

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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DISCOURAGED?

"Discouraged?" gently asked a fellow toiler,
And I in bitterness of soul replied:
"Who would not be? for I have toiled and striven
And failure ever hovers near my side."
"Oh, then trust God," replied my gentle friend;
"Trust God to bring it all right in the end."

"Discouraged?" asked a good and aged father;
More meekly did I then an answer make:
"My blinded eyes see not beyond the failure,
And I have tried so hard for Jesus' sake."
"Oh, then trust God," replied my aged friend,
"Trust God to bring it all right in the end."

"Discouraged?" 'Twas at night when all was silent—
I felt the presence of a form divine.
I bowed my head and wept. The sweet voice answered:
"Why needest thou be? since all the work is mine,
And mine the power, and all to thee I lend;
And make all things work to a blissful end."

And then I saw 'twas only mine to labor,
God's was the grace sufficient for my need;
In all the duties He to me had given,
'Twas mine to follow; His it was to lead.
And faithfulness in following such a Friend,
Can ne'er result in failure in the end.

—SEL. BY ROSELLA SLIFER.

MEDITATION

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work" (Heb. 13: 20-21). These words form a part of the blessed apostolic benediction at the close of the book of the Hebrews. Therein the Apostle Paul makes a final appeal in behalf of the New Covenant, certifying its utility, and declaring its lasting benefits. Through and by the blood of the everlasting Covenant God is going to perfect His people.

The Jews stumbled at the New Covenant because they thought they could be made perfect by the Old Covenant, i. e., the Law. Law is in antithesis to the

Grace of God, which saves aside from works (Eph. 2: 8-10), just as the Old Testament is temporary in contrast with the eternity of the New Testament or Covenant. The goal of salvation is ever perfection. If perfection were possible under the Law, by the sprinkling of the blood of bulls and of goats, then there was no need of the ignominious death of Christ upon the accursed tree. Guilty sinners, men who considered themselves perfect under the Old Covenant, cried "Crucify Him!"—but God sees one thing, THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, and declares that through His blood all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved and made perfect. Our text carries no reference to man's part in connection with the Crucifixion, save as to the benefits the redeemed derive therefrom, viz., eternal perfection through the blood.

The Holy Spirit speaks "the God of peace," or of all peace. The Law could not bring nor establish peace between a guilty race and its holy Creator. The Jew knew a God strong and mighty, whose sword was ever in His hand, swift to punish. God was not one of peace, under the Old Covenant, but rather, of unrest; for the holiness of the Law had to be vindicated and His justice satisfied. Sin had broken God's Sabbath rest and peace centuries before, and it was not till Christ cried "It is finished!" that God could be at peace with a sin-cursed earth. This peace, however, is only between God and those who are reconciled through the blood of the Cross. "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord" (Rom. 5: 1).

Christ is spoken of as "that great Shepherd of the sheep." The beauty and excellence of the New Covenant are apparent as we study this phrase. The Old Covenant was between God and an elect nation. The New Covenant is between God and Christ as Shepherd in behalf of an elect people, *The Redeemed*, Christ's body, the true Church, His sheep. The New Covenant is eternal, since it rests upon a finished work, sealed by the blood. The blessings of the New Covenant are enjoyed by all who abide in Christ.

The blood is not the only seal; the other is the resurrection. Christ in death was the Good Shepherd, giving His life for the sheep; in His resurrection He becomes the Great Shepherd, Who lives for His sheep. On the Cross, sin was conquered; by the Resurrection, the grave was rent: and so we enjoy eternal security in the Beloved.

The Old Covenant was a shadow. Its chief feast was the Great Day of Atonement, when once each year the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies and sprinkled the blood upon the mercy seat. Christ became our High Priest and once for all has sprinkled His blood in the Holy of Holies; His blood is ever before the Throne of Grace, our hope, our surety, our guarantee of full salvation here and hereafter. God gave His Son, and the Son gave His blood—our part is to believe, to stand upon the solid rock.

Faith in Christ is not a leap in the dark. Faith is justified by the resurrection of Christ, the first-fruits of a perfected creation. Sin is not always going to curse the world. The day is drawing nigh when there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. The new order began at the tomb when Christ arose. Throughout this Church age God is cleansing all who call upon Him by the blood, thereby laying the foundation for that complete re-creating and hallowing of our lives until we shall be presented spotless in His sight.

The hope of the Church is not world-betterment; it is *Completeness in Christ*. Christ is our all-sufficient Savior. What we lost in the fall, through the depravity of the race, is fully and eternally restored to us through the blood of Christ. Little wonder the Apostle breaks forth with the words, "To whom be glory forever and ever, amen." The wonder of salvation is that God will glorify us, and that we can glorify Him. God help us to remember, "A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify." Amen.—C. A. B.

THE CORRUPTIONS OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCH

A Solemn Warning against Church Abominations, Pride and Worldliness.

The wicked practices of the Protestant Churches, which are growing more and more corrupting every year, are positive proof of their general apostasy, and departure from the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

These practices which were unknown fifty years ago, have now in many cases become incorporated into the church as a necessary element for its external

prosperity and financial success. That the church is rapidly conforming to the spirit and pleasures of the world, none can deny. The most alarming feature is that prominent preachers lead the way and the people blindly follow.

Elder Pierce, brother of bishop Pierce, says:—
"There is a similarity between the church of today and the Church of England in John Wesley's day:— Similar formality, crimes, sins, anger and impatience under reproof. Methodist people own race tracks, race horses, and gamble on them. They drink, swear, commit adultery, practice fraud and extortion, break every command of the decalogue except those protected by legal enactment; sometimes disregarding these, resulting in shameful lawsuits; if the Church of England furnished a darker catalogue, history does not name it. We have a better class of members who attend theaters, dance, play cards, etc. Still another, negative in their character, do great harm by neglect, indifference and apathy. Having been a pastor for twenty-six years, in town, city, village and country, among the wealthy and the poor, I declare with all candor that the above picture is not overdrawn."

Bishop R. S. Foster says:—"The Church is courting the world. Its members are trying to bring it down to the level of the ungodly. The ball, theater and social luxuries, with all their immoralities, are making inroads into the sacred enclosure of the church, and as satisfaction for all this worldliness, Christians are making much of Lent, Easter and Good Friday, and church ornamentation. The Protestant church is fast reaching the doom of the Romish and Jewish churches. How true that the Methodist Discipline is a dead letter. Its rules forbid the wearing of gold or pearls or costly array, yet no one ever thinks of disciplining its members for violating them. They forbid the reading of such books and taking such diversions as do not minister to godliness, yet the church itself goes to shows and frolics and fairs which destroy the spiritual life of the young as well as the old. The extent of which this is now carried on is appalling. The spiritual death it carries in its train will only be known when the millions it has swept into hell stand before the Judgment."

Pride is a damning sin. Against no other manifestation of depraved human nature does the Word of God utter more fearful rebukes or more terrible denunciations. Nevertheless it is usually considered quite inoffensive among the churches of today and if it is only well dressed, luxuriously adorned, and baptized in the name of Christianity, a premium is usually paid for it. *Pride* is generally petted, fondled,

complimented and honored in society, while humility is despised and rejected of men. Yet a little, however, and the tables will turn, for it is written, "He that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Modern schemes for raising money for God's cause, as church fairs, lotteries, socials, bazaars, oyster and bean suppers, etc., are sinful for the following reasons:—They are contrary to the teachings and examples of the Bible, where the simple method of free will offerings alone is approved. How would it harmonize with the character of the early Christians, to read in Paul's epistles a direction to the saints, to have festivals to raise money for the poor, or an exhortation to the godly women to get up a grand concert like our modern devices? The idea that money contributed to the cause of Christ must receive a consideration in music, tea, oysters or fancy articles is erroneous and impious. The money given in such ways is equivalent to saying: Lord, I will take half of this money for personal pleasure, and you can have the other half.

The late A. J. Gordon said: "To receive an equivalent in food or goods for money put into the Lord's treasury, robs the offering of its richest element,—that of sacrifice. In God's reckoning, the value of an offering depends as much on what it costs the giver, as what it nets the receiver. Therefore the treasury of the Lord is vastly more enriched by the widow's mite than by the widow's muffins. To seek the assistance of the world instead of obeying and trusting God for help is a flagrant sin. What would be thought of a wife, whose faithful husband supplied all her wants, if she should distrust and dishonor him by going to his enemies for money: or to obtain it, should open his house for the entertainment of sensual pleasure seekers? yet such is the course pursued in these church entertainments."

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend to the world is the enemy of God" (James 4: 4). "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help" (Isa. 31: 1). Of course the churches that depend on the world for support, are obliged to please the world and to conform to it. H. L. Hastings says: "If churches cannot live without dishonoring the Lord, let them die decently and speedily. When such cumberers of the ground are cut down, there may be room for other trees that will bear good fruit. If ministers of the Gospel cannot be supported without resorting to such means to obtain a livelihood, let them go into their secular

business with their backslidden churches, and leave their room for men whom God has really sent to preach His Word. The commissioned messengers of Almighty God—sent to warn a slumbering world of approaching judgment—are not dependent upon such sources for their support. The ministry which is dependent for its support on what is begged from the votaries of the world, the flesh and the devil, is a disgrace to the Gospel which it professes to proclaim."

These fun-loving church members are merely a dead weight of baptized worldlings. Professing godliness and yet practicing worldliness, they are making more infidels than all our enemies outside of the church. Many wonder why we do not have such revivals as they had in former days. The real cause is to be found in the extreme worldliness that generally prevails among the ministers and members of modern churches, their own sins are hindering the salvation of souls, and causing the awful desolations in Zion.

To say that the Church of Christ cannot be sustained without these contrivances to beguile the world into its support, is to confess that Christianity is a failure. No indulgence is right which unfits us for holy communion with God. Contemplate the gossiping, joking and fun in such meetings, and then attempting to pray. The sacredness of the sanctuary is soon forgotten in the roars of giddy laughter and stamping of feet, and rehearsal of silly anecdotes.

These entertainments lead us to a forgetfulness of God, and beget in the minds of the young a taste for amusements elsewhere. The pieces and parts acted on the platform engender a love for theatricals, and from the church performance they go to the theater. A young man who had been employed at a theater said that he had received in Sunday School concerts his first training and taste for the stage. What possible good can result from these juvenile exhibitions of elocution and song, finery and vanity, flowers and gilt pasteboard? They do indeed draw immensely, but not to the truth, or to Christ. Choral services and Sunday School concerts, advertised as entertainments, are really feeders of the theater. What are the attractions on such occasions but worldly pleasure? How can those who so frequently enjoy pleasure parties in churches, think it a sin to attend them outside of churches, even though it is in a circus or theater? "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? * * * Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing" (2 Cor. 6: 14, 17).

—D. L. HAZEN.

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We were not able to print and send out the Faith and Victory for March, as Bro. Longley and I were at Anthony, Kans., over three weeks, holding a revival there with the church. While there we met many precious saints that are standing true, and love to hear the old time truth, being not ashamed of the offence of the cross, but who rejoice in the truth.

The Lord gave us victory from the beginning, anointed and gave liberty for the preaching of His Word, and many times the saints were much in rejoicing as God let special blessings fall, shouts and praises rang out clear from hearts made free by the Lamb that was slain. The attendance was good and much conviction was on the unsaved. Quite a number received healing from the Lord, and four souls got soundly saved from sin by repentance toward God and faith in the atonement made by the Lord Jesus Christ. While it was hard to part with those in Christ, yet we rejoiced when leaving to know that they were all so encouraged and drawn together for laboring and pressing the battle on against sin and the spirit of the world.

We are confident that the Church there at Anthony under the pastorage of Bro. and Sister Helm is in good condition for an habitation of God through the Spirit, to show power, might and strength in this dark world, for the convincing of unbelievers and the resisting of the prince of this world, to the glory and pleasure of God the Father. We shall continue to remember special ones there in prayer: some to be saved and others to be healed. May God bless each one, for their souls are precious in His sight.

Wife had the correspondence to do and the wrapping and mailing out of tracts at the office while we were gone. This, together with the care of the children and household duties, made much work for her, but God who is a present help carried her through with victory and health.

We are receiving so many calls for the Faith and Victory, and also the tract work has grown so much that we are praying God to supply for a larger press as the present one is insufficient for the work needful to be done. Please be agreed with us in prayer for God to bring this about, as we look wholly to Him for all

things. While we are thankful for the many things given us through prayer, yet we know that His resources are unlimited, as He owns the cattle on a thousand hills and has commanded us to make disciples of all nations, and we mean, by His grace, to be active in the place wherein He has called us. So agree with us that the gospel may continue to pour forth in greater quantities than ever before.

We do not mean to leave the impression from the above that this is a large work as the world looks at things, for it is not. But we are glad to send out the unadulterated gospel of Christ, for we take note that the large printing concerns of the country are sending forth a weakened, and many times an adulterated gospel, participating in the spirit of the world, getting their business on a worldly basis, relieving themselves of an opportunity of exercising themselves in proving a real living faith in a living, abiding Christ. By considering the quality we thank God that it does well. Amen.

We are persuaded, as Bro. Paul was, that nothing will be able to separate us from the love that is in Christ: neither things present nor things to come, as our consecration reaches to the end of this mortal life, whether it be long or short, easy or painful, for we are sure that "all things work together for good to them that love God," that He is dealing righteously with each soul, and does not take pleasure in seeing any person suffer, but will only permit that which is best for us and for others.

The trials and tests, afflictions and perplexing things that come to the child of God, if endured with patience and trueness to God, will only strengthen, settle and establish us in Christ, and work out a far greater weight of glory to our souls. So let each of us remain limp in the hands of God and wait for His strength and power to work in and through us to His honor and glory, for in due time (His time) He will make a way of our escape and give us grace to bear up under it all. Praise Him, He is worthy.

We find many that profess Christ, but few that possess Christ, or rather that Christ possesses. Paul, in writing to saved ones says in substance, that "we are Christ's purchased possession," and why not? Did He not pay a full price for us by the pouring out of His pure blameless blood, and thereby make the only way of our escape from damnation that hangs over the head of every unsaved soul. When we see and know these truths, we know that it is not unreasonable for us to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto God, that He may move us about at His pleasure and to His honor and glory.

In Second Timothy 3: 12 we read, "Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Have you got the evidence? If not you had better deepen down into God and separate from the

spirit of the world, and begin to worship God in spirit and in truth. For we read again in Gallatians 4: 28-29, "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now."

Brethren, if you in spirit fellowship the bondwoman and her son, ye shall be cast out with the bondwoman and shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. Therefore take heed to the things that we have heard, for if we build again, or take up the things we once laid off or destroyed, we make ourselves transgressors or sinners (Gal. 2: 18).

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There is a spirit that hides itself under love, the greatest of all gifts, that gradually but surely leads to compromise and with plausible human reasoning and fair speeches deceive many. It seduces people by feigning to be the voice of God. It uses much language and Scripture that the voice of God would and does use. We warn you to beware of these spirits for they work in and through seemingly inoffensive and innocent men, and speak of liberty of conscience, which is good for truly separated-unto-God people. But when the conscience becomes seared and men ride over plain teachings and commandments in God's holy Word, it is high time to cease to give heed to their plausible, crafty, cunning fair speeches that deceive the simple and gratify the "at-ease-in-Zion" ones.

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In the first part of the seventh chapter of Romans we are taught that we are married to Christ who arose from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit unto God. Also in the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians we read that, "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." So we see by these Scriptures, and many others, that we who are born again are as ones married to Christ, and if we are as a faithful wife our whole affections and desire will be toward Him: our time, means and talent will be given freely and gladly to the upbuilding of His kingdom. And though we mingle among rejecters and rebels, it will not be to partake of their ways and deeds, but we will be so pliable and submissive to His rules or teachings that our manner of life and words will be a continual reproof to their worldly minded spirit and affections which are on decaying, material things.

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Jesus came not in the world to condemn people (John 3: 17), but to lift the condemnation that is hanging over the head of every Christ-rejecter or unbeliever. He came to save men from their sins (Matt. 1: 21), by dying in their stead and thus appeasing the wrath of God which we justly deserved. Such love as this is too great for mortals to fully comprehend, yet it is God's way of redeeming man from torment, and His blood is the only atonement for sin. Thus He could truly say, "I am the way, the truth,

and the life." Also, "I am the door." Those who are climbing up some other way shall meet bitter disappointment in the judgment day, and will wail, weep and gnash their teeth while taking their place with the damned. There is absolutely no other way of entering heaven but through Christ: by making His soul an offering for your sins, believing and having them all covered with His blood. Bless the Giver of these good things.

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Remember that the willingly despised of earth will bloom out in glory. Let us labor for meat that perishes not, endure for the joy that is set before us, for the faithful are approaching a great recompense of reward, where pain and sorrow cease and the weary are at rest. Press on weary pilgrim, for the promise is sure to all the seed of Abraham through faith.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Silverdale, Pa.—Dear sisters and brothers scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied in my blessed Redeemer. I feel I should write a few lines for the paper once more. The Lord has certainly blessed us as His children here the last few weeks. Bro. Whitehouse was here to hold a series of meetings. He was here two weeks, and though the time was short, the meetings were so precious to us all. It seems to me to be just as the Word of God says: people are deceiving and being deceived. They don't want to hear the truth preached any more, but by the grace of God I want to live to all the knowledge and understanding of the truth that I have, and as I receive it from day to day, through His precious Word.

We can truly say that the Lord has taken our burden of sorrow and grief, or rather helped us to bear it, as I have lost a faithful grandfather and grandmother, and a kind husband this last January. I would not mind it so much as I do if I had not lived here with them ever since I was an infant. It certainly is hard to part with one so kind as he has been, but we know that this earth is not always going to remain, and it is better for those that go in peace now. As ever your sisters in the one body.

—EDITH AND GRANDMOTHER SHAFFER.

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Center, Ala.—I send greetings to all the dear saints. It is real spiritual food for my soul to read the good testimonies in Faith and Victory from the saints whom I claim for my brothers and sisters in Jesus. I almost feel like shouting aloud to know that God has good people in other states as well as in Alabama. Dear brothers and sister prayer is the key that unlocks heaven's door to me. I want to tell you how good the Lord is to me. In December I was taken with single pneumonia and my breath was reduced from 100 per cent to 25 per cent in 12 hours. I obeyed James 5: 14-15, and when the prayer of faith was offered I believed that God had heard and ans-

wered for I began to vomit and a change came over me and the Lord made me well. Since that time I had a stroke of paralysis in my left side. My wife prayed for me and the Lord healed me, and this morning I am able to write this letter. Dear saints pray for us. Your Bro. in Him. —L. B. POLLARD.

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Hennessey, Okla.—I am praising the Lord for victory in my soul. I felt led of the dear Lord to write my testimony in the little Faith and Victory paper. This morning finds me saved and living for the dear Lord day by day. Dear ones I am praying for the dear Lord to help me more to understand His Word. My soul is crying to be more like Christ every day. I want to be a shining light as I travel through this world. Please pray for me that the Lord will help me on every line to do His will. Yours in Christ. —SISTER ANNIE WILEY.

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Perkasie, Pa.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus' precious name, who is the source of all my joy and comfort. "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: * * * He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53: 4-5).

I feel it would be to the glory of God for me to tell how the blessed Holy Spirit led me to look to Jesus for comfort while passing through the darkest hour of my life a little over a year ago. I thought my heart would break. I discerned the voice of the enemy speaking to me (how precious that we can discern the voices that speak to us). He dared me ever to rejoice again. Truly he came upon my soul as a flood telling me I had no cause for rejoicing. All of my unanswered prayers stood up before me. I fled to Jesus for refuge, got real still before Him, and He truly lifted up a standard against the enemy of my soul, Praise His name. Jesus sweetly whispered three words to me, "Rejoice in hope." Oh, what peace flooded my soul! What a blessed quietness! I paused a moment to consider my hope. Truly it was one in which I could rejoice.

Dear ones, Jesus keeps me rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer (Rom. 12: 12). Should anyone read these few weak words who are not acquainted with Jesus, I trust they will be encouraged to "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psa. 34: 8). Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matt. 11: 29). This is my experience, praise the Lord.

Tell me not of heavy crosses,
Nor of burdens hard to bear;
For *I've proved* this great salvation
Makes each burden light appear.

I need the prayers of all of God's dear children that I love my Savior more, and serve Him better each day. Your saved sister.

—ROSELLA SLIFER.

Arkansas City, Kan.—Dear beloved brother in Christ Jesus: I greet you this another evening in His most precious name. This finds me saved and on the highway of holiness with victory in my soul and my decision is deeper daily to go on with Jesus and be a living example, not by words but by letting my life tell the story of a living and risen Savior. And I trust that as this reaches you it will find you and family well and on victory's side and with a settled decision in this evil age to suffer with Jesus and take the little that remains.

Brother, we truly are blessed to have the holy truth without any compromise or addition, and for having decided to go through the Bible way. There are so many creeds of men and false Christs and prophets proclaiming holiness, and some are so faithful and earnest to their form of religion, that it behooves us as saints of God to make haste to do our Father's will and dig daily for a closer walk and more Christ seen in our lives. Brother, earnestly pray that I stay so little that I can be hid away completely in God where the world can not spot me. May the Lord ever bless you and keep you filled with His Spirit is my earnest prayer. Your brother in dying love. —I. JENNINGS.

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Tabor, Iowa.—I can say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases" (Psa. 103: 1-3). Praise the Lord because He heals all my diseases! I have trusted Him for more than forty years with my body, and He has never failed.

For the glory of God I want to tell some of the things he Lord has done for me. I can't begin to tell half of it, but I want to glorify Him by telling some of them before He takes me home. When I was a girl I lost my health. My father had the best doctor, and he would come for a while, and then tell him that it was no use for him to come, that he had done all he could and that I was likely to die at any time. And father would get another doctor, and he would say the same. I was so weak I could not raise my hand, and my pastor selected the text from which to preach my funeral sermon. I never thought of getting well.

My mother died, and then father, and I was left to live with my younger sister. I would be up for a while, and then down again. Had I known then that Jesus had borne my sickness as well as my sin, I would not have suffered so long.

By and by I had a letter from a friend, saying that the Lord had healed her. And then I had a letter from my sister, saying that the Lord had healed her. My doctor was called away, and before he left he prepared enough medicines to last until he returned, and cautioned me to take it regularly. But I got hold of a paper and read of such a wonderful healing and I said, "Lord, I know that You are no respecter of persons. If you did that for them, I know You will heal me." There was no one to pray with me or for

me, and I was suffering so that it was hard to pray. But I prayed the best I could, and that is all God requires. That night I went to bed suffering, but all at once every ache and pain was gone, and I knew that I was healed. I got up from that bed and shouted all over the room. Before that time I could not throw my shoulders back, but now I could. I had several large corns on my toes and the Lord took them out, and since that time I have had no more trouble with corns, and that is more than forty years ago. Since that time I have not used any remedies, no matter how simple, and am now eighty-six years old.

One day I sewed all day until dark, and then I lay down on the sofa to rest. Soon my arm and side felt cold, and Sister brought me a hot iron, but in a few minutes my arm and side were paralysed. I called for prayer, and before long it seemed that the Lord picked me up in His arms and healed me. Paralytic strokes are nothing for the Lord to heal, and I have had no symptoms of it since. Also for a number of years I suffered from constipation, and that caused bleeding piles, but the Lord healed me, and I have no more trouble with it. Constipation also caused me to have stomach trouble, and everything I ate hurt me, but they prayed for me, and I claimed the promise, and He has healed my stomach and I can eat almost anything I want, and it does not hurt me. Praise the Lord. The Lord not only heals all my diseases but He supplies all my need. When I look back and see what the Lord has done, it is wonderful, and the deep settled peace abides in my soul. My path grows brighter and brighter unto the coming day. I wait the time when I shall see my Savior face to face, and those who have gone before, and we shall reign with Christ, and have glorified bodies. Glory to God!

—AUNT JENNIE LOGSDON.

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Emerald, Pa.—Greetings in Jesus' name. Having received your paper, "Faith and Victory," and as I read its pages my soul was strengthened in the inner soul life. I believe you are yet earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. I do not know you people personally but it seems we are belonging to the same household of faith, as Jude says, To them that are sanctified by God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ. I wish to say to the glory of God that He has made me what I am: a new creature in Christ Jesus, hallelujah! Eleven years ago God put such deep Holy Ghost conviction upon me that I could hardly eat or sleep for four days. I was almost sick enough to die. I was praying at my work, and everywhere I went, until one evening about ten o'clock the Lord answered prayer and made all the old things to pass away, the old habits and tobacco and all, and made me a new creature, glory to God. I had no light on holiness then, and for eight years I lived without knowing God's best. Through a sister that had the blessing, who often testified to me, I began to realize that there was something I needed that I didn't have, so I began to consecrate until the Lord got through with me, and then I was stripped

of everything but I had Jesus. Praise the Lord. The Lord showed me only one thing at a time, and when I would yield and say yes He would show me what next to put on the altar. When it came to the lodge it almost staggered me, because I thought that was my only protection. After the Lord showed me plainly to get out and be separate I finally said, Yes. And there were a number of things I had to straighten up, and after four months of consecrating and praying and digging, and when the Lord didn't show me anything else, I remember in the Spring of 1921 at midnight the Lord sanctified me wholly, and since that time I have been living a life of faith in the Son of God. Glory be to Heaven's King. For almost forty years He has kept this body in health without any medicine. Pray for me that my faith fail not. You are in holy love.

—BRO. AMBROSE RAN.

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Webb City, Mo.—Dear saints at Faith Publishing House and those scattered abroad: I am praising God today for life, for I will soon be 82 years old and I thank Him most of all for full salvation. As I have to be in bed most of the time, your testimonies do me so much good, praise His holy name. And dear ones I want you to still send me the paper as it does so much comfort to me while I have to be in doors most of the time. I can read of the good things from the Lord, so I am sending you this offering to help along in the work. I praise God for healing Sister Caudel. She hasn't taken any medicine for many years. She prays to God and He heals her, bless His holy name.

—BRO. HUGH CAUDEL.

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Guthrie, Okla.—To the saints scattered abroad Greetings: I want to tell some more of the mercies of the Lord in His saving, keeping and healing power. I was taken sick the 11th of January, 1925. I had pneumonia in both lungs. And the saints here at this place came and stayed with me day and night for three weeks and one day. They prayed for me and the Lord healed me, bless His holy name forever. Then in about two weeks I had something like constipation or acute indigestion, and I feel like if the Lord had not heard and answered prayer in my behalf I would have died at once, the pain was so great. But, praise His name, He spared me. Dear ones, it was not because I was worthy or merited it, but His great love to His creatures. We read in Psalm 103, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." And the 14th verse reads, "For He knoweth our frame; He remembers that we are dust." Bless His holy name. He saves and keeps me each day and supplies my every need by His amazing grace.

I was 79 years old the 12th day of the past December. I was born in 1845, and as I look back over my life I can see His goodness and mercy all the way. I was in 1904 when I first saw the people contending for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3) and when I heard the whole truth preached I repented and believed it, and the Lord did forgive and heal

me soul and body, and I have been trying to live to do His will ever since and I am not tired of the way, only I do regret that I have not known and done His will all my life, just 20 years out of 79. Oh, dear saints, be encouraged to press on "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers" (1 Peter 3: 12). In John 13: 33 Jesus says, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of *good cheer*; I have overcome the world." Oh, He will help us to overcome through His name. Your sister in the faith. —MARY S. SPRADLING.

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Smithers, W. Va.—Dear saints of God: We want to thank God for the little paper, Faith and Victory which we enjoy reading. We love to hear what God is doing for His children. I just want to praise Him for healing me of stomach and bowel trouble. He heals my companion and children too, praise His name. Please send me a package of tracts to distribute. Pray for us that we may do just what God wants us to do. Your sister in Christ.

—NINA BASDEN.

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Anthony, Kan.—For the encouragement of the saints and readers of Faith and Victory, we feel the Lord would have us write a little report of the meeting recently held here by Bros. Fred Pruitt and Robert Longley of Guthrie, Okla., which proved a success for God. The Word went forth with power and authority in real meekness and love with signs following. Souls were saved and brought into the fold of God and the power of God was also manifested in healing the sick, and showers of blessings from heaven came down among us and refreshed the souls of the saints. Truly it is marvelous in our eyes and hearts, and the Stone which the builders rejected is still the Head of the corner. Conviction rested on souls and we believe seed was sown that will bring forth in the future. Truly God is still with His children and is calling us closer to Him, praise His precious name. My determination is to go all the way with the Lord by His help and grace. Yours in Christ for the whole truth. —SISTER C. E. FLOYD.

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New York City, N. Y.—"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133: 1). Beloved ones: greeting in Jesus' name. I thank God for my spared life, that I am thus privileged to make known to you that I received both copies of the little Faith and Victory. The first one I received on Christmas day, and truly I must confess that it was the best gift I received for Christmas for indeed the lines have fallen in pleasant places. The Lord says in His Word to give attendance to reading, and I find there is no better thing we can do to receive strength than to read His Word and pray, and it also strengthens us in our faith to read the testimonies of others. Beloved brothers and sisters, although not known in person, we are known in Christ, as the little poet says:

*"We look to meet our brethren
From every distant shore,
Not one will seem a stranger,
Though never seen before.
For the day is fast approaching,
When we shall see and know each other;
Oh, that will be so joyful!
When we meet to part no more."*

I of myself am longing to see that day. Beloved ones during the past year I can rejoice that by God's grace I overcame sin and satan. The Lord has chastened me in His love. For we know without chastisement we are bastards and not sons, but nevertheless it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. "For we are by Christ redeemed, The cost: His precious blood; Be nothing by our souls esteemed, Like this great good. Were the vast world our own, With all its varied store, And Thou, Lord Jesus, wert unknown, We still were poor." Glory to God, we are not poor; we are rich in Christ. Yes, we who know Him can praise the Savior. Who can tell how much we owe Him? So let us gladly render to Him all we have and are. Dear saints of God I am very glad for this: to know that the Lord has saved me and kept me saved. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1: 6). Yours in our Exalted Head.

—SISTER GERTRUDE WRIGHT.

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Delaware, Ark.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Greetings in His dear name. May the peace of Jesus still abide with you till He comes to claim His own. I am truly glad that I have been born again and that old things have passed away and all things become new to me. I thought I would write a few words in regard to Faith and Victory. It has been a blessing to my soul. I just wish to give a few words of testimony for my blessed Savior. I am truly glad for His wonderful love and His mighty power to save and keep saved. I thank Him for His sweet love and the preserving power of the Holy Ghost, and the Lord is my Healer when I get sick. Dear souls, pray for me that I stay humble at His feet. I feel that my time here is not long. I am 62 years old and for the past 17 years I have been in this holy way, traveling on to know more about His precious will concerning me. Though I have trials and tests I am comforted in knowing that God is my Father and Jesus is my elder Brother. I feel sometimes that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, is even at the door. Truly we are living in the evening time of the world that the prophets spoke of. I am a pilgrim and an exile in this world seeking a home that is eternal in the heavens. Dear saints pray for me and my unsaved children. Yours in the holy war for Jesus.

—SISTER F. A. JAY.

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LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

JESUS WATCHES O'ER HIS SHEEP

*So Jesus reckons one by one,
And numbers all His sheep;
He knows if but a lamb is gone,
For He doth never sleep.*

*The flocks of men are bought with gold
And grass is all their food;
The sheep and lambs of Jesus' fold
Are purchased with His blood.*

—SEL.

Utica, Pa.—Dear children: This pleasant sabbath morning I feel I want to talk to you a little while. Yes, I must, as this morning early as I lay thinking of the godness of God and how tenderly He watches over His own dear children. The young and the little ones does He especially love, and long after their whole hearts for it is they He will trust to carry on the good work in the great harvest field when the older ones are gone. Dear children daily ask the dear Lord to so fit and keep you that you can fill father's and mother's place in the Church of the living God. Maybe He will call you to fill father's place in the pulpit to break unto hungry souls the bread of eternal life, or mother's place in the prayer meeting, following her example, everywhere living that beautiful Christian life, shedding rays of heavenly light upon all about her. Yes, dear children and young people, on you hangs the hope of the Church, the hope of getting the gospel to the heathen in foreign lands, where they are so eagerly crying for the Gospel. Yes, father and mother will some day be gone to their reward, and the daily prayer of your parents is, Save, O Lord, save my children, and sweetly keep those that are already saved.

But I must not fail to tell you what the dear Lord said to me this morning. The thought came to me that I must write my dear children today, and the familiar voice said, "Tell them about that sliver in your hand," so I will do so. Oh, it is marvelous how He watches over us, sees and knows our every need. No trouble can we ever have but He is able and willing to deliver us. It came to me one evening that I had not shut my little chickens in their house that no harm could come to them, and as my husband had retired and was sleeping, I called a sister from across the street to go up to the chicken park with me. As I was placing the screen in front of the house, I heard a little chicken peeping out at the end of the house, and as I quickly reached down between the house and picket fence, I ran a sliver in under the nail of the large finger of my right hand. Oh, it did hurt so bad! When we got in the house I held my hand up by the gas light to see if the sister could get the sliver out, but she could not as it had broken

off under the nail. It was a real large thick hemlock sliver that ran the length of the nail and I don't know how much further. But as we could not get it out and it was hurting so, I just took it between the thumb and finger of the other hand and talked to the dear Lord about it. I told Him He had promised to be a present help in every time of need, so I would just trust Him to take out all the soreness and not let it hurt me one bit, and, dear children, He did it. That night I slept sweetly. The next day I put my thimble on that finger and sewed nearly all day and it never hurt me one particle, not even a bit of soreness about it. The sliver gradually worked up and came out, wearing off as it came. No; it never festered. Dear children, He is everything to us and we will never, never cease to love and serve Him in this short life, and then just to think, dear children, we can then dwell with Him and the redeemed of earth throughout ceaseless ages. Your true friend.

—AUNT LOEY MCKAY.

Clarksburg, Mo.—Dear brothers and sisters at Faith Publishing House. We were surely glad for your letter, and thank you and the Lord for the dollar for it just seemed like some of the Lord's money. I love the Lord, and we do pray for the Lord to bless you, and we are glad to hear from you. We like very much to read the little papers. I have a little prayer to say every night. I love to read the Little Folks' Page. I will close for tonight, so good by.

—LULA PARKER.

Winslow, Ark.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus: I have read a few tracts I got from a brother in Christ. Oh, how they helped me. I just had to say, "Glory to God!" Now I am writing for you to send me 50 different tracts, and the paper, "Faith and Victory." I am a young girl 15 years of age, and was converted when I was 14. I love my Lord and am going to do His will by His grace. He keeps me from day to day and I praise Him for it. Oh, how I love to get my dear old Bible and read about how good and pure my Lord was: how He died on the cross that I might be made free from sin. My prayer, hope and desire is to be a soul-winner for Jesus. You know there are so many temptations young people have now days. There are many snares set for the young boy or girl starting out in this world to live for Christ. I have a brother in Okla. who is having many tests and trials, but he is standing true to our God and He is helping him to overcome, and, oh, how I praise God for it. There are so many things to attract a young man's mind. But I want, and am going to by God's grace, to stand true. It is worth standing true for, no matter what things we go through with down here. Your sister in Christ.

—FYRN BRADLEY.

AN EXHORTATION TO THE CHILDREN

Dear children and young readers: May the Lord bless you all and teach you His precious will, and may you give your hearts to Him when He first calls you. When you first come to know you are a sinner and feel your need of a Savior, then the right thing for you to do is to commence calling on God. I was convicted of sin about the time I was 14 years old, but I thought I could not live as I wanted to, as I had so much wickedness in my home. I did not mean to purposely turn down God's Spirit, but you see the devil had a way to make me think I could not serve God. Oh, how sad was my life! But God in His mercy kept me alive. He was watching over me. I was so sad and miserable. At times there seemed to be no enjoyment in life for me. If I went to any place I felt sad and would most always be sick with awful headaches. So we see there is no lasting happiness in going to the things of the world at all. We may think that we will have a little pleasure there, but dear souls, both old or young who read this, remember that these things will never satisfy. I never had the chance to attend many places of amusement, and I think it was only the best for me. I never had the chance either of attending church very often, and there was much sorrow and sin in my home, and not only in my home, but also in my heart.

Only Jesus can satisfy us. It is only He that can understand us, and He knows what we desire. He understands us when others do not. He will come to help us if we will only be willing to turn loose of sin. We may be bound. We may think we cannot serve God on account of sin around us, or on account of some of our dear ones who we may think will not let us serve God. But, dear souls, Jesus came to deliver the captives (those who are captives to sin) and to heal the broken hearted (See Luke 4: 18; Isa. 61: 1). Jesus has all power to help us (Luke 1: 74-75). The Lord can give us deliverance from our enemies. So dear ones, no one on earth has power to make us sin in any way, if we just be willing to forsake our way, just decide to give our hearts to God and turn from sin, no matter what is in our way; no matter who may talk about us or be against us, God will help us and make us happy.

I continued in sin till I was a little past 21 years old, but spent many sad days, so much trouble and sorrow was in my life. But when I decided I was going to serve God and turn from sin no matter what or how much was said, or what I had to bear, I had an opportunity to attend a meeting and when I sought the Lord with all my heart and desired to be saved from sin more than anything else, God forgave my sins and gave me peace. But, dear ones, you need not wait for a chance to go to meeting before trying to get saved, but seek God and call on Him wherever you are. He will save you when you get in earnest and tell Him all your sins and forsake them, repent of them and turn from them forever, and believe that Jesus will save you. But you must want salvation

above everything else. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ from your heart (Read Acts 16: 31).

And dear little children do not think you are too young for God to hear you. When I was just a little girl (I don't remember just how old, but before I was 10 years old) sometime before I had put away a little roll of verses that my half-sister had cut out of papers to paste in a book. She had told me to put them away, and I had put them up stairs in a box, but had forgotten where I put them. Well, the time came when my sister wanted them to paste in her book, and told me to get them. I did not know where I had put them, but I went up stairs to look but knew not where to look. I was afraid of being scolded for being forgetful of where I put them. But I just remembered to call on Jesus, so I knelt down on the floor alone, only the Lord was watching over me, and asked Jesus to show me where the little verses were. I then rose up and it just came into my mind where they were, and I walked straight to a box and there they were. I know Jesus helped me. God did answer that prayer. I will never forget it. I was not taught much about prayer as many children are, but God was teaching me. There are many dear little ones now who have no one to teach them about the Lord but He Himself. So dear ones who are saved, and little children who have been taught about Jesus and what He can do, should tell others about Him. He is kind and merciful to all and loves little children just the same as when He was here on earth, for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13: 8). Jesus blessed the little children (Read, or have some one to read to you, Mark 10th chapter, beginning at the 10th verse to the 16th.) It tells us Jesus blessed the little children. So, dear little ones, look to the Lord when you are in trouble and He will help you. And those who read this and are old enough to know you are a sinner, repent, for "except ye repent ye shall perish" (Luke 13: 3-5). May God bless every reader. A sister in Christ. —BECKY BROWN.

(Correspondence continued from page 8.)

Lititz, Pa.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus' precious name. I will try to tell my appreciation of salvation. The dear Lord has done wonderful things for me and my household, at the same time we are liable to forget some of His goodness. Is it any wonder that David said "Forget not all His benefits." Since I started to serve the Lord in this Evening Light the good Lord has healed me every time I have been sick. Even when I was a backslider He kept me well. I was a backslider for two years. I had the hardest time in my life. I had no rest day or night till I came to Christ again. It was a wonderful blessing to me that He did not let me rest. I am glad I knew that I was a backslider. A good many are backsliden today and don't know it. And saddest of all even some that once preached the full truth are in that condition and don't know it. I am glad that I learned to trust in the Lord instead of man. I am glad for salvation, and that I know for myself that

I am saved. That is the main thing, then all else will follow, praise His holy name. In Psalm 125: 1-2 we read, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even for ever." That is enough to take us over to that heavenly home, praise God forever and ever. But now here comes the sad side of things. We read in Isaiah 5: 20-21, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" Sad to say we have them right in our midst. Some people have an idea if you don't do as they do you are not right. But, praise God, as long as we abide in Him and He in us, we cannot be deceived. But as soon as we walk by our own imagination we go wrong. For that reason Christ came in this sinful world that we should have life, and have it more abundantly. Praise His holy name forever. We would be of all men most miserable if we could not know where we stand, would we not? But as long as we abide in Him we can say, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psa. 27: 1).

I just wish to tell of some of the goodness and mercy of the dear Lord to us. About two months ago my little grandson got his hand badly scalded while supper was being prepared. He was crying from the terrible pain. I went in my room to pray but it seemed I could not stay on my knees to wait for the answer to come from God to still the pain. The little child was screaming so. I went outside the house and walked up and down the walk, weeping and praying. This was prayer meeting evening. There are only three of us that meet together here that know what prayer is. We sang a few songs and then knelt in prayer. The little boy's mother was sitting there holding him on her lap. If ever we prayed from the depths of our hearts it was then. After prayer we began to sing again and the little fellow jumped down and began to run and play as if nothing had happened. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Then again a few weeks ago the same little boy had a very bad cold so that he could scarcely eat or play. We prayed and the good Lord heard and answered and healed him so that he is as well as ever. So we have reason to say with the poet, "Jesus is so good to me."

I did so enjoy reading the last Faith and Victory. It did my heart good. While reading some of the testimonies I had to weep for joy, the tears running down my cheeks that I could not see to read any more and I am not ashamed to tell it. It would be good if more people would weep: some for joy and others over their sins. Let us be faithful to the end. Pray for me and my household. Yours in Him.

—BRO. H. H. SHANK.

State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.—Dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory: Greetings in Jesus' name. It is the leadings of the Holy Spirit and my desire to add my testimony to those of the saints scattered abroad. I am earnestly contending "for the faith once delivered unto the saints" and can report victory in my soul tonight. It has been nearly sixteen months since I accepted Christ as my Savior, and before that time I was devoid of understanding: to make it plainer, "reprobate concerning the faith." My admonition to the unsaved is: Accept my Christ before it is too late, because in His service there is peace, hope and happiness. I am acquainted with Bro. Sutes here. Pray for me that I may stay on the onward and upward way. I am yours in Christ Jesus. —JESSE WATERS—12548.

State Prison, San Quentin, Calif.—To all the saints scattered abroad: I have been reading the Faith and Victory and like it fine. I am glad I have found Jesus and accepted Him for my personal Savior and I am now seeking for sanctification. I fully believe the reason why there are so many backsliders today is that they get born again but don't go on to perfection. May God help people to search themselves and see if they are really born again. For I believe there are thousands of men and women who are being misled by the devil: In other words they never have met the conditions that Jesus requires, like repentance, going back and making all wrongs right, confessing lies, taking back stolen money, and many other wrongs we have done. God will never pardon any of us until we are willing to give up all sins and wrongs we know and all the Holy Spirit will show us. And if we are truly born again God will lead us into holiness and righteousness. Thank God, His children do not sin, for the Bible says whosoever commits sin is of the devil, and Jesus died to cleanse us from all sin and sins. So my dear reader if you haven't stopped sinning get on your knees and seek until you get the witness that you are born again and don't go on fooling yourself that you are justified, for God does not justify sins. I truly believe that most people that fight the second work of grace haven't experienced the first.

One more thing I would like to say, that the way fathers and mothers are raising their children is causing so much sin and crime. I can truly say that letting children do little things will lead to larger ones, and if you don't live close to God, and associate with the ungodly how can you expect your children to stay innocent? If parents would put in more of their time taking their children to church and having prayer meetings in your homes (family prayer) instead of running to ball games, picture shows, bathing broches, dance halls, carnivals, circuses (if they had to sit in a prison cell for two or three years they wouldn't enjoy seeing animals in cages quite so much) there wouldn't be so many boys and girls going astray. Also, if they would give more of their money to God instead of the devil, they would be living up to what

they promised God when they were seeking for pardon from their sins. May God bless this letter and help some father and mother to stop and think how will they feel at the judgment day if their children are lost and cast into a devil's hell to burn for ever and ever, when they could have spent enough time on their knees in good, old-time earnest, prevailing, agonizing prayer until they received the witness from God that their children had at least been born again (or that they would be before the judgment). And God will surely answer your prayers if you go before Him and let Him see in your heart you don't intend to give up until you pray through. Dear ones pray for me. I am a prisoner behind stone walls, in the flesh, but not in the spirit. —SYDNEY A. POPPLEWELL.—394888.

Without Christ crucified in her pulpits, a church is little better than a cumberer of the ground, a dead carcass, a well without water, a barren fig tree, a sleeping watchman, a silent trumpet, a dumb witness, an ambassador without terms of peace, a messenger without tidings, a light-house without fire, a stumbling-block to weak believers, a comfort to infidels, a hot-bed for formalism, a joy to the devil, and an offence to God.—J. C. RYLE.

RESISTING THE ADVERSARY

In the 4th chapter and verse 7 of the Epistle of James we are told that if we resist the devil, he will flee from us.

“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

We are told the same thing in 1st Peter 5: 8-9: *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”*

The real thought in these passages is that we are to refuse to accept any of the works of Satan; we are to positively refuse to be oppressed by him in any way. He is trying to rob us of our righteousness, by tempting us, and trying to bring back our old sins; to destroy our peace by tempting us to worry continually about something. He also seeks to rob us of our health of body; the peace of our homes or our financial blessings and victories. He has no right to do this, as God has provided, in the atonement of His Son, a deliverance and exemption from all these things. Jesus Christ bore all our sins, sorrows and diseases on the cross.

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53: 4-5).

And has given us an inheritance of righteousness, peace, health and the supply of every need and desire until His coming again. It is our Blood-bought right to enjoy these blessings continually and Satan cannot rob us of them, without our consent. If we would

meet his temptations and oppressions with a “NO” instead of consenting to receive them, God would exert His mighty power in rebuking him and blessing and protecting us from his works.

In Deut. 30: 19, God told the Israelites that He placed before them life or death, blessing or cursing. He exhorted them to choose life that they and their seed might live. God never takes the power of choice from man. He made a great provision, through the death and resurrection of His Son, and says whosoever will may take of the water of life freely.

If Satan can get us consciously, or unconsciously, to surrender our rights and privileges in the atonement of Christ it will enable him to oppress us and hinder the power of God from giving us the blessings of the atonement.

It is the same in human affairs. The Government of the United States was founded to protect the life and property of its citizens and enable them to enjoy the blessings of their industry and thrift; but, if they take their lives by committing suicide, or surrendering their property to whoever asks for it, the government is powerless to help them, for they have consented through their power of choice to part with their property, when asked for it and someone seeks to take it from them by force, the whole power of the government would be exerted in their behalf to support and defend them in the possession of their goods.

We have an illustration of this in the 20th chapter of 1st Kings, when Ben-hadad sent messengers to Ahab, king of Israel, for his silver and gold, his wives and children. He readily consented, when the messengers came, thereby shutting out God's help and deliverance. The king of Syria was not satisfied, but sent the messengers the second time and asked Ahab, king of Israel, to show them everything he had and give them whatever they desired. The king of Israel hesitated to grant this request and consulted with the Elders of the land. They advised him to change his “YES” to “NO.”

“And the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent” (1 Kings 20: 8). He sent word back, by the messengers, that he refused to accede to his second request. The king of Syria became very angry and sent word back that there was no hope of resisting the large and well equipped army that he had with him; but Ahab still refused and said, “Let not him that putteth the harness on boast himself as he that putteth it off.” God then appeared on the scene, in the person of a prophet, and told King Ahab that He would fight the battle for them and that the king of Syria, with his vast army, should be defeated and scattered. It was fulfilled exactly as the prophet said.

If Ahab, a backslidden king of Israel, could win such a victory over the host of Satan, by simply refusing to surrender his goods—simply changing his “YES” to “NO”—how much more could the true children of God be victorious by refusing to bear the sins, sorrows and diseases that Jesus Christ has borne for them on the cross.

There are just three things which will give us victory over Satan, when he comes with his attacks; the first is to refuse to have them, in the name of Jesus Christ and through the merits of His precious Blood; the second, to trust God alone to rebuke him and defeat him and deliver us from him and his power; the third, to BELIEVE that we have the victory, as soon as we have placed it in God's hands.

—SEL.

LAYING UP TREASURES

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal” (Matt. 6:19). Millions and millions of people think it a fearful thing to break some other New Testament commandment or doctrine, but absolutely will not obey the above commandment. And, sorry to say, but some that do obey the above command are not teaching others to obey as they should because it is so unpopular. But it is just as much a command as the command to repent and be saved. And it is just as necessary as the command “Be not conformed to this world,” “Love not the world,” or “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church.” Millions are perfect when it comes to obeying these last New Testament doctrines mentioned, and all the rest of the doctrines, and are teaching them just as they should. They are like the young ruler that came to Jesus: they measure up just fine, but when they are told they must give up that money that is laid back, or all their possessions, they go away sad, just as the young ruler did. They absolutely fail, as I have already said, to obey that command. People don't like that command. It don't set well with them at all. They hate that doctrine or command today just as bad as that young ruler did. Millions are claiming perfection or sanctification and have not obeyed that one command, and never expect to obey it, let alone teach it. But just as sure as the young ruler had to give up all his possessions to become perfect, it will take that today to make us perfect before God. If it had not been necessary, Jesus would not have required it of the young ruler. He did not only require the young ruler, but at another time He spoke to a multitude of people a parable of a certain rich man that had his goods laid up here on earth instead of laying them up in heaven, and God said to this man that had his goods laid up here and was taking life easy, “Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?” Then Jesus said to the multitude, “So is he (or anyone) that layeth up treasures for himself.” He then said to His disciples, “Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither

for your body, what ye shall put on.” He did not mean at all for them not to try to help themselves, no indeed. But He meant for them to have faith in God, and not lay up anything here in a fearful or distrustful way, for next year, or some other time, or even tomorrow, if some one else was in need of anything that they possessed let it be what it may (not someone that is trifling and don't try to help themselves, but some of God's people, or anyone that is in need because of sickness or misfortune, or give for the spread of the gospel).

Then Jesus went on to tell His disciples to sell their goods and give alms: which would provide themselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in heaven that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For He said, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also,” which meant if their treasure was here on this earth their faith would be in them instead of God, as well as their minds would be on them, instead of on God and things eternal. He reminded them that all the nations of the world (the unbelievers) were seeking after these things (because they had no faith in God but were laying up their goods here on this earth, just as the rich man had done that he had told them about). And on the day of Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Ghost they became perfect before God, “perfect love,” and “perfect faith” came into their hearts, and they obeyed that command of Jesus, praise God. They sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need, and they had all things common; all felt alike, all looked alike, and all had the same. No wonder Jesus told the young man that it would take that to make him perfect. Surely nothing else would be perfect faith and perfect love. That is just what perfection is. If our love for God and our fellow-man is perfect and our faith complete or perfect, perfection, as far as possible for human beings, will be manifested in every other way that God requires, praise His name. There were no “big I's,” or “little you's,” no such thing as some with a bank account or money laid back or goods laid up, as the rich man Jesus had told them about, no such thing as some having a fine or nice home and everything comfortable, and some needy. No, indeed; they were too full of sanctification, too full of the love of God, and too full of faith in God. They loved their neighbor as themselves as commanded.

Now dear reader don't try to excuse yourself by saying you are not a rich man or woman. You don't have to be what the world calls rich. You don't have

to have a large bank account. All you need is to have any amount, small or large, of money or anything else laid back, or kept back because you are afraid you will suffer or need something. Any amount kept back for self when someone, or the Church of God, is in need, is not faith in God. Any amount laid up for the rainy day in money or any kind of goods is riches in the sight of God, as well as not faith in God, and without faith we are told in His Word that it is impossible to please Him. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." In other words, wherever your treasure is there is where your faith will be as well as your heart and mind. Dear reader, neither try to excuse yourself by saying you are giving a tenth of your income or wealth to God. That is no New Testament command. That is the old Bible command. God did command and demand a tenth before Jesus came, or under the old law. But, dear reader, we are not under the old law. Now we live by faith through Jesus. When He came He brought another doctrine. He said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth." If we are going to keep part of the old law, we must keep it all, for James says if we offend in one point we are guilty of all. To hold back part of our goods, as Ananias and his wife, is not faith in God and just as dangerous for us as it was for them, for God has no pets. What He required of one He required for all. Just what it takes for one to be perfect, it will take for all. Reader if you are claiming sanctification or perfection and keeping back a part of your goods, let it be what it may, you are just mistaken. You are not perfect: if you were you would have a perfect faith in God. And besides, these extra goods or treasures hinder and entangle us. Jesus said no man could serve two masters, for he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. He said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," and He surely meant or had reference to earthly treasures or goods laid up here, for He said in the very next verse, "Take no thought for your life: what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on" (Matt. 6: 24-25).

Now, dear reader, let me say to you who are what the world calls well off or rich, don't think for one moment that you can live with God beyond this life and hold on to your riches, for Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 19: 24). He said with men it was impossible, but not with God, for with God all things

are possible. And dear reader the only way that it is possible for you to enter into the kingdom of God is to just go about to obey what God says in His Word. Jesus meant just what He said when He spoke these words, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple." Dear friend there is just one way to enter in. You need not try to climb up some other way; you need not try to make out a nearer or better route. You must come by the way of Jesus. There is no other way but to trust and obey. Praise the Lord. Your sister for all the truth.

—IDA LEE.

TRANSFERRED AFFECTIONS

Those who have truly forsaken all to follow Jesus will not be convicted or troubled over plain teaching on the line of selling your possessions and giving alms, laying up treasures in heaven. Jesus required the rich young ruler to sell all and give to the poor, and to come and follow Him. Zacchaeus was a rich man and he received the Lord joyfully and stood and said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor," and Jesus said, "This day has salvation come to this house." No doubt Jesus saw the young ruler's covetous spirit had to be broken and he delivered from it before He could trust Him to be steward over earthly things. But in Zacchaeus He saw a full forsaking, as he received Him joyfully, and He could trust him to use earthly goods to the glory of God, as his affections were on things eternal.

When a soul has really forsaken all for Jesus they will lay up treasures in heaven, and that willingly and gladly, and when in possession of earthly goods more than present need will seek the mind of the Lord to know how to give so as to have treasures in heaven, and thereby continually be proving that their affections are on heavenly things. Having had some experience in selling and giving, we are persuaded that there can be no law laid down to govern all individuals in selling and giving, but there must be a forsaking of all ownership and a becoming a steward before we can truly be a disciple of the Lord. When God saved and sanctified us He talked to us somewhat similar as He did to the young ruler and we went about to sell and give as the Lord gave us wisdom and knowledge, and this giving continued for several years. But there came a time when God had evidently proven us enough and He just as clearly showed us to buy some things that could be used to His glory and to the advancement of His kingdom. And thus we have continued to use time, means and talent as He directs and as we do this His blessings

and favors rest upon us, and our heart is light and free as we seek not our will, nor somebody else's will, but His will.

We are sure that many souls will be turned away at the judgment because they give not heed to the voice of God through Scripture, "Sell and give alms." For a real living faith in God will loosen us from earthly things that hinder us from obeying the voice of God. Jesus did not speak any idle words, and He says in kindness and gentleness, "If ye love me keep my commandments." God does not force nor compel men to sell and give, for He does not accept any but a willing service which is brought about by Godly love in the heart, for Paul teaches us in the thirteenth chapter of 1 Cor. that though we should give all of our goods to feed the poor and give our bodies to be burned, and do it not because of divine love, it would profit nothing. So the only safe way for each of us is to let the love of God work in and through us as He pleases, and if this is done the fruits of love will be manifested in giving of our substance to advance His kingdom in the earth, and to help the needy. Yea, and more, this old world will loose its attraction as we behold Jesus in all of His beauty and glory, and as we think of eternity and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

In Col. 3: 2 Paul writes, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." Brethren, we need to take heed to ourselves and see to it that we are real doers of the Word and not hearers only, for hearing and not doing will be deceiving our own souls. Read the following Scriptures: 1 Tim. 6: 6-13; 1 Tim. 6: 17-20; Luke 12: 21; Heb. 13: 16. Jesus did not pray for the Father to take the disciples out of the world, but that they should be kept from the evil. And Paul says in 2 Tim. 2: 4, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." So let each of us strip for the race that we may truly be possessed vessels of the Lord.

—FRED PRUITT.

SEDUCING SPIRITS

Some recent developments of the origin and tendencies of the system professed by Spiritualists have given it a startling importance. William B. Potter, of Trenton, N. J., in a pamphlet dated June 7, 1866, entitled "*Facts, Fancies and Follies of Spiritualism Explained*," has given a testimony which claims to be of the highest authority, from which we shall freely quote. The matter belongs to the public, if only in

the way of warning. Mr. Potter, himself a leading medium, says:

"*Fifteen years' critical study* of Spiritual literature, an extensive acquaintance with the leading Spiritualists, and a patient, systematic and thorough investigation of the manifestations for many years, enable us to speak from *actual knowledge*, definitely and positively, of *Spiritualism As It Is*.

"Spirit communications, full of the wildest fancies and the most absurd and contradictory teachings, have been so common that it is no wonder that men of science and sound sense, who have not had the most ample test of spirit manifestations, look upon the whole thing as the vagaries of a diseased brain, the hallucinations of a moonstruck imagination, or the tricks of the vilest impostors.

"Among the innumerable follies of which Spiritualists have been guilty, the greatest is following the advice of free-lovers, libertines and low spirits, in refusing to disfellowship the persistently vicious, when it is a notorious fact that many mediums are practicing the most detestable trickery, deceit, fraud and falsehood; that leading teachers, noted mediums and popular speakers have deserted companions, obtained divorces, gone off with affinities or practiced *promiscuous intercourse* to get spiritual elements or to impart vital magnetism for the cure of diseases! Hundreds of families have been broken up and many affectionate wives deserted by affinity-seeking husbands; many once devoted wives have been seduced and left their husbands and tender, helpless children, to follow some higher attraction; many well-disposed but simple-minded girls have been deluded by affinity notions, and led off by affinity hunters, to be deserted in a few months, with blasted reputations, or led to deeds still more dark and criminal to hide their shame. Yet, in the face of all this, at the National Convention of Spiritualists, at Chicago, called to consider the question of a National Organization, the only plan approved by its committee *especially provided* that *No charge should ever be entertained against any member, and that any person, without any regard to moral character, might become a member.*

"The fact of so much immorality and licentiousness among Spiritualists is mainly due to three things: 1st. The teachings of *seducing spirits*, who have constantly and persistently, in every possible way, from the gentlest and most covert to the boldest and most reckless, assailed the binding force of marriage bonds. Nearly every case of affinity, folly or free-love crime, from first to last, has been approved, if not planned, by spirits. 2nd. The magnetism of

low, selfish, sensual, deceitful spirits tends to develop the same traits in mediums subject to their influence. The downward course of many mediums is owing to this cause. 3rd. Sensual, deceitful spirits naturally seeks mediums of like character, whom they aid and incite to practice the most debasing and detestable trickery, deceit and sensuality. The private history of many mediums, if made public, would *astound* and *disgust* the better class of Spiritualists."

The above article was taken from a book entitled "Religious Denominations of the World," and is given to expose the the seat of demon, lustful, seducing spirits that reach out in sly, cunning slimy ways to the very elect of God, and in crafty, cunning ways, and with fair, plausible speeches, gradually but surely lead many innocent, unsuspecting souls away from the plain, simple Christ-like life that marks the follower of the meek and lowly Lamb of God. Seducing spirits are very numerous in these perilous times, and often get hold of recognized leaders and blind them through fear of losing their position, influence and authority, give way to seemingly small and inoffensive evils, or fellowship, uphold or indorse others who are thus tainted. These seducing spirits will often get souls to show a lack of faith in God and His all-power, and then will give them very plausible reasons for doing so, which they in turn will hand on to others who are, and are not, giving heed to like seducing spirits, and by this method whole companies slide from grace (Gal. 2: 18).

In Heb. 10: 38 we read, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in Him." We consider Spiritualism, Christian Science, Universalism and a large part of the modern tongues as the very seat of these seducing spirits, and some of these spirits have become so apt, cunning and crafty, with power and discernment, that they pass themselves off as leaders among even saved people, being fully covered with sheep skin and having a knowledge of Caanan language, being forward and quick to take the oversight, use their authority and influence gradually and slyly to divert and taint the pure in heart. While the voice seems rather strange to the real sheep, yet many of them know not what to do and so they listen, accept, give way and become blinded to the real clear-sounding Gospel, and Jesus says, "If the blind lead the blind, shall they not both fall into the ditch."

The Spiritualists speak in an unknown tongue, and in many other mysterious ways carry on their deadly, deceiving work. To give you knowledge of this we shall quote a paragraph or two from the author of the above named book:

"The great principle of Spiritualism is, that the spirits of the departed, who are no longer 'in the form,' can and do hold intelligent and sensible intercourse with those still living; and that they accomplish this result in various ways, by raps on tables, by messages, by moving material objects about, by prophecies, by writing and speaking unknown tongues, by spiritual shocks and touches of the person, by spiritual melodies, and by the visible appearance of spirits to the living.

"Some are made to see and describe spirits, others are controlled to write out communications, often giving test facts unknown to the medium, and sometimes written in Phonography, Greek, Latin, or some language not understood by any one present."

There is no doubt but that most of the tongue gibbering that is like a storm in the land, confusing and possessing souls, is nothing more or less than spiritualism under another cloak, with new doctrines and isms to catch the unsettled with. We are personally acquainted with those that are leaders and who make a great fuss about the tongues being the evidence of the Holy Ghost, that are living in adultery, and others have contracted debts that they do not pay and seem not to be concerned about the payment of the same.

We were sitting in a meeting not long ago where the Word was going forth under the anointing from heaven, and the minister was speaking of and showing how unseemly some acted while claiming to be seeking for the Holy Ghost, and there were some tongues people in the audience that exclaimed, "He is making fun of the Holy Ghost." We thought, He perhaps is making fun of their holy ghost, but not of the Holy Ghost. It occurs to us that there are many holy ghosts in the world that take possession of humans and use them in a ridiculous manner to disgust honest, seeking souls and to deceive and entrap others. But though there be many holy ghosts, or many gods, we know but one, and that is the ALL MIGHTY GOD, the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all things therein, who, by His Word is keeping in store and has it reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men (2 Peter 3: 7).

We print these warnings for all lovers of the truth, for many have received strong delusions because they received not the love of the truth (2 Thess. 2: 10). We exhort you to watch and pray and to keep yourselves unspotted from the world, for God is not the author of confusion but has separated us unto Himself. And Paul exhorts us to "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

Yours in holy love.

—FRED PRUITT.