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

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IRREVOCABLE.

Once on a time I spoke a word
That was bitter of meaning and harsh of tone,
And it went as straight as a poisoned dart
To the very core of a true friend's heart,
And the very page of our love was blurred
Forevermore by that word alone.

Once on a time I cast a sneer
At the small mistake of one I knew,
And his soul, discouraged, let slip the rope
That anchored it to the shore of hope,
And drifted out on a sea of fear,
To waves of failure and winds untrue.

Once on a time I whispered a tale
Tainted with malice, and far and near
It flew, to cast on a spotless name
The upas shade of a hinted shame,
And wherever it reached it left a trail
Across the promise of many a year.

Never that word could be unsaid
That lost me a friendship old and true,
Never that sneer might be undone
That broke the trust of an erring one.
Never untold the tale that sped
To blight and baffle a lifetime through.

—SEL.

"NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL"

The title of this article is found in Eph. 4 :27 and is given as an exhortation to believers, truly this text means a great deal to believers, for if they discover the secret of how, to give no place to the devil they will, (if they obey) have no trouble in keeping a good experience of salvation, carelessness and indifference toward God and His will for us will dull the conscience and will be "giving place to the devil" for such actions show a lack of true confidence in God and His righteousness, and if continued will terminate in perplexity and empty profession.

In Rom. 6:12. we read, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, that ye should obey it

in the lusts thereof." And in the 13 verse, "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

By these texts we learn that there is a resisting, and a yielding for us to do, and if we keep our conscience tender toward God and His pleasure we will know what to resist, and if we are giving some place for the devil he will gradually take more place until Christ is driven away and coldness will fill our hearts, so it behooves us as followers of the meek and lowly lamb of God to keep a tender heart toward God and all of His creatures that we "give no place to the devil."

The father or mother that will speak cross or ugly to the children is "giving place to the devil" for God is love and the voice that is not love is the opposite of God, the man or woman that will speak evil or do wrong to brother or neighbor is "given place to the devil" for, "love worketh no ill to his neighbor" Rom. 13 :10; the same verse says "therefore love is the fulfilling of the law," and in Gal. ' :14, 15, 16 we read some more truth that will be good for each of us to heed and not let slip, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

If we fully comprehend who has purchased us and the great cost together with the sureness of God's promises, it will (if valued) work in us a soberness, a righteousness and a godlikeness that will forever bar the devil out of our hearts.

Another thing that the enemy is using to slay many with is pride in the heart, they begin in a small way to give place to it and soon the same will manifest it's self by adornments and the apeing of the ungodly styles and fashions of this perishable worldly minded people, their consciences become dull and sometimes

seared and they reason themselves astray as they study the word and profess to follow Christ; this great grief and sorrow has come about because men and women have "give place to the devil."

There is a text in Hebrews 2: 3, that reads thus "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, most people seem to think that this text applies to the sinner, a sinner will not escape if they neglect to repent and get salvation, and a saved person will not escape if they neglect salvation after obtaining it, we can neglect to retain it. May God help each one of us to manifest Him in word, action and deed and thereby "give no place to the devil."

Again in Eph. 4:31, 32 we read "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. If all that profess Christ would obey the teachings of these scriptures and "give no place to the devil" there would be unity and power in prayer that would shake the earth and make the devils tremble and hypocrites would not dare join themselves unto the disciples of the Lord.

Let us each remember that we are individually responsible to God and that our conduct here will determine our end, the Psalmist David said "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." And in Isaiah 1: 19 it reads thus "If ye be willing and obedient,, ye shall eat the good of the land." We are not banished from God because of another man's sins, but because of our own individual transgressions so let men do what they will, say what they will but as for us, let us serve the Lord, "Giving no place to the devil" for Christ has taught us to "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you, with a promise "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven," and goes on to tell how God is good and kind to the unthankful and to the evil ones, and should we not be like our Father? If your neighbor does you a wrong and you do him one back, who is the better? Consider these things and the Lord give the understanding, are you "Giving place to the devil" if so think it not strange of leanness of soul and confusing and complexing troubles in your life for all these things follow and over take those who "Give place to the devil" though the beginning may be small, yet if it is not resisted and rejected, destruction is sure to follow.

In 2 Pet., first chapter and beginning at the

fifth verse we have a prescription that if obeyed will make our calling and election sure, it reads as follows: "And besides this give all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." While we are obeying these teachings, we shall be "giving no place to the devil," will be following Jesus, shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life, praise the Lord. Brother, sister let divine love fill your heart that iniquity be not your ruin.

Your purchased brother, —Fred Pruitt.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

The "lawyer" asked a good question with a very bad motive. To him and others of his class, it was a question in which there was much room for argument. Jesus met him on his own ground and yet took the ground from under his feet. "You are a student of the law. What does it say on the matter?" He gave the gist of both the law and the prophets. "Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." "But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus. And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with what is commonly called the *parable* of the Good Samaritan, though it is related as an actual fact and was doubtless a true story. According to Josephus, a Jewish historian, all Judea was overrun with robbers at this time, and the road from Jerusalem to Jericho was a favorite with bandits. It came to be called "the bloody way."

The Question: It has a very legalistic look: "What must I do?" Eternal life was evidently regarded as a matter of merit by the lawyer, though the one receiving it must *do* something in any case—*accept*, it, otherwise he cannot possess it. Directed to the law which curses all who do not continue in all things written therein "to do them" (Deut. 27: 26; Gal. 3: 10), the lawyer was not satisfied with the answer given to his own reply: "This do, and thou shalt live" (Luke 10: 28-29). It implied that he had *not* done so. Things began to look as though *he* was a sinner, a transgressor of the very law he had just quoted. He was in a tight place. He tried to edge out of it by introducing a side issue. The common teaching was: "Where He (God) saith, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor,'" He excepts all Gentiles, for they are not our neighbors, but those only that are of our own nation and religion." Thus only a Jew was a neighbor; and so the word of God was made void by a false

tradition and His love limited by a selfish bigotry. How like the castes and classes, the nations and denominations of to-day! Difference in class, color, or climate is too often used as an excuse for cruelty, injustice, and oppression.

The Answer: The significance of the "Who?" was not lost on Christ. Here the lawyer evidently expected to hold his ground. But Jesus turned from argument to story. Facts are stubborn. Example speaks louder than precept. A real illustration is a window letting in the light. Christ, in His wisdom, rebuked His questioner, and yet kindly corrected him. Self-justification is a sign of impenitence. If there is no honesty of heart, no love of truth, no pleasure in righteousness, there can be no arrival at the truth, no progress in the way of holiness (John 7: 17; 2 Thess. 2: 10-12). Neither the Word nor the Love of God is bounded by the natural birth or the national boundaries of men (Matt. 24: 35; 1 Peter 1: 25; John 3: 16). But men by their arbitrary restrictions, their false distinction, and their erroneous reasonings limit both. There is a difference, we are told, in ethics and economics; and this is used to justify the most flagrant violations of righteousness. What crimes, for instance, are perpetrated under the false plea: "Business is business!" Few men feel that they can afford the luxury of a conscience these days. It costs altogether too much in profits and pleasure, prestige and power. But living examples of the truth of God furnish a splendid way of setting men right in such matters. Mere argument too often serves to confirm them in their errors. He that is *wise* winneth souls.

By the story of the Good Samaritan Jesus showed the lawyer that he had no ground for his excuse, for his neglect of the needy and helpless of mankind. It showed the vast difference between his thought and God's thought on the matter. Christ made it plain that love is very practical. It transcends national distinctions. It leaps over geographical boundaries. It ignores the color line. It *helps* wherever help is needed. And *that*, Christ points out, is the *law*. "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye unto them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7: 12). *That* is what God meant, and still means, by love throughout all time. Christ did not change the constitution of the kingdom nor abolish the principles of administration. He did not set up a different and independent moral government to that of the Father. There was no setting aside of the truth of God (Rom. 15: 4), but a republishing thereof: "Go, and do thou likewise."

—R. J. HEAD.

UNBELIEF

Unbelief is our mighty foe. Unbelief has slain its millions of souls. It is Satan's mighty weapon against God's people, always besetting us, wrestling with our faith—the little faith we have—determined to conquer us. In sickness and prayer it seems we just keep wrestling with unbelief. When God says the prayer of faith shall save or heal the sick, pure simple, child-like faith in God, can God lie? How few prayers go right through to the throne without meeting with unbelief, doubt, fear or waverings. How many are teaching divine healing but secretly their faith is in doctors and medicine? How very few can pray the prayer of faith for the sick because of unbelief. If the Holy Ghost is dictating the prayer won't God send the answer?

Unbelief has turned the heads and hearts of many in this reformation worldward. Then, how can they walk by faith? have faith in God? Unbelief has brought about all this division, biting and devouring of one another. Unbelief covers itself in religious cloaks. I tell you many who claim to be born of God and filled with the Holy Ghost will be crying for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne. I tell you many who are teaching divine healing do not practice what they preach. These are perilous times. Unbelief in the commandments of Jesus. "Oh," they say, "that was just Paul or some other apostle's saying." No; I tell you it was, and is, all God's holy Word through Jesus by the power of the Holy Ghost. I tell you if it were not for Jesus Christ we would not have a Bible. The law was only the shadow of the exhaustless fountain of Truth—The Gospel. If it were not for Jesus we would not have had the Prophets. All their mission was prophecy of Jesus or the gospel. Oh, this wonderful gospel: Jesus' Blood in the New Testament. We are saved by every word of the New Testament. It is the narrow way. Jesus says few go in thereat. Many *teach* about it, but few know the sweetness of abiding in it. "Many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." It takes striving day by day to enter. Brother, sister, are you able to stand in this "the evil day?" Have you on the whole armour? Are you holding high the shield of faith? Are you strong in the Lord? (Eph. 6: 10-18). Read again the 18th verse. This departing from the faith etc. must come before the end. It draweth near.

Above all the strife, division, confusion and unbelief—in the Spirit—I hear a sweet song of victory. It is the song of the *elect* of God, chosen in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world.

—SISTER J. EDW. WETZEL.

We find in the Word that Jesus has risen from the tomb and is seated at the right hand of God; that Christ is the head of the body of believers, the Church, (Eph. 1: 22, 23); that we who are saved are members of His body (Col. 1: 24; Eph. 5: 30).

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No doubt many of our readers have looked for and expected the August number of Faith and Victory to appear. While we would have loved to have printed and sent out the August paper, yet many things hindered, unexpected trials and tests came, and while these peculiar circumstances were upon us, one morning we were cranking the Ford car, it kicked backwards, breaking a bone in our arm just above the wrist, and the attending and holding of meetings was abandoned, in all of these afflictions we have by the grace of God committed and submitted to Him, seeking from Him all the good possible that the plans of the enemy might be defeated and the gospel go forth with greater weight and clearness than ever before.

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Bro. Robert Longley who has been with us through the sunshine and through the dark stormy conditions since the first issue of this paper was published has been feeling a burden of meeting souls in a personal manner with the gospel, however he is still interested in printing and sending out the gospel and is helping all he can yet. During the last month he has made an extended trip into Texas visiting souls and telling them about a Savior that died to set men free. After returning he stopped and helped us in the work for eight or ten days and then went on to Anthony, Kansas where he is laboring for the Master at present.

When we recall to mind how that just a few years ago Bro. Longley could only make a testimony or perhaps a short exhortation in meeting and now see him filling the pulpit and the Lord using him in giving out the precious truth to the people together with the calls for his service it makes us rejoice to know that God is faithful to use all who will fully consecrate and yield all into His hands.

As Bro. Longley is absent frequently we are in need of a consecrated young man, one that is ready to endure hardness as a good soldier of Christ. His work in the office would be to correct manuscript and to operate the Linotype machine. Any one that feels called of God for this work can write to us, for it is not a matter of being experienced but a matter of knowing that God has His hand upon you for this work.

Bro. and Sister J. D. Llewellyn, whom the Lord has fitted up with a gospel car to get about and preach the gospel and to scatter tracts and papers are stopping at our house and we are enjoying the fellowship and sweetness of heaven together. They have been gone a year; traveling as far east as Pennsylvania, have known how to suffer want and how to abound; they endure hardness and press on for the prize that is before and we are sure that those that aid them in carrying the gospel to the people will not lose their reward for they are precious saints and deeply consecrated to please God, teaching men and women the way of the cross.

They will move on in a few days going west toward Colorado and perhaps later on to California. Brothers and sisters, they are worthy of your support and need your prayers. We keep in touch with them and will be glad to forward any mail on to their address.

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There is no question but what the spread of the gospel is hindered and ministers and gospel workers are grieved and burdened because of others failing to obey the voice of God. A brother minister was relating to us of how he was stopping at a sister's house while holding meetings in that locality and his clothes were badly worn but no man gave unto him—even he told God about it. He went on from that place carrying the gospel to other fields, his clothes became worse and had many patches on them and it so happened that in several months he came back to this sister's house and she said, "Well, I guess I will do what God told me to do when you were here before," saying that her son had left a new suit of clothes there when he went away to the army and if they fitted, he might have them. The clothes were exactly the fit, so we see that those that are called as helpers must be obedient if the gospel is carried to all nations.

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Our custom is to go over our mailing list once a year and remove the names of those that have not written us during the preceding year. This precaution is taken to save the expense of sending the paper to those who do not read it or care for its coming, as many names are sent us whom we know nothing about, and we feel that if a soul is getting good out of the paper and wants it to continue coming to them, that they will let us know at least once in a year. So if you have not written us during the last year and want the paper to continue coming to you, we shall be pleased for you to let us hear from you, as we shall remove no name from our list if we have any way of knowing that you want it to continue.

The burning desire in our hearts is to get the true gospel of Christ to the people in such a manner that it will be "the power of God unto salvation to all that believe," and we earnestly solicit your co-operation in every way and manner that God lays it upon your heart, and assure you that time, talent and means shall be used for the furtherance of the gospel as God

gives ability and wisdom. Expecting your prayers.
Workers at Faith Pub. House.

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A man or woman that will become cross or ugly and out of sorts when in trial or test, that will speak unkind, un-christlike and without patience, to husband, wife, children or brother will be apt to murmur, complain and become bitter under the chastings of the Lord. Brethren, if we think and speak evil of our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen?

The Israelites when in test and trial complained and murmured, and it is written of them, "in their heart turned back to Egypt" and it is further written that these things happened for an example unto us that we through this knowledge would resist the tempter and count God faithful, so let us watch lest our hearts become hardened in time of chastings, for if we are properly exercised in God's dealings with us, it will work out the peaceable fruit of righteousness in or souls, making our heart soft or tender. When Job was in severe trials and great trouble he said "For God maketh my heart soft," Job 23:16.

God had permitted Satan to greatly trouble Job, first He gave him power to take away all of his wealth, or temporal things and as Job stood true through this test, Satan went back to God and got permission to afflict his body and so he afflicted him with sore boils from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, and through all this Job was true. Satan could go no further with Job than God permitted him to go, could not take his life because God had ordered him to spare his life, and neither can trials and afflictions come to us greater than God permits, and if, while in these afflictions we humble down before God with tenderness toward him who chastens, without pushing away the tool He may use, the end will mean a softer heart and a brighter light for Christ in this dark world together with a greater knowledge of His greatness, power and righteous dealings with men. On the other hand if one should murmur, complain and stiffen themselves against the desires and will of God their heart would become hardened and rebellious with a loss of the savor of Christ leaving them with an empty profession having no true light, ceasing to be the salt of the earth.

In St. Luke, twentieth chapter and seventeenth verse Jesus speaks of Him being the stone that the builders rejected and said this stone had become the head of the corner; in verse eighteen He says, "Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whosoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." Brothers and sisters, let us fall hard upon the Lord and mind not the breaking of our desires, our ways, our plans but keep in mind that Jesus is our pilot and knows best how to prepare us for heaven, and remember that there is a way that seemeth right unto men but the way thereof is death, it was necessary for Joseph to be sold as a slave and afterwards to be thrown in jail for two years and that without cause that he might be prepared to become a preser-

ver of life, and it is also necessary that you and I be thrown into various and strange circumstances to become really acquainted with the mightiness of the Almighty God whom Christ has brought us too.

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A Spiritual life is from the Holy Spirit within.

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We herewith submit some questions that have been sent in by a sister to be answered through Faith and Victory.

Anyone feeling led of the Lord to answer any one question, several, or all of them, feel at liberty to do so, send your answers to us, and the answers that seem to be the clearest and given of God will be printed in the next issue of Faith and Victory. Condense your answers as much as possible.

QUESTIONS

Paul writes to Timothy, "Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine."

1. What is the word? Is it not every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God? Is it not "thus saith the Lord?"

2. Is it not the Holy Spirit that searcheth out all things?

3. Who is it that knoweth the intents of the heart?

4. Who is it that judgeth every man according to his works? and how?

5. Why are we told not to judge one another any more?

6. What is the stumbling block spoken of in Rom. 14:13?

7. Why did Paul tell the Romans not to judge another man's servant?

8. Why did Paul in his Epistle to Timothy, tell him how women should be attired? 1. Tim. 2:9.

9. Is there any other scripture forbidding the wearing of gold?

10. Why do people that profess godliness make a fuss about giving up worldly dress and other adornments?

11. What are we to contend for? and not to contend for?

12. How are we to make our calling and election sure,

13. Should a minister that is an overseer to a flock force them to obey the commandments laid down as he sees them; or show them the word of God, praying for the Holy Ghost to open up their understanding and lead them into the truth?

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AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Bro.—We send greetings of holy love to you and to all there that love the Lord, who has purchased us with His own blood. We received your letter some few days ago and were truly glad to hear from you again, and to learn of your steadfastness in the Lord Jesus Christ, who has acted as a mediator between God and transgressing men; for thanks be unto God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have read your letter with much interest and note the different points you have touched upon and will answer your questions with the best knowledge that God gives us.

We were pleased to know that you have continued to remember us at the throne of grace, for truly our help cometh from God who made heaven and earth and all things therein, and He is able and willing to succor those that are in need. In our own strength we are weak indeed, but as brother Paul said, we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us and thus we move on, being encouraged by knowing that the readers are praying for us, and in seeing God with *all* power. Yes, dear brother, it is heart sadness that comes on us when we see and hear of souls professing to be sanctified and at the same time parading with the world and its fashions and fads. How foolish and vain Satan has got some to be. But Paul says that in the last days perilous times should come and that people would be lovers of themselves, that they would wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. So, knowing these things, we need to watch and pray lest we in some manner also be deceived and be a castaway. Satan will get some to compromise and to adorn themselves in worldly apparel and at the same time will, if possible, get those that are steady in the Lord to looking at them and cause them to become lawfied, cold and rigid in the presentation of truth to such an extent that the love, mercy and tenderness of God will leak out of their souls. Oh, how we need to wait and tarry at the feet of Jesus until we can be filled with such love as He manifested when He wept over Jerusalem, that wicked, rebellious city. The need is for us to be diligent to observe and do His will in calmness and steadiness, teaching others with tenderness, compassion and long-suffering, for James says, "He shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment" (James 2: 13). Now, while God wants us to obey Him and live the plain, humble, simple life that His Word demands, at the same time He wants us to have mercy and to bear much with the weaker ones, yet not in a way as to be partaker of their sins, not to encourage them to do or to continue wrong. Those who are leaders and teach and act out of harmony with truth and righteousness need to be resisted steadfastly and rebuked as God burdens and presses one in the spirit, yet it is all to be done with much love and pity, at the same time considering oneself lest we be tempted also and need help and mercy extended to us.

You asked me, "Need a soul be deceived?" It is not needful that a soul be deceived, but many are deceived through the cunning, crafty workings of Satan, and many who think themselves in great favor with God are deceived because there are many spirits gone out into the world and people receive strong delusions because they love not the truth. These spirits entering into men make them believe that they are the Holy Ghost and cause them often to seem as angles of light.

The next question you asked is, Why people that claimed to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost would become rebellious when they were shown truth? Such actions may be a lack of knowledge and it may be the power of the enemy working to cause them to walk in darkness, and sometimes they may be honest and sincere and want time to prove things be sure that it is light and knowledge from God before accepting it. So the servant of the Lord must be patient, longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. A sanctified person is one that has been cleansed and his heart made pure through faith in the blood of Christ, together with a separation unto God, and will have no desire to dress with the fashions of the world. He is a new creature: old things have passed away, his life is hid with Christ in God. For one to flirt with the world in dress, action or deed would be grieving the tender heart of Christ to whom we are married, or set apart for. As Paul says, "We are married to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (Rom. 7: 4). To continue to do those things would cause God to spue them out of His mouth. Such souls should remember that God is a jealous God and will not tolerate another lover, neither is He mocked nor played with, for all shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body. The apostle Peter in speaking of the burning of this earth and all things therein said, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (2 Peter 3: 11). And again, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4: 18).

We received the dollar offering with thankful hearts to God and pray the Lord to bless you for this care and concern. We are very busy with the work here and have much to consider with waitings before God, and we ask you to continue to pray for us that we be not moved from the faith of Abraham and that we be faithful and true in all that He trusts us with.

In Jesus. —Fred Pruitt.

In the editorials we made mention of removing the names of those from our list that had not written us during the last year: this we regret to do, but it seems needful in order to keep our mailing list clear of any who does not appreciate receiving and reading the Faith and Victory paper. Kindly write us if you have not done so; if you have moved, send old and new address.

Correspondence

Lewisville, Okla.—To the dear saints of God: I am thanking God for being saved this another day. Someone may ask, "Saved from what?" I am glad to answer your question: "From sin." Sin is bondage. Let me say this to the glory of the Lord: I am no more a child to be tossed to and fro, and to be carried about with every wind of doctrine by the slight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive (Eph. 4: 14). "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (sin)" (Gal. 5: 1). Dear ones, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psa. 33: 12). Let us all watch and be ready for our Master's coming is my prayer. Amen.

—R. WALTERS.

Ainsworth, Nebr.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing house: I just received the little paper, Faith and Victory, which makes me think of a motto I saw one time: "Little is much if God is in it." I surely get much out of the paper. My mother-in-law and sister-in-law were here visiting me and we had a wonderful time talking about and to our Lord. The sister has been saved about a year which has wrought a great change in her. She was afflicted with a cancer of the stomach. Through this ailment she was brought to the Lord. She can now eat anything and it does not hurt her, though the lump is still there. She testifies to the healing power of the Lord. We are all three looking forward to our sanctification. May God continue to bless you in His work. I want to so continue that I may be an instrument in His hands to be used to His glory.

—SISTER DAYTON DEWITT.

County Jail, Giddings, Texas.—Dear saints at Faith Pub. House and to all scattered abroad: Greetings in the most holy name of our Father. I thank God this afternoon for this golden opportunity and I can truly say that I am saved and on the righteous highway which is holy, and I trust this will find you each one well and with God the Father and our Lord Jesus living in your souls. I thank the Lord that He blessed Bro. Longley to call by to see me, and I wish to give answer to his question as to how I became saved. I was a wretch undone, and for 3 or 4 years I was sin sick but I could not bear the idea of giving up the whole world. I was a dancer and a gallant and an intriguer and I just hated to depart from my dancing and other worldly pleasures. I did say at one time that I was born for hell. But I had a Christian mother and I promised her before she died that I would quit my riotous ways, and I did not only promise her but I promised God also. I tried to go back on my word, but one or two times when I would be at work by myself something would call me, it seemed it was a natural voice, and said, "Matthew, do you know what you promised?" And I would think, What is the matter with me? am I going crazy? and thus I would drive the Holy Spirit

away. I got in trouble and was put in jail. There was a person in jail that was trying to serve the Lord, and I told him (using some curse words) It is too late to pray now when the devil has got you. I said, Let's gamble. Well this condition continued on for about two weeks and that same voice spoke to me again, Matthew, do you know your promise? I was playing cards and it looked like I couldn't hardly see the cards, and I said, "Lord, I cannot pray." I was much troubled. I told this brother that I mentioned to pray for me and he did. I then went off in a cell and shut myself in and fell on my face on the bunk and told Jesus if there be any such thing as religion to reveal it unto me. Then it came into my mind, tell the people what the Lord has done for you, and another thought came this way: The boys would laugh at you. At this time the other brother came in and closed the door and knelt down and prayed and talked with me. He pictured things to me in this way, and said: "It is just like if you were going to some place where it was told you there was danger, and then you make it up in your heart and mind to turn and go the other way, and believe with your whole heart, soul and mind that you will live by turning around, and confess it with faith." So night came and I told the Lord if He woke me at 4 O'clock the next morning I would serve Him, and just before the clock struck I awoke, and when it struck I said, "Thank God," and when I opened my mouth words came one after another and that was one of the prettiest mornings I have ever witnessed. I even looked different to myself. So I lived for the Lord from then onward, but I was not satisfied for some would tell me I could not live without sinning. I would read in the Word of God about if a man says he is born of God and commits sin, he is a liar and the truth is not in him, and I knew that was true. But I wondered if God would cause me to do and love that which He had made me hate, and that was dancing. So I prayed to the Lord earnestly to show me which and what way I should go. I thank God that He answered prayer by sending a brother around with the Faith and Victory paper and the Lord led me to write to whom He had anointed to publish His truth. Glory to His name. And through God's great love and mercy and through the prayers and labors of the dear saints I am saved today. I trust that all of you will please join with me in prayer that I will get just like Christ in my heart. May God bless you all and the work also is my faithful prayer.

Your brother in Christ Jesus.

—J. MATTHEW THOMAS. c/o J. T. Carlisle.

Enid, Okla.—I do enjoy your Faith and Victory paper so much. I am a widow 76 years old and living all alone. But the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He is so precious to me. He is all the world to me; I want no better Friend. He is my physician and has been for over four years. I have not taken a dose of medicine. Your sister in Jesus our Lord.

—MARY J. DUNCAN.

Waco.--Texas.--Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Today finds me still saved and trusting in a true and living God. I have received my last issue of Faith and Victory and I sure enjoy reading it. I am praising the dear Lord for His mercy and love to me. I want to do all I can for lost souls in a world like this. Pray for me that I may stand true. Enclosed you will find an offering of two dollars to be sent to Egypt. May the dear Lord bless and keep the paper clean is my prayer. Yours in Christ Jesus.

—SISTER ANDREW WEST.

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Enid, Okla.—My dear Bro. in Christ: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that the dear Lord is still protecting me from all danger and from sin. I feel and know that the Lord is with me from day to day. He leads me so gently and delivers me from all sin. I have received the many tracts you sent me about two weeks ago. I have handed out quite a few of them. I hope the Lord will bless the readers. I know that they have done me a lot of good. I also got your good little paper, Faith and Victory not long ago. I surely enjoy reading it. I am very thankful that I get that paper and the tracts. I hope that everyone that receives them appreciate them. May the Lord help to provide money for your work. I am yet under age and work at home. I wish I could send some money to help along in the work, but I can not just now. Will you please send me another copy of the last issue of the paper. They are a great help to me and when I have read them I hand them out to another to read. May God bless you. Your brother in Christ.

—JAKE J. BECKER.

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Russellville, Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers at Faith Pub. House: May the Lord bless and encourage and comfort you and supply all your needs. I thank God this is my faith for you and for all the true saints of God. I thank Him this beautiful Sabbath morning for health and strength and the life and light He has given me. I thank and praise Him because *He is that health, that strength, that life and light, He's all and in all to all who know Him and love and trust Him, for they do obey Him.* May your love for Him never wane and He will never leave nor forsake you. Pray for me and my family, not that we deserve more and greater favors but that I realize our great need. Yours in Him with great hope.

—V. M. THRELKELD.

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Salem, Ore.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I want to greet you in Jesus' dear name this beautiful morning. I would have written sooner but thought you owed me a letter and you know how it is to move. We are all feeling fine here in Oregon. Carl is improving right along. He stands up alone now for which we thank the Lord. His knees are still stiff so he does not try to walk, but he feels good and looks well. His sores are healing up fine and no more coming now for which we thank the Lord. He has

been so good to us in giving us work all the time since we have been here. But we haven't found any saints here yet, though two different ones we write to are talking of coming and one is a minister. We certainly do hope there will be some true saints come in here for as far as I know, the truth has never been preached in this part of the country. There used to be some saints in Salem, but not out here in the country. There are some very nice people here in Oregon but they need the Lord, and my prayer is that we may do something that will help win them to the Lord. Pray for us, dear ones, that we keep ever where the Lord can use us to His glory. We want to do what we can for the Lord. I will send you a few names to send the paper to, and I pray that it will reach some honest hearts. Of course times are hard with us, but I feel that the Lord would have us give some to His cause.

You dear ones there pray that the Lord will send some Holy Ghost man here, at least to hold a meetng, and we would be glad to have one locate here. It is a nice place for anyone to locate. You could print a request for one to come here if the Lord wills in the paper. Pray for us.

—SISTER WALTER BUSCH.

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Hennessey, Okla.—Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I felt led today to write my testimony in the little Faith and Victory. I am praising the dear Lord today for being saved, and for what He is to me day by day. He is keeping me with joy in my soul, with willingness to continue to press on. I am glad today that I am on the King's Highway and mean by the grace of God to be faithful, glory be to His name. He is my all in all. When I am sick He heals me. When the enemy comes with his force to try to discourage me. Christ is present to encourage my heart.

I am glad for the dear little paper. I send it to different ones, and I love to see the testimonies of the dear saints in the paper. Dear ones it pays to live for the dear Lord. When mother and father all turn their backs on us, Jesus says He will be for us. When I first was saved I told my mother of this wonderful truth. It seemed that she did not take it so well, neither did my sister. But I just continued to hold on to the dear Lord. At my home they seemed to treat me like I was a step-child. Last year I went back home to see my mother and family again. Something told me before I went home that I had forced the truth too hard on mother. But I am praising the good Lord today that I went home and made it all right with mother and staightened that mistake I made. My father and mother both said they were now living a holy life up to all they know and understand. It made me feel happy to know they were living for the Lord and never have heard the whole truth preached. Dear ones pray for me that I be faithful in the little things the Lord has for me to do. From your sister in the one body.

—ANNIE WILEY.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

ADORATION

Lord I thank thee how I thank thee
That thou art so good to me.
When in darkness I go groping
Thou canst make me even see.
When life's pathway seems so dreary.
And I feel I am alone
Then upon my darkened pathway
Rays of sunlight thou hast shown.

Lord I thank thee how I thank thee
Thou hast heard and answered prayer.
When I was troubled and came before thee
Cumbered with a load of care
Thou wast waiting then to bless me,
And to every burden share.

Lord I thank thee how I thank thee
That thou art so good to me.
Though I know I am unworthy
All my help must come from thee
Thou my refuge, thou my comfort
Thy name be praised for evermore.
—Delina Hickman.

Utica, Pa.—My dear children readers of Faith and Victory: I do thank the dear Lord that He once more permits me to greet you all in Jesus' dear name, and talk to you of His love and tender care over us all that love Him and do you know dear children we are not of this old world although we are in it. But we are of the heavenly City that dear old brother John saw coming down out of heaven and I want every one of you that know and love Jesus to realize that you are in this beautiful city of God which is His true Church. Every one that loves and serves Him is in this City or Church and we all love each other. We are just a big happy family and how we ought to hear from each other and pray for one another and we do so thank God for the precious little paper, Faith and Victory through which we can tell to each other of the love of God in our hearts and His goodness to us that love and serve Him and may we each pray much for Brother and Sister Pruitt and Brother Longley and all at the office that makes it possible for us to hear from God's dear children through the little messenger, Faith and Victory, for our heavenly Father is making them a blessing to us all and now dear children God wants every one of us to be real little soul winners for Him like dear little sister Kathryn Andrews. She says she wants to be a worker for Jesus and brother and sister Llewellyn told me of her beautiful young life, and do not let us forget to pray for her, asking Him to enable her to be a real little light bearer in this dark world, telling her school mates and others of how much she loves Jesus and how His loving Spirit is with her all the time. Yes dear chil-

dren He is more to us than even father or mother, sister or brother or all our loved ones together; for He gave His precious life for us. It came to my mind just now of my own dear little boy, little Will, how on waking in the morning his first words would be "Mamma, I love Jesus, 'cause he takes care of us while we sleep," and the next morning his grateful little heart would express his gratitude by saying, "Mamma, isn't God good to take care of us while we sleep." My baby boy is now 46 years old with a God given companion and family grown up around him, and he has not forgot the goodness of God and many many wonderful things He did for them in his home and some day I hope to be able to tell you of some of the wonderful healings of his dear ones, but I did tell you how wonderfully He healed dear little Gladys and Andrew in Oil City, Pa. when they were small. Yes we all love Him and let us serve Him with our whole hearts, caring little for the pleasure of this old world. Ours is a lasting joy that will last through all eternity. —Aunt Loey McKay.

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Dodds City, Tex.—To the children readers of this good paper and to all. I am glad I can report victory in my soul tonight. I am glad I am one of His children. I can't go to the good meetings but it does me good to read of them that are enjoying the good things of Jesus. Pray for me and my home that that I may have a good Christian home. Please send me some of your tracts. —From Pearl Bullard.

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Macungie, Pa.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing House: I am a little boy eight years old. I have a dear sister of eleven years old. Mother has always taught us to pray and obey Jesus. We pray at bed time and at meals. We have knelt and prayed a night prayer ever since I could talk. My sister would tell me word by word until I knew. When I was three years old I was very sick with diphtheria and the dear Lord healed me. I have a little child's book, a present from Mother. I love to read it and to understand all things that the dear Lord does for us little children if we love Him and pray. So all little sisters and brothers let us pray and obey our parents. Here is a song I love to sing, "Jesus Loves the Children.

"Jesus loves the children,
Bids them early come,
He would have them never
From his paths to roam.

"In his arms he folds them
Like a shepherd true.
By his Spirit leads them
Into pastures new.

"Jesus gladly welcomes
Those who seek his face;
Lovingly receives them
In his kind embrace.

"Jesus is our Savior,
We would love him more;
Be his faithful children
And his name adore."

"CHORUS"

"Jesus, precious Jesus
Leads us all the way.
We would early seek thee,
And thy call obey."

—Kenneth Steager.

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Shawnee, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel led by the sweet Spirit of God to write you a letter this morning. If I ever met you I don't remember it, though I have just read your paper, Faith and Victory, and enjoyed its contents very much and felt impressed to write a little piece for the paper: I was saved 23 years ago and have been in the battle from that time to the present moment: never had any desire to go back to the world, sin or sectism. Since we have been living in perilous times I have been called a compromiser, radical and fanatic, but I thank God from the depth of my heart that He has helped me to live a pure, clean, honest, upright life, and has kept me with a settled decision to go all the way on the old Bible line. I believe, obey and live a true Bible life to the best of my understanding. Now I ask you and the dear saints there to pray that I may always obey the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Write to me as the Lord leads. I am 55 years old and not strong enough to be out in meetings all the time, though I want to be doing all I can for the salvation of souls and to encourage the saints. Your sister in Christ.

—SARAH B. TACKER.

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Pomona, Calif.—Brother, sister Pruitt: Dearly beloved in the Lord, Greeting in our dear Savior's name and Christian love and fellowship through salvation and the Holy Spirit, which is our sanctifier, comforter and guide, making the service of our Lord most delightful, having the blessed assurance we are His; walking in the precious truth that is in Jesus, having fullness of joy. For at His right hand are pleasures forever more. Praise His holy name forever. I am glad I can report victory through Christ my risen Lord and reigning king. Yes, He reigns in my heart without a rival. I am so glad I have learned the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him. "There's nothing so precious as Jesus to me." And as I walk with Him day by day having sweet fellowship and communion how He does reveal His blessed word, the deep sweet lessons He teaches me and comforts my heart in the deepest trials and conflicts of life. He is ever near, a present help in time of need. What could we do without Him? A dear sister who has just been called home to glory wrote that song for me in my home in Clovis, nearly three years ago. O how we miss her yet. I know she is at rest with Jesus for she loved Him and spent her life, time and strength in His service. Only a little while and we shall meet to part no more. Last winter when

I was so low, so near the crossing and the Lord so marvelously delivered me, all that saw me know it was the miraculous Divine power of God that did it; and I told Him I would testify to it for His glory. Praise His holy name. He keeps me daily trusting Him with and for all things and my decision and full purpose of heart is to go all the way with Him at any cost by His will for He does indeed make all things work together for good to them that love Him. We prove our love by our obedience. Jesus said "If you love me you will keep my commandments." The blessed Bible and good literature, "Tracts and papers" are my "daily food book" are my constant companions; and I am never lonely. "Alone with God O blest retreat Alone with God and in Him hidden, To hold with Him communion sweet." I long to be more like, and to do more for God and precious souls, seeing so much darkness around me. Yet I thank God for the privilege of prayer and of the assurance that He hears me, and for a spirit of prayer and deep earnestness that the Lord gives to me. There's much I'd like to say, but I humbly ask the prayers of all the dear saints to whom I send greeting. Your sister,

—Julia I. Myers.

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Concrete, Wash.—My dear Bro. and all in your house, Greeting. Just a few lines this morning to tell you that I am still with God, hid away in His great bosom of love and mercy, praising Him for His saving and keeping grace. It is one thing to be saved and another to be kept. There is not much use of getting saved unless we are kept saved. It were better even that we had never known the way of the Lord than to fall away after we have once tasted the good Word of God. So I am praying to be kept, and not I only, but all who love His appearing, for it will be a fearful thing to hear the words, "Depart from me, I never knew you." So I want to be very sure God is leading me in all that I do or say. I would rather go slow and be sure than to rush into the battle unprepared. Pray for me that I get on the whole armor of God that I may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, and after doing all to stand. I am enclosing an offering, and with much love and prayers that you may be kept like a rock in the billows. Your saved sister for the solid truth in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

—IONE E. ROBBINS.

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London, Ark.—Dear Brother Pruitt we send greetings to you and the dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory. I do thank God for all he has been to us at this place. Brother Irvin H. Whitehouse was here for a two weeks meeting and God used him in giving out the Word and we all were helped and built up in the Faith; there were seven got saved and one was baptised with the Holy Ghost. Bro. Irvin H. Whitehouse baptised six in water Sunday at 2 :30 O'clock and at 6 p.m we held ordiance meeting partaking of the Lord's supper and washing of feet; there were eighteen men and women took a part in the or-

diances. At 8, p m the regular meeting began and the devil was mad and his servants threw some green walnuts and rocks, but God took care of his people and saved two more that night. We thank and praise God for what He is doing here. We love the little Faith and Victory paper and I think it has its right name and may the Lord keep it clean is my prayer. It has so many good testimonies that it does my soul good to hear from God's children no matter where they are. I love every one of you all. Yours in Christ.

—John C. Metz and saints.

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Childress, Texas.—Dear ones: May God's richest blessings be yours. I will write again as my mother, Mrs. Lucinda Underwood, that I wrote to you for prayer, died the first day of June. She was 79 years and six months old the day she died. As long as she knew anything or could talk she praised the Lord. She was born in Ky., but was raised in Mo. She died at her oldest daughters, Mrs. E. J. Yelton, at Rolla, Mo., 501 Park St. She lived a good Christian life. To know her was to love her. She was so patient, never murmured in all her dreadful suffering. She was so sweet and pleasant, always wanting to help others. But our loss is her gain.

As ever your sister in the Lord.

—Mrs. F. M. DRUMMOND.

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"THE EASTERN WOMAN IN SOCIETY."

Although there are colleges and educational schools for girls in many places of Egypt, especially in big cities and in many of the towns where are to be found men and women of educational refinement, yet the great mass of women are quite ignorant of the mere rudiments of learning, not being able to read or write even their simple names.

Many a man of wealth and considerable education is inseparably joined to a wife who knows nothing of the affairs of life and who is by no means meet to become a real companion or even a helper. Most of these women spend their time in cooking the food or gossiping with the other women, while the husband may be a busy merchant, or a clerk filling a position of responsibility or trust in society amid the activities of his own city.

The lack of female education destined the majority of women to remain in utter ignorance, not knowing what is going on in the world and giving themselves to believe in omens, superstitions, evil eye, etc. This is due to the mistaken idea prevailing here in Egypt as to the utter worthlessness of women, who even if they were to be educated, can neither fill any vacancy in government circle, nor can they appear in public.

Many women when they appear in public, must veil themselves, some Mohamedans put on a head covering with a piece of wood fastened over the nose extending almost to the top of the forehead. In many churches, a woman is not allowed to preach for men, except to the female sex of her own kind, as it is

considered a great shame for a woman to preach for men, yet in some holiness missions not only American ladies have the privilege to preach wonderfully to both men and women, but there are also a few native ladies who attain such privilege in spite of shame and criticism.

The government has appropriated the Telephone service for the employment of Egyptian young ladies, but very few responded while the major part who are filling most of the functions in that office are of the European kind.

In case of making correspondence with one of the relatives in another city, women who are unable to write for themselves, go to a letter writer sitting especially outside the courts and post-offices who write petitions for the public and earn a fair livelihood.

This is the condition of several millions of miserable souls in a backward state doomed to a life-long ignorance and imprisonment within the four walls down here in Egypt. Would that God would show the needs of Egypt to His children and that those who feel the burden may respond and not become disobedient to the heavenly vision. —Hanna Arsanious.

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CORRECTING CHILDREN

Giving advice as to the training and correcting of children is a very delicate task because of the various dispositions of children and the numerous circumstances under which parents have to labor, as many parents are so engaged in providing a livelihood that it is almost impossible to give the time and attention to the training of the children as they should. Yet parents should consider that the care and training of their children is a very important matter and should so arrange their daily work so as to give them the needed attention.

Parents that bring children into the world are responsible to God, also to their fellow creatures, as to their future conduct in the earth, and the raising of their children should not be considered lightly lest they bring upon themselves the displeasure of God, and disastrous results follow. We have on record in the first book of Samuel, third chapter, how that God's wrath was kindled against Eli, the priest, because his sons did evil and Eli restrained them not, therefore he was chastened and cursed of God for neglecting to do his duty in governing his children.

In rearing a family of children it is needful and essential that the parents be saved and in communion with God every day, as all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid in Christ Jesus and it takes wisdom from above to know when to correct, in what way to correct, and the amount of correction or pun-

ishment needed, as one method or rule will not apply to every child, seeing they have different temperaments, different dispositions and also vary much in intellectual comprehension of things. And it is imperative that the parents are in a position to draw wisdom, knowledge, grace and calmness from heaven continually that they might have patience coupled with firmness under all circumstances to carry out the will of God in any allowed condition, for the instruction and enlightenment of the growing child.

We do not claim to be an expert in the raising and care of children, as generally those that have no children, or at the most only one, two, or three, can (or think they can) tell you all about just how to raise the children. We wish to say that we have six children, three boys and three girls. The oldest is a boy of seventeen and the youngest two are twins, a boy and a girl, age six, and we just merely want to give some thoughts on correcting children that we have found to be good in causing the child to respect and obey. In the first place, parents should not speak or do anything that they would not want their child to do then, or later, as the child is watching your actions and deeds and it would seem wrong to the child for you to correct or punish it for a thing that you were doing, and would it not be wrong?

According to the apostle Paul, one of the qualifications of an elder is, "that he ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity." Now this gravity is not a gravity through fear of being flogged, but it is a gravity through love. There is nothing that draws more than divine love, as it will bear the fruits of gentleness, tenderness, kindness, longsuffering, patience, meekness and faith. We do not mean by this that one should never whip the child, for some children will become naughty under the best treatment; yes, many of them will do so because the enemy is always working against righteousness and will spoil a happy christian home if possible, and sometimes it is only manifesting love to the child to give it a good whipping with a strap or keen switch to awaken it to the fact that you feel the responsibility of its welfare, and also to let it know that you expect obedience, even if it is necessary to whip. Of course always do this with calmness, instruction and prayer, letting the child know that you are sorry that you have to whip it, but you have it to do as he or she will not obey without it. Generally they will weep and beg not to be whipped and will promise that they will not disobey anymore, but if they have repeated the offence it is best to whip them so they will remember and be thoughtful of your wishes.

A child should never be grabbed and beaten without mercy, for it does not become a saint to do this, neither is it an example of godliness to the child nor to others and shows a disrespect to God and clear leadings from Him; neither should we be hasty to accuse a child of this or that thing, but always be sure of our ground, for fear of causing the child to lose confidence in you as having true judgment. We wish to relate an instance that happened with us: One of our boys when eight or nine years of age got to slipping money. Wife would lay some change in the cupboard shelf and sometimes would miss a nickel or a dime and we suspicioned this boy of taking it but refrained from accusing him of it, but prayed to the Lord about it and asked God to in some way clearly uncover the matter. One day while I was working in the office, wife came in and told me that our oldest boy had missed a quarter from his money and that he was accusing the other boy of taking it and was stirring around about it considerably, said he saw him eating candy and felt sure that he had bought it with his money. This news made us feel badly for we felt it would be a serious thing to charge the boy of stealing should he not be guilty, so with heavy hearts we fell on our faces before God and asked Him to give us wisdom in the matter so the boy could be corrected and taught a lesson that he would not forget. After the day's work was done we went to the house and called the boy to us and told him that we were feeling very badly and were much grieved, for we had always taught him to do right. As we continued to speak he burst into tears and confessed to taking the money. We talked to him of the wrong of this and what it would lead to, and told him that it was needful for us to whip him for this as it was too great a thing to let go, and that we wanted him to remember not to do that way any more, and also that he was to pay back the money just as fast as he got it so his wrongs would all be made right, and we have never had reason since that time to think that he ever took any more money. In this time of need we just simply looked to God for wisdom and all came out well, and so it will in all things that perplex and puzzle us. As we look to God He will untangle and show us how, when and what to do.

Parents should never get in a habit of quarreling at or talking cross or ugly to the children, for this only creates the same disposition in them and will grow and cause serious trouble in future years. A parent should never be combative to a child, and should they become saucy and ugly, the parent should return with gentleness and firmness; and should they continue to show disrespect to you the thing would be

to call them away from the others and talk calmly and seriously to them about the matter, showing them how it grieves you for them to speak to you in this manner, and for their welfare it has become necessary to whip them for this, always looking to God for wisdom to know how to deal with each individual child and under each circumstance, for there are no set rules that will apply to every child. We should be careful not to blame the child when the root of the matter may be in us. Many times we have taken our children off to our room or to the barn or some private place and talked to them about their wrong doings, and sometimes it was needful to whip them and they all love and respect us and have no ill feelings toward us at all.

Those who unmercifully beat and cross their children cannot expect to have a peaceful home, as such treatment will cause to smolder in the bosoms of the children (even though suppressed for a time) hatred, envy and a combating spirit that will burst forth in time to the sorrow and grief of the parents. To sum it all up we find that the parents' manner of conduct before, and their dealings with the child, will cause the same (in a large measure) to be produced in the child, therefore we need God in our hearts that His gentleness, His kindness, His mercy, His love and righteousness might always be manifested before the children that they may grow up to be men and women of faith and confidence in God.

With concern.

—FRED PRUITT.

(We have this article in tract form)

THE WRITING IN THE SAND

(Founded on the story from St. John 8:6)

Beloved, read this message today my heart has for you. There is a call ringing thru the land, its echo has sounded to the distant hills, the valleys have taken it up, the dale and the foothills. "Come, ye weary, ye that are heavy laden," for what do you seek, oh beloved, it is rest, quiet rest, soul rest. Sin, disease, discord, and unrest abound everywhere. The nations, the great powers, society, crumbling, ah! your wealth is unsafe, your fortune is as an idle tale, you look for a stronger bank, a safer business, a more sure guarantee your mind wanders to and fro, restlessness possesses you, wakeful hours, a penny say ye for my thoughts, and I will tell you, something is sought that will satisfy.

Where is your ark? Whence will you flee! The onrush of an awful unseen force is discernible by the people of God. An Armageddon is on us, war: A spirit of anti-Christ is possessing and destroying, prying, and breaking into the hearts, homes and business affairs of the world perhaps not unlike that of the days in which the world was swept down by flood, how

were men saved then you ask. It was by going into the Ark that God provided thru Noah. At the present Day, no doubt the time of grace is about up. God told us in His Word that there would be an end to this Dispensation. See Matthew 24th, and Book of Revelation. In your mad haste to gain wealth, position in the world and a name for yourself you have forgotten your own soul.

Your body is sick. The doctors have pronounced your trouble chronic, they say it will be years in healing. Then you mortgage your home that you worked so long for. Your friends go to banks and make good, so you can draw a little more money. Your rented house must be vacated, the landlord wants his money. Isn't it awful and still your health is no better, but rather grows worse.

Sin is to blame. Your soul has never been healed, you have not accepted my loving Saviour. Many who have their names enrolled on the down-town church, pay regular to support of its activities, run as fast from the plain truth of God's Word as your neighborhood boys do for the deacon's cigarette "duck," thrown into the gutter. What's the average conversation of today where a few are gathered, "in His Name" (so-called) they discuss pie suppers, ice cream socials, and every other subject except the Living Christ of God; the ALL-Loving, all-satisfying Jesus. Get away dear ones from chaff, whirlwinds of evil, cursing bitterness, gossiping, ah, after years of profession in church circles some have never learned to bridle the tongue!!! It burns, bites, stings, blasts and mildews, it sets on fire a little matter, and behold it kindles into an eternity of destruction.

Prayer changes things wonderfully. Have you prayed, will you pray, can you pray, yes you can give Him your heart just now. All you are, all you ever expect to be, little girl, man, boy, mother won't you kneel right now, just where you are, that's right, now ask Him, say Oh Jesus, I've been mean, Oh I've done so bad, profaned your great name, yes, I've ruled you out of my life, we have forgotten you in the home, the children too, are lost, all of us are lost, we don't know you, now Lord forgive and forget, cast our black past away from you never to be remembered against us no more forever, yes, Lord it's a great mistake we have made, we see it now, ah it came near being too late. Oh Lord make those words ring again in our ears until we cannot forget them, "Too late, too late," Speak them to that erring son, that erring daughter. Think if we go thru this life in wealth, in luxury, no knowledge of want, no understanding of hardships, members at church, well-known in society, dying in silk and velvet, flowers and great pride, buried in fine show and style, yet what gain if that soul is unwashed for its spirit home. Come back oh Father time, once again for to-night and speak to us here, to each man, each boy, every father and mother, unfold that curtain of mystery that hides as it were from yonder strand, show us the danger of sinking sand, warn that we may not thereon any more build.

Think if we never own an automobile, if no Ledger of Man's recording holds our name, if no Hall of

Fame has carved it there, if no place in History has told its heroism and traced it so fair with its glitter and gold; yet think of that Master Mind that penetrates the deepest recesses of the soul, cries again and again, son, give me thy heart, daughter, give me thy heart, let Me wash thee in my Calvary Blood and thou shalt be whole; ah, the gates a-hall stand ajar to such a soul, the eternity of God to that boy or girl will be Peace, peace, beautiful peace, undisturbed PEACE!!!

To YOU He is calling to Day. Will you give up that volcano of smoldering hatred that lies in that heart of yours, that desire of yours to wreck or to ruin, to rule or to die; or will you give up that cursing, that slang, you think it is modern, yes and Hell will think it modern too when thousands of wails go up of deluded and despairing that cry out from its darkness for all eternity. You are on Broadway now, the lights glitter, the crowd lures, your feet are swift, your ear tingle at the gay whirl of its hurrying throng, hasten to cross the avenue

— AND STEP OVER TO —

Narrow Street where one dear pilgrim presses along at a time, the feet are careful, the eye is watchful, the Right hand, "Enter Ye into a Mansion prepared for you from the Foundation of the world". Well, against a cobble stone, or where a chasm breaks close to the worn path; yonder in shining beauty is a beckoning call, "W h o s o e v e r will, Let Him Come" and then we slowly progress on, step by step, faithful, building, hoping, praying for more light, longing for understanding, praying for guidance, fainting beneath the toil of the Mid-day heat, the Cross of a willful evil World, the tests of spiteful professors, the Pilgrim is ministered unto by Angels of Love until Oil of Faith, Hope and Charity is intermingled with the journey and just ahead looms up a brilliant object hastening it is seen in the distance, outline after outline appearing until the words are discernible "A crown that fadeth not away, eternal in the Heavens, peering futher along, there is an object at the right hand, "Enter ye into a Mansion prepared for, there is a burst of Praise as the pilgrim loses his weariness, the feet begin to feel fleet, the eye is restful and filled with joy, the heart is tuned to singing a new song, even praises unto our God and his Christ, throngs innumerable fill the Narrow Street, a vision possesses the Follower and he steps forward beholding Saints, Sages, Prophets, friends and Loved Ones, what is this, the home-coming of the blest, wonderful, oh glory, and YOU ARE HERE! Hallelujah. The Christ we love, the great God of our Fathers, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and we a part of His great, Unending Kingdom, ah we cannot realize it, we cannot comprehend the situation Mother is there, you saw her lowered so lately to the cold grave, RISEN to behold our Lord, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!! Your baby is there, that prattling infant, back again restored to your arms, earth forgotten, sin overcome, we are safe now at HOME, FOR EVER.

—Wilbert E. Halle.

SANCTIFICATION, THE SECOND WORK OF GRACE

We receive sanctification through the blood of Jesus Christ applied to our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Rom. 15: 16). To make holy and to be set apart for God: "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1: 16). "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12: 14), which should be real and practical, a complete abandonment of ourselves to God. Jesus was fully set apart to do only His Father's will, so should we always please our heavenly Father and say with a pure and loving heart, "Not my will, but Thine be done." We are also His brethren if we do our Father's will which is in heaven (Matt. 12: 50).

"For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren" (Heb. 2: 11). Jesus sanctified Himself for our sakes that we may all be one. "And that they may be where I am and behold my glory" (John 17: 17-24). Sanctification means a life of constant and perfect victory, a sacred oneness and perfect fellowship between our soul and God, and His Son Jesus Christ to reign in our hearts supreme. "And if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life because of righteousness" (Romans 8: 10).

HOW TO OBTAIN IT

Consecrate all to God, body, soul and spirit, and all you have and will have. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12: 1-2) He wants a live sacrifice, not a dead one—one He can use. If this is done in real earnest and from the heart, you will have a wonderful experience with God and cleansed of the inborn sin inherited from our fore-parents, according to 1 John 1: 8-10. To live a life of perfect victory "old things pass away, and all things become new." When I scaled the lofty mount of consecration, giving my life and all to God, fully surrendered all, oh, such a joy swept over my soul and my heart flooded with love, the sanctifier, the mighty Prince of Peace came into my heart to reign supreme. "For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2: 13). He brought such a love to my heart that I could love everybody, even my enemies. I could realize only to a very small extent what love Jesus had for sinners. Such a longing and overwhelming hunger came into my heart, that I could say like Ruth of old, "Let me go now to the field and glean ears of corn after Him in whose sight

I shall find grace" (Ruth 2: 2). I realized the greatest calamities that could befall a consecrated child of God would be to go home empty handed. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; go your way, behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves" (Luke 10: 2-3).

"Let me now go to the field." What other desire could be quite so mighty, so unquenchable, as a real Spirit-born hunger and passion for souls? The moment we have consecrated our lives and put all on the altar, we say in heart, Here am I; take me, use me, make me what Thou wilt. "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are Gods" (1 Cor. 6: 19-20). "He shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Tim. 2: 21). "Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?" (Ruth 2: 10). Hallelujah! Oh, dear hearts, it seems most too good to be true, but it is true, through the blood of the cross we have peace with God and we receive grace through His Son our Savior. We who were strangers and wandering afar from God, are strangers and outcasts no longer, but are made nigh by the blood of Christ and belong to the land of salvation and are called to have a part in the blessed work of the harvest. "The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust" (Ruth 2: 12). We, like happy Ruth, also have learned the thrill and glory of the harvest field, and the happiness to see sinners brought to Christ. "Likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance" (Luke 15: 7). We also have learned the blessedness of being watched over, fed and protected by our heavenly Boaz and Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. "And when she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men saying, Let her glean, even among the sheaves, (and reproach her not." In these last days the Lord is using his daughters as well as His sons. "And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, * * * And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2: 17-18).

When Jesus began His ministry He also received the Holy Spirit to fit Him for the ministry. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath

sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4: 18-19). If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit upon Him how much more are we in need of Him. Don't you see that the same Spirit that was upon Jesus was to be upon the ministers, the evangelists, the pastors, and upon all the Christian workers.

—Sister E. J. Dobbins.

SANCTIFICATION

1 Thess. 4 :3., "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

1 Thess. 5 :23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you WHOLLY."

1 Thess. 4 :7. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification."

Rom. 15:16. "Being sanctified by the Holy Spirit."

Acts 15:8-9. "Giving them the Holy Spirit."—"Cleansing their hearts by faith."

Multitudes of Christians do not understand that there are TWO WORKS OF GRACE; that God has provided for both in His atonement; and that He no more truly calls us to "REGENERATION" than He calls us to "SANCTIFICATION." But nothing is more plainly taught in Scripture. 1. NOTICE THAT THERE ARE TWO WORKS OF GRACE.

Jesus' disciples had forsaken all to follow Him. Their names were writttn in heaven. They had preached three years, worked miracles, cast out demons. Jesus said the world hated them because they were not of the world, even as He was not of the world. Yet, mark it well, He prayed "SANCTIFY THEM" (John 17:17). They were already converted: He prayed therefore that they might have the SECOND WORK OF GRACE.

Notice the teaching of First Thessalonians. It was a young church, just converted from heathenism. The whole of the first chapter is spent in telling what good Christians they were. They were church members: had "faith, hope and love in our Lord Jesus Christ;" they were "elected," and had "much assurance" of salvation. They were "imitators of the Lord, and "turned from idols to serve the living God." "examples toall that believed." They sounded forth the word. Few churches of the present time can measure up to that church. In that third chapter we find Timothy reporting to Paul that they had not backslidden (vs. 5-8), and yet the Apostle is praying night and day that their hearts may be established unblameable in holiness (3:10 and 13). "For this is the will of God even your sanctification" (4:3). It is always so in the New Testament. SINNERS are never called to be sanctified, but to be converted. This proves that it is a second work of grace, subsequent to regeneration.

II. WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

The English dictionaries will give us a better notion of it than most preachers have. See what they say.

1. Webster: "Sanctify:" To make free from sin, to cleanse from moral corruption and pollution; to purify." (John 17:17). "Sanctification:" The act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God."

2. Century Dictionary: "In theology, the act of God's grace, by which the affections of men are purified and the soul is cleansed from sin, and consecrated to God."

3. Standard Dictionary: "The gracious work of the Holy Spirit whereby the BELIEVER is freed from sin, and exalted to holiness of heart and life." Now notice:

(1). Two of these dictionaries say that sanctification is produced by an "act of God." Then it is instantaneous.

(2). All of them say that sanctification "purifies" or "frees from sin."

(3). One of them says: "It is the gracious work of the Holy Spirit whereby the BELIEVER (not the sinner) is cleansed from sin." Then it is a SECOND WORK, subsequent to regeneration, as all Scriptures teach.

(4). All of them teach that it is done by God. So it is NOT of man's "GROWTH" OR "STRIVING;" it is NOT produced by "EDUCATION" or "CULTURE" OR "SELF-DISCIPLINE," OR "DEATH" OR "PURGATORY."

We may define sanctification then, AS THE CLEANSING OF THE BELIEVER'S HEART FROM INBRED SIN, or DEPRAVITY WROUGHT IN US INSTANTANEOUSLY BY THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE (Matt. 3:11 and Acts 15:8, 9), AND FILLING IT WITH PERFECT LOVE.

III. NOTICE WHO SANCTIFIES.

"Now the VERY GOD OF PEACE SANCTIFY YOU." You cannot cleanse your own heart yourself. No church committee, or priest, or preacher, or board of elders, or bishop, or Pope can do it. It is done by "GOD HIMSELF."

The verb "SANCTIFY" in the Greek is in the aorist tense. That means that God does it in an instant of time. All the Greek grammars and the learned modern commentators tell us so. Bishop Ellicott: "The aorist tense denotes singleness of action, instantaneous perfecting in love." Dr. Daniel Steele says, "It means instantaneous sanctification." So say Bishop Westcott, and Lightfoot, and Dean Alford, and Dr. Agar Beet, and Augustus Meyer.

But all this rules out forever the favorite "GROWTH THEORY OF SANCTIFICATION." Nobody ever GREW into it or ever will. It is not taught in the Greek Testament. It is not in human experience. IT IS NOT GOD'S WAY.

IV. HOW COMPLETELY DOES GOD SANCTIFY?

The very God of Peace sanctify you WHOLLY." The German Bible translates it "THROUGH AND

THROUGH." "And I pray God your whole SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY be preserved." (1 Thess. 5:23). This means that we are to be cleansed and sanctified, NOT at death, nor after death, but NOW, in this life, while still in the body. "The oath which He swore unto Abraham our father to grant us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, should serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him ALL OUR DAYS." This means that our BODIES are to be sanctified, cleansed from all unholy appetites and abnormal passions, like the passion for whiskey, tobacco, morphine, cocaine, opium and the like; and that all the innocent natural appetites will be purged of the EXCESSIVE and ABNORMAL and made obedient to reason. The body will then be the temple of the Holy Ghost. The "SOUL"—all that we have in common with the lower animals, but in a higher degree—can be sanctified.—our thought power, and desires and emotions, and the "SPIRIT" can be sanctified. The lower animals do not have this faculty. It is that by which we know God and our obligation to love and adore Him. This puts us in touch with angels and the spirit realm. These three—SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY—are all there is of us. All may be sanctified and be "preserved blameless."

V. NOTICE THE PROMISE.

"Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it." (1 Thess. 5:24). Do what? SANCTIFY YOU WHOLLY—What St Paul prayed about in the previous verse. Here then is the promise that Jesus will sanctify. We know He will do it, if we are willing, because:

1. Jesus prayed for it (John 17:17).

2. He died for it. "Christ loved THE CHURCH and gave HIMSELF FOR IT, that He might SANCTIFY IT, having cleansed it."

3. It is His will. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification."

4. He calls us to it (1 Thess. 4:7).

5. He chose us unto salvation through sanctification (2 Thess. 2:13).

3. He baptizes with the Holy Ghost for it (Matt. 3:11).

7. He is able to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25). "His blood cleanseth from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

VI. HOW DO WE OBTAIN THIS BLESSING?

1. We feel our need. "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matt. 5:3).

2. We hunger and thirst. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst" (Matt. 5:6).

3. We pray for it. "The Holy Spirit to them that ask" (Luke 11:13).

4. We obey in absolute surrender. "The Holy Spirit to them that obey" (Acts 5:32).

5. We consecrate all. "Present yourselves unto God" (Rom. 6:13).

6. Last of all BELIEVE. "sanctified by faith" (Acts 26:18; Acts 15:8-9). BELIEVE that Jesus accepts our consecration and sanctifies us. God warns us not to reject sanctification (1 Thess. 4:8).

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