

Faith and Victory

Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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

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THE WAGES OF SIN

A wail! a wail! rends the sulphuric air—
A wail from hell; dear soul, how came you there,
A wail, through all the ages of eternity—
Sad wail, in bondage, to never more be free.

A wail so sad, still others drown your cry,
A "shrieking" of the demons, which can never die,
A writheing 'neath the liquid fire and foam,
Ten thousand miles from God, or friend, or home.

No one to bring a drop of water there,
No God to hear your oft repeated prayer,
No mother there with broken heart for you,
No soul on earth to care for what you do.

Why did you choose poor soul the way of death?
Inhaleing liquid fire at every breath;
Then being there ten hundred thousand years,
There 'll be no less to stay, no less of tears.

God's people whom he loved you did reject,
Salvation that He offered would neglect;
The Holy Spirit came to woo you on the way,
Also; you put Him off from day to day.

Did you not know the wages paid for sin?
And that the devil waiteth for the souls of men;
Ah, yes you knew,—you ment to turn some day,
But 'twas so hard to leave the great broad way.

Alas! how sad forever—is your plight,
To spend eternal ages in hell's delusive night;
Why are you there? Poor soul I'm sure you know;
Yes, I've rejected God, there's no where else to go.
—Ethel Meadows.

FEAR GOD

By observation we know the mass of people living upon, and receiving nourishment from God's earth are ungodly in one manner or another, void of the real fear of God, supporting themselves with their own deceivings, thinking within their heart "I am just as good as the rest of them," measuring to their own standard and casting aside the standard of

God's word which will judge us in the last day. Listen, dear reader to the words of Jesus, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12: 48.

Some one may say: "I have not rejected Him" yes, you have rejected Him insomuch that you have not received His words, if you had of received His words into your heart it would cause you to cease from all ungodliness and make you as one dead to sin and the world and alive unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The receiving of Christ's words into your heart will cause new life to spring up and holiness of life in deed and in truth will be the result and you will cease to measure your life by your unholy neighbor, or deacon Smith, or preacher Jones, but you will look into the perfect law of liberty (the Bible) and study the acts and deeds of Christ and the inspired apostles and if you will "get your eye on Jesus, and keep it there" you will become wise unto salvation with holiness of heart and life. Satan has got many church members for you to stumble over and to measure yourself by, he would point you to them, but Jesus says "I am the way the truth and the life" (John 14: 6). do some thinking for yourself dear friend and look these facts squarely in the face, do not continue to be blinded by the enemy of all righteousness but consider your own corrupt, ungodly ways in contrast to the pure blameless life of Christ and see by the word how that Jesus is ready to destroy the works of Satan out of your heart, (1 John 3: 8), to give you a heart of flesh, (a tender heart) to put His spirit with'n you, to cause you to walk in His statutes, and ye shall keep His Judgments and do them. Read Ezekiel 36: 24 to 29.

God's book tells us that "The way of the transgressor is hard" (Prov. 13: 15). By experience and by observation we have found this statment to be true, no person that is in friction with their creator is at peace and the way they take is hard inspite of outward appearance and the end will mean damnation and misery for all time to come; the wrath of God abideth on that soul that rejects Christ, the lamb of God, and

the blood as an atonement for his sins; for God has prepared no other way for souls to enter heaven, "He hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isiah 53: 6). We cannot walk with God unless we agree with Him. (Amos 3: 3). Let us not be foolish enough to try to persuade God to walk with us in ungodliness nor deceive ourselves by thinking that he is with us while we continue on in sin. In Jesus Christ His Son He (God) gave a sinless, blameless, innocent sacrifice and all who will appropriate this sacrifice for their need, Will be made blameless and innocent even as he was.

The full mission of Jesus Christ to earth was to bring us, who had gone astray, back to God, covering our sins and iniquities from the eye of God by His own blameless blood, redeeming us from all iniquity and purifying unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (Titus 2: 14). Consider this scripture, "Zealous of good works" not to do evil, but zealous to do good.

Now the way to find God is to begin to obey God's word, "Godly sorrow bringeth repentance" one who is sorry because he has and is transgressing the laws and pleasure of God will ask God to forgive them and if he really fears God he will begin to do God's will and pleasure, taking Jesus for his pattern or example he will continue to walk in truth as he receives knowledge and understanding. To fear the Lord is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding, (Job 28: 28). "Depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." Psalms 34: 14. "Depart from evil and do good; and dwell forevermore. Psalms 37: 27. "A wise man feareth and departeth from evil; but the fool rageth, and is confident." Proverbs 14: 16. "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil." Proverbs 16: 6. By these scriptures we clearly see that it is those that fear the Lord who turn from evil, they have wisdom and understanding and blessings from God will over take them as they continue to walk in truth found in His word.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will shew them His covenant." Psalms 25: 14. "Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy." Psalms 33: 18. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Psalms 34: 7. "O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him." Psalms 34: 9. "Surely salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in the land." Psalms 85: 9. "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him." Psalms 103: 11. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord

pitieth them that fear Him." Psalms 103: 13.

"He hath given meat to them that fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant." Psalms 111: 5. "He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them." Psalms 145: 19. "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10: 28.

Now turn with me to the thirteenth and fourteenth verses of Ecclesiastes and let us read. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

It is not hard to see from the scripture what God requires of His created beings and yet so few fear God sufficiently to become godly and to continue in godliness, oh, the awful doom of those that will not receive Christ, who turn away from God's offered mercy and line up with rebels and every evil working spirits that are choosing to be tormented through all time to come, the greatness of it is shocking when we think of the meek and lowly lamb of God suffering so much to free us from Satan's control, to think that He has completed a full salvation for every man and bids all to come unto Him and find rest, peace and joy in this life and in the end heavenly bliss throughout all eternity. Why halt you between two opinions, choose Christ and have life forevermore.

—Fred Pruitt

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Hammond, La.—Dear saints, just a few lines: As I want to send my testimony, as I have never sent any before. The Lord has impressed on me this day to write a few lines; I cannot do very much, but I will do the best I can.

I am glad to say I am saved and sanctified; my whole heart goes out to God, every thing I have is on the altar for God. I have been saved three years; trusting God for every thing. I can truthfully say, there is nothing sweeter than salvation; the Lord is my helper and guide. I praise the Lord for ever-thing He has done for me.

Dear saints I am asking for all of your prayers for my eye. There is some thing the matter with it, do not know what it could be, has been a small lump on it since last July. I know God can heal, I know there is nothing impossible with the Lord; I'll ask the prayers of all the saints that I will be faithful to the Lord and fill my little place for Jesus. I have made up my mind by the help of Jesus I will live for the Lord, live or die, go through at any cost. Pray for me.

—Mrs. Etta Averette.

MEN, BRETHREN, AND FATHERS

Stephen in Acts 7:2, and also Paul in Acts 22:1, addressed the assembly before them as, "Men, brethren, and fathers." Men are plentiful, brethren (in the Lord) are scarce, and fathers are very rare. But thank God that He has His people in every nation. He knoweth them that are His: those who fear Him and work righteousness are accepted of Him. When I got on board the ship coming from Samoa to Fiji, that afternoon several of the crew of the ship were on deck speaking with me, asking questions about Samoa etc., which led into speaking of the Lord, the Scriptures, and God's plan of salvation through Christ. I found them to be men from varied and scattered places, some showing the lasting influence of a good home rearing, but the sad state was the restless, dissatisfied condition of their hearts and souls. They respected me though, and became very friendly as we talked in common heart to heart. One dear man, as I was speaking to him of God's Word and His love, and I tried to get him to express himself as to his own condition, he said if we were alone on a mountain some place he would open his heart and speak freely to me, but among all the other men he did not want to confess the Lord. We know that Jesus has said, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38). That night I was a little sick, as the sea was rather rough, and some of these men brought me some fruit to eat. As I lay praying and meditating, my heart yearned to help these dear men get acquainted with Jesus and have the longing of their souls satisfied with the companionship of the Lord and the indwelling of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, and I experienced a deeper insight into the greatness of His love in tasting death for EVERY MAN.

But there are men of whom Jesus says to beware. There are men who come in sheep's clothing, feigning to be brethren: as Paul said he was in perils among false brethren,—but only men. Men are selfish, treacherous, deceitful; brethren are filled with charity, God's love, can be trusted and will not deceive you. Men, most of whom have a form of Godliness, are "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." Brethren, being partakers of the divine nature, naturally follow the rules of God's love shed abroad in their hearts: 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" (1 Pet. 3:8-9). God, through His servant David said, "Verily every MAN at his best state is altogether vanity" (Psa. 39:5). Man with all the highmindedness of the things of this world that can be attained, self-morality, or righteousness, is as vain as a soap bubble. But let any man "come to himself" be converted and become as a little child, count all things but nought

that he might have the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, he becomes born again, a new creature, passing from a dead man in trespasses and sins, to a brother alive in Christ. "We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." Praise the Lord for the regenerating power of His precious blood and the sanctifying, preserving power of the Holy Ghost.

Just because a man preaches, having ever such good words and fair speech, is not always a proof that he is a brother (in Christ). These are days when men are transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. Brethren are those called and transformed by the power of God through the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Paul said, "Let no MAN deceive you by any means." The love of money, pride, jealousy, preeminence, the deceitfulness of the vain things of the world and the flesh, are powers in the hands of Satan to cause brethren to fall away. So let us remember the words of our Lord and Master, "What I say unto you, I say unto all: WATCH!"—and pray, wrestling against the powers of darkness and spiritual wickedness by the power of the Holy Spirit within.

Real brethren can easily agree and work in harmony, each filling the place God has assigned in His Body. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments" Psa. 133:1,2.

Fathers, through experience and time, having been taught them selves by the Holy Spirit, give good and wholesome counsel and advise to us younger ones. Paul was well acquainted with the devices of Satan as well as the true workings of the Holy Spirit. By reason of use he had his senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Therefore we read, "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand INSTRUCTORS in Christ, yet have ye not many Fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel" (1 Cor. 4:14,15). Many may be able to teach or speak in word, but it takes the power of the Holy Spirit within, shedding abroad also the pure love of God and passion for souls, to cause the gospel to be effective to bring forth sons and daughters. We are told to "Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father." But let us remember also that an elder or a bishop, as the steward of God, must be blameless, the husband of one wife, ruling well his own house etc., and holding fast the faithful WORD, as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers."

Finally, pray for me, dear saints, that I may be faithful and devoted to our Father's will. The harvest here is needy and great and laborers are few. But God's people are praying for more laborers, and our God answers prayer. Praise His name. "Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose." In love to all I remain your brother in Christ.

—Robert Longley.

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EDITORIALS

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Those who want a roll of the July papers or of this issue can get them by letting us know, as we have printed extra copies for this purpose. If you love your neighbor as your self; do all you can to get light and knowledge to him that he too, may be able to escape the sad reward of the unbeliever. We believe this issue to be a good one to point souls to Jesus and His blood as an atonement for man's sins. Belief in the atoning blood of Christ is the door-way to heaven.

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We are doing all we can to get true holiness before the people and we desire the co-operation of every saved soul that this truth will find its way into every home in the land. We know that there is nothing that will bring more joy and happiness than real Bible salvation and thus we, that means you and me are engaged in the greatest and the most important business in this earth.

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We have just returned from the State Camp-meeting that was held at Oklahoma City and our souls has been refreshed from Fathers table as some of the messages were chuck full of good wholesome food, were very refreshing and appetising.

The meeting started off good and was good in a general sense throughout, and the saints got some clear cut teaching that ought to strengthen, settle and unify. The attendance was pleasing as there was often more there than could be seated under the tent, and we were glad to meet so many of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. On Thursday night the Lord touched the hearts of many and the altar was filled with seekers, many crying to God for mercy and we witnessed the bright faces of those that repented and believed for their salvation.

We enjoyed a missionary talk by Bro. Gardner of the Samoa Islands, which was very interesting and helpful as he had on display a great variety of things made by the native Samoans, consisting of fans, baskets, mats, skirts and other wraps which were hand

made from the bark of trees; and much of the cloth was beautifully painted but no two alike as they do not copy much but each one has their own design and paint accordingly. He also had a display of shells, beads and clubs. Bro. Gardner is very much interested in missionary work and spoke with much earnestness and clearness the situation and of his love and concern for the heathen of which so many have never heard of Christ, have never been touched by His love as there is so few that carry this love there to manifest it to and before them.

Saturday after-noon was taken up mostly by observing the ordinance instituted by the Lord: First, there was nineteen baptized in water as Jesus was baptized of John and as the Ethiopian was baptized by Philip; going down into the watery grave, buried and coming forth, resurrected, giving a picture of a work wrought in the heart by the Spirit of God; signifying death to sin and resurrected life from God, a solemn and beautiful picture when properly understood. Bro. Helm of Anthony, Kans. officiating in this service. Later the ordinance of bread and wine and feet washing was observed by more than one hundred and twenty followers of Jesus. These services are precious and refreshing to the souls of those that discern the body and understand the motive of Jesus who instituted them.

There was ministers and workers from California, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas together with a large number from this state and we are persuaded that all these will go to their homes to labor with more courage and strength than would be possible if they had not of attended this Camp-meeting. May God's rich blessings be upon each and every one of our prayer and hearts desire.

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Bro. Helm and wife of Anthony, Kansas, Bros. Kriebel, Gardner and Bro. and sister Herfuth of Calif. are visiting us for a few days. They have attended the Camp-meeting at Oklahoma City and are on their way to the Carthage, Mo. Camp-meeting, except the latter two who will return to California. May the goodness of God follow them.

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We have been much encouraged by the goodness of God since sending out the July number of Faith and Victory as many souls have written us warm hearted letters telling how God was giving them light and knowledge through the literature and how the faith of others were increased to know of some who taught and practiced true holiness which was bracing and strengthening to their souls. May God's Spirit continue to work with His truth and be a rebuke to Satan and His agents.

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In the July number we made mention of the larger press that was needed for the supplying of this literature for the people and one sister writes that we can count on her for \$100.00 or more, another brother sent in \$500.00, another sister sent in \$10.00, together with other smaller offering which are being placed in a saving Bank for safe keeping until the necessary a-

mount is supplied when the press and other needed machinery will be purchased, installed and set to work printing messages of truth to our fellow creatures.

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In this issue we have a portion of an article entitled "Financing the Kingdom" taken from "Nature and Life Magazine" which seems real good for those that are lame here on giving of their substance; as we know that if saved people would be careful to give as it would please God that the gospel would find its way into many, many places where there is nothing but sin and wickedness now. We once heard of a sister that arose and testified that she was glad she belonged to the Church of God and went on to say that she had belonged here for fifteen years and it had only cost her twenty-five cents in all that time. If we could fully realize the great cost of our redemption and how it can not be compared with corruptible things such as silver and gold, these things would fade away with a burden for men and women that are lost, without hope and without God; and we would be gladly doing our best to rescue perishing souls.

We know that God talks to souls now who will listen to His voice, just as well as He did in Bible times; if a soul gets good and willing to give; God will show him where and how much to give. We could relate many instances to show how God will talk to souls that will listen and heed His voice. It seems that we are ready to forget that Jesus has purchased us, that we are not our own, that we are only servants and should wait and listen for His words. The Lord is not pleased with any thing short of a willing service; to make laws or rules to force people to give would be contrary to the spirit of Christ and would be no spiritual benefit to the giver. Christ set an example of freely giving and commanded "Freely ye have received, freely give." The love that Christ has placed in our hearts for lost souls ought to be the motive prompting our giving.

In Romans the apostle Paul said: behold the goodness and severity of God. We shall do well if we study to show our selves approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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The announcement of the marriage of Celena Ruth Lacue to Irvin H. Whitehouse was a surprise to some.

They are both well known young saints as sister Celena done good work in this office for a number of years and Bro. Whitehouse is a minister of the gospel.

We join with our readers in wishing them a long and happy married life with Christian love.

Their address is: 1302, S. Floyd St., Louisville, Ky.

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The demand has been good for the little book entitled "Steps to Christ" and we are glad to send them out. We are in a condition to supply you with this book at twenty-five cents each, Post paid. Quite a number have written us that it has been a good help to them. This book teaches the goodness of God to you in a way to melt your heart in tender love toward Him who has sacrificed so much for our redemption.

Sister Beatrice Spour writes us from Richwood, W. Va., 14, McCarty St., that they are in need of a pastor at that place. She believes that a good work could be built up there by the help of a spirit filled minister. They have a lot purchased to build a meeting house on.

Those interested can write to the above address.

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OBITUARY

C. M. White was born at Pueblo, Colo. on Aug. the 9th 1863. Was married to Mrs. Rebecca Wright at Sedan, Kans. on May the 16th 1888, died July the 26th leaves a wife, two step-daughters, five brothers and two sisters, a number of neices and nephews and many friends to mourn his loss.

Perhaps many of the saints will remember sister White, wife of Charley White as she is a devoted follower of Jesus. The funeral services was held at the Church of God chapel, conducted by writer. His end came suddenly as his wife found him dead in bed on the morning of July the 26th. As far as we know he left without being prepared to meet his Creator. A sad state, but let this be a warning to the careless.

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Gibbs, Mo.—Dear saints and all who may read this, my testimony: I have been waiting, thinking when I got better I would write. I have been sick over three years and suffer all the time, but God won't let me suffer more than I can bear. Praise His dear name, he has done so much for me and showed me so many things. When our darling Harry left us and went to live with Jesus it hurt me so bad. I asked God to show me if he was with Him, then I wouldn't feel so bad, then he came right in front of me with Jesus at his back and he looked down on me just like himself only so bright. Oh, praise His name that did me so much good dear saints, we must do all we can for God.

Oh, sinner friend, come to Jesus now, before it is to late. Jesus is coming soon and if you are not ready then it will be to late. I think Jesus will take me soon to live with Him where we won't have to suffer any more and there is no horses in heaven and no funeral aray. The grave digger's shovels are all laid away. I want to go there, that city so fair. I am bound to go there that city so near. Oh dear saints that are well, don't loose one moment but work for the Lord while it is day for the night will come when no man can work. Oh sinner listen to one that is saved and ready to go. Jesus is calling you to come to Him and be saved before it is to late. What a beautiful home it will be with Jesus.

May God bless you all, Good-bye.

—Mrs. Dona B. Brooks.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Dona B. Brooks, age 41 years 10 months and 7 days, wife of E. E. Brooks, died at her home 2 miles south of Gibbs on June 8, 1926. Death was the result of a complication of diseases. She had been in

very bad health for several years resulting in almost continual suffering.

The funeral was held at 909 S. Wabash. The Elder Stevens of Queen City conducted the services.

Mrs. Brooks was born in Cainesville, Harrison County, Missouri on August 2, 1884, the daughter of Perry Bush and Mira Bush McClain. She had been living on the farm south of Gibbs for 14 months. Previous to this she had lived in Kirksville for several years.

Surviving are her husband and her mother, Mrs. Mira McClain who was living with her at the time of the death of Mrs. Brooks. Four years ago she was converted and united with the Holiness church.

She leaves many friends in Gibbs and Kirksville who will be grieved to hear of her death.

CAMP-MEETING REPORT

The Lord be praised for one of the best Camp-meetings ever held in Oklahoma City.

The Camp-meeting of the saints, of the Church of God which was held in Oklahoma City on the saints camp grounds, corner of 3rd and Laird Sts., from Aug. the sixth to Aug. the fifteenth was enjoyed by everyone, we believe, as one of the greatest Camp-meetings ever held here.

The spirit of the Lord was on the grounds from start to finish. The big tent was pitched on Tuesday Aug., 3rd, and the saints in the City held their regular prayer meeting under the tent Wednesday night, and the Lord also started the Camp-meeting the same night. There were saints and ministers here in the spirit of the Lord from California, Missouri, Texas and other points.

From the pulpit to the kitchen it seemed that everyone had the fear of God on their hearts and were determined to do His will.

The word of God teaches us that the saving of one soul is precious in His sight, and there were several saved during the meeting, even on the grounds at night after service the cries of men were going up, having been convicted during the day, and the Lord heard their pleading and they claimed the victory. On Saturday evening before the close of the meeting there were nineteen souls baptized and at five, thirty, the ordinance services were held, when quite a number followed the Lords example in the washing of feet.

The business meeting was held on Friday evening at 2:30, when reports from all over the State, where money had been sent in, were made, and after a talk by some of God's faithful ministers, the spirit of giving filled the tent, and an amount of \$225.50 was raised for the good of the work.

The meeting closed Sunday night, Aug., the 15th, to the regret of many, having to part from the ones they loved so dear, but we hope to meet again at the Assembly meeting and once more on the old camp ground next August.

The Camp-meeting Committee.

A NEW TESTAMENT COMMAND

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Matt. 6:33.

Dear souls let us give heed to the above words of Jesus.

What a world of trouble we are in. There is misery all around us. Souls have sought other than the things of God first, and trouble is their lot.

We are told in God's word that if we seek we shall find. Luke 11:9. Praise the Lord. Please notice. It does not read that **MAY** we shall find or **PERHAPS** we shall find, but we **SHALL** find, glory be to our God forever.

Not long ago I was in an assembly which was being addressed by one upholding a false doctrine. I was so burdened for the dear ones who were listening, and thought; how they need deliverance. I thought again; every last one of these dear souls will be delivered if they will but seek, praise the Lord.

I read the very touching life story of a young Hungarian man. He sought daily in His ignorance, living true to his better self. He was banished from his home and tortured in many ways. He said he endured it all because he had the witness within himself that he was right. After the lapse of a number of years he came to America where he first learned that there was a Bible in the world, and a Jesus in heaven. He had kept on seeking and found the Saviour, praise the Lord.

May I make a plea to every young person who reads these lines; oh, seek first the things of God and rest assured that all needful things shall be added unto you.

Do not sit down and figure out what you need and seek for it. What you need is Jesus, the Bible tells you so, and He will give you every good thing to the satisfaction of your soul, praise His name. It appears the majority of young people still in their teens, figure out that they need a companion and set about to seek one. A large percent, find to their own sorrow, sad to say.

Let us seek as a man seeks for gold. There comes a day when he leaves all to seek for this one thing. He makes his last trip to the machine shop to seek knowledge of machinery. He sets out with a determination to press through everything to find gold. He has knowledge of its value and believes it will be well worth time, labor and sacrifice to find gold. As he works his thoughts are centered upon one thing—gold.

My dear young brother or sister, you who are not steadfast, will you not leave all and seek the things of God first at all times? Will you not make your last trip to any place to seek for something else; journey to your secret closet and seek from that rich mine the Bible; also seek the company of God's children. Has the Holy Spirit not been pleading with you, telling you of the beauties and value of the things of God? Read your Bible, let the truth sink deep into your heart and determine that such possessions are cheap at any cost.

The enemy would deceive seeking souls by flatter.

ing them, telling us we have done well in seeking the Lord's way so many times, the Lord is much pleased with us and will allow us to take our own at one point. Dear ones let us beware. The word of the Lord to us is, seek first the things of God. I do praise Him that it's possible to get to a place where it's our delight to do so continually. I desire to be a blessing to this world rather than add to its misery. I fear that I shall be found doing the latter if at any time I seek things other than the things of God first, so please pray for me.

—Rosella Slifer.

"COME UNTO ME"

The devil has many glittering things to hold up to entice us away from the Lord but they are as soap bubbles, they will soon burst and then we are left disappointed and have to look for something else to satisfy the longing of our souls, but there is nothing that will satisfy the longing of our souls only Jesus, no matter how much of this world's goods we may possess, we are always looking for something, but will not find any thing that will quench the thirsting of our souls until we yield to Jesus and let Him come into our hearts and rule and reign to His name's honor and glory.

The Lord has not provided any thing in this world to satisfy our souls only Himself. He has made away for each one to come unto Him and be fully satisfied. No one has a corner on this wonderful salvation, but it is free to all who will accept it and become an heir of the throne of grace.

Matthew 11: 28 reads: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." We can find sweet rest to our souls in Christ who has given His life a sacrifice for our souls and now sits on the right hand of God interceding for those that are heirs of salvation. Not much rest will we find while reveling in the things of this world, for there is no lasting rest to a soul out side of Christ who has purchased us with His own precious blood. Oh, if souls could only see Jesus hanging on the cross, suffering and dying for them and pleading for them to turn away from the follies of this world and turn unto Him and live.

Our souls are going to live some place after this life, and each one of us should see that we make our home with Jesus where we can live in happiness and bliss through out long never ending eternity. Death is sure to come to each of us than the judgment.

It is something awful to see and know of any one passing out of this life unprepared to meet God. The Lord will not turn any one away that desires to love and serve Him, and will be obedient unto His voice as He speaks to them.

—Mary Pruitt.

FINANCING THE KINGDOM

"Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse," was the divine injunction to Israel. That represented the minimum obligation. No one was expected to give less than the tithe, or tenth of his income, in Old Testament times, but many gave far beyond that amount. If one's prosperity makes it possible for

him to give more than the tithe, he never should regard his obligation fulfilled when only the tithe is given. If we consider what God puts into this partnership, we will be impressed with the fact that we should not do less than our very best for Him; surely we should not do less than the Jews did before Christ.

Here is the way one writer has put it: "Did you ever stop to think about God's partnership with you in business? Did you ever make a list of what He furnishes and a parallel list of what you provide unaided by Him? The result would surprise you, for it would prove that nearly everything which goes into your success comes from God. Sunshine, air, rain, fertility, seasons, health, life itself—these all come from God, and without them you could have no success whatever. Thus God is a partner in your business, furnishes nearly all the capital. Are you dividing the returns fairly? Or are you finching your Partner's portion?"

In the same Scripture in which God calls on us to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, we have a gracious promise that God will open the windows of heaven and pour out upon us blessings that will be greater than our capacity to receive. These promised blessings are both spiritual and temporal in character, and multitudes have tried out this promise and found it fully verified.

But we should not practice tithing simply with the thought of the blessings that will result from it, either spiritual or temporal. That is not only selfish but dangerous. It might be God's will to let even a tither endure some disappointment, financial or otherwise, for no one has been promised immunity from sorrow or suffering on the ground of being obedient to Christ. God's children have had to suffer in all ages, and it still is their lot to undergo trials. So the person who assumes that God will bestow upon him unbroken prosperity while he observes the tithe practice might be plunged into confusion and doubt in case financial reverse should come.

The better way is to give the tithe as we would perform any other duty—because it is a duty without expecting a special reward for doing what we ought to do. We dare not have any selfishness in our tithing, and if one tithes with the idea of personal profit he likely will be disappointed, for God cannot bless the individual who is prompted by a selfish motive.

But tithing pays anyway—in the higher, larger sense—just as it pays to be true to God in any particular. It brings us close to God, in a real partnership with Him. It enriches our lives, and means the laying up of treasures in heaven. It gives us the consciousness of having done our share in financing God's cause. The need of every life is a recognition and practice of one's stewardship; and that is the need of God's cause. It has been hindered so much because people have not lived up to God's standard. What could the church do today in answering the world's cry of need if every Christian not only lived up to the true standard of giving, but recognized his or her stewardship in every other avenue of obedience and service?

—From "Nature and Life."

WATCHMAN

God has always had watchman: some of them were of miraculous birth; they were men of character, many of them sealed their testimony with their blood. What a pleasure for the man or woman who is not carried about by every wind of doctrine, to study these holy men of God. The transient things of this world did not move them.

When God called Abraham he left his heathen friends forever. What faithfulness we see in our father Abraham. What a host of others of royal blood followed in his steps. Ignoring the crown of Pharaoh, despising the riches of Egypt, the pleasures of sin. Oh, that young men of today had the character of a Joseph.

Do you know that thousands of young men are being led as an ox to the slaughter by bewitching women. Bobbed haired, half naked women.

The only woman I read of in the Bible who painted her face was Jezabel—and God gave her to the dogs to eat. To-day we see painted faces everywhere, even the children and the dead are powdered and painted.

We blush to say professed saints too; they will hardly need it when their blood runs cold in the judgment morning as they stand before Jesus Christ. The cup of iniquity is filling fast in this closing up time. Thousands of swimming holes with their myriads of naked men and women; and among the throngs of spectators, professed saints. They want to see how good Mary and John can swim. The dance floor another product of Hell exciting passions of men and women. Of other gatherings there is no end. Many of them under the name of religion; many gatherings on the Lords day; they don't call them picnics, but they feast and joke and jest.

Professed saints make apologies for their friendly and educational doings. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God." James 4: 4.

Brother, sister do you see the perilous times? Are you conforming just a little? Remember it was just the little neck tie that turned thousands of saints worldward, it was just the little neck tie that shut the mouths of many preachers; and the sisters flew to all manner of of worldliness and pride. The spirit of compromise is a slimy deadly spirit, it is sweeping over the world. "As it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of man."

Where are the Holy Ghost filled watchman who dare to blow the trumpet of God's unchangeable word, loud and clear, and warn the people.

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand. Joel 2: 1.

—Bro. and sister Wetzel.

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Utica, Pa.—Greeting, dear ones: Being somewhat wakeful during the past night, I have spent the precious moments meditation upon the goodness of God to me, and thanking Him for the very many blessings bestowed on one so unworthy. The dear familiar voice

said "Arise and tell others about some of them," so here I am at my little stand under the gas jet, and it is not yet five o'clock, but the dear little birds in the trees on all sides of our home have begun their songs of praise to their maker and I love to join them in this early hour. I first knelt at my chair asking the dear Lord to give me just what He would have me tell His dear ones on this earth: I then picked up His precious word and ask Him to speak to me from its pages. I opened it at 1st Cor. 2: 1—"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom declaring unto you the testimony of God: For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Oh, how precious is the word of life. May good old Bro. Paul's determination be ours—yes, every one of us—to know Christ supremely. Praise His holy name!

So my Father says "Tell them of the deliverance of others from the curse of the filthy weed, tobacco." So first I will tell you of my husband's deliverance from the dirty habit which he had since a mere boy. Sometimes I would speak of how offensive it was and he would say, "I know it is a bad habit," but he just could not quit it. That evening before I retired I asked the Lord to cause it to make him so sick he would quit it. The next day when he came in to dinner he said, "Oh, Lou, I have been so sick all forenoon." I of course was rejoiced and turned to him with a smile saying, "Why surely you will be." He knew in a moment why he was sick; he knew the Lord had answered prayer and he never cared for it for a year or two, but the old enemy got him back to it through some of his friends—such as Job's comforters; but I just would not submit to the tempter's power over him. Sunday at the County Farm a brother testified to the saving of his soul and cleansing from his unnatural appetite for whiskey and tobacco. I was enabled to claim by faith my husband's deliverance, saying to my Father, "do take the appetite from my husband and never let him touch it again." Praise His name, he heard and answered prayer, and it is 29 years this month since he was delivered from its use. He has never touched it since and abhors it for it is very offensive to him. Oh, praise the name of our blessed Lord—the wonder-working Jesus, the giver of all good; how could we do without Him?

I may tell you later of how my dear father was set free from tobacco through the atoning blood of our Redeemer; also several others. O, what a precious time we will have together when we get home, rejoicing in the victories gained while here through the love and grace of God. But, praise His name, we are happy on our journey home, while traveling in the plain narrow way.

—Mrs. Wm. McKay.

Jesus in you, dwelling deep

Within the soul's recess:

Making clear the glory hope

To one whom He possesses.

"Christ in you the hope of glory."—Col. 1: 27.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :31).

THE CHILDREN'S WELCOME.

—Mark 10: 14.—

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Does Jesus love the children—
The "little ones" like me?
Oh, tell me where to find Him;
His child I long to be.
Yes! Jesus loves the children still,
And longs each heart with joy to fill.

How may I seek His blessing?
I'm only young and weak;
Jesus now lives in Heaven,
And I to Him would speak,
My tender heart to Him I'll give,
And strive each day for Him to live.

Jesus is ever willing
To listen to our cry:
He knows the softest whisper,
And counts the heaving sigh.
Thy humble prayer He'll always hear
As well as if you saw Him near.

Oh, do not longer stay away,
But heed His loving voice;
And pray: "Lord Jesus, make me Thine,
In Thee I would rejoice;
Let all my life to Thee be given,
And bring me safe at last to Heaven.

—Sel. by Aunt Loey McKay.

ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH

Truthfulness is a mark of Christianity. The heathen go astray, speaking lies as soon as they are born. In China a mother will give her boy a reward for the first falsehood that he can tell. Beginning so early, and regarding it such a fine thing to tell wrong stories, they become skillful in falsehoods. Some parents in Christian America are very careless in this matter. It made my heart ache one day when I saw a lady in a street car trying to keep her little boy awake by telling him that, if he went to sleep, that man who had all those teeth in his window (referring to a dentist's office they had passed) would come into the car and pull every tooth out of his mouth. The little fellow looked up dreadfully scared, and did his best to keep awake; but I thought to myself, when he finds out what a wrong story his mother has told, he will not believe her even when she tells the truth. He will be like a little fellow of whom I heard once, whose mother told him that if he went to play in a bank from

which men had been drawing sand for building, a bear would come out and eat him up. One day another boy tried to coax him to go there and play, but he said, no, he was afraid of the bears. The other boy said there were no bears. "But there be bears, cause my mother said there be bears." While they were disputing the minister happened to come along, and they asked him if there were bears in the sand-bank. He told them there were none. "But," said the first little boy, "my mother said there be bears there." "I am sorry she said so," said the minister; "but the truth is, there are none." The child began to cry, and started for home as fast as he could go. "O mamma!" he said, "did you tell me a wrong story? Did you tell me there be bears down at the sand-bank when there ben't any?" She saw what a dreadful sin she had committed, and she told him that she was sorry; but she was afraid that if he played there he would get buried in the sand, and she told him that to keep him away. "But mamma it is such an awful thing to tell a wrong story." "I know it, Tommy, I know it," she said, tears coming into her eyes; "and we will ask Jesus to forgive me, and I will never do it again. They knelt down, and she was just about to pray when he said, "Wait, mamma; let me ask him; maby you won't tell Him truly." That pierced her heart like a dagger. She saw that her little boy had lost confidence in her truthfulness even when she prayed.

By J. F. Willing. —Sel. by Aunt Loey McKay.

To all the dear children who read Faith and Victory, both large and small, greetings in Jesus' name.

It gives me much joy to be privileged to write to you and this shall be my first message to you, "love one another" John 15: 17. Your first thought may be, that is a hard thing to do at all times, sometimes it is easy, but at other times it is hard. If that is true my dear boys and girls, what you need is a new heart. I believe each one of you could tell me who it is that gives a new heart. Yes, it is Jesus. If you realize your need of a new heart, ask in faith believing for it and you shall receive it, and then praise Him for it.

I will tell you about a boy I saw some time ago. I am sure he needs a new heart. I was riding in a trolley car in a seat right near the door. As the car neared a stop a boy about twelve years old came up the aisle. A little crippled boy about seven years old followed him. I do not believe anyone likes to stand in a moving car without holding on to something, because cars stop with a jerk, usually. As a rule it is easy for larger persons to take hold of something for support, but it is not so easy for children. Well this older boy took hold of a rail and his little crippled brother coming up behind him took hold of him. What do you think the older brother did? He gave himself a jerk, thus freeing himself from his little brother's

grasp. Oh, how I pitied the little crippled boy as he stood there unsupported. His body was so thin and he wore braces on his legs. Tears filled my eyes. I pitied the larger boy, too for I knew he was not doing what Jesus would have him do. What do you think happened as the car stopped with a jerk? The little crippled boy came tumbling right into my lap. I was so glad, but I only had time to give him a loving squeeze and smile and say a few kind words to him. He had to hurry off after his elder brother. I haven't seen those boys since, but have prayed many times for them. No doubt the little crippled boy has many trials every day. I do hope he is learning to let Jesus bear all the hard things for him, for I know He wants to. I hope he is always kind to his older brother that he may see what Jesus would have him be, too.

So I say again, dear children, love one another. If it is a thing you cannot do, ask Jesus to give you a new heart that you may be able to do so.

To the larger ones I would say, be good and kind to your little brothers and sisters. If you are not you will cause the hearts of older folks to ache as they look upon your unkindness, and above all you will grieve Jesus.

From one who loves you all, and would like to hear from you.
—Rosella Slifer.

Correspondence

Guthrie, Ind.—Dear brethren in Christ: Enclosed find one of my poems, which I trust will be of benefit to you to use in your little paper.

I have been reading it for a little time. I think it preaches the truth. I am sure it merits a much larger circulation than our large national papers and magazines which are sold in the book stores and news stands.

Wishing you unlimited success, I am yours for the betterment of mankind.

—Editor, Stanley G. Hawkins.

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Olympa, Wash.—Greetings to you and your family: Bro. Pruitt I will take time to write you a few lines this morning. In these days it is much different than it used to be, everything in such a speed. I, for my part don't like the speed that the world has. I like to follow the lowly Lamb of God. Pray for me and my family.

I often think about you and also ask the Lord to supply your need. I am sorry that there is so few that dare to put their trust in God these days; so may the Lord bless and encourage you. It might sometimes look like we are forsaken, but His word says: that "He will never leave nor forsake us," praise His holy name. I have been sore pressed for a few days, but the Lord is blessing my soul now; there is only one thing that presses and discourages me and that is when I haven't got a chance to serve Him that loved me so much that He gave His life for me. May the God of all grace reward you for your faithfulness to Him. Oh, how we need to cling to our Savior these days, these

are indeed perilous times and the love of God is waxing cold in many.

Oh, how it touched my heart the other night when Mathilda Paulsen told me about Bro. Jarvis over in India, that he is living like the native countryman, has only one meal a day, has some quite young children; one Pentecostal Missionary told Mathilda that she knew Bro. Jarvis, and she said he was indeed a man of God, but that he was not doing a great visible work; but visiting from house to house, telling the people about the Lord, and she repeated again that he was a man of God.

May the Lord bless and encourage you is my prayer.
—Nels Helland.

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Burtrum, Minn.—Dear brothers and sisters at Faith Pub. House: This morning finds us all well and praising God for health and everything.

We are having poor crops here, but praise God for He knows best, and we know if we trust in Him and do His will, He will provide for us.

Dear saints, how good Jesus is to my dear little children. You know I wrote to you and requested prayer for their relief from a bad cough. Let God be praised for He has answered. Oh, how could we ever do without Him.

We have so many poor sinners around us here that are so ignorant of God's ways; oh, when that day comes, what will they think or do. They laugh at us and make fun when we talk of any thing good. We are trying to raise our children right, but they try to teach them wrong things.

I am sending one dollar to be used where ever you need it most. It is only a small amount, but praise God for that much. I wish I could send more. Oh, think how much we owe our blessed Jesus, we never can repay. Pray for us dear saints.

It would be good for us to be in some good meetings; oh, how I would rejoice dear saints; think how I feel when I tell you I have not heard any good sermon since I was eight years old.

Will have to close, may God bless you all and the blessed work you are doing. God bless the dear little Faith and Victory.

Pray for us that God will keep us pure and clean and make us stronger in faith.

Your sister.
—Mrs. James Loney.

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Harrington, Del.—Dear brother and sister in Christ Jesus: I am joyful in my heart to testify for Jesus.

Several weeks ago the Lord wonderfully saved and sanctified me; and He has also healed my body entirely praise Him forever.

I live and walk entirely by faith, the more Satan tempts me, the more faith I will have in God. I have not been healed by vain words, but by true, pure faith in Jesus. My heart is purified by the true blood of Jesus Christ. So pray for me in faith that I may hold out to the end. I have always enjoyed reading Faith and Victory.
—A brother in Christ Jesus.

Norton, Ore.—Dear Brethren in Christ: Just a few lines to let you know how I am progressing. About four or five years ago one of your people, Bro. Geo. Owing had "Faith and Victory" sent to me and I enjoyed reading it. This last winter I gave my heart to Jesus and now I can see why so many are so happy in Him. He is my all in all and is with me from day to day. This old world's pleasures have no attraction for me since Jesus came into my heart.

At times I would read your paper and wonder how people could be so happy but praise His name I have found the secret to all happiness through the precious blood of Jesus.

There is a dance hall across the road from our house and when we were in sin there were dances but since we are serving the Lord there is no more dances. Oh, how I praise Him for what he has done for me and what He is still doing for others who knew Him not.

I am sending the names of friends whom I know would be glad to receive your paper.

In the Master's service, —Clyde Southwell.

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To my beloved friends of Faith and Victory:—greeting to you all in the name of Jesus. I am happy to report victory through Jesus Christ; yes, He is all in all to me. Yes, my eyes are growing stronger daily and I know that I shall not again go back to the glasses, for I laid them off that He will have all the glory for a perfect healing, and that is His will.

Yes, about the time that my message reached you or shortly after, I was assured of victory and knew that it was done. "Oh, how sweet to know," I suppose it was then that our prayers met at the great junction, way out over "No man's land," where God reveals Himself to His own.

Well, I have now two living testimonies that I may witness for the Lord: one for the healing of a double rupture of twenty-five years standing, and the other, strengthening my weak eyes so that I laid off my glasses without which I could not read or write, hal-luh-luh, praise His name.

Give my best love to your companion in prayer, and in every other good work, for I know your prayers registered alright.

I received your letter the first of this week, and true to your advise and counsel; I continued in prayer and meditation in the spirit, oh, bless the Lord. On the morning of July the sixteenth at six, forty-five, and at the place of prayer, God spoke to me and I said "yes Lord" praise His name.

Rejoice with me in that He caused this to be. Yes He works while we pray.

Give my love to all who loves His appearing, and especially to those who are of "the household of faith."

I am yours for service. —C. C. Smith.

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New Bloomfield Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus lovely name; this morning I feel to write you a few lines and to also admonish you to press on and be loyal and true to God against all the forces of darkness for life at the longest will only be a few short days,

a few more battles and the conflict will be over and the victory won. Let us sing with the poet, song No. 38. "Stand by the cross;" especially the last verse:

"Stand by the cross till the Lord returns,

Faithful through life's last test;

Soon we shall hear from His blessed lips,

"Lay down thy armor and be at rest."

So let us be encouraged to press on and be firm unto the end.

Well, Bro. Pruitt in my last letter I told you we expected to go to Lititz, to visit Bros. Shank and Baker, but we did not get to go as we had car trouble, so we put it off until later, but Bros. Shank and Baker were up with us a few days. We had a glorious time together; we were over at sister Gibney's near Carlisle, Pa. from Saturday afternoon till Sunday evening. We had a precious time in the Lord, we held baptismal services while there and oh, the presences of the Lord seemed to hover over us. The place where we held the services was along a nice large creek at a lovely spot; we could not have gotten a nicer place, all was so nice and quiet and seemed so solemn as we sang and prayed there in the open, it just seemed as though heaven was smiling upon us, and as we went out into the water; it just seemed to me like as John when baptising in the Jordan, and when Jesus came to John and was baptised of him. Oh, it was glorious. There was five precious souls followed the example of Jesus in baptism, witnessing their death to the world and their resurrection in Christ Jesus.

Those baptised were sister Boyer of near Lindisburg, Pa. a precious sister of about seventy years of age, and Bro. and sister McClintick of Shermandale, Pa. two precious souls in their seventies. It seemed so solemn to see three precious souls with their gray hair go down into the water to follow Jesus' example and in obedience to His word. Then there was two younger in age, just in the prime of life, thirty and thirty-two, Bro. Elmer Gutshall and his wife.

I will close for this time praying God's blessings upon you and the work there. I remain your brother in Christ.

—Chas. L. Houck.

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Manitou, Colo.—Dear sister Pruitt: The Lord hears our prayers and He loves His children and cares for them. Yes, He knows our pains and when we ask Him He will help us. It is sweet to trust in Him.

I am glad I know the Lord. They all said I never would get well, but I kept praying and the dear Lord healed me. I tell every body how I was healed and they say: I don't see how it is done. I know all of you was praying for me. Oh, I thank God for what He has done for me. I never will turn back. The devil is always in the way if we let him do as he likes.

Only six of us here. We had a meeting and while we were singing people came up and gave us their hand and told us to pray for them.

The Lord will carry us through as we trust in Him. We are trying to get people to see the truth of God. God will help them as he does us. I want all of you to pray for us that we can help people get God.

If it is the Lords will I will come to see you when

I get back to Kansas.

He healed me and I will never turn Him down for anything. He is all and in all to me. As my son sang before he left this world, "Take everything to the Lord for He carries my cross". It is so, He helps in every thing we ask Him.

I will close with love and best wishes in Jesus' name. In His love. —Elizabeth Happen.

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Suva, Fiji.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am a stranger to you in the flesh but in the spirit a brother in the Lord. I have been labouring here in Fiji for close on three years, preaching the gospel of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The spiritual condition of Fiji is almost dead and plenty of formality. I have felt the work very hard and trying, having little or no sweet warm fellowship. However I have felt God's presence with me and His blessings upon his own work. Quite a number of young people have taken their stand for Jesus and meetings for Bible reading and prayer have been held in different places. A growing in grace and knowledge in many lives is noticeable and encouraging; praise the Lord. About two months ago I had the pleasure of meeting an old friend of yours from America, Bro. R. L. Longley. My heart was greatly cheered; praise God for an additional worker. I find Bro. Longley a warm hearted Christian worker filled with the spirit and a love for the salvation of souls. We have had some very blessed times together and the Lord has blessed our work for Him. I got a few papers from Bro. Longley, "Faith and Victory," which are full of good wholesome reading. I have given him a little donation to send to you for a little supply of reading matter. I am sorry that the donation is not more. I belong to the Church of God and am just doing a little missionary work, not receiving any salary from any church, just depending upon what the people give me and sometimes doing a little work to help me along. So can imagine how grateful I feel to God for the extra help in meeting Bro. Longley and to know he is going to stay in Fiji. Praise the Lord, hallalujah. Fiji has a population of 160,000 and 60,000 of this number are Indians. There are about 250 islands in the group, 80 of these are inhabited. The principal industry is sugar cane growing. The wages to the Indians is small. The climate is free from Malaria fever. The leading church is Methodist, started by Rev. Cargill and Rev. W. Cross in 1835, which made fairly good progress in its early stages. But Oh, how sad to know how formal and lukewarm it has fallen to, for its in a shameful condition; the immorality and drinking going on is disgraceful. The prayers of God's people are needed. Revive thy work O, Lord; send forth laborers into the field, is our prayer.

Dear Bro. I notice by the American papers that your country is in a very sick condition spiritually. One paper stated that every seventh marriage is a divorce, and crime has increased four hundred percent since 1910. But there is this about your land; you have some out and out men and women for God. Praise His holy name for that. I am not able to say that for

Fiji, with the exception of those who have just come here the last few months. The other churches here are the R. C. Church of England, Presbyterians and seven day advents.

I have been a worker for the Lord for nearly 39 years, passing my examination as a local preacher at that time. I am pleased to say that I am grateful to God for that privilege, and praise His name for bringing me out of darkness into His light through Christ by His precious blood which was shed on calvary for the atonement of my sins.

I pray that God's richest blessings will rest upon your work and many that are in bondage will be set free by the work of the Holy Spirit. With best wishes and love I am yours in Christ.

—C. H. Sperber.

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Suva, Fiji Islands,—Dear Bro. and sister Pruitt and family: May the unsearchable riches of Christ continue to be revealed and unfolded to you as you walk with the Lord in the light of His word. I am glad to again to be permitted by the goodness and mercy of Jesus to send you a few lines of greetings in His dear and precious name. I certainly was glad and refreshed in my soul by your good and encouraging letters that came on the last mail, as I had my mail sent from Australia to here. I have just re-read them with much renewed courage and benefit to my soul. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. I was certainly glad to hear that all were so well and the Lord precious and near to show Himself strong in due time in every need or trouble. Bless His name forevermore. I am glad to hear that the Lord is blessing both in the meetings and in the healing of the sick and in the sending out of His truths in the papers and tracts. I remember with joy the good jail meetings and I praise the Lord that He continues to bless and carry truth to them behind the literal and spiritual prison bars.

Bro. Pruitt those experiences of being pressed beyond measure are not very pleasant for the present, but afterward they act as good fertilizer to enrich the fruits of the Spirit don't they? Well, I can rejoice with you that the Lord didn't forget how much we can stand in these ways, and He is faithful to pour in the oil and suppel up things so we can be in operation again. I am glad the Lord opened His hand in due time and sent the means to order paper and supplied the postage.

I am praying and trusting that the Lord may work out His good will and pleasure in the matter of obtaining the larger press. God bless the ones that are anxious and concerned in this matter in a financial way.

Well, as you see this finds me still in the Fiji Island, and I feel that the Lord wills for me to remain for the present. In fact before I left the states I felt impressed that the Lord may have me to be in the Fiji Islands and therefore I made application to the British Consul for a visa of my passport to here, but they replied that they could not grant this without being especially authorized by the government controlling

these Islands. But while in Honolulu I went to see the British Consul there and he visaed my passport, permitting at least to stop here. But when I landed the burden for the needs of this dear people became stronger and more weighty and seemed to increase, and then when I took the matter to the Lord in prayer and waited upon Him, I feel that He made it plain that I should remain here for the present. Of course I didn't see how this was going to be, but I went down to the authorities and there was only one man in at the time and he said he didn't know of any objections to my remaining here indefinitely. Also the Oceanic S.S. Co. agent promised me a refund on my ticket on to Australia. The Lord may have me to go there sometime, but for the present I feel assured His will is for me to be here. During this time of waiting the Lord brought two scriptures to me that were strengthening and comforting in regards to this matter. First, in the 23rd Psalm: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Also in Acts where Paul and Silas assayed to go to a certain place, but the Spirit suffered them not. So I ask your agreement in prayer that the Lord may help me and fit me and make me meet and equal for the work He may have for me to do here. I have had a little attack of the influenza, but the Lord has been precious and near and a very present help in this time of need and given the victory. Too, during the time that I was not very well an Indian man came to where I was and told me that he had a little room at the back of his house that was not in use and that I was perfectly welcome to use it if I chose to. This Bro. has been very friendly to me since I have been here, and I feel he is a true Christian man, he is a clean living man in his life and with his family. He speaks English well. He was of the Hindu religion before and when he embraced Christ of course his people turned him out as they generally do. So a few days ago I moved here and feel that the Lord was in the matter. It is a very small room and with sheet iron roof, but the Lord is here, and what matter where, just so we have His sweet presence and fellowship.

I have had in mind, if the Lord wills and opens the way and desires it, to open a little school for children and meeting for older ones, and am looking unto Him for His will to be done in this matter. Besides the native Fijians and Hindu and Mohammedan Indians, there are some Chinese, and I don't know of any church or meeting among them at all. The other evening I met a young Chinese boy, about seventeen years old I judge and who could speak a little English. He said he would like to become a Christian, and knew for one to be a Christian they must have a pure heart. This encouraged me. And as the Lord wills I want to get among them too if I can.

Two Sundays ago a man named Moses, from the Island of Malita near New Guinea, and whom I had met before, brought another Malita man with him and said, "this man wanted to be saved. Moses has been a Christian for sometime. Many of them have tattooing on their faces and this man had curling tattoo across his nose and on each cheek below the eyes. He

had been living out in the bush and had come to where Moses lived the night before, very troubled and did not sleep that night. By Moses interpreting we found that this man had killed another man some ten years ago, by boxing or fighting. We told him in order to be a Christian he must confess his sins to the Lord and cease to do those evil things. He said he was willing to give up and confess every thing, but he said he wanted to box and fight yet, for money, but would not kill anybody. We told him he could not become a Christian knowing the wrongs as we had told him of these things, unless he completely forsook them. He talked to Moses a while and told him to ask us if it would not be alright and he become a Christian if he prayed before fighting and after fighting and ask God to forgive that. Perhaps he had heard some of the Catholic confessional. We tried to point him to the Lord and His love and great sufferings, but told him not to make a profession and be deceived in it. He told us he had rather consider the matter, and us to pray for him. We tried to point him to the dangers of neglect and delay, but it seemed the enemy had such a possession of him that he could not forsake that sin. Of course the Lord would help him if he gets hungry enough. So you see that we are fighting against many foes so we need much help from the Lord. Pray for me.

Now, may the grace of the Lord continue to rest and abide within your hearts and give you all-sufficiency in all things in the work of the Lord. In holy love and prayers I remain your Bro. in Christ.

—Robert Longley.

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AN EXHORTATION

Dear sinners, when God is calling do not turn away, it may be your last chance, God is sparing you now, giving you a chance to prepare to meet Him. Death may be near, you must repent or be lost, get right with God and seek to help others. When God is calling another, do not try to keep them from getting saved, for it may be their last chance; then how awful a thing you would have on your mind. It will not do to fight against God's Spirit; there are many people who do not want their children or some other relative or friend to go to the altar. Oh, dear ones this is awful sin against God. They should be glad to see them turn from sin and it will be a wise thing for them to do the same before iniquity is their ruin. Ezekiel 18: 3. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked but He says: "turn and live" Ezk. 33: 32. If any souls who read this has a desire to serve God and your friends and loved ones are against you, remember they can not save your soul; but by listening to them, can cause you to be lost. Every one must get forgiven of their own sin; and by listening to others you may be lost; and if you get saved and live a holy life before your dear ones or friends it may cause them to see by your life what God can do and be a help to them and they may turn to God. Do not think you cannot live for God where there is sin all around or even in your home among wicked people, for you can, God is able to

give you grace and keep you from sin. So, dear sinner friends come to Christ for all may come, whosoever will. John 3:16. Rev. 22:17. God is not willing that any should perish. 2 Pet. 3:9.

From one that loves your souls.

—Becky Brown.

BIBLE TEACHING ON DRESS

Nothing should be worn merely because it is an ornament. Please read very carefully the following Scriptures: 1 Pet. 3:3; Gen. 35:1-4; Ex. 33:4-6. Putting on apparel for adorning is just as plainly forbidden as gold or hair plaiting. Christian parents are bound to refrain from putting ornaments on the dress of their children, as much as on their own clothing. Those who indulge their children in superfluous ornaments commit the double sin of doing wrong themselves and teaching their children to do what God has positively forbidden. Do not try to satisfy your conscience by merely being plain yourselves. God requires that you should "Train up a child in the way he should go," and you will be held responsible at the Judgment for the performance of this duty. We have never seen any who, enjoying communion with God in their souls, commit this glaring inconsistency.

The wearing of gold for ornament and costly apparel should be abandoned. We mean apparel worn for its costliness, to present an appearance of superiority or show. "With gold," this refers not to the articles but to the materials. Some appeal to the Old Testament to justify the extravagance of the age. We are told that the Israelites wore ornaments—that Rebecca was presented with a set of jewelry. Admitting the fact does not prove it was right. The Bible is a faithful history. It records the failings as well as the virtues of those of whom it speaks. Some, who were good in the main, did some foolish and wicked things. Some, when young, made mistakes of which they afterwards repented. As one says. "The unholy women, as they do now, adopted a fashionable, worldly attire. They were known by their appearance. They had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites." If they had been true Israelites, they would not have worn these useless ornaments. In Isaiah, 3rd chapter, the various modes that fashionable women adopted to render themselves attractive are especially mentioned and unsparingly condemned. On the other hand, we have positive proof that the holy women of old abstained from superfluous ornaments. "For after this manner (that is with gold, or superfluous ornaments,) in the old time, the holy women, also, who trusted in God adorned themselves. The above things are forbidden because. It is a waste of time and money to get them. It is no real value to the body. It does not promote the glory of God (Col. 2:17; 1 Cor. 10:31.) It increases pride and vanity, and damns many women. It keeps the Poor from our churches. It creates and fosters a flame of lust, leading to the worst crimes.

"What does that gaudy ribbon and those ornaments upon your dress say to every one that meets you?

It makes the impression that you wish to be thought pretty. Take care! you might just as well write on your clothes. 'No truth in religion.' It says: 'Give me dress, give me fashion, give me flattery, and I am happy.' The world understands this testimony as you walk the streets. You are 'living epistles, known and read of all men.' Only let Christians act consistently and heaven will rejoice, and hell groan at their influence. But O, let them fill their ears with ornaments and their fingers with rings—let them put feathers in their hats, clasps upon their arms, and heaven puts on the robes of mourning, and hell may hold a jubilee.—Finney. "If there were two heavens, one where Jesus is all and in all, and the other with a Paris in it, I presume the road to the Paris heaven would be crowded with fashionable Christians."—Bishop Weaver. "During the years you have been wearing these useless ornaments, many immortal souls have gone down to hell with a lie in their right hand, having never heard of the true and only Saviour! The Holy Bible and valuable tracts might have been more extensively circulated in heathen lands had you not been afraid of being thought unfashionable and not 'like other folks!' had you not preferred adorning your person and cherishing the sweet, seductive feeling of vanity and pride."—Dr. Judson. What, then, ought to be done? 1. Aim directly at pleasing God—dress so as to have God to bless you in the dress. 2. Aim at promoting the health of the body; it is God's temple. Dress on sanitary principles. 3. Let the dress be made so as to promote neatness, tidiness, simplicity and good taste, not slouchily and repulsively. 4. Dress so that a sound rebuke to fashion and extravagance, and a model worthy of imitation. 5. Do not be afraid to profess religion by your dress. Do not shrink from the singularity of being right in this particular.

SOME EXCUSES FOR PRIDE ANSWERED

1. O. I desire to look like other people. "Nothing superfluous should be worn simply because it is in fashion." Be not conformed to this world." "If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." 2. Other professors of religion wear the same fashions. "What is that to thee? follow thou Me." "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Christians should set, not follow, the fashions. 3. Why our minister says there is no harm in adorning the body. "If any man preach any other Gospel unto you than that you have (already) received, let him be accursed." 4. I love God, and my heart is not set on these things. You may think so, but if all your ornaments were stripped off, you would soon find the contrary. "This is the love of God that we keep His commandments." "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 5. One might as well be out of the world as out of fashion. "Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world." A dead bird has no use for feathers. 6. I can afford to wear these things. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body and spirit, which are God's." "So, then, every one of us shall give an account of himself to

God." 7. I never had the light. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." 8. I do not believe it is wrong to dress as ^{one} pleases. "If we believe not, He abideth faithful; He cannot deny himself." 2 Tim. 2: 13. —A. Sims.

WHAT ARE YOU MADE FOR?

This is a question of the old Presbyterian catechism: "For what purpose was man created?" Answer: "To glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Without doubt this answer is correct. It is certainly a great responsibility to exist. Millions already wish they had never been born. It is true, life and existence was given to us without our consent. God made laws, and by those laws we are here. We can not question God's wisdom. To make us higher than the brute creation, God implanted into our bodies an immortal spirit that will and must exist forever and forever. Once in existence, always in existence. Annihilation would be most welcome and gladly received by all lost souls in perdition. But such relief can never be hoped for; because Jesus said, "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and forever," and their punishment shall be everlasting. This excludes all hope or relief or alleviation. We were made and do exist for two purposes. First, to glorify, honor, and give our Creator pleasure. Because Jesus said, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." God says, "He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man."

Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His loving kindness (Psa. 147: 10-11). The Word also says, "The Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee" (Isa. 62: 4-5). "Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in thees things I delight, saith the Lord" (Jer. 9: 24).

God says that our bodies are temples of His Holy Spirit. So God made us to live in, and to delight to live in: the same as you make a house to live in and enjoy. If your house gets dirty and filthy you will clean it out before you can take pleasure in living in it. God does likewise. God even takes pleasure in house cleaning, which most of us dread. In this God is far ahead of us. He firmly refuses to live in a

filthy house. Many have requested Him to come in and live with them in dirt and all, but He never has, and never will, live with filth. We know by the Scriptures that God enjoys and delights in His people, and the more obedient and faithful they are, the more God enjoys their company. God created us to give Him pleasure, while at the same time He takes pleasure in giving us pleasure. God enjoys making us happy and we enjoy pleasing the Lord. This friendship and pleasure is mutual. God enjoys us and we enjoy Him. This is what we are made for.

What a grand and glorious calling is ours. If the president of the United States would call us to his home to enjoy our company and we enjoy his friendship, many of us would make an extreme effort to get to the White House. But One, a million times better and more powerful, the King of kings and Lord of lords, has invited all of us to His home and only a few are making an effort to get there. Man defeated and overthrew God's original plan by disobedience, but God made another way and plan whereby all can be redeemed who strive for it. His second plan lifts and exalts man in a far greater, happier and more powerful sphere than the first. The second plan makes us kings and priests unto God, and even greater and more than this is the fact that we receive the highest honor by being chosen and made the Bride of the Lamb. God can make no one happier than His own bride. Before we become a king we must be born in the royal family and keep the royal blood in our veins, because none but royalty are crowned. Man cannot conceive of a higher calling or privilege than we have. It makes one tremble to think of the tremendous responsibility and trust God has placed upon us. But if God be for us who can be against us? He will certainly help us to endure unto the end, for only such shall be saved. Amen.

—SEL. BY D. T. LEVELY.

DIVINE PATIENCE.

Divine patience is more than passivity; it implies endurance and continuance joined with love.

God's omnipotence makes His patience even more wonderful. Without patience what would He not do!

God's patience dwells in His Son and will dwell in all His saints.

Divine patience is an unwearing grace.

The source of Christian patience is from above, from God, through Christ.

There is little time for the so-called passive virtues in our day.

In this rushing busy age one might wonder whether Jehu or Jesus is King.

There is need of a baptism of the Holy Spirit, not only for service, but for sacrifice and suffering.

You begin to reign, someone says, the moment you begin to suffer well.

The Christ-life is never consummated unless patience has her perfect work.

Patience is not Christian unless united with faith, hope, and love.

Faith, hope, and love are not perfected without the discipline of patience.

Moses lost the land of promise through impatience. Many Christians will lose reigning in the kingdom by impatience. The Kingdom in power is "the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ."

Indifference and apathy may cease to be a virtue, but patience never.

Patience knows that God is eternal and can therefore afford to wait.

Patience is a wonder to the rash and foolish and to the slothful.

The catalogue of sin is almost exhaustible; but God's patience is limitless.

God is unhurried. Admire His patience!

Patience is uncomplaining, unconquered, and unconquerable.

Patience is not a sign of weakness, but of strength. Patience springs from Christ, not from circumstance.

Patience develops by exercise.

Patience is sometimes another word for genius. She plods, yet wins the prize.

Patience pays big dividends and never goes bankrupt; it has riches in glory.

Patience inherits the promise and is the ruler over all opportunities.

Patience makes opportunities out of hardships and handicaps.

We often chafe at delays and interruptions: we forget that the music of life needs an occasional rest.

Patience is a Christian grace; impatience is a Christian disgrace.

Someone says, "If you would lengthen patience, strengthen faith."

Patience has a fire department to extinguish the fires of wrath, malice, and envy.

Patience is not obstinacy of will, but constancy of heart.

Be patient; God's school will not take a vacation till the lessons are learned.

It is rather want of patience than compassion that holds us from bringing Christ to the world.

Many are thought to be derelicts and irreclaimable. Has the experiment of patience been fully tried by the church?

Have our patience prevailed by the patience of faith?

More patience will make most homes a paradise.

Real patience arise not from stupidity, but from spiritual intelligence.

It does not say, "Because I must, I submit;" but, "Because I desire."

An ounce of patience cures a pound of ills.

Patience always carries love's mantle of charity.

Patience is more than self-containment. It is more than spineless indifference. It is more than jelly-fish carelessness. The file, the rasp, the plow, the harrow, the chisel, and the buzz-saw, all in their turn, but patience still praises the Lord.

Human patience soon wears out. Divine patience never ends.

Patience has the strength of Atlas and the tenderness of a child.

Patience has perservance as its next kin.

Natural patience is often as brittle and explosive as a Prince Rupert drop, which flies to pieces at the slightest provocation.

Divine patience is like the everlasting hills for stability, the springtime for freshness, and the autumn for fruitfulness.

Patience is no time-server. It is faithful whether observed or unobserved.

Patience is the ox that bears the load over the rough roads, insurmountable obstacles, and never breaks nor complains.

Patience has on its coat-of-arms, the ox between yoke and altar, with the motto above, "Ready for either service or sacrifice."

Patience solves all problems, unties all knots, and learns all secrets.

Patience forgives not once nor twice nor seven times, but seventy times seven.

Patience, like love, never fails; the ages of the ages are hers.

Patience hastens, but never hurries; she glows, but never scorches; she burns, but never smokes.

Patience carries her own smoke-consumer.

When taken in faith, "tribulation worketh patience."

Patience grows both by use and by abuse.

Patience is the Pompeian sentinel that remained at his post though Vesuvius erupted.

Patience is founded on the love and steadfastness of God.

Sleepless nights and weary days are the soil for larger patience.

Impatience breaks all our telescopes of vision and our microscopes of discovery.

To wait is often harder than to work.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

Let Christ work in us His patience; ours will not endure.

"God worketh for him...that waiteth for Him."
—Sel.

Friends see the good qualities, enemies see the bad.

The EMBLEM, of Son-ship, is "CHARITY"—
not how long and flowery your testimony may be.

Give me to serve, dear Lord;

Though humble be the task,

If it but serveth Thee,

'Tis all I ask.