

# 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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## WHAT WILL YOU DO WITHOUT HIM?

I could not do without Him!  
Jesus is more to me,  
Than all the riches, fairest gifts  
Of earth could be.  
But the more I find Him precious  
The more I find Him true,  
The more I long for you to find  
What He can do for you.

What will you do without Him?  
Is He not kind indeed?  
Did He not die to save you?  
Is He not all you need?  
Do you not want a Saviour?  
Do you not want a Friend?  
One who will love you faithfully,  
And love you to the end?

What will you do without Him  
When He hath shut the door,  
And you are left outside because  
You would not come before?  
When it is no use knocking  
No use to stand and wait;  
For the word of doom tolls thro' your heart  
That terrible, "Too late!"

*By—Frances Ridley Havergal*

## THE SAVING SACRIFICE.

The Apostel Paul says, in the first chapter of Rom. and the sixteenth verse, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every man that believeth."

The gospel of Christ is just as powerful to-day, to save men and women, as it was the day that Bro. Paul uttered those words. The reason why so many are unsaved, to-day, is because they do not believe the gospel which proceeded from God, and was manifested in the world through the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus came into the world He declared Himself to be "the WAY, the TRUTH, and the Life." The Apostle, Peter, in speaking to the high priests and rulers, about Jesus, said, "This is the stone that was set at naught, by the builders, which is become the head of the corner." He also states, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4: 11-12. Thus could Jesus truly say, "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10: 1. According to the Word of God (it cannot be broken) it is a fruitless search for one to look to another source but Christ.

We realize, with assurance in our souls, that there is no hope for a man outside of Christ, and our hearts are touched with pity when we behold the mass of people rejecting Christ, and the only atonement for their sins. Satan is so binding the majority of people that they are seemingly satisfied with a profession. His preachers and teachers are everywhere—many of them are preachers of righteousness; but as the scribes that Jesus spoke of, "They say and do not," and having a wrong spirit, they make converts like themselves. For this reason we find the bulk of men saying, "Lord, Lord; but do not the things that I say." This is a bad condition. It draws on our hearts to sacrifice time, talent, and all, that some precious souls might be pointed to the Christ and His gospel to save from sin, from the rule and power of Satan, and thereby gain true holiness of heart.

The mission of Jesus, to this earth, was for the purpose of giving Himself as a sacrifice for our sins, so that we might have PEACE with God through Him. His work is finished, or completed, upon the cross; and every individual soul that will accept His pure blood, as an atonement for their sins, will be counted pure and holy by our righteous Father. There is no other blood that can atone for our sins. The blood of Christ was without spot, without blame, was holy, pure, and innocent; for He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth; therefore the Father looking down upon us and seeing us, by faith, covering with His innocent

and blameless blood, accepts us as innocent and blameless children; and sends PEACE, JOY, and COMFORT into our souls. As we walk in the light which He shines into our hearts, we will continue to retain that peace and assurance in our souls.

Dear sinner friends, there is no covering, that will hide your sins from God's piercing eye, but the cover which Jesus has supplied for every soul that believes. The cover which He supplied for us was His blood, that wicked hearts wrung from Him on Calvary's Cross. Faith in this blood will banish your sins from you forever, will be a shield through every onslaught of the enemy, will take away the soul-dread of death, causing praises to issue forth from your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, who suffered in your stead and set you free from the powers of Satan, to have communion and fellowship with God, our faithful Creator, with an assurance in our soul of eternal life.

Dear soul, you who are tossed about by Satan, you who are broken in spirit, grieved, and longing for you know not what, you who are weighted down with a heavy load of sin and guilt, we beg of you to come to Jesus, lay it all at His feet, accept His sacrifice which was made for your transgressions, and be set free to walk with God. Jesus will not hide His face from one coming to Him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Rely upon His work, which was done for you, as a helpless child and you will find rest unto your soul.

When the wicked men slew the Lord of Glory, the Christ, the Son of God, they got permission of the governor to place his seal on the mouth of the tomb; they secured a watch, placing soldiers on guard; but during the morning hours of the third day, the mighty power of God was manifested, and the angel came down from Heaven, broke the governor's seal, rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. The keepers did shake and fall upon the ground as dead men; thus Jesus came forth, with victory over His enemies, because He trusted in the living God. The Scriptures teach us that He ascended to Heaven, and is at the right hand of God as our great High Priest, and is touched by the feeling of our infirmities.

In Hebrews 7: 24-25 we read, "But this man, (speaking of Jesus) because He continueth ever, hath an unchangable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

As you show faith in the blood of Jesus, as an atonement for your sins, He (Jesus) will plead your case to the Father and you will have peace, with God, through Him.

In the fourth chapter of Hebrews, beginning at

the fourteenth verse, we read, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

So, by these Scriptures, we see that He not only saves us to the uttermost, but is ready, as a great high priest, to help us all along the journey of life, will succor us in time of need, will deliver us out of trials and perplexing things, will make a way for our escape that we may be able to bear all things that the enemy brings against us. Oh, blessed thought, dear soul; have faith in God, Christ is not dead, but is *risen*, is alive forever more! Look to Jesus and *live!* His blood atones; His compassion and love is toward us for, "*God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now (at present) justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*"

Believe, yield, submit, and follow Jesus for He is the light, the "TRUE LIGHT" of this dark world. Do this and your end shall be PEACE WITH CONTINUAL BLISS.  
—Fred Pruitt.

#### JESUS

Jesus for you on the cross,  
Forgiving all transgressions;  
Ending there the sinful man  
With evil dispositions.

"*Baptized into Jesus Christ.*"—Rom. 6: 3.

Jesus for you on the throne,  
Is interceding ever—  
Saving to the uttermost,  
So you need fail—no, never.

"*He ever liveth to make intercession.*"—Heb. 7: 25.

Jesus with you all the way,  
Directing and restraining;  
Sympathetic, strong, and true—  
Comforting and sustaining.

"*I am with you always.*"—Matt. 28: 29.

Jesus for you when on earth,  
Revealing holy living,  
Living an example true  
Which you can take, if willing.

"*Leaving us an example that ye should follow in His steps.*"—1 Peter 2: 21.

*Sel. by Alice E. Bain.*

—P. R. NUGENT.

## OUR FIG TREES.

"A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none."

Then said he unto the dresser of the vineyard, "Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and found none; cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?"

And he answering, said unto him, "Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it; and if it bear fruit, well, if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." Luke 13: 6-9.

The dresser of the vineyard—our blessed Saviour, our Advocate before the Father—how tenderly He busies Himself in the vineyard, and not willing that any should perish. He interceded for the "fig tree" that had not borne fruit. "Father, I will attend to it especially yet a little while; let me prune it this one more time, and water it abundantly, and perhaps it, too, shall bring forth fruit."

And because the Father loves the Son—and you—He gives the offended fig tree another chance.

Then earnestly the "Dresser" digs about the roots, if perchance they have become rootbound by prejudice, bait, circumstances, or ideas. Patiently He digs until your quivering heart yields and the matter is settled for all time between you and He.

Then into the tree He bores, tiny worms of doubt, carelessness in worship, letting down on prayer and the reading of the Word, and are eating at the heart of the tree, the Master Gardener works on, not heeding your cries for deliverance from the pain, for those worms must be dug out, have you felt them at YOUR heart? He may be trying to fit you for service.

On some leaves He finds small brown spots of blith, little confessed sins, little irritablenesses which we have not taken to the Fountain of blood for cleansing—yes, they ARE small in our sight, yet the leaves curl and wither—and you cannot bear fruit with leaves like that.

Watering with showers of mercy and love, enriching the soil around you through many a heart-ache and sorrow and misunderstanding, feeding you with the Living Word—oh, fig tree, can you not see that the Master is trying to enrich not only your life, but the lives of others who may partake of the fruit when you have been brought to the fruit bearing state?

It may be the fruit of the Spirit He wants in you; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, meekness, temperance, etc., or it may be the fruit of faith, of works, obedience, or prayer; it may be to preach the Word, or just witness; it may be abundant fruit He desires or a small amount, but unless you are in a spiritual healthy condition and bear the fruit He means for you to, shall He not say, of you, some day, "Why cumbereth it the ground—cut it down."

Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation, the spirit is willing; but the flesh is weak—but He shall cause you to triumph through Christ, if you surrender all to Him and shall be the fruitful, well pleasing tree which He intended.

R. G. A.

## THE CRY FOR LIFE ETERNAL.

If a man die—will he live again? "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." Job 14: 14. These words were spoken by a man in the clutches of sore adversity. He was losing his hold on the things of time—health, home, family, friends, and wealth. They were all fast slipping away from him. He had come to the place where he saw the grim monster "DEATH" was staring him in the face. Surely it was time for one to think seriously about their condition; and I am sure that Job was serious about this matter when he asked the question concerning future life. That inquiry was not made in vain curiosity—it was the earnest desire of his heart to penetrate the future and see what was beyond this veil of tears. If the answer came back to Job, he did not record it; but we have the answer to this question in the blessed words of our Lord.

As we see Him, one day, nearing the home of some grief stricken sisters, who had just been bereaved of their only brother. We hear one of the sisters say, "Lord, if thou hadst been here my brother had not died." To these heart broken sister's words we hear the blessed Master say, "Thy brother shall rise again."

Martha believed her brother would rise in the Resurrection, at the last day, but this was too far away to afford much consolation. Jesus did not leave her in suspense—He brought that glorious Truth right down to a tangible reality when He said, "I am the resurrection and the Life." Thank God, and "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall NEVER die." In this we have only the clear statement of a future life—but that wonderful gift is standing before us in the person of Christ; not only so, but the gulf between death and the distant Resurrection-day, is bridged by FAITH in Him.

"He that believeth shall never die." Here is an answer to Job's question—an answer to humanity's cry for life eternal. This is the "torch light" of the Christian faith. It mellows the gloom that enshrouds the tomb, softens the grief of departing, and sweetens the pain of the broken hearted. This wonderful doctrine lifts the thought of death from the black despair to bright anticipation.

The day of immortality only exists for the *pure* and the *good*. For the wicked there is no happy promise here.

What more? Is it enough to know that we shall live again? We must find an answer. We do not crave any more misery and suffering. Thank God we have an answer in Rev. 21: 14, "And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for former things are passed away." Praise the Lord for such a glorious home that Jesus has gone to prepare.

Brethren, let us be faithful, and live so we can enjoy that eternal home, when done with the trials of life.

—F. L. Elefritz.

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## EDITORIALS

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On Sunday after-noon, February the fourteenth, a group of us went to the County Poor Farm, ten miles from Guthrie, and held a meeting for the inmates of that place; eighteen in number.

Our hearts were touched with pity as we beheld these dear old people. Several of them had only one leg, one poor woman was totally blind, another could not hear, and others were crippled and afflicted in various other ways. While this was heart sickening, and caused sadness, yet there was soul-sickness, and dead souls there that stirred our hearts, causing us to speak the Gospel plain and clear; showing them the awful damnation which is sure to follow a life spent in sin, also, the great love that God showed toward us in making provision for our salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, how needful it is for us to confess our sins here and let them go on, before, to the judgment how wrong it is for us to look at professors consoling ourselves with the thought that we are as good as them. We reminded them that we each had to give an account, individually, to God for the deeds done in the body—that sinning, more or less every day, is just as good as the devil wants—that such living as that would land them in hell-fire.

Satan has many, bound and held, in his clutches, for eternities night—poor, blind, and deceived souls that know not the work which was completed to set them free from the shackles of sin, and giving them a bright hope of eternal bliss and comfort forever. It is sad but true—Christ's work, suffering, death, and Royal blood poured out, was all in vain to a large portion of earth's inhabitants, for the simple reason that they reject Him and the atonement, which He made to release them from Santanic rule, with his crushing and afflicting and damning influences.

Another place that we visit regularly, to preach Christ, is the federal and county jail which is situated here in Guthrie. The other Sunday when we were there we were informed that there were fifty-two pris-

oners behind its bars—quite a congregation of very needy souls. The Lord has been very faithful in anointing and giving us liberty in lifting up Christ and His work for them. Once in a while a soul will see and seek Christ until Heaven is moved in their behalf, bringing light and liberty where darkness and despair reigned. Pray for these dear men that they may understand that Jesus is their friend—seeking only their good. Also pray for us that we may have power and strength given us to continue to proclaim Christ, both by word and through the printed page.

Oh, that men might know this their day and prepare to meet God. The wages of sin is death, damnation, and hell; but the gift of God is eternal life to all who will receive Him.

Satan's wrath is stirred against this work. He hates to see the simple plain gospel of Christ go forth through the printed page. As we stand firm against him in the liberty of Christ he rages much and, also, uses many clever and cunning tricks to oppress and discourage. He either wants us to be extreme and lawified, or compromise and pet worldliness. When we will not do either; but stand firm, in true holiness, he rages, threatens, and accuses, whispers and mutters, and poisoning all he can against us and the work which God has laid upon our hearts, in order to hinder and clog, if possible, the work of the Lord. But thanks be unto God, we know in whom we trust!

If we should lay aside our faith and confidence in God, and begin to do business in the form of men, it would be pleasing to Satan and his host of co-workers, and our battles and troubles would materially lessen, and if continued—would practically cease.

God has proved Himself to be greater and more powerful than all the powers of Satan and his dark kingdom; and, by His grace and strength, we shall wait upon Him and see His way of salvation.

Some few weeks ago we were much burdened because of the hindering powers of Satan. As we were waiting before God we opened our Bible at the second chapter of Rom. and the Lord filled our hearts and minds with the truth contained in the seventh verse, which reads as follows, "To them who, by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." Our hearts were encouraged to labor on—knowing that "continued well doing" will mean eternal life, a home of bliss and comfort forever; but the opposite doing will bring indignation and wrath. Let us agree with the poet, and gladly take the little that is left in the cup of suffering.

There is much comfort for the tried and tested souls, found in the ninety-first Psalms, fourth verse, which reads, "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." How precious to feel His feathers of love and care, and to know that His wings are spread out over us continually, hiding us from the vulture's eye, and that we can have His Truth buckled on us to shield off the fiery darts of the enemy.

Read the whole chapter, of Psalms 91, and let

your soul feed and feast on God's goodness and care for you.

God always has, and always will, bless those who give freely of their substance unto His work. In the twenty-ninth chapter of first Chro. we have record of David calling for material to build the house of the Lord—he said, "And who then is WILLING to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"—verse five. We find the people offered willingly and gladly unto the work, and gave a great amount of their substance with glad hearts. In the ninth verse we read, "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly to the Lord: and David, the king, also rejoiced with great joy."

David prayed, and the blessed Lord magnified Him greatly before all people. Just turn and read David's prayer, and see what great faith and confidence David had in God, whom we serve. Also see how little and near nothing he sees himself and others before God the great I AM. In the fourteenth verse we shall read and see how David considered the things which they seemed to possess: "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come from Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."

Now, as the people gave willingly to the building of the literal house of God, which is only a shadow of the spiritual house, how much should they be willing and glad to give liberally to the building of Christ's spiritual house (Heb. 3: 6) in this present world, which is the body of the Lord, and is much in need of being built up. Christ is the head, (Eph. 4: 15) we are members in particular, (1 Cor. 12: 27) He is the chief corner stone (1 Pet. 2: 6) and we are just stones of the building (1 Pet. 2:5). There is much need of stones being hunted out and fitted in the building; how much more are each of us doing to further the work? Do we hold what we possess as our own, or as the Lord's? Do we labor with an eye of giving to the Lord, or is it otherwise? These, and simular, questions, we ought to let search our hearts for our good and His glory.

The Word of God is for correction and instruction (2 Tim. 3: 16). We find many sickly and lean souls through personal contact, and many more thro' the mails. We want to ask such to turn to the 58th chapter of Isa. and read it through. Begin to obey its teachings and keep steadily at it, and in time, the discouragements, the blues, the disappointments, and in fact, all the ills of your soul will vanish, and you will flourish like a watered garden. God says, "Prove me."

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We are well pleased in the way that God is leading us on in the printing work. The greatest pleasure comes in knowing how God is working with the literature carrying the Truth to the hearts of the readers. Some are thereby being saved and others are getting light and knowledge, and are keeping saved and interested in heavenly things. While He is doing this, He is also increasing the mailing list, and the out-put of

tracts which makes more work and financial need to keep up the supply. But we see God as Almighty, having power above the enemy, as one who is just as able and willing to give a hundred dollars a day, as He could a dollar a day. He can care for a little work, and He can care, or supply, for a large work as it pleases Him. We mean by the grace of God to be obedient to His voice, and keep saved, whether that be doing little or much. Now thanks be unto God, who is able to make us more that conquerors through Him who has washed us in His own blood.

We have some of the little books, "God's Never Failing Promises," left. We are sending these out to our readers at fifteen cents each, post-paid. Order this book and feed your soul.

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Word has reached this office that Bro. Irvin H. Whitehouse has just closed a successful meeting at Patton, Pa. Several were saved, and the saints were much encouraged and built up in the Lord. We are glad to hear of young ministers being used of the Lord, for very few will yield wholly to the Lord for service.

Everton, Mo.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory:" I am still saved, and am on my way to Glory. I feel good in my soul this morning.

We have been having the Truth preached at this place for a little over two weeks. Two were saved last night and a number of them raised their hands, signifying that they wanted to get saved. How I did rejoice to see so many who were willing to make one step toward Jesus; for He is ready to save as soon as one meets the conditions. Glory to His holy Name.

The meeting was held by Bro. Oscar Willson and Bro. Haggard and wife—all of Oklahoma.

—S. M. Dimmitt.

Bro. W. M. Wilson's perminate address is at Canehill, Ark. He is a minister of the Gospel with much experience. Those, who are desiring meetings and other help, would do well to write to him.

Omaha, Nebr. Jan. 13, 1926.—Dear Sir: I am writing you in the interest of Pearl Staten, widow of David Staten.

In August 1925 the writer moved in an apartment house at 135 North 31st Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska. where David Staten was the janitor. About three months after that time David left Omaha and went to live at Yuma, Arizona.

During the short time I knew him, I felt convinced that he was a good Christian man, and when his wife informed me that he had died, I felt sad and sorry for his widow, whom I know, and who had very little means of support. David left no insurance and she has two adults and two children depending upon her for support.

After considerable telegraphing, I got the Undertaker Mr. O. C. Johnson of Yuma, Arizona, to consent to give David a nice respectable burial in the cemetery at

a cost of \$100.00—\$25.00 of this amount I have already sent to the undertaker, another \$25.00 of this amount has been sent by David's brother, who lives in Chicago, and I am wondering if any of the officials, or Church that David was such a devout member of, could help out in the balance of the funeral expense.

As mentioned above, I knew David but a very short time, but I felt a good man like him deserved a decent burial. Yours very truly, J. F. Forman.

The above letter was received from J. F. Forman of Omaha, who was personally acquainted with Bro. D. Z. Staten. We are not personally acquainted with Bro. Staten, but have corresponded with him for several years. His letters were spiritual and showed him to be self-denying and thoughtful of others. He was a minister of the Gospel, and it was right that he should have a decent burial. If any one feels moved of God to help bear this burden, you can send your offering to J. F. Forman, Kennedy Bldg., 19th and Douglas Sts., Omaha, Nebr. or to this office and we will send it on to him to help pay the expenses. —*Fred Pruitt.*

#### NOTICE!

Friendless, hopeless, isolated, shut-in, and discouraged. You will find a friend by writing to Bro. C. H. Gibbons at Faith Home, Mitchell, S. Dak.

#### GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

Bro. James Baker, who has been witness for the Lord for many years, passed away on the 22nd of Feb. 1926, at his home, which is here in Guthrie. He was a regular attendant at church services and often testified that he was ready to go whenever the summons come.

Bro. James Glasgow officiated in the funeral service, and G. W. Winn had a few words to say, as he was a near friend to the family and to Bro. Baker.

The text used is found in Job. 14: 14: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Bro. Glasgow went on to show, by the Scriptures, that there would be a resurrection of the good and of the evil; one to "life eternal" and the other to "damnation." He exhorted the living to prepare to meet God, that they might be resurrected to eternal life.

While we laid Bro. Baker's body away, yet he lives on, for he was a devoted follower of Christ. He had lived far beyond his allotted time, being in his ninety-fourth year. His footsteps shall be heard no more, his voice is stilled by death, his work is done, his crown is won: thanks be unto God who made the way for man to reach Heaven through the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved ones, and encourage them to follow their aged father in the way of righteousness, that there may be a great reunion in Heaven some day.

The measure of your desire, to see the lost world won to Jesus is; that which you are *now* doing and

what you have *purposed* in your heart to do for the saving of their souls.

We travel swiftly on to eternity; consider thou therefore thy footsteps, lest they be inclined to carry you, down the "broad road," to *DEATH* and *TORMENT*.

How easy it is to drift, along with the crowd, on the "downward road;" but it takes the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to travel the "upward road," for it is in the opposite direction and against the current of opposition.

God's Spirit dwelleth not in the heart of the proud and haughty. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall *not* enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18: 3.

By—*W. E. Q.*

Los Angeles, Calif.—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt and all the home folks: May the mercies and grace of the Lord Jesus, to whom alone belongs all praise, be bestowed within each of your souls as the need be.

I surely was glad for your good, encouraging letters, and to be edified and comforted with you all to hear of the good and righteous dealings of the Lord to all of you. Bless His name, for the heavens and the earth shall pass away, but the words He has spoken shall forever stand, and surely we can say with holy boldness, "The Lord is my keeper, therefore I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Praise God, for this does truly make anyone humble and wholly relying upon the Lord. I also got the good roll of the papers you sent and surely am glad to get them. They are food and encouragement to my soul.

Last week for two days, I felt much impressed to go by way of San Francisco, and I feel the Lord led me to decide to go that way, my soul has been at rest concerning it. I aim to stop on my way up there, also at Fresno, and perhaps at Lindsay, and aim to get to San Francisco two or three days before sailing, which, the Lord willing, will be Feb. 23rd.

Bro. Pruitt, I surely would be glad to be there with you in the printing of the Gospel, if I did not feel the voice of the Lord had called me. I am praying unto the Lord for you all and the work He has given you to do. I pray the Lord to richly bless and encourage dear Bro. Walter and so help him to yield unto the pure leadership and government of the Holy Spirit that he may be comforted in every time of attack from the enemy. Surely these are perilous times and we must take heed that no man take our crown.

Well I must close—will write more later, and will let you know if I can use more papers. May great grace and love and courage continue to fill your hearts.

Love and greetings to all the saints.

—*Robert Longley.*

Notice!—Before going to press, we have received a letter from Bro. Longley, dated Feb. 23rd, in which he states that he is at San Francisco, preparing to board the steam-ship to sail for Australia. He expects to stop at Hawaii for few weeks.

## THE WAY TO VICTORY.

Are you oppressed and burdened by the cares of life? Are you burdened so heavily that as one dear soul expressed it, "Are you pressed about to the breaking point?" Are your trials more than you can bear, and your joy turned to sadness? Are your dear ones still unsaved? Are your tearful prayers, entreaties, and constant pleas unanswered yet? Does your heart ache until it seems that death would be a relief; and your doubts, fears, cares, and trials, crush out the blessings God would give if you could only get your mind fixed on him and forget your troubles for a little while?

Look up, dear troubled soul; God is near, God is faithful, and He wills to help you. Only trust, and let Him work.

Don't give up to discouragement—hold the Father's hand! Remember, He loves us—He cares. Just when the night is the darkest, the trial is hardest, and the burden is the heaviest, Jesus' love is shown.

## FASTING

Do you fast? If not you are loosing some very precious blessings. Keep your mind on the Lord—fast, pray, and watch.

I have been so dull and loggy, spiritually speaking, and so given over to discouragements, that I was experiencing but little of Christian joy—when like a thunderbolt, out of a clear sky, came the news of a beloved daughter seriously ill. My heart cried out in its agony. God sent His blessed message for me to fast and pray. Doing so, I could but pray, more or less, for myself also—and not only did my dear girl get better; but God so wonderfully blessed me that I determined, then and there, to fast oftener; at least once a week. I began to do so, but God laid such a heavy burden on my soul for the salvation of souls, and tells me to fast and pray. It is becoming a regular thing every two or three days. Oh, such blessings as He pours out upon me! Truly, I do believe, if every one, who is troubled, tried, and burdened, or any one who loves souls and desires to see them won for God, that He would bless them in fasting and praying, as He does me.

It becomes a dear privilege instead of a trial, as it seems in some instances. Sometimes, as I go so often to pray, I feel badly, but telling Father about it, He sends a burden, and as I work and pray He plans out such a blessing that I can hardly contain it, and I am strengthened and refreshed. I can only praise Him for all His goodness to poor, unworthy, me.

Yours in Him, —*Birdie Mayo.*

## CHARITY

My beloved, my heart is grieved as I look around and see the lack of charity among God's people of every profession. God's Word says, "Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold," and we find it so today—but if we mean to be an overcomer, we are commanded, by the Lord, to love one another with a pure heart fervently. 1 Pet. 1: 22. Now, read Jas.

3: 13-18, "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge? Let him shew, out of good conversation, his works with meekness of wisdom. But ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above; but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strifes—there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Col. 3: 12-18. "Put on therefore as elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering: forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye—and above all things, put on charity which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

1 Pet. 2: 1-2. "Wherefore laying aside ALL malice and ALL guile and hypocrisies, and envies and all evil speakings. As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

1 Pet. 3: 8-9. "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; But contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover a multitude of sins."

1 Pet. 5: 2, 3. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking oversight thereof, not by constrain; but willing not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." When we are pastors over a flock we ought not try to boss and drive God's children or want them to look up to us as some one great, or as lords; but be an example to them by esteeming our brother more highly than ourself, and all be subject one to another and being clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

1 Pet. 5: 14. "Greet ye one another with an holy kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen."

1 John 2: 9-12 "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." 1 John 3: 10-17. "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain who was of that wicked one and slew his broth-

er—and whereof slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brother, if the world hate you. We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and we know that no murder hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God. Because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 4:6-13. "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of the Truth, and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and every one that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us."

1 John 4: 20-21. "If a man say, 'I love God,' and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother also. If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for them that sin not unto death." So you see we ought to have such charity, or love, for our brothers and sisters that when we see them doing something wrong, which is not an unpardonable sin, or a sin unto death, that we would get down before God, in earnest prayer, untill He forgives them. There is a sin unto death; I do not say that he shall pray for it. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not i. e., he does not continue in sin.

The word "sinneth" means; to continue sinning. You cannot apply that scripture to every one that the devil overcomes for a moment and causes them to do something wrong—that means; to keep on sinning every day and over and over.

We don't reach perfection all at once; but the Word says to go on to perfection—charity is the bond of perfectness. Col. 3: 14. Above all things, we need more charity. We all need charity enough to make us so near perfect that Jas. 3: 2 could be applied to our lives. It reads like this, "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

When we speak evil of our brother, or sister, we offend them. Now, read Jas. 4: 11-12. "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, speaketh evil of the law: and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one law giver, who is able to save and to destroy; Who art thou that judgest another?"

We read in Jas. 5: 7-12. "Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until He receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the Judge standeth before the door. Take my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." Rom. 13: 10 tells us that, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore *love is the fulfilling of the law.*"

Now read 1 Cor. 13: 1-8. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." And though I have the gift of prophesy and understand all mysteries, and knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity; it profiteth me nothing. (Here are the fruits of charity.) Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemingly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity; but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; charity never faileth."

If we will always use charity, instead of clubs, we will never fail to win those for God, who have once known Him and have strayed away; and can win sinners, who have known God. If we would use harshness we would fail; but CHARITY NEVER FAIL-ETH.

We who know God ought to be partakers of His divine nature. Read 2 Pet. 1: 5-11. "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge, And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness and brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." So you see it takes faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly kindness, in our lives, before we have the charity which we need. O, how we need more charity. May God help us all; "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

Just think what a blessed promise, "that we shall never fall," if we have enough charity in our lives. Charity, or love, is the fulfilling of the law of Christ. Bless His precious Name forever! Amen.

—Ellen Stephen.



# LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

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The following words are arranged so that they can be properly fitted for the music of "I Love Him." The tune, "I Love Him," is like that of "Old Black Joe" with the exception of a few minor changes.

## I'LL FOLLOW.

1. Once I was blind, and did not know my King;  
Once I was lost, tho' now on Him I cling,  
For thru' the Blood, from sin I am set free;  
His precioius love has saved my soul, and  
death did flee.

### CHORUS

I'll follow, I'll follow, the footsteps of my King,  
And ever to His throne my wants and  
wishes bring.

2. Once I was bound to Satan's sinful way;  
Once was deceived, and darkness seemed  
for aye;  
But now the Light has fallen on my path,  
I'll ever follow Jesus and be freed from  
wrath.
3. Thru' trials of life, my soul did long for peace,  
And from my heart, the bands of sin release;  
But now I've found a friend whose love so free  
Has purchased my redemption on Mount  
Calvary.
4. At Jesus' side, I'm walking day by day,  
And in the Light, I'll journey all the way;  
Then when life's work upon this earth is o'er,  
I'll gladly take my place in Heav'n forever  
more.

Words by—W. E. Q.

Utica, Pa.—Dear children, God's lambs of the fold :  
I have been thinking, and reading, this morning  
of the happy death of a little child. I thought, Oh,  
how much like the departure of our own dear little  
Clarence, who was nearly eight years old when he left  
us for his happy home above.

I am going to ask Bro. Pruitt to send, to you, this  
which I have been reading of the "Triumphant Death  
of a Little Child;" then I want to tell you more of lit-  
tle Clarence's sweet life and death.

His mind was perfectly clear to the very last. He  
knew that he was going to leave us and said, "Mamma,  
I would like to stay with you and papa; but I would  
like to go and live with Jesus and little brother Frank-  
ie. His little brother had left but a few days before.  
Little Frankie was nearly six years old.

The dear children had the Diptheria, and I wasn't  
as well acquainted with the dear Lord, then, as I am  
now; or I would have asked Him to heal and spare  
them. It is alright, for I know that they will be there

to welcome me when I get home. If he was with us,  
now, he would be fifty-three years old.

Dear little Frank so loved the Bible that his eyes  
would sparkle, and he would dance around his father's  
knees, so rejoiced to hear a Bible story.

I will remember his first day at Sunday school.  
The lesson was of Daniel in the lion's den. The teach-  
er said, "I suppose none of you little boys have ever  
seen a lion." The little fellow said, "Yes, I did—a  
great big black one over to Uncle Rah's house. Its  
name was Lyon." It certainly was the largest, and  
finest, dog that I ever saw. Of course the little fel-  
low thought he had really seen a lion.

Two younger brothers, Clyde and Will, were  
spared to be with us. What a great comfort they are  
to us now; coming home to see us often. We do thank  
the dear Lord for sparing them. Some of their dear  
children enjoy reading your letters in the "Faith and  
Victory." They give the papers to their schoolmates  
to read.

How I wish that all little children could hear the  
precious Bible read and explained to them as we do.  
How thankful we are that you have Christian parents  
to teach you to love God and to live for Him.

—Aunt Loey McKay.

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Guthrie, Okla.—To the children: Greetings in  
the blessed Name of our Lord, and Saviour, who has  
died on the cruel cross to set us free from sin, and the  
vain things of this world.

Jesus loves all of the little children. When He  
was here on earth He called the children to Him and  
blessed them. He desires each child to give their  
heart to Him while young so that He can care for, and  
protect them, and keep them out of many things that  
Satan would get them into, if they were not saved and  
under the protecting hand of Jesus.

May our dear Saviour bless and encourage each  
child, who is saved, and draw them closer to Him each  
day; and save the unsaved ones, is my prayer.

We have much to thank the Lord for. He has  
done so much for us. He is always ready to help and  
comfort each one who is in trouble.

I will close; with love to all the children who read  
this.

—Mrs. Mary Pruitt.

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Twitty, Tex.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: This  
Sabbath morning I take pleasure in writing, to you, a  
few lines.

This leaves me well, saved, and encouraged to  
press the battle on to the end.

The dear Lord can do more than we can think or  
ask. He always makes a way for our escape.

We need your prayers. I will close.

Your little Sister,  
Hattie B. Johnson.

## CORRESPONDENCE

AT SEA—Thursday night, Feb. 25, 1926. Dear Bro. Pruitt and all at "Faith Pub. House." I am glad and thankful unto the Lord, the Creator of the heavens and earth, to be permitted to send a few words of greeting from the waters. Tho', just at present, we are going toward San Francisco. This morning, about 2 A. M., one of the propellers, or something connected with it, was lost, and we had gone thirty-six hours out from San Francisco. It being about five days travel yet to Honolulu, they decided to return to San Francisco to have it repaired. I didn't retire till about twelve o'clock last night, as I was feasting on some of the Word of God, and slept soundly, and knew nothing of the change until this morning about 7 A. M. Nothing so serious—or the ship could not go at all; but I suppose they did not want to undertake the whole journey before getting this repaired. My soul and heart are at peace and rest in the dear Lord's care and not disturbed. Praise His blessed name!

The Lord gave such a beautiful, warm, and sunshiny day for sailing Tue. Feb. 23rd. When I awoke that morning, the enemy tried to present some thoughts that my going would be almost as being exiled; but immediately the Lord, who truly is a very present help in every time of need, comforted me and gave me the victory by bringing to my memory of how our beloved Bro. John was on the Isle of Patmos and there God permitted him to be so He could talk to him and reveal things to him.

The boat, "Somoma," left pier 37 at 2 P. M. Tue., with quite a crowd to bid their friends farewell as she loosed from the dock. Tho' my friends and loved ones were scattered in different parts of the country, as I began to think of them all, I had to weep quite a while too; and watched the city and outlines of the land as we moved out through the Golden Gate into the wide expanse of the Pacific. About 6 o'clock the dim outline of the land faded away and nothing but water all around. At this time there was quite a gale blowing, and the waves pretty high; but what was encouraging to me, and the Lord blessed my soul with the thought, was that the higher the waves the more beautiful was the rainbow as the sun shone on the spray. And, now, when the enemy comes with his fiercest floods, and the waves beat the hardest, God's rainbow of covenant and promises always crown, what seems to us, the hardest trials and tests with the beautiful fruits and graces of the Spirit; and we reap rich benefits to our souls.

I am just feeling fine and well, now, in body and, best of all is, that the dear Lord is surely fulfilling, and making very precious to me, "My presence shall go with thee." The first evening and night out, the swing of the ship made me dizzy, but after that was over I have been feeling well—to the Lord be all the praise!

The officers of the ship are very friendly and courteous, and the passengers seem to have a sense of awe more so than I think they would have on land.

Well I guess I must close. I surely trust that

all are well and the Lord is prospering in the work. Be much encouraged, for God is mindful of all labor of love that speaks or sends forth the Truth.

I must bid you farewell again, and the Lord be with you as a very present help. As ever and always your Bro. in Christ,  
—Robert Longley.

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Chanute, Kans.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all: Greeting in the name of our blessed Lord. May His richest blessings rest upon you all, His wisdom, His love, His understand, etc., etc.

A bit of this song has been ringing in my heart this morning, "May His tender love to me, Draw me closer closer Lord to thee. Trusting thee I cannot stray or ever ever lose my way."

It has been some time since I wrote to you or have heard from you, except through the little paper, which I have received off and on. I have been meaning to send some money, although I know you do not charge for it, nevertheless it takes money to send it out. I trust your other readers have been more prompt in sending in than I have.

The dear Lord is certainly, wonderfully, keeping me and helping me to stand in my little corner, to be, and do, the things He would desire of me. He is leading me deeper and deeper into the deep things of the Spirit. I am rejoicing more and more in my freedom in Him. I am looking unto the *perfect law of liberty*.

I agree with you in what you say about publishing a paper. You also said that we should not do so much deciding in the matters that belong to God. I will go further than that and say, "We ought not to do any!" God is a jealous God, and every one of His true children partakes of that jealousy for Him to be followed alone. The message, His true ministers are to proclaim, is found in Isa. 58: 6-13. You need not fear any body or any thing, if you are looking alone to the Lord. He will lead, guide, and bless your souls like a watered garden, and make you a great blessing to many.

I have been taking several little papers, published by different ones. Some good things in all of them, and some things they put forth, I do not agree with.

Would like so much to attend some of their meetings, if the way should open. I suppose it would, if the dear Lord should want me to go.

In Christian love,  
—Mrs. Ella Sain.

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Lincoln, Tex.—Dear Brothers and Sisters at the Faith and Victory Pub. House and those scattered abroad: Greeting in Jesus' dear Name.

This morning finds me sanctified by the grace of God. I realize that He is the way, because He said that, "I am the way, by me if any man enter he shall be saved."

Dear ones, I truly thank and praise God for Jesus and His precious blood. I thank Him for the deep desire, in my heart, to go all the way with Him.

I thank Him for the wonderful little Faith and Victory paper. It is great encouragement to my soul. The Faith and Victory paper is truly the gift of God.

He said in His dear Word that this Gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations and then shall the end come.

Bless His dear Name! I thank Him for His Word; for His Word is life; and I love to read it. He said, "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

O, how, I thank Him for the humble way of holiness.

Dear ones, at the Faith Pub. House, will you continue to send me the Faith and Victory paper?

I desire the prayers of the dear saints of God that He will ever keep me humble at His feet.

A Brother, looking to Jesus, —*R. L. Garcia.*

Neosho, Mo.—Dear Brothers and Sisters at Faith Pub. House: It is with much pleasure that I write this for the encouragement of others.

This morning finds me saved and satisfied with this straight Bible way. Our trust is in God. O, I am so thankful that I ever found this way. I realize that this is the way from earth to heaven.

The Lord has been so good to us. I have been awfully poorly. I had such bad spells that husband thought I was dying. He sent for some of the dear saints. They anointed me and prayed the prayer of faith, and the Lord raised me up. Praise His dear Name!

We are having prayer meetings Tue., Wed., Fri., and Sunday nights; we also have Sunday school.

I have been receiving the little paper, "Faith and Victory." Oh, how I do love to read the good testimonies. It is encouraging to my soul. Would love to continue receiving it—though we are poor in this world's goods; but rich in Glory.

A Sister in Christ, —*Mrs. E. J. Freeman.*

Clarksville, Ark.—Dear Sisters and Brothers: Greetings in Jesus name.

This morning finds me saved. Praise His dear Name! I have so much to Praise Him for. He has been so good to me. He saved my soul when I was only a little child. He has cared for me all through life; healing my body when I asked Him. Praise His Name forever!

Some times the way seems dark, and I cannot see my way through, He whispers to me, "Don't give up, I have trod this way before you, and I will bare your burdens, and go with you all through life even unto the end." "Therefore did He make my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover, my flesh shall rest in hope, because He will not leave my soul in hell neither will He suffer His holy ones to see corruption. Thou hast made known, to me, the ways of life, Thou hast made me full of joy with thy countenance."

Pray for me that I might endure unto the end; for, "He that endureth unto the end the same shall be saved."

I am enclosing an offering which to use to the glory of God.

Will you please continue to send the little paper,

"Faith and Victory," also, send me some of your tracts.

—*Vera Clark.*

Zadock, Ark.—Dear Brothers and Sisters at Faith Pub. House: Greetings in the precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I have wanted to write and testify to the healing of my baby. Little Mary Magdalene, who was severely sick last winter. Having something like rheumatism, her little feet and legs were swollen and seemingly so sore that she could not be touched without great pain. In fact, she had been sick from early fall until the latter part of winter.

She was over two years old then, and had never taken any medicine. I was trying to follow the instructions of my Bible which I believe to be the Word of our great High Priest.

The baby grew worse all the time though I was, I thought, earnestly praying for her recovery.

My husband did not believe in Divine healing as I did. His faith, it seemed, was more in medicine than in our Lord. I was so perplexed that I did not know what to do; for I wanted to trust and obey my King JESUS. Most of all I wanted self pleased, and my own desires granted, which was the healing of my baby. I could say, "Thy will, O Lord, be done; but, in fact, it was only from my lips instead of my heart.

I continued to pray, but she grew worse. I was so overcome by the temptation that I gave the baby a dose of Epsom salts; but I thank God that she vomited it up almost instantly. She grew worse, and I, like poor old Peter, was just about ready to give up in despair when our blessed Father, who was carefully and tenderly watching, put forth His hand and healed dear baby, and rescued me before I sank. Glory to His Name!

He had, before, wonderfully healed my body, and had also healed my children many times.

Dear people, we call ourselves servants of God; in reality, we are serving self—at least that is what I awake to find myself doing many times. When I think the old self is crucified and buried he will only be hid; crouched down in some secret place, and ready to do some great harm or claim some honor, which belongs to God, thus we rob Him. We find many people as myself. Only a few years ago I was redeemed by the blood of Christ. I called myself a servant of Christ; but in reality, I was only looking for, and expecting the great blessings which we receive. This was my greatest desire, not giving one bit thought as to whether I was worth anything to my Master or not, or whether I was doing anything to lift up our Savior on the earth and helping to exalt Him as He is exalted in heaven.

I am praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us though we are so unworthy of it all.

I want to state that the baby was almost instantly healed. There has never been anything wrong with her since; except a little cold. She is fat and rosy cheeked and is the picture of health; but no medicine has she taken.

So Brothers and Sisters, I am not good at all; but

I do think I have a good teacher, who is more ready to teach us than we are to learn.

Your Sister, —*Lissie Williamson.*

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Natchitoches, La.—To the dear saints abroad: Greeting in the precious Name of Jesus.

Oh, thank the blessed Lord that I have the blessed privilege, to-day, to witness that Jesus is our only Savior; for, of a truth, His blood has made me whole. Glory to His Name!

I was very sick, in April. The doctor didn't seem to help me any. I laid aside the doctor, and his medicine, and put my case in Jesus' precious care. I cannot tell you how sick I was, but I can say that I was very very sick and the Lord healed me. The Lord has done great things for me whereof I am glad.

One day I was going to visit a sick lady, and decided to take her a little package and twenty-five cents. My daughter asked me if I would take both; and I told her, "Yes, and more, too, if I had it; for the Lord would return it back to us according as we give it to Him." So I went on and gave what I had. On the way home seven dollars and fifty cents was given to me. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I mean to trust Him to the end.

—*Carrie Washington.*

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Ramah, Colo.—Dear saints: I am in receipt of yours of 24-25. I am sorry that I haven't answered sooner.

I am glad that you are still praying for me. I surely do feel the good effect of your prayers of faith. I haven't had a spell of asthma for two months, my general health is better, and spiritually I am much better. Oh, the united power of prayer. It is our duty to pray for one another. I pray, in my weak way, for you and those who have agreed with you.

I will send you a clipping, out of one of the papers, to show you conditions of some of the churches of to-day. Oh, it surely prompts every child of God to be often on their knees pleading for more labors to go into His vineyard, and consecrated to save this old wicked world. He has promised to give us the heathen. Have we asked?

Yours in Jesus' dear Name, —*D. C. Pettit.*

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Elora, Tenn.—Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear Name.

I am led by the Holy Spirit to write you. I am yet on victory's side with glory in my soul. I am standing for Christ, and no one but Christ, for He is my healer. I gave Christ my heart seven years ago, and I haven't seen anything to turn back for. I mean to go on, for it is so sweet to live for Jesus.

I am thanking God for Jesus' blood being applied to my heart. I and family have taken a stand for Christ. The enemy says that we cannot live without sin. I live for Jesus each day of my life. I thank God for salvation.

Thank the Lord for the fifth chapter of James, the thirteenth and fourteenth verses. "Is any afflicted among you? let him pray: is any merry? let

him sing psalms." Thank God for His wonderful working power in this present world.

I received the tracts, and we have read them through. They feed our hungry souls; the testimonies, too, were a feast to our souls.

I send the tracts out as God permits. Continue sending us tracts so we can hand them out to edify God's people; for we are in the vineyard, and He wants more workers in it.

I pray that God will keep the little paper clean. May God bless you as never before. Amen.

Your Sister in Christ, —*Mrs. J. M. McGrary.*

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Bonnerdale, Ark.—To the dear readers of the "Faith and Victory:" I feel that it would be pleasing to the Lord for me to write a little account, and explanation, of what a blessing your little paper, "Faith and Victory," has been to me.

It has been food to my soul. After reading the many sweet testimonies, and through prayer, I feel my burdens are all lifted from me.

Oh, dear saints, one and all, at the Faith Pub. House, will you please pray for me? It seems my trials and troubles are many, and it seems; at times, more than I can endure. Please pray for me, that I may continue feeling lifted up, until my soul is healed.

Being a widow, with one child, I find the way seems very hard at times. My husband died more than five years ago. The trials and the troubles are many. Oh, will you pray for us?

My daughter is, away, in school. She will soon be sixteen years old. I kindly ask you dear Christians to pray for her, that she may be kept spotless from this sinful world.

I feel, sometimes, the greatest burden of my heart is the welfare of my precious child.

I read the paper to my aged mother and she enjoys it so much. Would be so glad to get any Christian literature you may have as this seems to be a very wicked place. I will send an offering as soon as I can. Please continue sending the paper; it is such a help to us.

Please pray for us. I bid you God's speed in your good work.

From a friend, —*Sarah D. Webb.*

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Forest City, Mo.—To the dear saints: Greeting in the Holy Name of Jesus.

I will, this beautiful evening, write my testimony, as I feel it is the good Lord's will.

As another year begins, how my soul is encouraged to set out afresh for Heaven. I long to do more for the Lord, in the future year, than ever before.

How my soul doth rejoice in the love of God, and I truly enjoy walking in the strait and narrow way that Jesus trod. I have left all the world to follow Jesus with a determination to go all the way and make Heaven my eternal home. May we each live a pure holy life, ready to meet God at any time. May we never want our ways; but always be submitted to God, where He can use us. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which was

given you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" Oh, how grand to be so given over to God as to know that we are not our own; but that we fully belong to God, and that He has given us His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to lead us unto all truths and teach us all things. Praise the Lord for this wonderful salvation, *full and free.*

How I thank God that it was my privilege of knowing the Truth, and that I gave my all to God while young, and for the privilege of being a worker in His great harvest field. Pray for me that I be a soul winner for Jesus. How gracious it is to serve Jesus, how precious His presence to me, So onward I'll press and upward until His dear face I shall see.

A sister in the Lord, *Susie Whipple.*

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Blooming Rose, Mo.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory:" I am thankful, again, for the privilege of testifying for the Lord. He is still my help in time of need.

I am glad that I have left this world, with all its pleasures, to follow Jesus. I know that if we obey Him and live close to Him, He will be a friend to us in every time of need. He will not only be a friend to us in this life; but He will be with us when we leave this world.

I used to love the things of this world; but, since I came to the Lord, this world has lost its charm for me. When we serve the Lord we cannot love the things of the world, because the precious Word tells us, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2: 15.

We are glad when we find the way of life, and are glad that we have left the ways of sin, and turned to the Lord for pardon and peace.

It is my determination to go on, with Jesus, and to always live for and obey Him.

A Sister in Jesus, *—Mary Glover.*

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Auburn, Ind.—Faith Pub. House: Please find enclosed one dollar to use for what it is mostly needed.

I am still enjoying the reading of the Faith and Victory paper, for it is such a help to me. I would not want to do without it. Would be glad if it could come oftener.

I received the anointed handkerchief, and applied it in Jesus' Name and told the Lord that if He would heal me, I would write my testimony for the paper.

The Lord healed me of a bad cold that I took just before Christmas. I give the Lord all the praise for my healing. What a wonderful Saviour and healer we have. Praise His Name! *—Viola Timberlin.*

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Natchitoches, La.—Faith Pub. House; to the saints there and every other place: I, a redeemed servant of God, send you greeting in the precious name of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

This morning finds me praising God, from whom all blessings flow. I promised, and must tell some of what the dear Lord did for me.

In Sept. my oldest daughter left for high school. On her return for Xmas I found her in poor health.

She was poor, looked pale, and bad. She had suffered much with cold feet. When I saw her I felt so shocked and sad. \* In my excitement I tried some hot tea and foot baths; but within I felt condemned. Just about that time I received the "Faith and Victory." After reading it I fully decided not to use that any more. I never intend to use a doctor or any medicine. I told her that I wasn't going to use anything more.

I began fasting and praying until I felt God had heard and answered my prayer. After I put my whole trust in Him I waited patiently for Him.

Some of my friends advised me to get a doctor at once; but I had made a vow and I can't go back to try the least remedy.

Oh, just think, dear saints, to-day, she is fat and returned to school this morning. I can't, in words, tell how thankful and overjoyed I am. "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise."

Pray for me that I will "press on." I am on the King's Highway.

I am your Sister in Christ, *—Mary Shannon.*

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Norcatour, Kans.—Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus, to the saints at the Faith Pub. House and abroad: I am a shut-in and have been this way for three years. I love Jesus more and more each day, and I thank Him for the many blessings which He bestows upon me.

I hope that some day He will heal my much afflicted body—if it be His will—if not His will I must be contented with my lot in life. All things work out for the best to them that love the Lord. He knows His ways; and *His ways are best.*

I find much pleasure in reading the "Faith and Victory," and, also, the tracts. They are such good food for my soul. May He keep His dear saints, at Guthrie, encouraged to "press on" in His good work.

Pray for me that I may become more humble, have a closer walk with Him, give up all the vain things of this old world, cling to the God of Heaven, and that He may have His way with me.

May the Lord help each one of us to be prepared to meet Him in peace. Praise His Name forever!

*—Ida M. McCune.*

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Marshall, Okla.—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus.

I feel like sending my testimony to be printed in the "Faith and Victory."

First, I want to thank the dear Lord for peace and joy in my soul.

In 1871 the good Lord gloriously saved my soul. I was a wicked man before I was saved, and I was afraid to die, but when Jesus came into my heart there came a flowing joy. Oh, praise the good Lord!

While in Kansas, I went to a revival meeting and the Lord sanctified me.

In 1905 I came to Okla. and through Bro. Zeller, I came to a meeting where the full Gospel was being preached and I accepted it and was blessed.

Later on came a division among the people of God and I decided to stay with the brothers and sis-

ters that preached and practiced the whole Truth.

Oh, the Lord is so good to me. I am not worthy of His mercies. Pray for me,  
Your Bro. in Christ, —J. J. Boebel.

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Bosky Dell, Ill.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory." This morning finds me still trusting in God as my present helper in time of need.

What joy we find in serving our dear Saviour, who shed His precious blood to redeem us from sin. If the sinner would only turn and serve God—how much happier they would be. It is so dangerous to go on in sin, for we know not the day, nor the hour, when the Son of man cometh. Sinner, seek, you, the Lord, while He may be found, and call on Him while He is near. God is able, and willing, to save sinners. Harden not your hearts, for Jesus is coming when your cries will be too late. I pray that there will be more souls won, this year, than ever before. We feel that Christian prayers are needed.

This old world is getting in such a shape that it can't stand very long this way. What an awful place hell will be to spend eternity! It is enough to put conviction on any sinner; just to think of such a place.

I intend to serve God, for the rest of my days, for our time is not long on this old sinful world. Sometimes my way looks hard and dreary; but God is able to give us light.

I want the prayers of every Christian, that my husband may turn to the Lord, and help me raise my children as they ought to be. Pray for my brother and others who are in sin. We know that God has power to save them.

I pray that God will keep me true, each day, and when He is done with me, here, on earth, to give me a home in Heaven, where I will meet my dear mother and sister, who have gone to be with Jesus.

—Lillie Miller.

### THIRTY-THREE GOOD REASONS

WHY THE TOBACCO HABIT IN ANY FORM—  
CHEWING, SMOKING CIGARS OR CIGARETTES,  
OR THE USING OF SNUFF—  
IS A SIN

*"The writer of the tract, D. W. Griffin, a minister, is said to have lost his position in Conference because of his active opposition to the use of tobacco by Christian people.—"*

1. Because it is heathenish. It was first discovered when Columbus came to America. The Indians were its first users. When first exported to England, religious and civil society rebelled.

2. Because it is filthy. The breath, teeth, mouth, beard, shirt-fronts, sidewalks, carpets, floors, stoves, and spittoons are proof of this.

3. Because it is offensive. People are made sick from inhaling its fumes in stores, rooms of the sick, in taking the communion cup after the moustache of a tobacco user has been dipped in the wine; ladies soil their clean skirts by the amber on the street.

4. Because it is one of the strongest poisons—weakens the heart, impairs the mind, wrecks the nerves, poisons the blood, affects especially the weakest parts of the system.

5. Because your own system is against it, The body does not want it and rebels in paleness, sickness, vomiting. Usually it is forced on the helpless system.

5. Because you are ashamed of it. You abstain from using it in the presence of refinement and modesty, and hide your habit.

7. Because your better judgment is against it. You do not want your boys to chew tobacco nor smoke cigarettes, neither do you want your daughters to dip snuff.

8. Because it makes you inconsistent. You advise people not to do what you are verily guilty of, and would possibly whip your child for doing it.

9. Because it leads to falsehood and pretense. How often persons mislead others and falsify as to how much they use or what they use it for or as to whether they use it at all.

10. Because it is a waste of money, that could be used to clothe the poor, buy school books, educate the ignorant, and Christianize the heathen.

11. Because it is wholly selfish, used alone to gratify a self-made lust; benefits no one, and is therefore wholly contrary to the Christian spirit.

12. Because it breaks the first commandment. It is an idol, for most people pay vastly more to the tobacco god than to the God who gave them their being, and are therefore more devoted to it and are idolaters.

13. Because it enslaves men and women, giving them wrong conceptions of God and holiness, and makes God's highest creature the sensual slave of a poisonous plant, a rank weed.

14. Because the example is bad. Naturally it is easier to go downward than upward. Your example causes the young to adopt the same injurious, expensive, selfish, filthy, sensual, enslaving habit.

15. Because it has bad associations. Strong drink, the bar-room, the gambling hell, the bawdy house, obscene pictures, opium, the cigarette, the cigar, and the quid all together.

16. Because medical science condemns it. Its evils are shown in surgical books and rooms. No intelligent physician, void of prejudice, but what will say it is the enemy of the heart, lungs, nerves, eyes, blood, digestion, mind, and etc.

17. Because intellectual science is against it. Every state in the Union but Utah and Georgia have declared against it in their public schools. Some colleges will not accept a student that uses it.

18. Because governmental science is against it. Scores of young men were turned away by the medical experts from entering governmental service because they were diseased with the tobacco heart from smoking and chewing.

19. Because society is against it. From the first-class cars, waiting rooms, parlors, etc. it is excluded. Signs are posted against it, labelling it unclean, offensive.

20. Because fire insurance companies are against it, declaring it dangerous and harmful. O how many destructive fires the cigar and pipe have kindled!

21. Because so much of the leanness, sluggishness, disease, loss of vigor, and complain can be traced directly to tobacco and snuff.

22. Because it is especially the enemy of the poor, robbing their children and their homes of the comforts and necessities of life.

23. Because even the semi-civilized see its evil. The Japanese government and schools have enacted laws against it.

24. Because people feel condemned and get angry and resent and feel uncomfortable and treat you unkindly when spoken to about it. This is a sure sign that it is of Satan. Why want to change the subject if the thing is right?

25. Because experiences are against it. People have gone to the mad-house through its use.

26. Because it leads to drinking on the part of many. It is a false stimulant that drives the appetites to other excesses.

27. Because this growing demand for a poisonous, blighting stimulant is a sign of the decay of morals and the decay of the Gentile age.

28. Because the best people in the world oppose it. I have yet to see a holy man or woman that uses it. 'Tis not safe to set one's self against God's saints. The highest ideals are always best.

29. Because church organizations are rising up against it. Sentiment is growing to overthrow it in the churches. Some denominations will not license a minister who uses tobacco.

30. Because God and heaven and the angels are holy. Nothing unholy, unclean, that defileth can enter heaven. The tobacco appetite is unholy, unclean, defiled, and defiles.

31. Because its sale is solely to gratify the lust for gold. It supplies no need of life whatsoever; neither clothes nor feeds nor enlightens: is wholly a non-essential.

32. Because God's Word is against it. Read carefully the following Scripture texts: Gal. 5:19 (Tobacco is unclean and a lust of the flesh); Rom. 8:13 (Tobacco is living after the flesh); Rom. 12:1,2 (Tobacco use is conforming to the world); Rom. 14:21 (People are offended at those who use it); I Cor. 3:16,17 (Tobacco defiles these bodies); I Cor. 10:31. (Tobacco is not used for God's glory); II Cor. 6:16,17. Tobacco use is not separateness from worldliness); II Cor. 7:1. (You cannot use tobacco and be clean in flesh and spirit); Isa. 55:2. (Tobacco is spending money for that which is not bread); I Thes. 5:22. (Tobacco use is not abstaining from the appearance of evil); I Pet. 2:11. (Tobacco use is a fleshly lust, nothing short of it); Jas. 1:21,22. (Tobacco is filthy and a superfluity); Phil. 4:8. (Tobacco is not lovely, has not a good report, is not pure, and has no virtue).

33. Because excuses for using it are worthless. They are as follows: "What did God make it for?"

I'm not sure that God made it. Many plants and insects and plagues are the result of sin entering into the world. But if God made it 'twas either for worms or for some medical purpose. "What has become of the good people that have used it and are dead?" I know not.

—Sel.—BY F. M. Fuller

STAND FIRM IN THE TRUTH.

Dear brethren and sisters and fellow soldiers of the Cross: I feel we need to admonish one another to stand true and loyal, to God, in these last and perilous times when many are departing from the Truth; giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, speaking lies, in hypocrisy, and having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

Truly, we see this to-day, many poor souls have their conscience seared. They can do and say things that at one time they would never have thought of doing.

It seems, to me, that we can see Saul's life, as given in 1 Sam. 15th chapter, being repeated in our midst to-day—how that Saul, when in the sight of God, feared God and kept His commandments. We remember how he obeyed the voice of God, given in Ex. 22:18—how he put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards out of the land; and how he taught the people to fear God and serve Him.

But when Saul became more exalted, in his own sight, then we find his zeal, for God, is less, and his love for the praise of men more. He begins to try to please the people, now, instead of God. Like many people to-day are letting down the standard in order to please the people.

We see Saul at the head of God's army, Israel. He receives a commandment from God, who is King of kings and the Lord of lords, to go and utterly destroy Amalek, both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass, as given in 1 Sam 15:3.

Saul started out, and obeyed part of the commandment. He destroyed all the people; but Agag, the king, whom he spared. He spared the best of the sheep also, and the best of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but every thing that was vile and refuse they utterly destroyed. Now we with our human reasoning might excuse Saul, for this, as having a good motive in it.

He told Samuel, when asked why he did not obey the commandment of the Lord, that, "The people spared the best, of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord, and the rest we utterly destroyed." We might think, with Saul, that this would be all right, as he meant good—but God says, in Isa. 55:8,9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts (our human reasons), neither are yours ways my ways, saith the Lord; For as the heaven is higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." This is quite a comparison. Our human reasonings cannot change God's Word no matter what our intentions may be.

Saul really thought that he had obeyed God, for he answered Samuel, in the 20th verse, "Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag, the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites (verse 21), but the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams? For rebellion is the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast also rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king."

Dear brethren and sisters, let us be careful not to act stubborn concerning God's Word, and reject its teachings, for He will reject us as he did Saul.

Now, we hear poor Saul exclaim, no doubt in bitterness of soul, in verse 24, "I have transgressed thy words: because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now, therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me that I may worship the Lord. And Samuel said unto Saul, "I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected thee from being king over Israel." I fear that many of God's anointed are doing this to-day—they are allowing the people to partake of the forbidden things of the world, and are not crying out against such things. In Isa. 58 it says, "Cry aloud, spare not to lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Let us follow on after Saul, when he was rejected of God. How the evil spirit came upon him and made his life bitter, and those he used to love he hated, and even tried to kill them. Oh, the change that takes place when man rejects God. We see Saul perplexed and no one to help him. The Philistines came up to fight against Israel, and Samuel was dead, and God had departed from Saul—he had no one to go to for advice.

We now see him going to his servants whom, at one time, he taught them the fear of God by obeying His Word; putting witchcraft out of the land. Lev. 19: 31 and Ex. 22: 18. Now he says to his servants, "Seek me out a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her and enquire of her." This is just opposite to what the Bible teaches in Lev. 19: 31. "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards. Here we see Saul going against his better knowledge and light and to the very things he once destroyed.

Saul disguised himself and went to the woman by night. Surely he must have felt awfully ashamed. How he must have felt when the woman, or witch, said unto him, "Behold thou knowest what Saul hath done; how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?" How sad to hear Saul swear by the name of the Lord. "As the

Lord liveth there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing." At one time, when Saul feared God, her punishment would have meant death. Ex. 22: 18. Now he swears to her, by the name of the Lord, that she should not be punished. Oh, what a change!

So many people, to-day, who once warned the people of their sins, by the authority of God's Word, like Saul, have gone back to the things which they once destroyed, or taught against, not to accept it again.

Now we hear Samuel talking to Saul, 1 Sam. 21: 15. "And Samuel said unto Saul, "Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?" Just listen to Saul's pitiful answer, "I am sore distressed: for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do." How sad to hear Saul's answer to Samuel, and sadder still, is Samuel's reply to Saul; verse 16, "Then said Samuel, "Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? 18th. Because thou obeyest not the voice of the Lord, nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek therefore hath the Lord done this thing unto thee this day. 19th. Moreover the Lord will also deliver Israel, with thee, into the hands of the Philistines: and tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me." What a sad sentence for poor Saul to hear—that he had to meet death, too, to-morrow. Poor Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel. Oh, if Saul would only have heeded the words of God, Samuel commanded him to do, he would never have heard such a sentence from Samuel. Just think—banished from God forever for violating just one commandment.

Saul and his sons were not the only ones to suffer, but many Israelites were slain in the battle, and Israel was defeated. This is a very sad story indeed.

The worst of it all is, to know, that many of God's anointed, who used to preach those clear-cut sermons, on Babylon, and warn Israel of the enemies of God, and to warn the people to "*come out from them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing;*" but, instead, many are following after their ungodly ways. They are doing the opposite of what they once taught; like Saul, they have rejected the commandments of God. The result is that Israel has fallen into the hands of their enemy, and many are held captive, in sin, to-day.

We see that just this one violation, of God's commandments, by Saul, the leader of God's people, Israel, was very costly to Saul and, also, all Israel. Poor Saul lost his life, and worst of all—he lost heaven. His sons were ushered into eternity, and Israel suffered defeat. Brethren, to-day, this is being repeated, by many, and truly the cause of God is suffering defeat.

Brethren, may we all be very careful to hearken unto the voice of God, and obey "all" His commandments, and do our duty to God and man is my prayer.

Yours in Him,

—Chas. L. Houck.