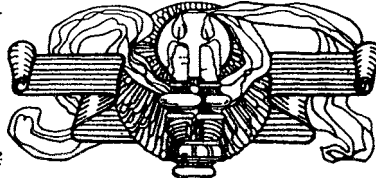


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WILL YOU GO?

Will you cross the stormy waters,
Go to far off heathen lands,
Where the people lost in darkness
Need the touch of healing hands?

Jesus left his home in glory,
Came upon this earth to dwell,
That our souls might be delivered
From a dark and woeful hell.

Will you not then cross the waters
And to heathen souls impart
Gladdest tidings of a Saviour
Who has peace for every heart?

Go at once, forsaking loved ones,
If you're needed take your leave;
Teach the pure and simple gospel,
Not some sin beguiling creed.

Jesus wants us to be humble,
Walk the straight and narrow way;
If He calls you heed the warning,
Go at once, do not delay!

Heed the warning from our Saviour,
Preach the gospel to this world,
That poor sinners may be rescued
And Christ's banner be unfurled.
—Ivy Hiwiller.

Deny Thyself Daily

Jesus said, as recorded in Luke 9: 23, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." It is also recorded in Mk. 9: 34, beginning *whosoever* and leaving out daily. Also in Matt. 16: 24, beginning with *If*, as in Luke, but leaving out daily as in Mark. One hears much teaching about taking up our cross daily, but very little about "*denying*" ourself daily.

So many people are living in rioting and drunkenness, revellings and banquetings; as David says in

Psalms 73: 7-13. "Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them, and they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? BEHOLD THESE are the UNGODLY, who PROSPER IN THE WORLD; they increase in riches." Again in the same chap. 16-17 verses he says, "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end." Read the remainder of chapter also.

People must live in style like the world no matter about the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached in all the world for a witness. They say, "why what will *people* think of us?" But how about God? What does He think of us? He knows our every thought. "Bah! No matter about him! He is up in heaven. It is the people here we care for. We must have things just so in our house and have clothes in style like the rest or else we are a back number. I believe God put us here to *be somebody* like the rest."

Jesus said in his prayer Jno. 17: 14, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath *hated* them, because *they are not of the world*, even as I am not of the world." Last part repeated in 16th verse.

Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of this world, if He would fall down and worship him; but Jesus said, "Get thee behind me Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him ONLY shalt thou serve." In Jno. 15: 18-19 Jesus says, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

Then how about what the *world thinks*? I know we ought not to purposely turn any away from the kingdom of God, yet if we do evil that good may come of it our damnation is just. Rom. 3: 8.

Paul says in Rom. 12: 2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law or covenant." Rom. 13: 10. Jesus said, greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friend if ye do whatsoever I command you. Jesus said in his prayer (Jno. 17); "Neither pray I for these (His disciples) alone, but for all them that shall believe through thy word." John said, love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him.

The Word says, "As He is, so are we in this world. 1 Jno. 4: 17. He no longer taught the old "Ten Commandment Covenant," but the Word says that he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. Acts 1: 3.

"The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; (not the things of this world) but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Rom. 14: 17. Jesus had entered his Father's Kingdom where he could drink the wine anew with his disciples (not Satan's old alcohol) but the joy of heaven. For as he gave old Isreal first manna and then corn and wine, after they got into Canaan to feed and strengthen the natural man; and Jesus said that Moses gave you (Isreal) not that bread (manna) from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread (His righteousness) from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Jno. 6: 32-33.

The Bread from heaven is to feed our souls, which will never die as our bodies will and is righteousness instead of manna, peace instead of corn and joy in the Holy Ghost instead of wine. The joy in the Holy Ghost being the real wine that maketh glad the heart. That maketh the dumb heart sing. Praise God forever.

James says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to *keep himself unspotted from the world.*" Jas. 1: 27. Also that friendship of the world is enmity with God: and whosoever is a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Jas. 4: 4. "That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." Luke 16: 15.

God help his people to keep their faces set as a flint toward, and not compromise or be conformed to this world. Amen. —Wm. Cummins.

"FORGIVENESS"

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive men not their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6: 14-15. There is so much contained in the word "FORGIVE." So much and so very important that Jesus says, "If we do not forgive others; we will not be forgiven ourselves."

When we came to the Lord asking to be forgiven, how gladly and willingly Jesus forgave us: and we in like manner should forgive every one that trespasses against us.

One time Peter asked the Lord, "How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" The Lord answered him not until seven times: but until seventy times seven." Then Jesus gave a parable of a certain king, whose servant owed him ten thousand talents: for as much as the servant had nothing to pay: his lord was moved with compassion and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out and found one of his fellow-servants which owed him an hundred pence, and he like-wise had nothing to pay: But he would have no compassion and cast him into prison. His lord knowing of the way he done called this servant, and was wroth toward him, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay the debt. The Lord wants us to have a tender forgiving spirit toward all; and to forgive every one from our hearts. When Jesus forgives, He removes our transgressions as far as the East is from the West, and remembers them against us no more.

We might say with our lips; but if we do not forgive from our hearts, we will be tempted and we cannot be free in our souls.

A lady once remarked to me that a certain wrong had been done to her; and she said, "I never will forgive." How sad to see people going on to the judgment-bar of God; with unforgiveness, hatred and malice stored in their hearts seeking revenge against their fellow-men.

There is an old saying in the world among many people, "I'll get even with you," if some one does him a wrong. The meaning is to do the same thing back, or even worse, to the one who wronged them, thus seeking opportunity to get revenge. It is written "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Suppose some one does us wrong; are we not willing to suffer a little? Suppose some one tells an untruth about us; did people not say many untruths about Jesus? We can have such an abundance of

God's grace in our souls, that when we are treated wrong in any way, we can be kept free and victorious. Forgiveness reaches far. Even if some one does us harm and trespasses against us, though they never ask to be forgiven, we can not hold any malice or hatred, or wish them any harm. We must forgive. If we do not, the harm will first come to our own selves.

Let us look to our perfect example of which we read in 1 Peter 2: 21-23, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; who when he was reviled, reviled not again: when he suffered he threatened not, but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously." "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isa. 53: 7. —Emma Holden.

Holy Spirit Government

To be led by the Spirit of God, is the only warrant of sonship. This fact ought to put a holy fear upon our hearts, lest we be side-tracked by the vain visions of men. There are two great contending forces in the world, both of which are very deceptive in their influence. Myriads of souls are being led captive by them. Namely, Liberalism and Legalism. The first will try to solve all questions by human reason, from a logical standpoint. So we have our great philosophers and theologians; yet they are all split up and divided in confusion and strife, each having their own creed or discipline. They also became modernist, their sentiments are very elastic, just to suit the times.

Worldly conformity or immodesty does not stand for anything with them. Fine buildings, fine choirs, fine pews, elaborate cut and stained glass windows, dress in the latest styles, go to the movies, skating-rink, base-ball games; "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God;" "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof," not being led by the Spirit of God. All this and much more can be safely said of the liberalists. Their influence is very inviting to the carnal minded professor.

Now space will not admit of very extensive treating on these two evils, so I will now introduce Mr. Legality. He is very much grieved at Mr. Liberalist, because of his departure from the truth; and caused such grief to Zion. Things must be put right. We will have to define in detail what is required of saints

in order to be recognized. We must tell them just what they must eat and what they can drink and what they must wear. In fact we have the whole thing studied out, and now as elders we must execute our ministerial office in order to have a clean work. These have a code of ethics equal to the Mosaical Law. If they would put it into a written creed or discipline, it would cause equally as much grief to Zion as the former. Now neither of the above mentioned are led by the Spirit of God. I now call attention to Eph. 5: 17-18, "Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is, and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." Sectism is being condemned for being drunken on her creeds, doctrines. It is called the wine of her fornication, causing the nations to go astray.

Now we as saints, are warned not to be intoxicated with excessive doctrine, philosophy and vain deceit, after the ways of the world. But be filled with the Spirit. Let us note some examples. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another. Jno. 13: 34-35. "Finally be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." 1 Jno. 3: 8. Read Jno. 17: 20-26. Now we see Gal. 5: 25, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Please read: Mark 12: 30-31. Jno. 14: 15 also 23: 24. "Let each esteem others better than themselves." A few trial tests, "Love your enemies, speak not evil one of another, yea more, speak evil of no man. There is so much of this cold legalistic and sentimentalism in the world today that it is hard for the true saints to find a place to worship.

Now you may wonder why I have said so little about worldliness. It has often been said, it is useless to hammer on cold steel; it only makes a noise. You can never thrash sin out of a sinner by harsh driving at sin. Neither can you warm a freezing man by throwing chunks of coal at him. But you can take the chunks of coal and build a good roaring fire and invite him to come and warm. So let us get a good warming fire of God's love in our hearts, so that the world may see by our example in all that we do in word or deed living by every word that proceeds from God. What the world is in need of today is to see a true representation of the pure gospel. We must not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is, and not be so intoxicated over theories of our own, that we loose the true spirit of God out of our assemblies.

—R. H. Craig.

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With this purpose in view, we present you here-with another copy of "Faith and Victory," praying that God will make the truth contained therein rich to your soul, and that you will read it thoughtfully, carefully and prayerfully. Giving God a chance to sink the truth deep down in your soul, which will make your life more heavenly and less earthly. When you walk in the crucified, self-denying way, you will be in the narrow way that leads to eternal glory. The value of earthly things will fade away as you draw nigh to God, and your greatest delight will be to please God, whether your earthly standing is increased or decreased. To really be dead to the world, means more than just merely to know and to talk it. It means a heaven-

ly life manifested among carnal minded men, proving to them that you are not living for self, for the world nor Satan, but for God who gives power and strength from above to do His pleasure.

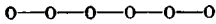
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When Paul was on his way to Damascus, to persecute the saints of God, he received a vision from God and it changed the whole course of his life, because he was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision, but he straight way preached Christ, that He was the Son of God. And telling the people that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance; saying, that Christ should suffer, and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people. The gospel that Paul preached, is the same gospel that we bring to you to-day. What it done for Paul and his converts then, it will, if believed do also for us. Some of the fundamental truths of the gospel, is to believe and to affirm that Jesus was the Son of God, was begotten of the Holy Ghost. That He did no sin, that He was crucified by wicked men, that His blood being innocent, it atones for our sins, that He was buried and on the third day was resurrected by the power of God. That all power was given unto Him in heaven and earth, that He ascended up to heaven and has become our great High Priest, is alive forevermore; also that He will send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit into the hearts of believers, giving them power and authority to reproduce the life and works of Christ in the earth. Men who believe and embrace this truth, have no fellowship with the world and the worldly minded; but do have fellowship with the Father and the Son and the redeemed out of every nation, they become very sensitive to the voice of God; but dead and dull of hearing to the world and its clamor and ways.

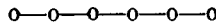
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When Jesus made His appearance in the world, it was cursed with professors and false religion, even as it is to-day. The lawyers, scribes and Pharisees of His day were learned and versed in the scriptures, and held sway over the people. Jesus warned his disciples against the leaven of the Pharisees or against their doctrines and told them to beware of them; they made a great outward show of religion. Jesus classed them as "graves that appear not" (dead, but didn't appear to be) and also said, "they make clean the outside of the platter; but the inside was full of dead men's bones." The world is cursed with just such religion to-day. They make a show of religion, use lots of scriptures and wrest them to their own destruction and to the destruction of those who follow them. Thus we need to cry out, *beware!* of the leaven or doctrines of the false religions, that would undermine your faith in a living resurrected Christ. A Christ who imparts life to your soul and health to your body, who gives you power over Satan and his fleshly works, who clears all sin away between you and God, so that now you can commune with your heavenly Father.

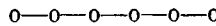
Satan is transformed into an angel of light and many of his preachers are preachers of righteousness, they preach many right things and yet live in the flesh and move on as the world in dress, speech and acts. They tattle and condemn the just, spiritual pride fills their hearts and minds, they are very zealous in religious matters, very anxious for numbers and so they make the way easy for every one that will come and abide under their influence. These, and many other things that the saints meet up with in this world of sin, and it is very needful for us to "beware" and to watch and pray, to see and to know that what we do will be to His glory, that His approval will be upon us.



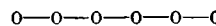
The cylinder press has been turning off some more tracts in the last few weeks, and now we have restocked and a few new ones printed. A sample of all tracts will be sent to those who desire them, as we are burdened to get the truth of the gospel to as many souls as we can. Embraced truth is what makes men free. If we get free from this world through faith in Christ; we will then be ready to live and ready to die. The sting of death will be taken away as heavenly life comes into the soul.



We are circulating several tracts that we had printed for others, they write them and pay us for printing and circulating them. This is a good way for saints to be instrumental in getting the truth to souls, as we have a wide circulation for tracts. We will only print tracts that are sound in doctrine and truth, therefore if you have an article or tract that you want printed in this way, you will need to send us the manuscript first, so we can pass on its soundness. All manuscript sent in, should be written in a clear hand writing and punctuated if possible; it would be better to have it type-written. Do not send in scribbled articles or testimonies and expect us to print them.



If your testimony or article does not appear in print, do not think that we did not want to print it, as we get many testimonies and articles and do not have space in the paper for all of them, even though they may be good. When you write them and send them in, you have done all you can do, we will then be responsible to God for the printing or not printing, just leave it with Him.



The Camp-meeting season will soon be here again and the saints should make arrangements to attend these meetings, and to aid all they can in the up-keep of the same. We have a number of notices in this paper of camp-meetings to be held this summer. We are looking to the Lord to help us to be free to attend several camp-meetings this summer, as a number have written us with much desire for us to come, we shall only go as the Lord leads and that to be a help and blessing to others, so pray for us dear saints, and for the furtherance of the printing work, that God may be continually glorified and that souls may be enlighten-

ed and encouraged in the Lord's ways.

GAMP-MEETING NOTICES

To the saints in Texas and elsewhere as well, but of Texas especially. We are expecting to hold a tent-meeting in Waco, beginning about August the 15th. The saints in Texas should be greatly interested in this meeting and attend.

Bro. John Strech from Mo., is expected with other help from Okla. Now as many as possible should come and help make this meeting a success. And those who cannot come and wish to help in other ways; may send in their means to help out financially. You may send in eatables, such as vegetables; and those who wish to give of their means, may write, phone, or call on C. M. Hicks. 116 Turner St. Waco, Texas. Phone No. 6731-W.

Particulars will be given later. Address: C. M. Hicks. 116 Turner St. Waco, Texas.

The camp-meeting of the Church of God will convene at Boley, Okla., Aug. 16th to the 25th inclusive.

Let us begin now to prepare and pray that God may give us a glorious meeting. And many precious souls may be saved from sin. Particulars later.

—M. J. Phillips. Box. 391. Boley, Okla.

The Missouri State Camp-meeting of the Church of God, will be held August 15 to August 25, at Springfield, Mo. Corner Fort and State St., as was announced last October. The congregation extend a hearty invitation to everybody, both saved and unsaved.

We are expecting an old-time camp-meeting, where the Lord will bless in mighty power, in saving, sanctifying, and healing. Everybody come praying. We expect ministers present to preach the old-time truth.

Let everyone come to care for themselves as far as possible. As all understand it is necessary to have provisions to carry on a camp-meeting. We think it would be well to begin to ask the Lord, "What would you have me to do?" It might be the Lord would have you to plant some vegetables, or raise a few chickens. This camp-meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan.

All who desire rooms or any information, please write to H. G. Pletcher, 731 S. Missouri Avenue or E. D. Gibson, 717 S. Lexington Ave. Springfield. Mo. Phone 3888-W. —Mrs. L. V. Anderson.

Bro. W. M. Wilson of Canehill, 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.

Canehill, Ark. is four miles from Lincoln, Ark., and can be reached in Automobiles by going directly East from Tulsa, Okla. on the highway leading to Siloam Springs, Ark., then South to Lincoln, Ark.

OBITUARIES

Bro. R. Kindall of Whittier, Calif. departed this life to be with Jesus. Leaving a wife, one son and four daughters to mourn his departure.

He heard the truth of this reformation in the early days when Bro. D. S. Warner was heralding the truth in its purity, without compromise. Recently he heard the "Truth" as it was preached in the beginning, and took his stand and got complete victory, casting his lot with us and was very happy. On Sunday night after preaching, we had a short testimony meeting and he arose with sweeping victory and declared how God was saving him and keeping him sweet in his soul.

On Monday coming in from work he was exceeding happy, ate a hearty supper, then read the Bible, sang and prayed, went to bed, then sang number 576 in Select Hymns while in bed. He said, he was never so happy in his life. About two o'clock he touched his wife; she asked him what was the matter; he never answered. So she lit the lamp, and saw that he was dying, and only lived a few seconds.

The funeral was held in the chapel of the Church of God, conducted by the writer and assisted by Bro. and Sister Kriebel of Los Angeles. Many friends were present to offer consolation to the bereaved. May God ever bless those bereaved of the family.

—E. M. Zinn.

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Sister Anna Carr, was born in the State of Tenn. in the year of 1869 and came to Okla. in the year of 1903. She was married to Bro. W. A. Carr, in the year 1904.

She was formerly a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and living to all the light that she had then. But in the year of 1918, she heard the Gospel of full Salvation, as preached by the saints, and she was saved from all sin and became a member of the "Church of God."

She was taken sick Feb. 7th 1929, and departed this life Feb. 28th 1929. She was ready to go. She said that there was nothing wrong in her life; her vision was heaven-ward.

She leaves a husband, one son, two brothers, one sister, many relatives and friends and the local church to mourn her loss.

Funeral services conducted by L. L. Jackson.

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Sarah E. daughter of Jacob and Sarah Rhoades of near Versailles, Ohio. Was born June 18, 1863, and died March 26, 1929, at the home of Bro. John H. Strong and wife, near Chillicothe, with whom she was

visiting at the time of her death. Her age is 65 yrs. 9 months and 8 days.

She was married to Lewis J. Mack Feb. 11, 1883, of near Versailles, Ohio. To this union were born two daughters, one son, Mrs. Jennie Sherrick and Levi C. Mack of Versailles and Mrs. Ruth Barnhart of New Madison, Ohio. Mrs. Mack was one of a family of seven children. One brother preceded her in death. There are left to mourn her loss, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Ann Droscha and Mrs. Lydia Zeller of Versailles, three brothers, John of near Yorkshire, Jacob of near Greenville and Levi of Versailles. Six grandchildren and one greatgrand child, and a host of friends. Her husband having preceded her in death, in 1894.

Eight years ago, Sister Mack united with the Church of God, by the spiritual birth and lived a pure Christ-like life until the Lord seen fit to take her from our midst. She trusted completely in God and would not lean on the arm of flesh, even to the very last. Seemingly, she was glad to go and be with Jesus, the One whom she loved and served faithfully to the end. She made God's word her daily companion; and her ambition was to live up to its teaching. She was a Godly mother and her greatest delight was to be in the service of her Master. And shortly before death, requested that a portion of the 12th chapter of Luke be read in her hearing.

Funeral services were held at the home, Thurs. March 29, at 2: 30 P. M. Bro. John H. Strong officiated. Burial was made in Versailles Cemetery.

With patience, she suffered,
Her troubles were sore;
But now they are ended,
She suffers no more.

We have laid her down
In the quiet to rest,
Her parting was painful,
But God knows best.

Never shall she be forgotten,
Never shall her memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts shall ev'r linger
Round the grave where she is laid.

What is home without a Mother?
What are all the joys we meet;
When her loving smile no longer,
Greets the coming of her feet?

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Sarah E. Wallace was born in Claremore, Okla. Aug. 13, 1878. Died in the triumphs of a living faith, April 12, 1929 in Whittier, Calif.

Sister Wallace heard the evening light truth in 1911 and accepted it, and lived a devoted Christian life for 17 years. During her affliction she was repeatedly prayed for and God answered prayer many times. God showed her that this was her time, and she repeatedly told us to quit praying so she could go

Home, to be with Jesus. When the saints became willing for her departure, Jesus took her. Just before the end came, for some hours she became unconscious and Bros. Walker and Harmon was sent for who were at San Bernardino, Calif., and we prayed God to make her conscious, which He did by her joining in prayer saying, "Amen" and "I have a right to praise God."

She was truly a servant of the Church, lived for only the good of others, caring nothing for her own welfare. She will be greatly missed, but our loss is heaven's gain.

She leaves a sainted husband, William D. Wallace and 2 half sisters in Okla. We sorrow not as one that departed without hope as Solomon said, "The righteous hath hope in death." May the God of all grace, comfort the bereaved and emulate the life that was lived by the departed Sister.

Funeral text: Psa. 115: 15.—Preached by writer and assisted by Bro. Geo. E. Harmon. —E. M. Zinn.

WE KNOW

A know-so Salvation, is the only kind that will land us safely into the Glory World. In Luke 1: 77 we read, "To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins." When our sins are forgiven, we are the first one to know it. It is true our faith in Christ brings justification and peace to us. Rom. 5: 1. And thank God for that sweet peace we know we have. Praise our God.

If we were left to guess at it, hope so, or I think I am, that kind of salvation does not satisfy; only the genuine or the "know-so kind," will satisfy me. 1 Jno. 5: 19. "And we know that we are of God." Such satisfaction, such peace, such contentment, such rest of mind and soul, such sweetness and joy when we know. In Heb. 8: 10-11 we read, (the covenant of God to us) "All shall know me from the least to the greatest." Thank God, all His people know him and there is not one left to guess, "Am I saved."

To have a know-so salvation, we must be in Him and He in us. John 14: 20, "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father and ye in me and I in you." See dear reader, what a know-so-promise; I thank God I know it is true. One may say, how do you know? He tells us just how we may know in 1 Jno. 4: 13, "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." In Rom. 8: 16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Good evidence indeed, and then we can know and do know. 1 Jno. 5: 6, "And it is the Spirit that beareth witness (it does not say tongues beareth witness, but the Spirit) who it is that dwelleth in him." 1 Jno. 3: 24, "He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." Jno. 17: 25, "O righteous Father, the world hath not know thee, but I have known thee, and these have known, that thou hast sent

me." (Such knowledge is God-given. Oh, so wonderful!) The world by its wisdom does not know God. 1 Cor. 1: 21. Either the wise men of this world or the Princes of this world. 1 Cor. 2: 8.

Jesus said to the Pharisees; those doctors of the law, "If ye had known me ye would have known my Father also." And again, "Because ye know me not, ye know him not." It is so that the knowledge of God and His word is hid from this old world. Jesus rejoiced one time and said, "I thank the Lord that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes," even unto babes in Christ. But thank God his little ones do know Him. 1 Jno. 5: 19, "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." 1 Jno. 5: 20. "And we know that the Son of God is (that word IS, is in the present tense or come in us) come and hath given us an understanding that we may know him, that is true and we are in him that is true even in his Son Jesus, this is the true God and eternal life."

To have Eternal Life, means to have God the Father and the Son abiding in us. God only is eternal life. Jno. 5: 26, "For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." We have no life only as God, who is Life comes in us. 1 Jno. 5: 12, "He that hath the Son hath life." In Jno. 17: 3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom he hath sent." So if we leave God out of our hearts and lives, we lose eternal life. To get Eternal Life, we must be "born again." St. Jno. 3: 3. To be born means to become alive or come forth into life, and that means to have Christ in us. Gal. 4: 19, "My little children of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." Christ in you, is the only hope of glory. How to receive Him in your heart and life, is to believe in Him from the heart.

In Rev. 3: 20 He says, "Behold. I stand at the door (your heart's door) and knock, if any man hear my voice, (His word and Spirit) and will open the door I will come in." Thank God, he will come in if we will let him. Again there is other evidence of our acceptance of God that we may know if we are right or if we are wrong. 1 John 5: 18, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not." 1 John 3: 6, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not, whosoever sinneth hath not seen him neither known him." 1 John 2: 3, hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his command. So if we do not keep his commandments, we do not know him. Another great evidence is love. 1 John 3: 14, "We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." We cannot hate our brother and love God. 1 John 4: 7-8, "Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God, he that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love." Job says I know that my Redeemer liveth.

Oh, what wonderful love and grace of God is shown toward us that we may know his great salva-

tion ,to know our sins are forgiven, to know his spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, to know we have peace with him, to know we have passed from death unto life, to know there is no condemnation upon our hearts, to know he hears us when we pray, and we know that if this earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5: 1. "According as his divine power, hath given unto us all things that pertain to godliness, through the *knowledge* of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

In Eph. 3: 17-19 we read, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to KNOW the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

Dear reader, it will not do for any of us to be *playing religion*. How sad it will be in that last day to hear Him say, "I know you not, depart from me."

—C. S. Forbes.

The Two Ways

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14: 34.

Truly, the above scripture bears out the thought of each correctly. Righteousness is the most important thing in life. It will lift any one up out of sin and disgrace, and put them on the way that leads to glory and that way will far exceed the ways of sin. Righteousness is the only thing worth while in life; our sins all washed away with the Robe of Righteousness on, will prove a blessing to lost humanity and will help us as we go along life's way to watch and pray, and thus prepare ourselves for heaven. And oh, what a glorious thought, righteousness will make life more happier and will make one contented in whatever his or her lot may be. It will place us in a position that the Lord can get glory out of our life in the darkest hours of life. Righteousness, will shine out and overrule all dominion of sin, praise the Lord, and surely righteousness will bring one up from the lowest pits of sin and will thus prepare him or her to walk free from every sin the enemy has or would impose upon you. It will make your life correspond with God's word and will make the world have confidence in you; when at one time, they could not have any. "Righteousness exalteth a nation." Praise the dear Lord.

I thank the Lord for this wonderful Salvation. Righteousness, will go through all discouraging things in life and will look far above from everything that is unpleasant. It will bear persecution, false accusation, and endure hardness, and will do good for evil, will give, not looking for anything in return. And when others are honored and well spoken of, Righteousness

will make you willing and humble to *not* be *NOTICED*. It is the main thing in life; it will carry us through life prepared to meet Jesus. When we meet Him face to face; righteousness is the only thing that will stand the test, when we are to be judged. So let us ever have on the "Robe of Righteousness," and be ready for the Lord's return.

On the other hand, if you should go on in your sins, and let it be your reproach all through life and then at the judgment, your sins will find you out. Sin is a down-fall to anyone. Sin will cause unhappiness and sorrow, heavy burdens, will put you down in this world and in the end woeful destruction. Oh, Many! many! souls have been burden killed on the account of sin.

Sin is the most destructive thing in this old world; it is damning more souls than any other thing that destroys the body. We can see how things such as, cyclones, tornadoes, volcanoes, etc. take many souls out of this world, but dear one, sin, is the thing that is damning your soul down to eternal hell. Cyclones and other destructive things may come upon you, but sin is what will damn your soul. These other things will only destroy the body, but the soul lives on and on somewhere. Where are you going to let it live; in Heaven or Hell?

"Awake to Righteousness and sin not, let not sin reign in your mortal body." It will break up happy homes, cause husband and wife to be separated, cause mothers' poor boys to leave home, their daughters to stay out late at night when there is no use of it. Sin will load your soul with a heavy load of sorrows of all kinds. Will you not leave the old sinful way; get ready for the Lord and all will be well? But if not when at the judgment you shall stand, sin will surely drag you down to Hell. There you will never, no never, hear any more songs, no more company with good people, all will be sinners in a lake of burning fire. Perhaps, your darling mother is at rest in heaven, you shall never be with her again, your father may have gone to be with the blest and you will never be with him or your lovely companion. You want to be there, don't you? Forsake your sinful life, take up the cross and follow Jesus, and surely heaven will be yours.

I mean to enjoy the bliss of heaven with Jesus.
You that know the worth of prayer, pray for me.
Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. Elzy Joiner.

"Let none idly hear you say."
There is nothing I can—DO:
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master *calls for—YOU*.

Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure—BE.
Answer quickly, when He calleth
Here am I Send—ME. Send—ME."
—Sel. by C. C. Smith.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

"If I Only Play Fair"

Somewhere, in a world of glory
Just east of the rising sun—
Comes a vision of holy splendor;
Of a new life just begun.

Gaiety and laughter all about me,
Music drifts on in the air,
I have a chance to serve our Savior
If I only play the game fair.

Jesus offers glory everlasting
If we but be born anew;
Be as little children again
As clean as the sparkling dew.

So I'll turn from the life of worldly joy
That once gave me pleasure and tears;
And in time I may be worthy of Jesus
On through the drifting years.

—Esther Reville.

"Who Is My Neighbour?"

The question is asked, "Who is my neighbor?" by a self-righteous man, a lawyer who had great authority, and recognized as a man having great knowledge and wisdom in those days. Nevertheless it is a question of worthy consideration today.

Jesus, at this particular time, had conveyed to the minds of his disciples the need of working for lost souls, showing them how great the harvest (lost souls) was, and how few the laborers were to rescue them. It is here that He sent out seventy disciples to work in the vineyard of the Lord. He also said that all power should be given them to heal the sick, to cast out evil spirits and etc. After they had returned they said saying with joy, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." This showing the great power of God with them, so does the Lord give His people today, the power of God and do miracles in Jesus' name.

As Jesus was teaching the people the way of salvation, he was asked by a certain lawyer in their midst, saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke 10: 25-38. Then Jesus answered him saying, "What is written in the law? how readest

thou?" Or in other words, He meant that it was written in the law how and what to do to inherit eternal life. He then repeated the scripture, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus had told him to do this and he should have eternal life." But he, willing to justify himself said, unto Jesus, "And who is my neighbour."

Jesus, answered and said unto him, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, *he had compassion on him*, and went to him, and bound up his wounds pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more when I come again, I will repay thee."

Then Jesus asked the question, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?" And the lawyer said, "He that shewed mercy on him." Listen! what Jesus says now, "*Go, and do thou likewise.*"

Dear children, there is a lesson in this parable that you should learn. It is not only those living next to us or those near by that are, our neighbours. No, but it is a neighbour, even though a stranger, if they do the part the "good Samaritan" did unto this man that was half dead, and unnoticed by the priest and Levite that had the first opportunity to be his neighbour. Dear children, you too can be a neighbour to those who are strangers to you, by showing mercy and doing unto them as you would that they should do to you. The good Samaritan put the "Golden Rule" into practice, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Dear children, do not forget the words that Jesus spoke to this self-righteous lawyer, "Go and do thou likewise." Which He is also saying unto you and me today. Let us be a neighbour to all we meet up with, and thus show them the love of our blessed Saviour, who taught us to, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt. 5: 44,

—William Cramer.

Owego, N. Y.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name, to all His children there: I am so glad to have the opportunity of writing these few lines. Was glad you called my attention through Faith and Victory, to the renewal of my subscription to this little paper, for it surely has been a great blessing to me and I think it has been to others as well. For through its pages and the dear Lord's help, I have been able to convince several people that it bears the true teaching of Jesus. And some true light is beginning to reveal itself here in this little wicked town of Owego.

Oh, how I do praise God for the few who are acknowledging the truth. We have a few here who are truly walking in all the light they have, but have not the full light. I pray God to send some true minister to this field. For so many seem willing to accept all the light that they can get. And it seems to be just the right time to deliver the truth, while people are hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

Two weeks ago my youngest son, Kenneth, aged 10 years; was playing with another boy and was injured inwardly, the ligaments around his heart were tore loose, causing great pain and shortening of breath. We trusted this to God, and he was healed, glory to God. We praise Him for His healing power. Kenneth wishes to send this testimony to your little paper, Faith and Victory, of which he is a reader. He promised the Lord that if He would heal him of his awful pain, that he would surely testify to the same.

Dear saints, how I do enjoy reading the testimonies of those who can actually trust God for healing of their bodies as well as for the soul. The Lord is at the present time putting me to an awful test, but I know it is for my own good, or some one else that is very near and dear to me. So I am going to rejoice and be glad, for I know that all things work together for good, to them that love the Lord; and I am determined to go through for God at any cost. Praise His dear name. I am so glad I am saved and sanctified and standing on the promises of Jesus.

The Lord has not supplied me with and offering to send this time, but will trust Him to help me to send one later. Kenneth and I are going to try to get some subscribers for Faith and Victory. Will send them in, if we succeed in doing so. I believe the Lord will help us to do this for the spread of the gospel.

I want to thank you for all the good papers and tracts I have received from your office in time past. And may the blessings of heaven rest and abide with each one of you, and your every need be supplied.

Your Sister in Christ, —Marie E. Clair.

Ossining, N. Y.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of the Lord: I wrote you some time ago asking the prayers of the saints that the Lord would heal my body of a rupture of many years standing, and soon after I wrote you, one afternoon about 2:30 o'clock, the Lord gave me a wonderful deliverance, and I praise His precious name for it all. Since that time the pain has come back to some extent, but I

would just look up to the Lord in earnest prayer and He gave me immediate relief.

I come to you again asking you to remember me to the Lord in your prayers, that He will completely heal me of a head, nose and throat catarrh, which troubles me. I fully believe that the Lord will heal me of this trouble if you dear people will pray that He will do so; please remember me. I am sorry to say that there is no one here in this place that believes in divine healing; there is no one to anoint me according to James 5: 14- 15, therefore it is quite necessary that I write to those that I know the Lord has blessed with that faith and knowledge.

I am so glad to say, your little paper is a wonderful blessing to my soul. When I read it, it just fills my soul with such joy, I can hardly keep still.

I am praising His dear name for His goodness to me. He so wonderfully blesses me each day with such a sweet joy and peace; a peace that no tongue can describe or tell. And He hears and answers my prayers day after day, never forsaking me or leaving me alone.

I would appreciate so much just a line from you, letting me know that you received my letter and that you would pray for my condition.

Yours in Him, Add. No. 79363.—Alfred Wright.

Gillham, Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I have been receiving Faith and Victory for almost a year. I am a young girl and lived in a large city of many temptations before my work brought me here. I can never tell you how much the little paper has helped me. There is something above and beyond me—stronger than I—which keeps me playing fair to my Lord, myself, and to those who trust in me.

I have never quite been able to send in a donation, but I have scattered Faith and Victory, from Oklahoma to Colorado and New Mexico. In my small way I have tried to do my part.

It is possible to make a beautiful dream of only reality, and it is possible to make reality of only a dream. Faith and Victory has, for me, pointed out the way. I hope it will do the same for your other readers.

May the Lord give us encouragement to look forward,—not backward. —Esther Reville.

Hennessey, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Holy greetings in Jesus' name. It is with great joy I write my first time to the paper, Faith and Victory. Truly, it is a wonderful paper. Such soul-food. This morning finds me saved and on my way to heaven. The only way that leads from earth to glory; the only way that satisfies the soul. Praise His name.

Dear ones, I am more decided than ever, to follow the lowly Lamb of God, because He is our only refuge in these awful times.

One of my neighbors got saved about a month ago, I have been knowing her about a year. The first visit I made her, I took some tracts and papers, which

I had received from Faith Pub. House, and gave them to her. And she enjoyed them and continued reading them as I took or sent them to her. She said, it was the literature that led her out in the clear light. So when the Lord saved her, she took her stand with the saints. She formerly was a Baptist. So I believe God is in the Pub. work. I am sending a little offering to help the "good news" on.

Your Sister in Christ, —Bessey Gordon.

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Huntsville, Tex.—Faithful friend in God: I feel happy to acknowledge your good letter, I received last Sunday. It was a Sunday blessing to me. I received the tracts in good order and it was a pleasure to me to distribute them among the men here. I wish to do all I can to help you carry on the good work you are faithfully doing for the Lord.

You know that in these days of gasoline and rum, hurry and bustle, jazz music, song and dance; most people are unmindful of the terrible evils, quietly undermining the foundation of our temple of morals, thus seeking to destroy the faith of our fathers in the sublime teachings of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bro. Pruitt, I pray that you have much success in leading souls to Christ. May you enjoy health and strength to teach and preach the word of God to the lost sin-sick world, with such force of Spirit, that the halls of Satan shall fall wherever you go. Remember that if only one word of your message broad-casted here and there should fall on fertile soil and sprout and grow and bear good fruit pleasing to God, you have accomplished much. If you can touch the heart of some lost boy or girl, man or woman with the divine and tender loving word of the gospel, bring them to Christ—save just one soul—great will be your reward in heaven. When a sin-soaked soul is pierced with a ray of light from God, when it becomes full of the love of God, it renounces the devil and all his imps. Touch the heart, quicken the Spirit, relieve the troubled mind of fear, take from the man or woman greed, lust, selfishness and pride then a soul is saved.

Bro. Pruitt, there is no time for rest. All who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ must keep busy in the vineyard of God. The harvest time is on; there are many souls going to hell every day. How sad! Arouse, all believers in the faith of Christ, go out in the sinful places, rescue and save these lost souls. Get every one busy you find idle. The world is lost in sin and corruption; get the soldiers of God dressed for war, prevail upon the enemy of our souls, lest we be defeated. It behooves every redeemed child of God to work and pray night and day, to defeat the satanic power, which is seeking to influence Christians to acquiesce in the formality practiced by most all church goers, and teachers.

There is no one going to heaven on flowery beds of ease. We are not saved by the doctrines of different sects. But there is but one religion, one hell and one heaven. We are going to one or the other place. If we have Christ on our side, we are sure for heaven.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus, can save any soul from hell. May we be always found on the right side with Jesus. *Pray for me.*

Faithfully yours,

—W. F. Brake.

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Alma, Okla. —Dear saints and workers at Faith Pub. House: Today finds me saved and more determined to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. I am glad that we have the privilege of serving a true and living God, one who changes not. I am glad he is the same yesterday today and forever; he is a wonderful Savior to me, he has cared for me sixty one years, though I was not a saved woman all these years.

Well, I have handed out and mailed out every paper that has been sent to me, and I am glad that I have the privilege of helping to spread the gospel, though that seems very little, but when one starts out to live a Christian life it's like climbing a ladder; so some times the little things will amount to great big things. Just think of the woman that cast in her little mite, and Jesus said that she cast in more than they all, so I pray that every one that has received a copy of Faith and Victory will be blessed thereby. May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you in my prayer. Pray for me. —E. A. Miers.

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Boley, Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greeting to you and all the family with much holy love in Jesus' name. This mornning finds me gloriously saved, with a deeper decision to live for my dear Saviour. Praise His name. The Lord gave us a very precious meeting. I wish you could have been with us. Four precious souls claimed Salvation; and the Church, I believe was edified as never before. To God be the glory.

Bro. Pruitt, I'm sure enjoying the little paper. Just the name "Faith and Victory," inspires my heart. May our heavenly Father bless you to continue to proclaim and publish His mighty Gospel, is my prayer. Amen.

Your Bro. in Christ,

—M. J. Phillips.

The Instruments of Death

"Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors." Psa. 7: 9-13.

According to God's word, the sentence of death hangs over every unsaved soul. And when God's mercy is at an end, then our doom is sealed, and His

wrath is executed. Hear this: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Eccl. 8: 11. Also, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." 2 Peter 2: 9.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mk. 16: 16. We will read 2 Thess. 2: 10-12 also. "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Death is surely hanging over every one who has not made his peace with God and are not living for Him. If we are in sin and remain so, until our soul leaves our body, it will be cast into eternal night. Listen, to the word! "Then said the King to the servants, bind him hand and foot, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called but few are chosen." Matt. 22: 13-14.

When Jesus was talking to the Jews, He said, "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 8: 11-12. The lost soul will be cast out into eternal night, no light, no peace, no happiness and never again a chance to pray. And no more a loving Saviour, pleading, for us to get saved. He that bore all our sins on Mt. Calvary, that we might drink from the fountain of life and be made whole, redeemed, and free. Then He will not heed the terrified cries of the lost souls doomed to torment. Yes, Jesus can say, all day long have I stretched out my pierced, bleeding hands toward a rebellious, disobedient people.

"For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still." Isa. 10: 4. "This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out and who shall turn it back?" Isa. 14: 26-27. Also Isa. 65: 2. "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts."

This was said of the Jews, but it is also true of the Gentiles, that have heard the story of the cross, and of how Jesus sacrificed himself and gave His life's blood that sinners might be saved. They would not repent and love and serve Him. And when his sacrifice and pleading have been spurned, then he says, "How long ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. Because I have called, and ye re-

fused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord. They would none of my counsel: they despised my reproof." Prov. 1: 22-30. God says, "I will laugh when your fear cometh." Now I will laugh when you are in distress and anguish, and hell is staring you in the face. I will laugh at your fear and torment. Yes, the very one who pled for us to give our hearts and lives to Him, and He would of so gladly blessed us, had we yielded ourselves to Him. At His coming there is no more mercy; then mercy's door is closed. Then He will laugh when the lost are in distress. No more mercy, no more pardon, no more love, kindness or compassion or pleading with our soul. Yes, this is just what the lost are coming to. All who will not yield and give their hearts and lives to Jesus before the day of wrath.

The word says, "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." Psa. 2: 12. Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14: 6. And to kiss the Son, is to make your peace with God, by receiving Jesus as your Saviour while He is pleading for you to make your calling and election sure. Will you come while there is mercy? or will you wait till the door of mercy is closed and then cry and lament your sad condition?

Will you stiffen your neck and refuse until He laughs at your calamity? Which He surely will, if you do not yield to His pleading invitation. Hear Him! Heed Him! While you may. Give heed unto your Maker, your Saviour, your Redeemer.

—I. Edith Kreibel.

Satisfied In Jesus

My Love is mine and I am His,
I lie in His embrace;
My soul is satisfied and blest,
With his redeeming grace.
I've found the Pearl of greatest price;
In Him I am complete;
I claim Him mine while angels bow
In homage at His feet.

My soul with rapturous delight
Is ravished with His love;
For He is mine and I am His
In earth and heaven above.

Among the fairest sons of men,
 There's none so fair can be;
 The lilies of the valley white
 Are not so pure as He.

Trial of Your Faith Is Precious

(1 Peter 1: 7.)

Real faith in God is what gives God a chance to work and fit souls for immortal glory. We find in God's word that, "without faith it is impossible to please Him." The Psalmist David said, "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding." There are a great many people in the world today that have a certain amount of the fear of God, but never depart from evil, therefore their understanding is darkened because of unwillingness to yield to God's ways and thoughts. A real settled, continued faith in God will set God to work on your soul preparing you for heaven. The first work that God will do will be to bring you to the cross where you can see yourself, repent of your sins and get saved from them through faith in the atoning blood. It is sad to say, but it is nevertheless true, that many, many souls who make a profession of religion and many who do not, never will yield to God enough for Him to bring them to the cross, where their sins will be lifted and made free from condemnation.

When a soul gets to the cross and sees the atoning blood of Christ being freely poured out for them, sees this blood to be innocent, blameless and spotless, they then place all their sins under this blood and the Father looking down upon them and seeing the Son's blood covering their sins, accepts the blood as an atonement and sends peace into their souls and thus they have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. After this transaction with God the soul is greatly encouraged and their faith is increased in God as they see now as never before that God is only seeking their good and they make deep decisions to follow the Lord all the way and this decision shows greater faith than before and opens opportunity for God to begin to purge and purify, fit and prepare the soul for the glory world.

The prophet Malachi, foretelling of the coming of the Lord Jesus, says in part, "Who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope. And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, (what for)

that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." *Mali. 3: 2, 3.*

Webster gives the definition of a 'Refiner' as "an improver in purity and elegance;" so Jesus is a refiner; one who improves our purity in a heavenly sense, and this improving process can only continue as we keep yielded to the will and pleasure of God. God has always dealt with those who had faith in Him in an improving sense or manner. Even Moses, the man who was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was in line to receive great honor and fame of these people, after he "chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to have the pleasures of sin for a season," he had to suffer humiliation as a sheep herder away from his own people in a lonely and dreary place for forty long years before God had him prepared to do the work that God had long before called him to do. This was the place and the schooling that Moses needed; in order to faithfully carry out the work of leading the Israelites out of Egypt. It was necessary for Moses to fully die to his ways, as we find that when he first realized that God had called him to deliver his people he went out and found two men fighting with one another and he slew the Egyptian which was displeasing to God. Moses had to become dead enough to suffer reproach and the ill-will of friends and leave all revenge to God before He was qualified to properly care for and lead those murmuring and complaining people, in fact he became so dead to his interests and had such strong love for those people that when they sinned against almighty God, His wrath was kindled against them to slay them, Moses plead with God to "blot him out" and preserve the people.

Before Moses' time we have another record of one who had faith in God and was proved and tried severely before God could use him in perserving life; this man's name was Joseph. Most of us perhaps remember how that his brothers became envious of him and wanted to kill him and finally sold him to travelers when he was only a boy of sixteen. This certainly must of been a severe trial to Joseph, to be sold as a slave and taken from his father, home and friends, to serve a strange people in a strange land and afterwards when he would not do evil, lies were told to his master about him and he was thrust into prison. The Psalmist David speaking of and referring to this case, said, "Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron; until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried Him." *Psa. 105: 19.* After this schooling in trials and afflictions, God brought him

forth and gave him favor among the rulers and made him a preserver of life, even preserving the lives of his brethren who had so greatly wronged him. When Jacob had died, the brothers of Joseph thought that he would deal evil with them now and take revenge for evil done to him years ago and they sent a messenger to him asking him to forgive them for their sin, and the brothers fell down before Joseph desiring to be his servants; but Joseph wept when he saw this and said, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God?" He was sorrow at heart, because his brothers thought he would take the place of God and do revenge even though he had power to do so, (this is a lesson for all saints) he continues to speak and said, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass as it is this day, to save much people alive." Gen. 50: 15-21. If all saints would accept the evil done them by others as given or permitted of God and remain pliable with patience and wait upon God, He would in due time, bring them forth into a large place, where they could render much service.

We could find many more records in God's word of how that God dealt graciously with tried ones in different manners and ways for various purposes. Job, for instance was a man which was perfect, upright and feared God, (Job 1: 1.) yet God literally turned Satan loose on him and he suffered at the hand of Satan the loss of all his property, all his children and then his body was afflicted immensely until his "stroke was heavier than his groaning;" (Job. 23: 1) but in his anguish and pain he believed God, and had faith in Him saying, "For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: (please get the rest of this) and many such things are with him." Job. 23: 14. As He performed the thing that was appointed for Moses, for Joseph and for Job; He will also perform the thing that is appointed for you, if you will remain as clay and let Him be the potter.

The dealings of God mentioned above, was performed before the Refiner (Christ) had come, spoken of by Malachi the prophet. In this gospel day since Christ, the refiner is here, the refining is more thorough and more general, as many vessels are being fitted for the future world, while many are continuing pliable in the Master's hand. Others are being marred in the making and many others are so stiff and desirous of self-praise and honor, that they are being molded into a vessel of dishonor, which in time will be ground to powder, destroyed and ruined, forever banished from the presence of God.

We find that the apostles went through the refin-

ing process. Jesus told Peter at one time, "Behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." Luke 22: 31. And it was truly so, Peter was sorely tested and tried, but his faith did not fail and God brought him through and made him a power for good. Likewise the apostle Paul was in great testings and trials continually, his faith did not waver. At the end he could see a crown for him, because he had fought a good fight and had kept the faith. The apostle John suffered many things of the people and at the last they put him in a vat of boiling oil in order to kill him, but God preserved him and then they banished him on the Isle of Pathmos and while there the book of revelations was given unto him.

"O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God, how unsearchable are his judgments, and His ways past finding out." Rom. 11: 33 Let his ways be our ways and His thoughts be our thoughts and all will be well with our souls, for he says to you, "Nay but, O man, who art thou that replest against God? shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?" Rom. 9: 20.

The Potter (God) has power over the clay (you) to make you into a vessel of honor or to make you into a vessel of dishonor. If you become stiff and rebellious to God's will for you, then he will mold you into a vessel of dishonor; but if you continue pliable and submissive to Him he will mold you into a vessel of honor. For our God is the potter and He leaves the choosing with you; you can be an honor to God or a dishonor according as you yield or reject his pleasure.

Circumcision was given of God to Abraham as a sign; the Israelites were all circumcised literally, it denotes tenderness, a type of the condition of the heart of us who are saved through faith in the completed work of Christ. The heart is made soft and tender as one continues to abide in Christ, no matter what kind of circumstances, troubles or trials may be upon them; this is how God gives us a heart of flesh and takes away the hard or stony heart that wants its way. Christ will sit as a refiner and watch you in the furnace of affliction, will leave you in there until He sees his image more perfectly. Keep in mind that God created you for HIS own pleasure and glory and he can only show himself strong in your behalf as you remain perfect toward Him.

"But 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 these things I delight, saith the Lord." Jer. 9: 24.

Brethren, the trial of your faith is precious, more precious than gold; do not murmur or complain, but rather rejoice that God sees faith in you to be tried.

—Fred Pruitt.

Little Foxes And Wolves

We read in the Songs of Solomon these words: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Solomon's Songs 2 : 15. Now we might learn this about a fox; he is not such a large animal as some of the other animals, but is cunning, and he is very sly about his work, he will do quite a lot of harm before he is seen, because of him being small, and do it so cunningly; but the wolves are much larger than the fox, and yet he is just as sly as the fox, but his work is easier seen than this little fox.

We read also in the Word of God about the Wolf. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matt. 7: 15. Wolves do lots of damage, but are easily caught at it, however the fox does lots of it before he is caught, because he is much smaller. We want to notice what Solomon spoke regarding a still smaller one, and he calls them the little foxes. Let us notice for a little while the effects of some of the little things (foxes) when God saves a man, woman, boy or girl; He saves them from the big sins, and from the little sins, (foxes) and they are happy, because the Lord gives them happiness in their souls, by cleaning them up from every thing, and takes away the heavy burden, and now they are light. But by and by the world begins to attract their attention, just a little bit; what is the matter? A little fox is working on the vine, and they will work among the young saints and the old ones too, and in such a sly way, and such a little thing at a time. The young saint girls will let the little foxes cut just a little bit off the sleeves of their dresses, and the world will say that is not wrong. Pretty soon the little fox will slip in and cut off some more of the sleeve, and cut down some on the neck of the dress, and some off the bottom of the dress. Oh well, says one, that don't hurt, but I must tell you that is one of the little foxes working, (little no harms) and if he keeps on working he will finally get the whole sleeve out and some of the arm hole as well, and neck of the dress cut below the line of decency and the bottom of the dress cut above the line of decency. How did it come about? By

the little foxes working just a little at a time.

We remember when we were young, the young women use to cut off on their foreheads their hair, and they would call the part that was left on their forehead, bangs, well that was the little fox working on the vine, and so the foxes have worked till he about got all the hair of the women and girls heads, and he has worked the vine till he has got the sleeves, the neck, the bottom of the dress beyond the line of decency, and now since that is so the old wolf with a sheep's suit on, and he will say, oh, you are alright come right on in with us we will take you in, just give the preacher your hand, you don't need to repent to get into our church, but just come right on and be a B. Y. P. U., or be a young soldier and the younger be a junior soldier or join the campus, because we want you. Yes, beloved the wolves are trying to catch every sheep he can, and every lamb and he is trying it very boldly, and the most of the modern people have got past the little foxes, yea even the larger ones, and have got over where the wolves are.

Saints' children are letting the little "no harms" (little foxes) creep in their hearts till it is seen sprouting out of the outter appearance. Mother! put some clothes on that little girl of yours to hide the little naked limbs and portions of her body, because when you are teaching her thus, you are letting in the little foxes, that is going to spoil the vine in the future. It is that little precious jewel which needs the training while in her young life to maintain her virtue, is little by little being ruined, by the abominable styles of the world of today, because of pride in the heart. The Lord hates pride for we read in Prov. 8: 13, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the froward mouth, do I hate." "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16: 18. "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!" Isa. 28: 1. "In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them." Prov. 28: 3. What do we get from the word rod? Something hurtful, because you use the rod on some one and it will hurt.

Now many large sins has arose from just mere little sins (little foxes) oh, its no harm for me to look in at the door of the picture show; its no harm for me to go to the ball game, just so I don't play; its no harm for me to stand inside of the saloon, just so I don't drink, its no harm for me to take just one drink of whiskey, just so I don't get drunk; its no harm for me

to get drunk now and then, just so I don't keep it up until I am a drunkard. By just litters, that was the little foxes working; and they have worked in the picture shows till all kinds of murders, high-jackers, bank robbers are flooding the world, some of the most brute crimes that could be thought of is being committed, just on account of letting a few little 'no harms' creep into the heart.

Brother, lets measure to the word of God, get a fence around our homes, our children, our own selves, that will not only keep wolves out, but the little foxes too, that most always come before the wolves do. Let us get a substantial wall around, (salvation, watchfulness) that will protect our loved ones, and our own selves; by teaching them the way of the Lord, and by praying much and searching the scriptures. Brethren! we need to be holy every day and hour. You know Paul exhorted us, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Then he comes on over to the women. "In like manner also, (pray as same as the men) that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness, and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; (to look gay) but which becometh women professing godliness, WITH GOOD WORKS." (See next verse) "Let the women LEARN IN SILENCE WITH ALL SUBJECTION." Not run around over the neighborhood, to see what new style, she can get for herself or her precious poor innocent daughter to dress up in. But many will say, oh, now husband I know what the new styles are, I know that new style will look so cute on Julia, that is some of the effects of the little foxes, and now bringing wolves around.

Abraham's wife called him Lord, and the word says she obeyed him. Wives! are you obedient? Well yes, all that are saints. And Paul also brought in the children. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6: 1-3. And he also speaks to the Minister, and his wife and also his children; he begins by saying, "If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of ONE WIFE, vigilant, sober, (not giddy, not jesting and joking, telling smutty yarns, not going to ball games, horse races etc.) of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine nor striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that *ruleth well* his own house, having his children in subjection with

all gravity." He must not be a new beginner, lest he be lifted up with pride, because he lets the little foxes work around the vines, he would let in also the wolf; then the picking, foxes and the devouring wolves dividing the flock, scattering the sheep, and killing some sparing not the flock.

Brethren, the foxes are not all dead, neither are the little foxes and wolves all killed or driven away. Brethren, we need to kill the wolves that are getting in among us to rule or ruin. I mean to kill them out to sin and self. Let the wolves know they have to stay out from among the sheep.

Saints! are there any little foxes around your home? If so, you had better begin to work on the wall. See Prov. 22: 6. Rom. 12: 17. 1 Thess. 5: 22. James 3: 8. 1 Peter 3: 9. Prov. 6: 23-25. 1 Peter 3: 1-6. Titus 1: 6-9. Acts 20: 28-29. 1 Peter 5: 1-3. also Titus 1: 9-11. Brethren, and all others, keep on the watch for the little foxes and wolves. —C. M. Hicks.

God says if we walk in love we shall be DEAR CHILDREN. As we follow God and do good for evil we prove that we have been born again and have God's nature and are His children and He says if children, also heirs of God. Will it not pay a hundred fold for all sacrifice and hardship in loving everybody to really be joint heirs with Jesus and inherit everything God has? Because the thing is hard to do, God gives a mighty reward.

Jesus And His Own

Thou the source of all our joy
O'er us Thou art watching,
Caring for us night and day,
What a glorious blessing.

Thou the source of all my grace,
Jesus, I will serve Thee,
Live Thy life so pure and sweet,
So that Thou canst own me.

Sheltered in Thy blest abode,
Sheltered in Thy kingdom,
We the children of Thy fold
Love Thee for our freedom.

Freedom, yes, dear Lord in Thee,
Freedom from confusion,
Freedom from the powers of hell,
Freedom now in Zion.

—I. Edith Kriebel.