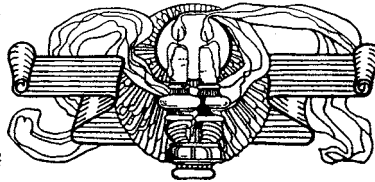


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*God is
Love.*



*Jesus
Saves.*

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A MEDITATION

Sitting in the fading twilight
With my Bible on my knee,
Pondering o'er the love of Jesus,
The dear Lamb of Calvary,
Evening shades around me falling,
Soul grows lighter with the thought
That some day we'll dwell forever
In those mansions we have sought.

Time on earth is gently passing,
Deeds of kindness let it be,
Hindered not by tears and sorrows,
Blessed Lamb of Galilee.
See Him at the tomb of Lazarus,
Weeping with compassion free.
"How He loved him," yea, loves all souls,
Weeping Christ of Galilee.

"Roll away the stone," ye Marthas,
Let the Son of God come in.
Doubt brings only death and darkness,
Living faith Salvation brings;
Soul take courage in the conflict,
Earth is not thy native home,
Many signs proclaim His coming,
Let Him cleanse and make thee whole.

Glory to Thy name, oh Jesus,
For Salvation, Light and Love,
Worldly pleasures all have vanished
Since I live for worlds above.
Sinner yield your heart to Jesus,
Claim His blood from Calvary's brow,
Turn from sin and worldly pleasures,
He has pardon for thee now.

—Hazel Mann.

Faith And Works

He hath showed thee O man what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.
First, Loyalty to God. Loyalty is a pledge of honor, entering into agreement, a mutual consent, to

terms and laws governing God's kingdom. This consent of the heart on the part of the applicant is expressed by an act, or acts which are requisites to heirship, yet they do not obligate God in anyway, but they place us in a position to believe. If we had not met those pre-requisites how could we hope to receive God's promises? But having met them faith springs up in the heart and grace puts the seal of God upon the soul and the work is done.

Second, our approach unto God. A Frenchman desires to become a citizen of the United States; he signs his oath of allegiance. Namely: loyalty, obedience to the laws of our country. This does not obligate Uncle Sam to admit him, but it is an expression of his faith and obligates him to observe the laws of our country. His expression of faith validates the act and the agreement is ratified by our executive.

Our approach for citizenship into the kingdom of God, must have its pre-requisites, namely: do justly, love, mercy, and to walk humbly with God. A full assent of the seeker to the divine laws will put him on believing terms, then with one bound faith springs up in the soul and says, "It is done." The steps that the seeking sinner took did not obligate God to grant pardon, but his faith in God's free offer of mercy did validate the act so that faith and works went hand in hand.

Third, a test case. Mr., he comes as a seeker for pardon he is a convicted sinner. Mr., do you desire to do justly? To this he answers, yes. Very well, do you love mercy? His mind goes out to some enemy. Well ye--s, but there is a mental reserve. God sees that, but men do not. Are you willing to walk humbly with God? Yes. Well, have you confessed and forsaken all your sins to God? Yes. Well God says, if you confess, and forsake, you shall have mercy. Can you believe God? There is a strain and an effort to believe, but somehow the victory does not come. He feels down in heart I just can't have mercy on that fellow, he wronged me and I cannot forgive, but this is covered up to man. We try to get him to believe,

we pray God to forgive and to blot out his sins and to give him the witness of faith in his heart. He tries to believe, finally he says ye-s and rises to his feet. Still born, no life, but a profession. What be the outcome? No fruit, in his life. Judgments of God still continue to go forth. This man finally wakes up to his condition. He again goes to the altar, he cries out for mercy. The question presents itself again do you love mercy? Yes, Lord I will forgive; immediately faith springs up in his heart and the spirit witnesses to his faith, he springs to his feet and cries, it is done. The pre-requisites brings the soul in harmony with divine laws, or in other words the soul signs the oath of allegiance to the laws of the kingdom of God. Then faith validates the act and the work of regeneration is done.

There is no use of trying to evade the issue with God. Any cheaper approach to salvation is of no value. Mark 16: 17. Divine healing is on the same terms. We may call for the elders, anoint with oil and lay on hands and offer prayer all of which are pre-requisites but they do not obligate God to heal. They only bring us into a submissive attitude to his requirements. Faith must then spring up in the heart not just in the head and leave a question of doubt in the heart. But believe and doubt not in thine heart. This will validate the act above mentioned and the work is done.

Sanctification is the same. Our consecration is required, but does not obligate God. The act of faith brings the blessing.

—R. H. Craig.

Do You Value The Lord's Words?

The words of the Lord Jesus Christ, which were spoken by Him and given to us through the gospels, ought to be written on the fleshly tables of our hearts by the Spirit (Heb. 8: 10) so deeply and clearly that they would be obeyed above all other teaching and instruction. The words of the Lord are more than ordinary words, they are more than the words of man; His words are eternal, they are words that will judge us in the last day, (John 12: 48) they are words that are above all doctrines and theories of men, they are the salt of the earth, a saving and preserving substance to all who embrace them. Jesus says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." John 6: 63. "If we eat His flesh and drink His blood we have eternal life." John 6: 54.

With these few scriptures we can see how great is the value of the Lord's words to us mortals and how imperative it is for us to keep filled with His words of truth and thereby put them in practice in

our every day lives, not seeking our own will and pleasure but the pleasure and will of our Father who is above all. Jesus teaches us if we find our life here we shall lose it, but if we lose our life we will find eternal life. John 12: 25, "The righteous are as a well of life." "The way of the wicked are an abomination in the sight of God." Prov. 15: 9. There is life and death set before every soul (Jer. 21: 8) and the responsibility of choosing is upon every one and they shall be justified or condemned according to their own choosing.

Some one has said, "That religion is man's belief that governs his conduct toward God and man." This probably is a true definition of religion and therefore we have an abundance of religion in the world, but a great majority of religion is vain religion and does not assure one of heavenly bliss and comfort after death nor bring eternal life to the soul in this world. A man may have lots of religion and at the same time be void of salvation. Salvation, means that the soul has been cleared from all guilt and condemnation through repentance toward God and faith in the completed work of Christ, it means that the soul that was dead in sins (separated from God because of sins committed) (Isa. 59: 2) has now been made alive by being born of the Spirit, which teaches and leads them into all truth.

It does not seem hard for many people to accept religion as it is handed out by many preachers and teachers in this world; it is called by the word of God "vain religion," because it does not insure them of eternal life, it will do for this world and is profitable many times for selfish gain and profit, but the partakers of such only become "graves that appear not" (dead to God), yet seem to be very much alive. When they are confronted with the deep vital truth of God's word which if believed and embraced will bring about a change of heart, an indwelling of the Spirit; they will say in actions, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it." John 6: 59. And then turn away and try to make themselves satisfied with just merely a profession, thus retaining their life and loose eternal life.

We wish to note a few words that Jesus spoke which are vital words of truth to the obtaining and getting of salvation or eternal life. In the third chapter of St. John and fifth verse we read, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot (positive) enter into the kingdom of God." Now the word water in this scripture does not mean literal water as some think, but has reference to Jesus as the water of life and Jesus is termed the Word as it is written, "the

Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1: 14). So therefore we must be born of the Word and of the Spirit in order to see or know the kingdom of God. When one is born again, eternal life begins in the soul and will remain in that soul as long as they eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." Perhaps the question arises with some; "how can I eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God"? Well, listen, and by the help of the Lord we will give you some knowledge of how to eat His flesh and drink His blood. Jesus says His words are spirit and they are life, so if we keep His words, His sayings and crucify or put to death our words, our thoughts, and ways, we will be eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

We will now notice some of the sayings of Jesus, which if we do, we will be sowing unto the Spirit, eating His flesh and drinking His blood. In the fifth chapter of John and the forty-fourth verse we read, "How can ye believe that receive honor one from another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only."

To fulfill the truth of this scripture in our daily walk, will mean death to all self-life, death to all fame and honor of men in this world for our daily thought will be, not what men will say or think, but will God honor me in the thing I do or am doing, if we seek to please God in all things whether it means honor or dishonor of men, then our judgment will be righteous and true, and eternal life will grow and increase in our souls. It is one thing to know and talk of this truth, but it is quite another thing to practice it. Those who put it in practice are the ones that are sowing to the Spirit; but those who know it and only talk about it without doing it, have only a vain religion which will profit nothing in the future age, except disappointment.

Jesus says again, "My judgment is just: because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which has sent me." John 5: 30. Jesus is our pattern and we behold Him suffering the loss of all things in order to do the Father's will. He suffered forty days in the wilderness without food and was severely tried by the Devil; He suffered scorn and contempt by the honored men of the world, that the Father's will might be done. He was scoffed at and mocked by the soldiers and led out side the city and there nailed to the cross with thieves and robbers as though he was one too; He suffered shame and contempt, meekly bore it all that the Father's will might be fulfilled. So let us go forth

therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing his reproach. Heb. 13: 13. In so doing and suffering the loss of all worldly gain and honor, together with selfish gratifications, we will be sowing to the spirit and shall reap eternal life.

There are many vain talkers and deceivers in the world today that make a big show of religion and have many followers, have men's persons in admiration, receive honor one of another, have much popularity in this world and know nothing about the real crucified way, they are quickened by other spirits which love a fair show in the flesh, preaching many right things, vainly puffed up by their fleshly minds, from such turn away. Practice the truth contained in the words of the Lord, which kills the self-life and feeds and increases eternal life. "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him." John 6: 56. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him." John 14: 21. Jesus is the Word of life, (1 John 1: 1) and let us give heed unto His words lest we be destroyed from among the people. Acts 3: 23. —Fred Pruitt.

If we fail to keep just some of His sayings we are not walking in love. "He that HATH my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me."

Lift Me Higher

Lift me higher Father, lift me,
Lift me from this world of sin
Lift me to a place in Jesus
Where I'm pure and clean within.

For I need Thy lift dear Father,
Need Thy presence hour by hour,
In myself I'm weak and helpless
Conscious of my lack of power.

Oh, I need Thee, yes I need Thee,
Blessed Father lift me higher,
Out of self, and selfish pleasures
Make Thy will my one desire.

Fill me with Thy gracious presence,
Cover with a copious shower,
'Till I'm lost in rapt amazement
As I feel Thy lifting power.

Lift me higher Father, higher,
To a height I've never known,
Daily growing in Thy favor,
And in praise for blessings shown.

—Mabel Sturgeon.

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EDITORIALS

Since we mailed out the March issue of "Faith and Victory," we have received many letters from various parts of the country that are interested in the printing and sending forth the truth of the gospel. Letters from those who love the Lord and are interested in getting the glad news to others through the printed page are encouraging to our hearts and makes us know that others have the same mind and purpose in heart to do all they can for those lost in sin. One not burdened enough for lost souls to sacrifice time and means for their salvation, could hardly be possessors of Christ's Spirit as the Lords whole life, energy and time was spent for others. His burning desire and passion was that men be saved and He pressed the truth and labored for others, until his enemies whom he loved, slew him in shame on the cross, He loved not his life unto death. He was looked upon and treated by the authorities in this world as the worst of sinners, and in this way "He was made sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5: 21.

If Jesus had such a passion for lost men and women as that, surely those who become joint heirs with Him will be moved by His spirit to spend and be spent for lost souls; they will not be found fixing and laboring to be at ease in this world, but will live now to live again. Those who are living now to live again, will have fellowship with the Son and with one another, will be burdened alike for the cause of Christ in the earth.

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On the morning of the eighth of March we left

for Fremont, Mo. with the five Glass sisters who had been visiting here with the saints since the assembly meeting; the first night we got to Neosho, Mo. and stopped with Bro. Strech, a number of the saints came in and the Lord blessed us together in meeting; we were glad to meet the saints of that city and hear them testify of the Lord's care and keeping. The day following we arrived at Fremont about four o'clock P. M. and the girls' parents met them there, we went out to their home about eight miles in the country and spent a very pleasant night with the family. The next morning which was Sunday morning we came back to Springfield, Mo. and stopped with Bro. and Sister Pletchers, met with the saints at the chapel there, and the Lord blessed us again in meeting with them, it was good to see their faces again and to mingle our voices together in praise to God. Sister L. V. Anderson is pastor of the little flock at that place and she keeps pretty busy as she not only cares for the interest of the saints spiritually, but visits many sick in private homes and in the Hospital, also visits the aged inmates of the county farm, carrying them the gospel and handing out tracts and papers to different ones. We arrived home after dark Monday.

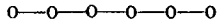
It was the will of the Lord for us to go to the assembly meeting held at Anthony, Kans. Bro. and Sister Forbes of Chandler, Okla. came over on Wednesday and on Thursday morning, them, Sister Anderson, Bro. William Cramer and I went up to Anthony and begun meeting there that night, the ordinance was observed on Saturday afternoon, twenty-one taking part in this service which was blessed and honored of God. The saints there desired that the meeting be continued over another Sunday and so Bro. C. S. Forbes of Chandler, Okla. and Sister L. V. Anderson of Springfield, Mo. stayed and we went on with the meeting, which proved to be a blessing to the saints. It was a great pleasure to us to meet with the saints at that place again as we held meetings there four years ago and had not seen some of them since that time.

Bro. and Sister Helm who have been at Anthony many years are getting aged and feeble, but the inner man is very much alive, they attended every service of the meeting and had much relish for the straight clear Bible truth.

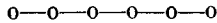
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We have been thinking of the great need of consecrated workers; so much to be done and so few qualified, consecrated ones, many say that they are consecrated and ready to do the will of God, but are so tangled up and tied up with the things of earth that it would be useless for the Lord to call upon them for much of any service, others are looking for the Lord to call them to do some great big thing and never hear His voice calling them to do little things for Him all the time, those who are not willing to do the little hidden away service for the Lord are not in shape to do greater things. Some think if they had lots of money they would give a lot to the cause of the Lord; one that will not give of the little they have would only give sparingly if they had much. We know a man

that gave fifty dollars to a preacher and afterwards the preacher went wrong and he nearly back-slid because he had given him the money. If this man had of given the money as unto the Lord, it would never of troubled him no matter what the preacher did, his reward would be just the same. When we give to any one as unto the Lord, then they are responsible to God for its use and our responsibility ceases. If we keep our affections on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God, we will not be moved by temporal gain or loss, but will be content with such things as we have .

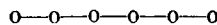


Sister Rachel Norcutt of Mapleton, Kans. is helping in the office work, she wrappes up the tracts for mailing and also helps wife with the correspondence and does many other things which are connected with the work. Bro. William Cramer of Penna. who has been in the office work here over a year, operates the Linotype and feeds the cylinder press, besides helping with other needed work. They are both good office help and it is very encouraging to see a few young folks so consecrated in the Lord's work.



Sister Mary Spradling, an aged saint living here in Guthrie has had a very bad sick spell this winter, had several afflictions besides a paralytic stroke, which affected her mind. It was necessary for some one to stay with her night and day. She has recovered some but is not well at all and the saints have secured a place for her with a lady who cares for her at one dollar per day.

Sister Spradling is a very worthy saint and all who know her, love her. She has no way of support only as it is given to her. The saints here have been caring for her for many years and she is dear to all of them. Grandma Spradling is eighty-three years old and has witnessed much for the Lord. Pray for her.



When we think of the earnestness and zeal of the apostle Paul in getting the truth of the gospel to souls, many times risking his life and suffering untold hardships in perilous situations, it ought to stir every reader of "Faith and Victory" to do something in some way to extend the truth to others. You could send in a few names and addresses of parties whom you believe would read and appreciate the paper and in that way increase the circulation.

We do not solicit names carelessly taken from a Phone directory book, or gotten at random without a knowledge of parties being interested; but want each reader to be so interested that they will send in the names of those whom they have reason to know that the paper will be read with profit to parties concerned. Paul saw a crown laid up for him because he had been faithful, had kept the faith, had fought a good fight. He had not shunned to declare the whole gospel.

In aiding in this work in any way or manner, you are partakers with us in getting the gospel to the souls of men. Our reward will be according to our labors.

Let us all be zealous for the cause of God and thereby be laying our treasures up in heaven. We have a desire to double the circulation of "Faith and Victory." Will you help? The need is great.

The work at the office is moving forward as the Lord goes before and we have deep decisions to continue on teaching and printing the clear definite gospel that saves men and women from all sin and prepares them to share with Christ in glory. The literature is doing a good work for God. Keep on praying for us.

Camp-meeting Notices

Bro. W. M. Wilson of Caneyhill, Ark. announces that they will have another camp meeting at that place this year beginning on the nineteenth of July. The saints ought to get under the burden for this meeting and make it even better than last year. He is expecting more people this time than before.

The meeting will be run on the free-will plan, as it was last year. The location is good and there is no reason why there should not be another good meeting at that place. Particulars concerning the meeting will be given later.

The camp meeting at Hennessey, Okla. will commence Aug. the thirtieth and last till Sept. the 15th. Will give you more information later.

—Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Okla.

The Hammond, La. camp meeting will be held this year July 12th to 21st inclusive. Hammond is 50 miles east of Baton Rouge and 55 miles north of New Orleans. It is on Illinois Central R. R. Camp meetings have been held on these grounds for 22 years.

We are expecting a number of ministers from different states to be present to preach the full gospel in the old-time purity and power. We will gladly care for all who come. Those who cannot come and yet desire to help the meeting in a financial way, can send what the Lord is leading you to send to Robert Forbes, Box 543 Hammond, La.

A NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS

A notice to ministers and gospel workers. Also others who wish to come, are welcome.

The state ministers meeting of the evening light reformation, will convene in Tulsa, Okla. as usual. Beginning Wednesday, May the 8th. This is a meeting worth attending. Ministers and workers from different states are heartily invited to come.

Now, ministers everywhere get ready to be present. The saints in Tulsa make effort to care for all that come. No fare paid to ministers unless he is fully unable to bear his expense. For particulars, write L. Fellows, 1716 N. Peara Ave. Tulsa, Okla. or S. E. Smith, 1352 N. Irapuoise St. Tulsa, Okla.
—S. T. Walker, 1346 Forest Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

OBITUARIES

Mary Francis Kincaid was born Feb. 4th 1873, in Webster County Nebr. and departed this life March 19th 1929, at Anthony, Kans. at the age of 56 years, one month and 15 days.

When four years old, she moved with her parents to Redwillow County, Nebr. where she grew to womanhood. She was united in marriage to Robert Jones November 28th 1889. To this union was born nine children, two of which preceded her to the great beyond. One died in infancy, and Mrs. J. W. Acridge died five years ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing; her husband, Robert Jones, one son A. W. Jones of Waldron Kans. and six daughters—Mrs. W. L. Baker of Turlock, Cal. Mrs. Kathrin Hoskinson, Venice, Calif., Mrs. J. H. McGee, Ponca City, Okla., Roberta Jones of Wichita, Kans. Mrs. D. F. Mellonburch and Lucile Jones of Anthony; also 12 grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters, besides other relatives and many friends.

She became a Christian in early life and has been a constant worker for the Lord until the time of her death.

Sister Jones was one of the saints and was much beloved by the saints at Anthony, Kans. Some of the children was of the "Christian" faith and owing to the fact that the saint's chapel was not large enough, they thought it best to have the funeral services conducted in the First Christian Church of Anthony. There was a very large number of relatives and friends gathered in to be at the services and the Lord blessed in speaking the truth to this gathering of people. The text used is found in Rev. 21: 4. Funeral service was conducted by Fred Pruitt.

As mother to her children here
She gave her love and care,
And with the saints in heaven now
God's precious love will share.

Mrs. R. S. Brumback died at her home in Franklin Co., Ky. on Jan. 30th. Her funeral was held at her mother's home and was conducted by Bro. Mass.

She was born March 23rd 1901. She leaves three little children and her mother, father, sister and brother; with a host of friends to mourn the loss of this young mother. Her husband preceded her in death almost two years.

She was confined to her bed for nearly four months, with that awful disease Tuberculosis.

Miss. Mary Burns Parker was married to Mr. R. S. Brumback in 1920. To this union were born three boys, which are all living. Their names are as follows: Anbus Stewart, Joe Burns and Bobie.

Sent in by mother-in-law: —Nannie Brumback.

To Whom It May Concern

It has been said to me, and about me, that I was too hard on certain ones that was estranged from us.

Well I have always knew that we could be so and have endeavored to keep watch on that very point.

However I was called on to help some who had allowed Satan to get something in their hearts against each other, but they got together and claimed to be reconciled. One was a preacher the other was a deacon. The one wanted the other removed from office; so my judgment to the one contending for the removal was: to give up their contention, because if something had been between them and they claimed it was all gone; and yet he still contended for the removal; the appearance would seem as though that old complaint was still there. Right here came the thought to me, what is it do you think caused some to think you were too hard on the extremists? Was it not appearance?

Now I sure want to take on myself what I will put on others and expect them to take and I see this much. There is a possibility of me being too hard on this matter. And the last tract I wrote on them I wish to recall. I am not questioning the truth of the tract, but the appearance. I had rather give the doubt than take it.

Too, I want to say to them, anything that they think was said too harsh, I want their forgiveness. Time is too short and I am getting too near the end and I have gone through too much to loose my reward now or at the last.

From one that means heaven at any cost.

—S. T. Walker. 1346 Forest St. Pasadena, Calif.



A Letter From Robert Longley

Suva, Fiji Islands,—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, family and all who are laboring there with you in the ministry of Christ's Gospel:-- Greetings to you all in the mutual Faith that we are contending for and in the divine love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. May God bless you each one as you labor on there for the benefit of souls that are bound by the fetters of sin,—sending forth the glorious truth of the Gospel that sets souls free, if they but repent, and believe it and embrace it with all the heart. Too, it is also very necessary that all of us lambs and sheep should feed upon that life-giving food, that we do not always remain children in the sense that we would be a prey to winds of doctrine that are floating about, nor be deceived by any of the cunningness of man or Satan, who in these days is certainly mustering a lot of things to try and imitate the real Truth. So, realizing the great need, I pray that God will bless and supply you with every needed means to fight a good fight and be crowned with victory here in this present evil world, and be granted an abundant entrance into that inheritance that is undefiled and that fadeth not away, which is awaiting in heaven for you. Too, I pray that all of us who reap the benefit of the spiritual food sent forth, which at times, no doubt, calls for early and late working, waitings upon the Lord in prayer and in fastings that your souls may be sufficiently fed in order to have an abundance to

share with others, —I trust we may continually realize our duty of love in ministering of the necessary temporal needs to “make both ends meet” and also to overlap, as far as that is concerned. I have just been reading in the Jan. “Faith and Victory”, and it has truly been food to my soul, and I do appreciate the good articles on the vital and necessary things for souls to be exhorted on, —it’s the good, plain old-time Gospel that’s going to reveal man’s heart condition to him. I liked, too, the good and well-balanced variety of articles; praise the Lord for them all, and the encouraging testimonies.

I have not been so well, or at least was not about a week ago. As I have no certain dwelling place, I had to move away from the place where I was living, as the man wanted the room for his own use, and this place I moved to was very dirty, and took quite a lot of scrubbing and it was very hot at the time. I had an attack of the dengue, I suppose it was, then my throat got so sore I could hardly swallow water or food. I thought for a time that perhaps a bristle from my tooth brush or maybe a small fish bone had lodged in my throat. But all praise to the Lord, whatever it was He has purged it away and I am feeling well again. However, on Saturday night, I had a little meeting among some Chinese little children, also Indians and Fijians, and I felt the effects on my throat, as it was in the open air. On Sunday morning only Dave, my Tongan friend, was along, but I think we both felt very happy, as Jesus truly did verify His promise in meeting with two. As Dave put it he said, it was all the same to him if there was two, three or one thousand.

I had a letter from Bro. Sperber from New Zealand, and he said the Lord was blessing him in meeting with those he had known and been among some years ago.

Bro. Pruitt, I want to thank you and those who had part with you in sending the ten dollars to me, and I trust that each one may be blest and rewarded, both by temporal and spiritual benefits, and I need your and their prayers that I may in all things be a faithful steward of what is entrusted to me.

I have some peculiar experiences sometimes. Some time ago quite a number of Fijian Seventh Day Adventists (who had been Wesleyans before) came to my room and had a lot of questions to ask. They wanted to know if there were many that belonged to my church in America, if we allowed the eating of pigs, etc. I answered them the best I could, and then gave them some scripture references, so they could read them in their Fijian Bibles. But I am most certain that if I had pictured to them a great body of people belonging to my church, and had some visible inducement here, there would not have been much hesitation in coming “with us”, but with perhaps no change in heart at all. Could we expect anything but that the poor natives’ minds are confused by the ways and manners of different sects?

You may be a little surprized to know that Bro. Gardner passed through Suva on the last Matson boat

from San Francisco. He was going to Australia, and said he expected to go on to India if all things were cleared. The boat was late getting in here, remaining only about three and a half hours. It was raining most of the time too. In the almost three years of stay here, he was the first person I have seen that I had met to know before, so that in itself meant something in a strange place.

I send my best love in the Lord to all the dear saints there.

Your Bro. in the Lord, —Robert Longley.

Love And Unity

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 Jno. 1: 7. Now notice what the apostle Paul says, “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another.” We don’t have to try to make fellowship, but it is as natural as the water flowing down the stream, if we all walk in the light. You know sometimes sectarians get an idea they should not be so divided, so they fix up some kind of a union, but it never brings them into the Unity of the Spirit. Why? Because one believes one thing, and one another; let us take heed brethren, lest we also have a doctrine or an opinion or revelation. 1 Cor. 14: 26. But let us do all things to edify. Oh, there is so many ways the devil can bring about division; now it is certain if we have divisions, somebody is not sanctified and surely must be carnal. 1 Cor. 3: 1—2: 3-4. I am persuaded then that division is the fruits of carnality. Please read what Jesus said in his last prayer, just before he was crucified. John 17: 17-21.

We read in the word of God, just before the day of Pentecost, the disciples continued with one accord; and after Pentecost, they were together and had all things common and God blessed them and added each day to the Church such as should be saved. Acts 1: 14, also 2: 44-47. Now as I said before, sectarians sometimes will get together and appear to be in unity for a little while; but the first thing you know, something comes in and the Union is all torn asunder. Do you know why such things exist? Simply because someone wants to be great, but listen what Jesus says about this matter. Oh, beloved lets not strive to be great, but let us all be brethren, (Matt. 23: 8-12) and love as brethren. 1 Pet. 3: 8-9. But some one may say, did not they have division at Corinth? And did not the apostle Paul address them as being Sanctified? Yes very truly. In the beginning of his letter, he wrote to those who were sanctified, but farther on he admonished those who were divisional, and said they were

carnal and walked as men. 1 Cor. 1: 1-2—3: 1-3 and in the sixteenth chapter he said, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity."

There are six things which the Lord doth hate; yea seven are an abomination unto him; and sowing discord among brethren is one of them. (Prov. 6: 16-19). Where the Holy Spirit presides, UNITY prevails. Now beloved, let us all strive together for the Unity of the spirit; for where there is division, there is confusion and every evil work. James 3: 16.

"Now let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Eccl. 12: 13. "Finally, brethren, Farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." 2 Cor. 13: 11. —H. W. White.

Battle of Armageddon

We find that this is a spiritual war-fair; not carnal as many teach it. See Rev. 16: 14-16. "For they are the spirits of Devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." In the thirteenth verse it says, those spirits of devils were unclean spirits like frogs and they came out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. These three unclean spirits are false religious teachings and are deceptive, they perform miracles and many things to deceive the people and yet still fight the real Bible truth of Justification and Sanctification, living free from sin; Divine Healing; Unity of God's people; Plainness of dress, not the wearing of gold and excepting all nationalities, just as the Bible teaches. These spirits are fighting these truths.

Christian Science and Spiritualism are poisonous and dangerous, for they leave Christ out and say that Christ was not divine, but just a good man; and also say healing is just of the mind, that we just think we are sick and if we are hurting that it is just an imagination.

Dear readers, if you are sick and in pain you know it and there is no use to tell a lie about it, for God's word says all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire. The Spiritualists claim and do many wonders, calling up the dead and talking to them, and doing many things contrary to God's word and yet claiming to be on the right road.

Another is Russellism, teaching there is no everlasting Hell or punishment. They say that God is too good to send a man to hell to be punished. God never did send a man, boy, girl or woman to hell, but they go there over the pleadings of the Holy Spirit, over the word and over the pleading of God's people. And

who can be to blame? For the Bible plainly teaches Hell a place of torment. Matt. 11: 23. Matt. 13: 42. Matt. 25: 41-46. Matt. 23: 15. Rev. 14: 10-11. These are just a few scriptures to prove dear reader, that it is dangerous to follow after such damnable doctrines, for they are deceiving many innocent souls.

In Matt. 7: 22-23 we read, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Now, dear readers, there are many false prophets and much false religions and some that claim Holiness and some that go so far that they say that they speak with other tongues as an evidence of the Holy Ghost, yet denying part of the teachings of the word and do things that is unbecoming and yet claiming the Holy Ghost led them. And make fun of God's people, because they accept the colored saints; Japanese and Chinese saints, and speak evil of them, yet claim they have the Holy Ghost. Dear ones, there is something wrong if the Holy Ghost is leading that way; the word is right and if the word is right, then these people are wrong. Then let us stay with the word.

In Rev. 5: 9 and Rev. 7: 9, there was a multitude of all nations and color and tongues, that no man could number, with them they would not join any man's creed nor be numbered with them. For we know that the different creeds are looking for joiners, it is the number they are after, regardless of Salvation. So when we bring to them the plain truth and uncover the ungodly deeds of the different sects and creeds, they are ready to join Gog, (Catholicism) and Magog (Protestantism) to battle against the saints of the Most High. Please read, Rev. 20: 8. So all of the combined forces of false religions will come against the saints. So this battle is not fought with lead and steel as some think, but a battle against the false teachings and the wrong and against sin of all kind. Against back-biting, fault finding, evil surmising, jealousy, salaried preaching, or preachers going to hold meeting or pasturing a flock and have a set salary. In the tenth chapter of John Jesus calls them hirelings. Also big pipe organs, banquets, church suppers, orchestras, and such like is not of God and should be fought against.

Another thing that we as the saints have to fight against, is spiritual fornication. God is a jealous God and His Church is his Bride and he does not want his people partaking of any other so-called Church. As He calls them harlots in Rev. 17: 1-5. Sects are daughters of the Catholic church; so he does not want his people going and sanctioning them, by so doing, you are flirting with other men's wives. (spiritually) As the CHURCH is the Bride. So we should be very careful; for there is Only One that God recognizes. Christ died for only one and we should live to please Him. If we are His, let us fight the good fight of faith and stand for the truth and stay in the battle against the wrong until Jesus comes. Amen.

Yours for all the truth, —W. I. Miles.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

The Young Christian

And yet—“outside the camp”—
 ’Twas there my Saviour died!
 It was the world that cast Him forth
 And saw Him crucified.
 Can I take part with those
 Who nailed Him to the tree?
 And where His Name is never praised,
 Is there the place for me?

Nay, world! I turn away,
 Tho’ thou seem fair and good;
 That friendly, outstretched hand of thine
 Is stained with Jesus’ blood.
 If in thy least device
 I stoop to take a part,
 All unaware, thine influence steals
 God’s presence from my heart.

I miss my Saviour’s smile,
 Whene’er I walk thy ways;
 Thy laughter drowns the Spirit’s voice,
 And chokes the springs of praise.
 Whene’er I turn aside
 To join thee for an hour,
 The face of Christ grows blurred and dim,
 And prayer has lost its power!

Farewell. . . . Henceforth my place
 Is with the Lamb Who died.
 My Sovereign! While I have Thy love,
 What can I want beside?
 Thyself, blest Lord, art now
 My free and loving choice,
 In Whom, though now I see Thee not,
 Believing, I rejoice.

Shame on me that I sought
 Another joy than this,
 Or dreamt a heart at rest with Thee
 Could crave for earthly bliss!
 These vain and worthless things,
 I put them all aside;
 His goodness fills my longing soul,
 And I am satisfied.

Lord Jesus! let me dwell
 “Outside the camp” with Thee!
 Since Thou art there, then there alone
 Is peace and rest for me.
 Thy dear reproach to bear
 I’ll count my highest gain,
 Till Thou return, Rejected One,
 To take Thy power, and reign!

Sand Springs, Okla.—Dear Bro. Cramer: I am a little girl eight years old. I love the Lord and would like to be saved. My mother and my aunt are saved, and they take “Faith and Victory.” I love to read it so well. I just got through reading your article on prayer. And thought I would add my testimony to the children’s page.

Please pray for me, that I may get saved, and give my life to the Lord.
 From a friend, —Christine Ruth Dilliner.

“The Angel of The Lord”

Dear children, how blessed to know that the dear Lord cares for us while we live in this present world. We have such a kind heavenly Father to trust in, and to keep us from the evil things that would overcome us. The word of God says, “The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.” Psa. 34: 7. Just to think that the angel of the Lord is near to us: What assurance and calmness it brings to our souls to know we are safe from harm.

Young people as well as older people need the protection and care of the Lord; for there are many things to harm us, if He were not near us. When we were small little children, and there was some great danger near or trouble coming to us, if we could just be near to father and mother, how safe and secure we felt. Much more our heavenly Father cares for us.

One time when one of God’s true ministers was put in prison and was to have been killed; because he was preaching God’s word, as he was sleeping between two soldiers bound with two chains and the keepers before the door kept the prison; the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison, the angel told him to get up quickly and the chains fell off from his hands. Then the angel led him to a house where God’s people were praying. He then told the other saints how the Lord delivered him from the prison.

How many of you can tell who this minister was, and who was the King seeking his death? If we will keep humble and true to God, He will not suffer us to be defeated by the enemy of our soul.

After Jesus had been tempted of the devil forty days and forty nights; the tempter came to Him in different ways; seeking to get Jesus to yield to him, but Jesus would not do so. Afterwards angels came and ministered unto him. It was the angel of the Lord that descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door of the sepulchre, where the body of our Lord Jesus was laid.

—Sel.

Therefore dear children, continue to look to the

Lord for help and grace day by day, and He will be a present help in time of need. And will not suffer you to be tempted more than you are able to bear. May God bless you each one. From one who loves you.
—Emma Holden.

CORRESPONDENCE

Russellville, Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greeting in Jesus name. May the blessings of God continue to be upon you in every way He may see is best for you. I have been reading of your trials and while they may seem grievous at times, I have no doubt, but it is best, if we love Him. I believe this agrees with His word. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also live with Him."

The testimonies given through the paper are interesting and encouraging. While one may be striking and more encouraging to me; some other may be more so to some one else. So all the readers are edified and encouraged and made to rejoice. Tears of gladness came from my eyes, as I read your testimony and that of Mrs. Lemuel Wright of Olivet, Mich. and also Mrs. Martha B. Davis and others.

I too, saw that *Glorious Light*. It was about forty-six years ago and although I have mentioned it before, I believe I will tell it again, in the hope some one may be encouraged. At that time I was a young man, and County surveyor of Hot Spring County Ark. I had been a member of the Methodist Church for several years having joined in the time of one of the old-time revivals, at which time I believe many were converted and made to rejoice—although I was not converted at that time. I was received as a member and held in good standing and officiated in some ways, in church and Sunday School, yet I was void of the true Christian Spirit.

My conversion nine years later came about in this way. I was unmarried and having considerable surveying to do; I went from place to place and felt at home where ever my work called me. On one occasion while at work near Lono, Hot Spring County, I stopped with a man by the name of John Rucker; an elderly woman was there at the same time. She told of a friend who had committed the unpardonable sin and was already lost and without any hope of ever being saved. I could not understand it, yet I was put under deep conviction for the first time in my life. I had been a great sinner and though much reformed since joining the Methodist church, my experience did not agree with the testimonies of people I believed were true Christians;—so my conclusion was that my profession was faulty and that possibly I had also sinned against the Holy Ghost or the unpardonable sin. I prayed, but "heaven was as iron and earth as brass, for my strength was spent in vain." My mind was occupied in the day with my work, but my nights were miserable. Night after night I prayed as best I could, but without avail till I was about decided I had committed the unpardonable sin and there was no chance for me. Still I prayed and plead for mercy till at

last on the night that I found peace—I had stopped with John Armstrong and at bed-time, I was down on the floor of my room and began to pray and call on God to have mercy on me. I would pray on the bed and then down on the floor, sometimes on my knees and sometimes otherwise till near mid-night, I was on the bed and just about given up all hope, but with all the strength I had, I called on God to have mercy, when suddenly I was strangely warmed and filled with light. All was light around and within me. *I was so happy*. I looked about me, there was no light burning, but *there was light*. The light was in me. Oh, such joy! Such peace! I had never known before. I knew at once what it was. God had heard me and blotted out my sins. My first impulse was to shout, but a thought came, that would not be right, as I was in another man's house; then a thought to go and tell Mr. Armstrong about it. Then a thought came to wait till morning which I decided to do and fell asleep and slept soundly till morning when I arose and saw Mr. Armstrong in the lot feeding stock; I went out intending to tell him what the Lord had done, but thought again it would be best to wait and tell the family at breakfast. So when breakfast was announced, we were seated around a long farm-house table. It was a large family and several grown girls. I looked around and decided not to tell it at all. They were primitive baptists and I had heard they did not believe in such religion and though Mr. Armstrong was a good man and I believed was a Christian, yet I backed down and left his house without telling him, that it was in his house that I was born of the Spirit and the light of eternal life came into my being. The Lord wanted me to tell them; but the Devil cheated me out of it.

Since then I heard the doctrine of Sanctification, and seen the power of God demonstrated that I have no doubts as to the power of God among men. I could write much more, but suffice to say, that I have peace and quietness in my soul and more determined to live for God and reach heaven where God and Christ and all His saints and angels are than ever before in my life. Yours in hope,
V. M. Threlkeld.

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Ossining, N.Y.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus,

I have a Savior, A wonderful Savior!

And I know that you have Him too.

I have a Savior, A wonderful Savior!

I have had the pleasure of reading your publication "Faith and Victory," and I want to say that it contains the best Gospel news that I have ever read. I trust that God will bless you and bring you success in your work, and may you be an instrument in His hands to bring many souls to His throne.

If I wasn't saved your little paper would convince me of the need of a Savior, oh! if all of us would realize the allness of God and the nothingness of this world, what a glorious life would be ours.

I have wasted fourteen years of my life in crime, but thanks be to God I have found something that I

needed, something that all of us need and we can never be really satisfied unless we get it, that something is Jesus Christ, He is the only one who can give us complete satisfaction. Praise His holy name. I have had the so-called pleasures of this world, yet there was something lacking, I have known worldly happiness, yet I wasn't satisfied, but I accepted Jesus and today I have a Peace and Joy that I wouldn't trade for the whole world and its gold. I wouldn't trade it for my liberty and I have a sentence of twenty years to serve. Oh! its so wonderful to know and trust Jesus.

Everyone wants peace and joy, but they try to find it in this world and that is why so many never find it. Real peace and joy will never be found in the things of this world, "but seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6: 33. This verse was instrumental in making me what I am today, because I realized that the Kingdom of God was the only place that I could find the peace that I now enjoy. God has been wonderful to me, the sinner that I was, yet I am only a baby in His Kingdom, it only being eight months since I was saved from eternal damnation and passed from death unto life, blessed be His name forever.

You must excuse me if I have made this letter too long, I just wanted you to know what God has done for such a sinner as I have been, if He will do that for me, I am sure He will do the same for anyone else.

I am really glad that I was put in prison, because of the fact that I found Jesus in prison, if I had not been put here, I would have never found Him, because I was too interested in worldly things. When I who must serve twenty years in prison, can make a statement of this kind, it should convince anyone that religion is really worth while.

In closing I am sorry to say that I am financially unable to send you a donation, but I trust that God will bless you all, and I wish you the best of success for Jesus' sake.

Yours in grace, No. 81111. —Willard N. Watkins.

Hennessey, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and saints: I am writing my testimony this morning. I am saved, sanctified and kept by the mighty power of God. I am living above sin right here in this present world; and by His grace I mean to be faithful. Truly I am learning of my blessed Saviour.

Our store-house has been closed for a few days; so this morning we were able to open it and got pickles, tomatoes, apples and potatoes. Then a thought came to me, man can feed the body, but it takes God to feed the soul. And my cup filled up and ran over; praise Jehovah for soul-food.

Pray for me dear ones, that I be all the dear Lord would have me be in this life.

Your saved sister, —Annie Lee.

South West City, Mo.—Dear saints at Faith Pub. House:—Greeting in the name of Jesus. I can truly say that I thank the Lord for sparing my life. I am

more than ready to do all He would have me do. I am thanking my loving Father that there are a few true ones left so that the truth can be printed and sent out. Thank God, there are a few ministers that are not afraid to proclaim the whole truth.

One time I belonged to one of those churches that say, we could not live without sinning. Thank the Lord, when I got one of the Faith and Victory papers I soon seen by comparing its teachings with the blessed Book, that the sin doctrine was one of the devil's tricks. Since then I have been showing that great error to the people. May God help us to press the battle forward.

According to the good book, the end of time must be close at hand, "As it was in the days of Noe; so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." Luke-17: 26.

I still wish the Faith and Victory paper sent to me. I read it as soon as I get it.

Pray for me. —G. E. Drake.

Hennessey, Okla.—Dear saints: I am praising the dear Lord for His goodness to me, he is so good to me. He saved and sanctified me, He is my Savior and my keeper. Praise His dear name. I am glad that I am in this narrow way.

My heart longs to see the ministers of God go to La., where loved ones are crying for the real straight gospel preached in its fulness. Dear ones the field is ready to harvest and the labors are few. My heart is longing to see the gospel spread over this world. Praise the dear Lord, I mean to work for the gospel and do what I can. The Lord is my physician, He heals me when I get sick. Praise His dear name.

Dear ones, remember me in prayer that I keep humble where Jesus will always talk to my heart and be quick to obey His loving voice. From your sister in the One Body, —Annie Wiley.

Battle Creek, Mich.—Dear saints: Greeting you once more in Jesus dear name. Whose name is above all other names.

I am trusting God for all things and truly find Him a present help in every time of need. He cares for me so tenderly since I have been left alone. Seems as if He does more for me than any one else. Truly my soul does praise Him to-night.

I am so thankful that God has some true ones that will lift up the standard of the Bible on the worldliness that has crept in. It certainly is disgraceful the way the young and old adorn themselves. You speak to them about it and they generally reply it isn't in my heart. But the Word says, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Also, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." "By their fruit ye shall know them." My prayer is, may God awake honest precious souls to the stand they have taken for the world.

After reading Bro. Harmon's article, I was meditating and asking God what can I do. These words came to me: "What in life we all may do, can but save a very few, yet the blessed Savior shed His blood

for all.”

It is sad, sad. My prayer daily is keep me true to Him, for I realize that if I miss heaven, I miss it all.

Yours for lost souls, —Mrs. Mary L. Pike.

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San Bernadino, Calif.—I truly praise God this morning for salvation and that I have learned the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord. There is nothing that will give us true joy and happiness outside the fold of God; but it is as the Psalmist has said, “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” (Psa. 119: 165). And again he says in the 105th verse, “Thy word is a lamp unto my path.”

So we need not walk in darkness and not know the way to take; but the blessed word will teach us the way if we will study it with earnest hearts. But so many people of today, fail to walk in the light of God’s word and go out after ways of their own; thus dividing the people of God, when Jesus prayed, that they all may be one. as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: why the need of being one and loving each other? That the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

May the dear Lord help us to walk carefully before Him, is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Nellie Poulos.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear readers of Faith and Victory: Greeting in much love. I have been impressed for the last few weeks to write my testimony after reading so many good testimonies that were so encouraging; I thought mine might be some encouragement to some one else.

I can truly say that I am still saved, sanctified and on the altar, ready for service. My hearts desire is to live for God as never before, for this world has no charms for me. The way grows brighter and sweeter; I am sinking into Him more and more every day. I see so much deceitfulness, so much falling away to the world, my prayer each day is, Lord help me to get nearer to thee. When I rise in the morning, my cry is, “Nearer my God to Thee”

For the last twenty-seven years, since I found the One Church I have never had a desire to go back into the world. Neither have I resorted to any medicine since I found the Lord as my great physician for both soul and body. So I am home to stay until Jesus calls me from labor to reward. I am seventy-eight years old. Your sister in the One Body and mother in the Gospel.

—Carrie Winn.

My address is, 1309 W. Mansur Ave. Guthrie, Okla.

Instruments In Worship

Shall we have them? Are they helpful to the Holy Spirit in any way? These are questions that are agitating the minds of many and many who once had no use for instruments in worship have adopted them for some reason, which we feel like writing on.

I have known the present truth for about thirty-five years and have known the spirituality of the congregations that did not use them and who use them now. I take the position that instruments are used as an artificial means of covering up the lack of spirituality. God is a spirit and seeks such as worshipers. St. John 4: 23. No instrument that I know of has a spirit and therefore cannot help one spiritually.

I will refer you to a text found in Eph. 5: 19. “Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Can we make an instrument speak to ourselves? No, but you can sing your experience out of a heart in tune with God. The scripture above quoted, exhorted us to be filled with the spirit and as a result of being filled, we will sing out our testimony, sing our experience. You take a congregation of spirit filled saints singing as unto the Lord and this makes melody in which Jesus likes to hear.

Suppose you were called to help a seeker to Christ would you gather around with a string band? Absolutely no, but you would earnestly pray God to help them to repent and find Jesus and when the victory came would he look for violin to demonstrate his joy and experience. No, but he would be in the spirit to sing and tell that “salvation is the sweetest thing.”

I want to be frank and am positive that instruments used in worship are used as an artificial means of help, because of a lack of spirituality. Let us make melody in our hearts unto the Lord. The Psalmist of old said, “He hath put a new song in my mouth.” When people drift back toward the world they will use the things that the world uses and will freely use the various things that the world uses for a drawing cord to draw the world to them and when they are drawn the result is a worldly congregation. Could you use an instrument in helping you pray through? Of course not you would say; well if you could not use one in prayer as a help to get faith or to help one humble himself before God. Neither would it help us to sing victory after we had prayed through. Could we express our gratitude to God for His healing power? Could we make an instrument speak to God for us in the spirit, if not then let us never use instruments as a side issue to try to express to God, what the spirit alone can do.

Notice! my text said, “spiritual songs” qualifying the kind. So we are to never sing any kind only that which we can lift our soul to God in song, in adoration and praise. We can sing a prayer to God; can send our earnest desire to God in song and can sing the victory in song also. It seems an abomination to God for a lot of worldly scantily dressed young people get up in the choir and sing the songs of Zion in which they cannot sing with the spirit or understanding. The only worship that is acceptable with God is that which comes from a heart that is in full harmony with heaven; singing out the language of the soul and this kind needs no help from any mechanical source.

Oh, let us have enough of the heavenly life to sing heavenly songs without resorting to mechanical aid.

What would you think of an old time saint turning a prayer wheel, letting the wheel do his praying? You would think his light had become darkness, which would be true. It would be as reasonable to think an instrument could assist the Holy Ghost in expressing the feelings of the soul.

In the early days of the reformation the spirit filled singing drew the crowd and also convicted men and left an impression that God was truly in the meetings. The Holy Ghost was the drawing cord; in many places now it's the string band or some other kind of a worldly fix up.

May God help us to see the old paths, the good way and walk therein. Amen. —E. M. Zinn.

"Adam Where Art Thou?"

"He answered and said, a man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight." (John 9: 11).

Dear friends, Jesus has the same power today to open blind eyes. And there are those all about us, who are blind. Not physically blind, for they see the beautiful mountains, the trees, the grass, the flowers and they know their friends by sight, but they are spiritually blind. They do not see the beauty of serving God. God who made heaven and earth and all things that are therein. God who made us, upon whom we are dependent for the very breath of life. If God wished, he could call us from this life right now, without a moments notice, whether we are prepared or not. But the Lord is a merciful God; He spares our lives and gives us opportunity to prepare for eternity. We who know God, know these things, but there are the sightless, those whom the god of this world has blinded. Jesus has the same power today that he had that day when he anointed the blind man's eyes. He can open the eyes of those who walk in darkness, that they may see sin and its folly. That they may see the deceiver of Satan and see their lost condition.

God's word says, "We are ambassadors for Christ." Are we fulfilling our mission? Are we walking so close to the Master that we know how to speak the words of life to those whom we daily come in contact with or are we like Peter, following so far off that when the test comes, we fail? Are we cold or hot or are we lukewarm? Jesus says, "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3: 15-16).

Christian friend, let us take with us the sword of the Spirit and go forth to battle. Let us not shrink because we fear a harsh answer, or a cutting word. But let us freely use our sword which is the word of God. If more Christians were armed with the word of God at all times and would make use of it at every opportunity, I am convinced that there would be more souls saved. But because they fear a harsh answer or

a scornful look, and because it is so much easier to fall in with the spirit of the crowd in which they happen to be, the sword of the Spirit remains in its sheath and many times rusts for lack of using; while poor souls are marching on toward eternity, "without God and without hope in this world."

Dear friends, let us not be lukewarm and careless concerning the souls for whom Christ died. "Let us work while it is day brother, sister, for soon will the Master return, to garner the wheat that we harvest, the chaff in his fury to burn. So in haste let us rush to the rescue, but few can we save at the most, soon millions will be at the judgment forever, eternally lost."

—Mrs. D. G. Lynch.

The Reformation

Reformation means the act of forming again. Jesus Christ is the only one who can refine, reform, purge the heart of man. As we look to the Bible and to the dictionary we learn the true meaning of the Reformation.

"And I will bring the third part through the fire and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." Zech. 13: 9. This is God's reformation, the cleansing, and purifying, and purging setting us free from sin and guilt.

We read in Heb. 9: 10, "Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building. Neither by the blood of bulls and goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Also the twenty-fourth verse, "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us? Also the 28th verse, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

In Daniel 12: 10 we read, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."

Now by these scriptures we learn that Christ is the Reformer, Christ is the refiner and we are the ones that needed refining, purifying, purging and cleansing. Christ is the refiner and unless Christ has purged, purified, cleansed us, we are reprobate, impure and we are none of his. After he has purified us, we must keep ourselves pure for his sake and for our own eternal peace.

“Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.” Psa. 85: 6-8.

We must keep ourselves pure, holy and refined, unless we do, we are none of his. We can talk about the reformations; such as Luther’s reformation, Warner’s reformation and all of them, but unless we have Christ’s reformation in our life and soul, we have missed it all. We may think that we are in Warner’s reformation, because we know all the truth; but unless we know Christ as our Redeemer, our Reformer, our Purifier, our Cleanser, we are wanting and are lost without God and hope in this world. Let the Lord do the work in our hearts and be ready for his appearing. Be purified, be refined, be made pure and white and tried. Dan. 12: 10. After Jesus has refined, reformed, purified our nature, he wants us to keep ourselves pure for Him, that he can use us. Keep ourselves alive in him, keep his Holy Spirit burning in our heart. Keep in touch with God.

This being in a reformation and having no reformation in our heart and nature, but just knowing what the Bible teaches, singing spiritual songs and being delighted with good preaching etc., without obeying the word from the heart is a force and many will be lost just because they neglected to obey the word.

Did not drink it in and obey it from the heart. Precious souls will be lost eternally, who have thought that they were in a reformation, while they yet love the world and dress, and act like it. They love its sins, its wrongs and do like they do and have no grace or salt in themselves. They did not come and were refined by the Great Refiner Jesus Christ.

When we truly are in the reformation, Christ lives in our heart and we are new creatures in Christ Jesus our Lord; made alive in Christ. He has a home in our heart and we become his resting place. We are his royal diadem. We are his crown.

Should sinners be his crown, they would pierce him worse than the cruel crown of thorns that was pressed into his holy brow while he was here in the

flesh. If we are saints, let us be true to God and to the high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

—I. Edith Kriebel.

The Love of God

“Keep yourself in the love of God.”—Jude 21.

The love of God, or holiness, which is meant by the “Love of God,” has been preached nearly all over the world, insomuch that to most believers it has become merely a profession instead of a possession.

The world is full of Ananias’ and Saphira’s; robbing the Lord of His time and Means. People who at one time lived close to God can now cheat, disregard the rights of parents, women sit in public barber-chairs (a place a respectful woman would shun a few years ago) spiritual death-pallor is plainly seen on their countenance. The God-given innocency is killed, the Holy Spirit grieved. Saphira’s, are dying all over the land, some are dead and are still seen on holiness platforms. It were far better to get down in sackcloth and ashes and cry for mercy than to sing, pray or preach without the blessed Holy Ghost. Such is sacrilegious. How the old prophets warned the people and were largely rejected; when too late the rebels saw what they had rejected and repented, but the harvest of sin overwhelmed them, either the earth swallowed them up, or they were bitten by poisonous reptiles. War or pestilence was in store for them and all because of disobedience to a God of love, who means so well with His children. “No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

In this Holy Ghost dispensation, not the prophets or preachers are being rejected, but the “Comforter” Himself and the result is eternal death or hell everlasting and remorse. The rich man in hell got the burden for souls too late, when he requested that “some one warn his five brothers of the terrible doom awaiting them.” He was told, “they have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them.” Had God permitted one of the dead to see and warn them, the devil undoubtedly would have had a substitute in shape of a spiritual medium or some cold professor quenching their fears.

“Keep yourselves in the love of God.” What a privilege, a possibility to escape all the results of sin. “Be sure your sin will find you out.” A fixed law God holds every man and woman to, for their good and His glory. “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.” But ye beloved,