps you have been taught at home and by your preacher that you cannot live above sin in this life. But dear ones, that will not do to die by, it will not do to depend on when you stand before the Almighty God on that great judgment day. God says in His Word (1 John 3: 8) "He that committeth sin is of the devil," and further, "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil." So we must let God's Word be true, if every body on this earth is made a liar. Now dear souls, can you with these tests or proofs in the Word of God, fall on your knees and look up to God in heaven and say, "I *know* I have eternal life." Or do you have to say, "I know now that my religion is not the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ." Oh, dear reader, if you are deceived and know now that you have not eternal life, let me beg you not to sleep or eat until you *know* you have these Bible evidences of salvation. Oh, let me beg of you in the name of Jesus not to stop until you know that you have eternal life. May God help you is my prayer.

"These things have I written unto you * * * that ye may *know* that ye have eternal life" * * * (1 John 5: 13).
—SISTER IDA LEE.

A SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST

We are warned in the Word of God: "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that anti-christ shall come, even now are there many anti-christs; whereby we know that it is the last time" (1 John 2: 18). The apostle John is inspired further to say that they went out from us (but were not of us) that they might be made manifest. He also speaks of the unction ye have from the Holy One to teach and give discernment. There is a most subtle spirit of anti-christ today of human personality taking the place of, or imitating, the Holy Ghost,—the enemy harboring where there is a natural power, magnetism, or personality, working to deceive, make merchandise of, and draw souls to themselves and not really to Christ. This spirit often works in and through men and women who have fallen away from the grace and

pure love of God, yet may be blinded to it to a great extent, retaining a knowledge of the Word of God, having fluent good words and fair speeches. But generally by observing closely you will see that such ones have, with their personality, some portion of the Word of God, or a certain doctrine, that they use privily, or as a cover and power to work their purpose. This spirit is so subtle as to even use charity, the love of God, the "more excellent way," as a covering. But, dear ones, beware, for underneath, deeply hidden and concealed, is a deadly poison, as the poison of an asp.

Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." And "where the Spirit of Christ is there is liberty." Yes, this sort "promise liberty, but they themselves are the servants of corruption (or of the flesh)". If the enemy is using someone to get an influence over you, instead of teaching and instructing you in the righteous ways and truth of the Lord, you will find that your direct communion with God will be broken; you will feel a fear to follow and obey your individual leading from the Lord. Dear ones, the fellowship of those raised up together and who are sitting together in heavenly places is most precious, even though the Lord is using some members of His body to teach, lead and instruct, in the manner He has placed them in the body, and this gives liberty and freedom in the Spirit to each member individually, praise the Lord. Let us not be allured by good words, fair speeches and siren voices, but try the spirits whether they be of God. Many lives have been wrecked, homes broken up, sincere and honest souls stunted in their spiritual growth, and the cause of God in general reproached by this treacherous anti-christ spirit of personality and magnetism, counterfeiting the Holy Ghost.

This is one of the "spiritual wickedness" spoken of in Eph. 6: 12. It will often confront you to wrest from you your spiritual power and individual leadings from heaven, but praise God for victory over all the power of the enemy, through the conquering power of the abiding presence of Jesus and the Holy Ghost. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." The yoke of man-rule is greivous. They will bind heavy burdens upon you and would not lift their hand to move them. Dear souls, let us take only the yoke of Jesus and learn of Him and keep the sweet rest and peace in our souls that this spirit of anti-christ seeks to rob you of.

"These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage" (Jude 16). Dear ones, in these last days, the enemy both goes about as a roaring lion and he lies in wait to deceive. So let us be watchful, sober, vigilant and prayerful. If any are awakened to find yourselves overpowered by such a spirit that in reality is an enemy to Christ, our God is a mighty Deliverer. "These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you" (1 John 2: 26).

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

THE WORKS OF THE FLESH AND THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to lie after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8: 1-18).

Through inspiration of the blessed Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul makes a careful delineation of the things of God and the things that lead away from God into sin and to eternal death and separation from Him at the last day, into the flames of eternal perdition. By a careful analysis of the Scriptures and the study of sinful man we may all plainly see why it

is essential that all who have reached the years of accountability, should be soundly converted to Christ Jesus. Christ is a true reformer. He undertakes to reach the heart of sinful man. He that has a corrupt heart is certain to have the carnal mind. The corrupt heart and carnal mind are the planting and watering of Satan. “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3: 8). “Except ye become converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18: 3). “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again” (John 3: 3, 5-7).

The unsaved heart is very deceitful, fruitful of all manner of evil. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jer. 17: 9). “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man” (Mark 7: 21-23). It is no wonder that it takes the converting power that is vested in the holy and blessed Christ to transform sinful and depraved men and women into real saints of God right here, and thus enables them to walk in newness of life. The plan of salvation is two-fold. When Adam fell from his holy estate he plunged the entire human race into sin and disobedience to God. We are all born into this world with a depraved or carnal mind. As we grow up into manhood we all fall into sin of some description. When we are converted, God blots out all transgressions and we become reconciled to God through Christ. Yet, it remains that the carnal mind, that sin principle which we inherited from Adam has not been fully destroyed in conversion. But God has made abundant provision for the utter destruction of the carnal mind, the body of sin, in entire sanctification. Soon after a person is converted, He will feel the need of deeper work of grace. He will be drawn by the God of Heaven to present himself at the altar of Christ for a complete cleansing by the blood of Christ from all inbred sin. When God sees the conditions are fully met, He sends the Holy Spirit as a consuming fire into the prostrate soul. The coming in of the Abiding Comforter seals the heart to every foe, while we walk in perfect obedience to God and shun all the avenues of sin.

There is a certain test of our standing with God. It is this: We must, even after receiving the Holy Ghost, keep ourselves crucified, mortified through the power of the Word and Spirit of Christ. It takes watching and incessant prayer that we keep ourselves unspotted from this evil world. The Apostle tells us: "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8: 12-14). Satan, the archenemy of God and man, comes to the young convert, or the believer who has been wholly sanctified, with the suggestion that to turn back and partake of sinful things will do no harm. In other words, Satan will endeavor to persuade the soul that we are debtors to the fleshly or carnal mind. But God has here in the 8th chapter of Romans, made it very plain, and very positive, that we must not give way to any carnal suggestion at any time after being translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." If we desire to make heaven our home, we should first be willing to be led by the blessed Holy Spirit. He will always lead to entire crucifixion of the body, a complete mortifying of every sinful tendency. Some one will say: "Yes, but when we are fully sanctified, we are free from inbred sin." That is true. But we must remember also that to retain that blessed experience we must walk in every ray of light God flashes on our pathway. If we do not, we will soon lose both our justification and sanctification, and be found overcome with the beggarly elements of this evil world. Here is where all apostasy begins, where backsliding creeps in a stealthy foe. "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, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2: 15-17). "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for

the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13: 11-14).

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another" (Gal. 5: 19-26). Let us all who love the Master's appearing, take great pains to assemble ourselves in pure gospel assemblies whenever and wherever it is possible. This is indeed a wonderful means of grace to all true believers. Our individual as well as collective usefulness is enhanced a hundred fold thereby. In the path of progressive Christian duty God's grace abounds a thousand fold. Let us in the name of our risen Lord, press the battle to the gates to gather in the souls for whom Jesus died. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28: 18-20). "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall the cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16: 17-18). "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24: 45-49).

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