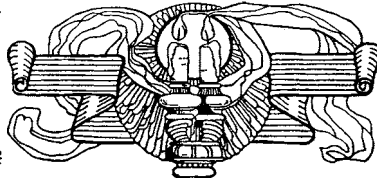


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Jesus Our Hope And Joy

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name;
O Saviour of mankind.

O Hope of every contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue, nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only Joy be Thou,
As Thou our Prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

—Selected.

Are You Disinterested About Your Soul?

Are you disinterested in your welfare after death? Are you enjoying the life of sin? Are you going on in this world as if there was no end? Are you thinking anything about your soul's salvation? Are you a disinterested party along these lines?

If this be the case, you had better arouse yourself and wake up and ask yourself the question: What will I do through out eternity without God, or what shall I do when I have no hope of salvation? My friend, God is calling on you, He wants you to give him your life. He is standing with out stretched arms to you. I want to bring to your remembrance how God loves you.

Have you ever read in John Three Sixteen, how God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Now we know that God did not send his only begotten Son down here to die for nought; there is a reason for this. Now we know that the Father, would not have let the one he loved so well, come here and die a terrible death if it had not been very urgent. It was needful for Jesus to come, for there was no other way whereby men could be saved, and God so loved us that he would give up the best he had, to redeem our sin cursed soul.

Satan is on his job these days, trying so hard to dam every one he can. And too, he is trying to blind us so as we cannot see the love which God has for us. God does not want any one of us to perish, but He has given us a will of our own, and He does not trespass on this will, but if we will to do God's will, He certainly will help us to do right. God is merciful, not willing that any should perish, His mercy endureth forever. He is ever ready to save us, and He is more willing to give than we are to receive.

Do you ever find yourself wandering about eternity, and where you will spend it? Can you picture yourself in those awful flames of despair? If so my dear friend, look to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Call upon Him while He is near, He will take you right into his dear loving arms, and protect you from the enemy of your soul. He will wash you in His blood, which he shed for you and me. Can you not see his love and mercy, also His great compassion? Have you ever watched a good mother; how she will protect and love her child, give it the best of care, look after it day and night, and always ready to give up her life for it, never too tired to help it?

Just think dear friend, God's love is even more than this, He loved us so well, He died for us, His love was so great that He left his home and riches, came down here became a pauper to save humanity. Jesus

had not even a place to lay his head, He was born in a manger, no one had room for Him, He was despised, forsaken, abused, but best of all He knew all this still. He was willing to suffer for us. Oh, what love. Can you fathom such love? There is no other love so great under heaven as this. Just what have you in this world, if you haven't God in your heart?

Think about the life you are living, no doubt you are selfish; most all that any one thinks about when they are in sin, is what can I wear? How can I get a new dress or coat? or something else to make myself more beautiful and attractive. Oh, yes, I want a new car, so I can show my friends I have just as good as they have, and their not going to get the best of me, I can get a better outfit than they can. Now is not that the way a lot of folks feel about things, just as well confess to it my friend, for I know it is true, and you do too. Now listen to me dear ones, you cannot take anything out of this world, for you came into this world naked and you will have to go out the same. And what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul. What will a man give in exchange for his soul. Will you exchange your soul for a measly good time and just to dress well and look beautiful.

Let us get the salvation which God bought for us at a very dear price; and then we sure can look beautiful, for we then will have a meek and quiet spirit and God will supply all our needs. He has the whole world in his hands, He owns the cattle on a thousand hills; but He says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and then all these things shall be added unto you." We must first get Jesus in our hearts, then God will give us what is necessary, and what is good for us. We often want things which is not good for us. Let us read Isa. 1: 18. He says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet; they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool."

How shall this take place you may ask? My dear friend, it is through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

Read Isa. 55: 6-7, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Matt. 11: 28, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Rev. 3: 20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and

knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Gal. 6:7, "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for what soever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

—Ethel Lasley.

SIN

What is Sin? "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3: 4. And more than this. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4: 17. "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. 14: 23. The word says out the mouth of two or three witness, shall every word be established. Matt. 18: 16. Now, let us read again, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

Listen, dear reader, the first answer to the question shows that sin is a transgression of God's holy law, and if you have done something you know you ought not, it is sin. Oh, well it is the flesh that sins. Let us turn and see from the word of God, and not what we think or heard some fellow say in the pulpit or anywhere else. Now notice carefully. "Flee fornication, every SIN that a man doeth is without the BODY; but he that commiteth fornication sinneth against His Own Body." 1 Cor. 6: 18. And again we read, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, (which is it that sins, the fleshly man or the inner man?) murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man." Matt. 15: 18-20. See also Mk. 7: 20-23. Now you want to condemn the fleshly body, but Paul only condemned sin; not the flesh, see Rom. 8: 3.

Now let us read again, so we will get this thing called sin located thoroughly, so we will not lay it on the wrong fellow. Now read carefully and prayerfully, and without any self justification. "For SIN SHALL NOT have dominion (Dic. sovereign authority) over you: (Dic. including one or more persons) for ye are not under the law, but under grace." Rom. 6: 14. Now to lay it on the flesh, is one of the devils patents, and he is sure to take care of his patents. But reader, we are not yet through with this proof; lets read again in the same chapter and about the 18th verse beginning; Listen! "Being then made FREE from sin, ye (Dic. plural of the second personal, mean-

ing more than one) became the servants (more than one) of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men, because of the infirmity (unsound) of your flesh: for as (past tense) ye have yielded (Dic. to give up) your MEMBERS (any member of fleshly body) servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members, (parts of the body, mouth, hands, feet, etc.) servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness."

Now if love is in the heart for some suffering one those hands or the mouth will so act as to manifest the love that is in the heart in administering unto their needs. The outward man is like a pitch fork in the hands of a workman in the hay field, he uses the pitch-fork to put the hay where it needs to go, and then the hands are used in like manner.

Now, dear reader listen again, and we will read again, "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk (proceed to move about on feet) in darkness, (sin) we lie and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of his Son cleanseth US from ALL sin." 1 John 1: 6-7. Now dear reader, did you notice there that it said from all sin? Well, that surely gets the sin also that you are trying to lay on the flesh. Now just be honest with yourself, and with God and I am real sure that you will not try any more to lay these sins you are committing on the flesh, but just repent and get really saved from sin, for that was the mission of the Son of God, to save his people from their sins. Glory be to Jesus, for His cleansing blood that washes white as snow.

Now, here is another point worthy of your consideration. If you are allowing that fleshly body to sin, your soul is guilty, because it is in the control of the innerman, because the word truly says, "Whosoever committeth sin is of the devil," but Paul said, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12: 1. Now did you note that it said a living one, but not a dead body. Dead in sin and trespasses; No, no, well praise the good Lord, this is too plain for you to be justified in laying the blame any longer on the body, that your soul is responsible for.

Now lets answer some more of the first question; What is sin? Well unbelief is sin. Heb. 3: 12,—4: 11,—1 Tim. 1: 13. Hatred is sin. 1 Jno. 2: 9-11,—3: 15,—4: 20. To have more than one living companion at the same time, is sin, which is called adultery in the

word of God. See Matt. 5: 28,—19: 9,—Mark 10: 11-12,—7: 21. And here is the penalty. See 1 Cor. 6: 9,—Heb. 13: 4,—Gal. 5: 19-21. And many more we could give on this one awful sin which is being committed by many, even many so-called preachers; and among such is the word of God denied, and yet pretend to preach the gospel. Shame on the devil. The pride in the hearts of people is sin. Let us notice this one very carefully, "Talk no more so exceedingly proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." 1 Sam. 2: 3. The Lord says he hates it. See Prov. 6: 16-17,—8: 13. He also said that those that are proud, are an abomination to him. Prov. 16: 5. "An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked is sin." Prov. 21: 4,—21: 24. It always goeth before destruction. Prov. 16: 18. And it will take in all the latest styles and fashions which are unbecoming to godliness. Love of the world is sin. 1 Jno. 2: 15-17. Taking from or adding to the word of God, is sin; and an awful sin, infact it is not to be forgiven, because we read these words, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, (Church) and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22: 18-19. You will note carefully his part is to be taken out of the Lamb's book of Life, and not only so, but out of the holy city, which is the Church; and yet not only that, but the things which they once knew and understood is taken from them.

So dear reader, you had better be very careful how you handle the word of life. In conclusion, we will say, sin is broad in the land, so then let us take warning. "Awake to righteousness and sin not." 1 Cor. 15: 34. —C. M. Hicks

DO YOU KNOW

That "The GIFT of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord?" Rom. 6: 23.

That "By Him all that believe are justified from all things?" Acts 13: 39.

That "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus?" Rom. 8: 1.

That "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name?" John 1: 12.

"I know whom I have believed." 2 Tim. 1: 12.

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EDITORIALS

When Bro. Paul wrote unto the Corinthian brethren, he declared unto them that "he determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

The great trouble with the religious world to-day is that there are entirely too many men professing to follow Jesus that know and teach nearly everything else except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. There is much wresting of scriptures by carnal minded men who are filled with the wisdom of the world and palm themselves off as leaders in spiritual matters; such as this confuses the minds of many honest souls and causes them to wonder, where is Christ? It seems to us that the world to-day is in as bad a condition spiritually as it was when Jesus was here in person. Nearly all of the recognized spiritual leaders of his day were rebuked by the Lord for their corruptness and hardness of heart; very few of them knew Christ, but kept looking for the Messia to come. A few humble ones which were under their power and influence more or less, knew the Christ and followed Him. As it was then, so it is now, a few love the crucified way and follow the Lord while the majority are following blind leaders that strain at a knat and swallow a camel. They heap to themselves teachers having itching ears (teachers that itch to hear themselves praised and honored) they itch and listen to know what and how to preach to please the people. Such teachers serve their own belly (lustful, carnal desires) and not the Lord Jesus Christ, they are enemies of the cross; from such turn away and study to be doers of the word in spirit and in truth: for it is the doers of the word that are blessed.

We have heard a good many saints testify that they had come out of sectism and that sectism was out of them; this sounds good and is good if true, for sectism is a cut off part, a portion severed from a body and of course no one wants to endorse and fellowship a body of people that is severed from Christ, (the true Vine) from which all are nourished. We believe that a good many souls have come out of sectism and that sectism was taken out of them by the cleansing stream. We also believe another thing and that is that many who once were delivered from sectism are now blinded and sectism has gradually worked into them again; in-so much that they can feel at liberty to pray, testify and feel at home in sect meetings and also fellowship sect preachers and teachers; these kind are the most dangerous workers among the saints of God, as they have been with us and know the language of Cauaan and by fair and plausible speeches deceive many, by their broad-cast teachings they gradually work sectism into the hearts of many earnest and devoted saints until they begin to think that sectism is not so bad after all. Satan is a cunning, slimy worker and will love you into his kingdom, if he cannot get you otherwise. Satan has love, but it is not divine love, it works through pride, lust and desire for self-praise and honor and thereby they carry with them a great multitude of people. Pride in men's hearts, causes them to want to be considered wise and to have others to honor them as a great benefactor or as some one in great favor with God, and in this way they are led on to destruction. A desire to be wise and great was one temptation that Adam and Eve yielded to, and incurred the wrath of God upon them. The serpent (which was Satan) told her that they should not die, but that it would make one wise to eat the forbidden fruit, they would be as god's knowing good and evil, it was pleasing to her to think she could be wise and as a god. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, (appetite, lust) and that it was pleasant to the eyes, (lust of the eye) and a tree to be desired to make one wise, (lust of fleshly pride) she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and gave her husband with her and he did eat." In this way they were intised through lust to disobey God, and thereby lost favor with God. The same devil and the same lust and pride is in the world to-day and that causes confusion, drifting, back-sliding and sects and many other troubles existing in Christianity.

Getting into sects and making sects, seems to be an easy matter for men to do. For instance a man may get saved and filled with the Spirit and gain much knowledge of spiritual truths and then become inflated, self-willed and so darkened that he begins to think that no body is saved but him and the few that will bow to his peculiar ideas and look upon him as a favored prophet of God. One that passes a decision and thinks it can not be questioned; sometimes you hear them say, "you can't teach me anything," and they will show hardness of heart by having no mercy and failing to be longsuffering with those who desire to

teach them the way more perfectly, in these things they make themselves into a sect, having a few following them and cause much grief to souls that are being severed from the true body. When members are thus being enticed and severed from the true body, it causes hearts to bleed and souls to be grieved and the proper functioning and work of the true body is hindered and much trials and tests are upon true saints until God heals the wounds by the replacing of other willing members. All these things and many other grievous conditions, the true saints must needs put up with while journeying through this world of sin and sorrow.

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It seems that the "Christian Science" doctrine is getting hold of many people and alluring them away from the spirit and truth of the Bible and some have asked us for tracts which show up the wrong teachings of this sect. We do not have any printed on this subject, and if any of our readers can send us a testimony of how they were delivered from this teaching, it would be appreciated; it might be the means of helping some one else to get free from this wrong influence. A testimony on this subject should be written to the point, and not too much detail matter that would tire the reader.

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The minister's meeting held at Tulsa, Okla. during the fore part of May, was, we believe, the best meeting of its kind that we have had the pleasure to attend; the number present was not only larger, but the teaching and preaching was deep and very instructive, unity, harmony and fellowship was every where evident and the church, both visible and invisible was taught and shown forth by the scriptures. Besides a large number of ministers from the state of Oklahoma, there were Bro. John Strech and Sis. L. V. Anderson of Mo., and Bro. S. T. Walker and Sis. Mildred Dent of Calif. present to encourage with spiritual gifts. Four were ordained to the ministry by the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

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Those who dig deep and lay their foundation upon the Rock (Christ) need not fear the storms and winds that blow nor the rains and hail that beat against their house as this foundation is sure and eternal and will safely make them stand when all other foundations are broken up and come to naught. Though the worldly minded may look upon God's people as peculiar folks, yet they will also discern and see that they are zealous of good works which is a very prominent mark of a saint as they are all zealous to get the truth to the souls of men and are willing to spend and be spent that men and women may know the way that leads home.

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After waiting on the Lord for some time in prayer for means to print the tracts entitled. "Walking in His Steps" by G. E. Harmon. And "Pride and Worldliness," by Artie Bowers. We have received

nearly enough, and some more promised to print four thousand each of these tracts and those wishing these tracts, can now send for them as they are ready; we also have several other new ones printed, which we believe will be a blessing and a help to souls. Those sending in means here for the printing work can be assured that it will be used for the furtherance of the gospel. We are burdened to print many more tracts and to keep the paper going out regular, we are praying the Lord for a good supply of paper and other needed material so that the gospel will not be hindered from going to the people, we are asking God that all pure minds may be stirred up to be at their best for God. We only pass through this world once, so let us do all we can to promote the truth in the earth. God is keeping a record of our deeds, whether they be good or bad; let us not become luke warm, but continue to be zealous in the greatest and most important work in the earth.

CAMP-MEETING NOTICES

The California State camp-meeting will be held here in Los Angeles: on the corners of Central Ave., and 20th St. from June 21st to end of month. We will be pleased to have all saints come that feel led of the Lord.

Any one wishing to learn particulars can write Bro. L. E. Davv of Duarte Calif., or Bro. G. F. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. 334 Arden Ave. Phone No. 2850-J. —I. Edith Kriebel.

The camp-meeting at Nesho, Mo., will begin July 4th, continuing ten days. We want all the saints to come. Bring bedding. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. All who want to send an offering, send to John Strech Gen. Del. Neosho, Mo. or Mrs. W. J. Allen Neosho, Mo. R. 7.

We are expecting the Lord on the ground, which will make it a heavenly place.

The camp-ground will be one block east and three blocks south of Government Fish Hatchery. Rooms will be furnished. Everybody invited to come and feast from heaven.

For futher particulars write John Strech, Gen. Del. Neosho, Mo.

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.

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.

Canehill, Ark. is in Washington Co. 4 miles south-east of Lincoln, Ark. It is on a branch road of the Frisco, running from Muskogee to Fayetteville. The mail car runs from Lincoln to Canehill twice a day. All coming from the north in cars, come by Fayetteville. Canehill is 21 miles southwest of Fayetteville. Those coming from the southwest, come on the highway to Lincoln. Those coming from Fort Smith or Van Buren, come on the highway to Fayetteville.

Everybody is invited to come. It will be run on the free-will offering plan. There will be plenty of ground for tents. Those wanting rooms furnished or unfurnished, please write us in time also any other information you might want.

All come to care for themselves as far as possible. We will have straw for ticks. We will need some knives and forks, spoons and dish-towels for use in the meeting. —W. M. Wilson.

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.

NOTICE! The former phone number, 3888-W., has been changed to 7898. —Mrs. L. V. Anderson.

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 Tent Meeting of the Church of God, at Waco, Texas, beginning August 15th to continue three weeks or as the Lord leads. Let all the saints in Tex. begin to make preparations for this meeting, to make it a real success to the Salvation of many souls, and the Sanctifying of many believers, and the healing of the sick.

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.

Those coming by Interurban may get off at either Rose or Hood Sts. or Elm, as Tent will be one block North of Elm, between Rose and Hood Sts. Those coming by R. R. can get on Street cars at 4th and 8th Streets and get transfers to either East Waco, or Bell Mead, get off as above. Plenty room to camp on the grounds. For further particulars, write C. M. Hicks, 116 Turner St. Waco, Texas.

The Akron, Ohio camp-meeting of The Church of God will begin July 1, and continue as long as the Lord leads. This is a new field, and ministers needed. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

For particulars, address: U. Brown, 640 Roscoe Ave. Akron, Ohio. Or H. Robinson, P. O. Box 762, Okmulgee, Okla.

The Hennessey camp-meeting, will be held the Lord willing, from Aug. 30th to Sept. 15th. Hennessey is on U. S. Highway. No 81. Also C. R. I. and P. R. R.

We are expecting good things from the hand of God. Any one desiring tents, be sure to notify us in plenty time as the tents must be ordered from Okla. City.

For further information write: Ulysses Phillips
Dover, Okla.

OBITUARIES

Joseph Hiwiler was born Mar. 4, 1867, and departed this life Apr. 3, 1929. Deceased was aged 62 yrs. 29 days.

He was born at Red Bank Clarion County, Pa., and lived there until about four years of age. When he moved with his family to Sligo, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage to May Fonner May 28, 1891. To this union, seven children were born four having preceded him to the other world.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Mrs. May Hiwiler, one son Thomas, two daughters Ivy and Violet. One grandson, Thomas Anthony, four brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Hiwiler was a Christian, being a member of

The Church of God.

A large number of friends and relatives gathered to be at the service; and the Lord blessed in speaking the truth to this gathering of people. The text used was found in Num. 23: 10. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. C. L. Houck of New Bloomfield, Pa., and Elder J. M. McKinley of Distant, Pa.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place vacant, which ne're can be filled.
God in his wisdom, has recalled
A boon we love is given;
Although the body slumbers here
His soul is safe at home in heaven.

Bro. Samuel Aker was born in Johnson Co. Ky., Oct. 28 1861. Died May 3rd 1929. Having lived 67 yrs. 6 mo. and 6 days. He was united in marriage to Mary Webb of Johnson Co. Ky. in 1904. To this union was born two children, a boy and girl. May and Samuel. May died in infancy.

Bro. Akers leaves to mourn his loss. His wife and son, and a host of friends. He was loyal to Christ and to the truth. His faith in the Church of God as a divine institution never wavered.

For some years back he had been afflicted with asthma and was very frail in body. But while the outward man perished, the inward man was renewed day after day. He was stricken on Wednesday with kidney trouble and passed away on Friday. As the end drew near, he gave those at his bed-side the full assurance that he was ready to go.

We shall all miss Bro. Akers from our midst. He was one of the three trustees for the Church property here. He was one among the number that knelt in prayer on the grounds the day we met to stake off the foundation for the chapel.

Funeral services conducted by the writer, John H. Strong of Chillicothe, Ohio. Text was found in Eccel. 8: 8.

We will miss thee from our door dear brother
We will miss thee from thy place.
A shadow over our congregation is cast
We miss thy kind and loving hand—
We miss thy kind and earnest care,
We will miss thee everywhere.

James L. Glasgow was born near Kirksville, in Adair Co. Mo. March the 6th 1858, where he lived until 1899 at which time he moved to Okla. Residing in Guthrie until he passed away at his home May the 31st 1929, at the age of 71 years, two months and twenty-five days.

On Feb. 3rd 1885, he was united to Miss. Eva James at Macon, Mo. To this holy wedlock was born six girls and one boy, five of whom survive: Mrs. L. B. McIntosh of Hope, Ark., Mrs. A. T. McWethy, of

Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. O. L. Grider of Parkville, Mo., Mrs. Clint Whitmore, of Bristow, Okla. and Mrs. W. W. Canfield of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Besides his children, he is survived by his wife: Mrs. Eva Glasgow, Eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, three brothers and one sister.

For thirty years he has been a true and faithful follower of God and a minister in the reformation. He was a kind husband and loving father and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. All the children were present at the funeral services except Mrs. L. B. McIntosh.

Burial services were held on Sunday June the 2nd, officiated by Bro. W. H. Shoot of Guthrie, Okla. Subject of discourse was found in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, concerning the giving of talents. The message was directed mostly to the unsaved, with a portion to the comfort of the family and concerning the life and devotion to God of our departed brother.

We have been intimately acquainted with Bro. Glasgow for the last ten years and know him to be a man that was fearless in declaring truth from the Bible, was zealous for the cause of Christ up to the last. On the day that he passed away, we received a phone message from his wife asking us to come and pray for Bro. Glasgow as he was sick. On entering the room we at once observed that he was a very sick man. We read some from the Bible, knelt and had prayer, then anointed with oil according to the word, laid hands on him and prayed God to touch his body and give relief as he was in great pain. The Lord verified his promises and touched his body and he testified that he was so encouraged, felt so much better and was not suffering pain.

He lay on the bed and talked to us for over a half hour about certain meetings he had held and many other things concerning the kingdom of God, just talked like a well man. He said that he was ready to go or stay just as it pleased the Lord. I wish to say that while Bro. Cramer and I were there that morning, the Lord gave much victory in prayer and a heavenly calmness and sweetness settled down upon us, making it a heavenly place and we were at loth to leave as it "was good to be there." After we left (from what Sister Glasgow tells us) it could not of been over thirty minutes when he called for a drink of water. She went to the well to get him a cool drink of water, when she returned with it, she found that he had passed away, showing very little signs of life after her return. Thus our dear brother departed this life to meet his reward.

His life on earth is ended now,
This brother whom we loved has gone,
But may Christ's saving truth he voiced
In hearts of men live on and on.

And may the loved ones left behind
Let not the precious thought grow dim
That though no more he can come here
If faithful they may go to him,

For there is comfort for our hearts,
 When torn by loss of ones we love,
 To know they have but journeyed on
 To that fair heavenly home above.

A Letter From Robert Longley

Suva, Fiji Islands,—Dear Bro. Pruitt, family and Workers:— Greetings to you all in the name of our Risen Savior and Lord. Who is truly alive and at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and we prove day by day that He ever liveth to make intercession for those of His trusting children who are yet in the world (but, praise His name, not of it) where we often meet with tribulation, sorrows, pain and tears, but similar grace and faith that enabled Paul to say, "Nay, in ALL these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us," will surely abound in abundance to our souls. May we ever be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," for the time seems near when our eyes shall behold the things our Father has prepared for them that love Him.

I hope that all of you there in the printing office have been keeping well and that the work of printing and sending out the Gospel is moving along as the Lord sees best. I have received and greatly enjoyed the February "Faith and Victory" and also a young man here who is not very well or able to be about much and to whom I give the papers to read, was especially touched by the letter from P. W. Rozell, who is in prison at Jefferson City, Mo. He said that he wanted to write to this man as he had invited anyone wishing to do so to write to him. I told him, certainly, to do so as it would be a great blessing both to himself and to this dear man in the prison. I was also encouraged by all the articles and testimonies. May God bless both you and all who toil and labor there in the office and those who witness for the Lord by the articles and testimonies.

I am thankful to be able to say that since the Lord took away the severe soreness from my throat and the weakness caused by this and the fever, I have been feeling real well again. Too, the weather is not so hot as it was at that time. Deve, my Tongan friend seems to be growing in grace, and loves to read and study in the Bible. The little children are always glad to sing some little songs and to hear the Bible stories about the pictures from a roll. I am encouraged to sow the good seed of the Gospel and am certain that some at least will find its way into good ground. There are some Solomon Island boys too that love to have food from God's Word, and as a rule they are more real and sincere and have a better grasp of real salvation than the Fijian. Some of my Indian boy friends also came to my room and we had some singing, reading and prayer. In fact, in some ways I have gotten greatly attached to the little work the Lord opened here

to do.

How fast this new year seems to be going. No doubt the saints there will soon be preparing for camp-meetings. I hope the Jail and County Farm meetings are being blest of the Lord.

I see I must be closing for now, and will write more when I hear from you again. May the Word of God's grace continually build up your souls on the unshakable Foundation that is laid, even Jesus Himself. In Prayers and His love, I remain ever your Bro.,
 —Robert Longley.

A FEW PARAGRAPHS OF A LATER LETTER.

Suva, Fiji Islands.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, family and workers:— Truly the Lord is "above all" (things or circumstances) and it is good to have Him to govern our lives, keep us in the hours of peril, correct and chasten us when needed, and shepherd us all along the way. Praise His name. It is a joy to be privileged again to send you all fervent greetings in His dear name.

I received the offering of twelve dollars in your letter, Bro. Pruitt and through you I want to thank Bro. Crist, Sister West and all others who sent of their means, and pray that God shall richly bless them and you.

In four more days I shall have been in Fiji three years. In some ways it seems longer than that.—In others it seems the time has passed like a wheel.

Bro. Lees, of whom I have mentioned in previous letters, is sharing my room with me for the time being, till his wife and little boy return from New Zealand. He is genuine and I have certainly enjoyed his fellowship.

Ever your Bro. in Christ, —Robert Longley.

"Pray One For Another"

"I cannot tell why there should come to me
 A thought of some one miles and miles away;
 In swift insistence on the memory,
 Unless a need there be that I should pray.

Too hurried oft are we to spare the thought,
 For days together, of some friends away;
 Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
 To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,
 And more appalling weakness and decay
 Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right;
 And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me. If I intrude
 Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,
 Give me a moments prayer as interlude;
 Be very sure I need it, therefore, pray."
 —Marianne Farningham.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

FOLLOWING THEE

In the twilight's purple shadows
When I hear Thee calling me,
Unto prayer and to devotion,
I will gladly follow Thee.

In our hearts made pure and holy
May Thy Spirit ever reign,
Over sin and death, destruction,
Keeping us from every stain.

My dear Jesus, Thou has taught me
Of Thy wondrous heavenly things
Thou hast brought to earth from glory,
And Thy praise my heart ere sings.
—I. Edith Kriebel.

Hartzell, Mo.—Dear Sir: I am a little girl twelve years old. I like to read your paper. Send me forty different tracts and paper. —Jeanetta Owens.

Herrin, Ill.—Dear saints: I am thanking the Lord this evening for what He is to me. He is precious to me.

This evening I want to tell how the Lord healed me of the "shingles." I suppose some know what that is, but if you don't, it is a breaking out that goes around the body. I can hardly say how it hurts, but the best I know how to describe it is, that it is a burning and itching, so that you can hardly stand your clothes to touch you. One night it was bothering me bad, I was blue and thought, Oh! why do I have to be sick like this. Then all at once the thought came to me. "You don't have to be like this, the Lord can heal you!" And Praise God he did. I didn't have to suffer six weeks as the doctor said. That night it bothered me worse than ever, but that was just the devil tempting me. The next day it did not bother me hardly any, and I thank God for it.

Folks, I have started out to serve the Lord, no matter what it takes. I am traveling the strait road; sometimes I come to a bridge, but praise God after I cross it, I burn it down. I may have to cross several more, but the Lord will give me grace to go through with Him. I want to go on, not go back.

I have a hurting in my left shoulder, and I want all the saints who read this, please pray that the Lord will heal me. I know He is able to do it.

I am fourteen years old and would like for some of the girls my age to write to me. My address is: 605 So. 24th St. Herrin, Ill.

A friend in Christ,

—Ina Burlison.

The Garden of Gethsemane

The garden of Gethsemane is a very noted place to those who are interested in Bible truths. It is a place where Christ often resorted with His disciples to commune with his Father. Just why He did, is not exactly known, but no doubt it was because of the beauty and loveliness of the garden. We all know that a garden is noted for its beauty. So no doubt the garden of Gethsemane was very attractive to Him, because of this account.

But nevertheless, this does not concern us as much as what took place there. It was there that our blessed Saviour spent His most severe hours while here upon earth. It was there that He was suffering for you and for me. The story of His suffering is told in the four gospels. Please get your Bible and turn and read them, it will help you to see more plainly how it all came about; also give you a deeper vision of Christ's suffering for the sins of the whole world. You will find the story of His suffering in Matt. 26: 36-47,—Mark 14: 32-43,—Luke 22: 39-47, and—John 18: 1-13.

We all know that the very purpose for the coming of the Son of God was to redeem poor sinful humanity back to God. "We ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." So then we know that unless someone being willing to pay the great debt, we would all be eternally lost. But thank God, there is a way provided whereby we can be saved. And that is through the atoning blood of Christ. Jesus was willing to leave His home in glory to pay the great debt. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19: 10. Also we find in John 10: 10, why He came to this world. It reads thus, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." People who live in sin, know nothing about this abundant life which is for them, if they only accept it.

Dear children, you know that when Jesus was here upon earth, He was always doing good, and teaching the people the way of salvation. But we find that not very many would accept Him, because their deeds were evil, and were in darkness, therefore He brought to them the path of life, but was rejected by a great majority as He also is today. There are not very many that are willing to suffer with Jesus. But there is yet a few who are willing to take the crucified way. This great plan of salvation was only complete when Jesus was nailed to the cross and then He said while hanging on the cruel cross, "It is finished." Meaning that He had paid the debt for every one that would believe on the sacrifice He had made.

But before this took place, let us look at Him when

He went into the garden of Gethsemane. In Matt. 26: 36-40 we read, "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter, James and John, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And He went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." And the story goes on further, telling how that his disciples could not stay awake with Him in this time of great sorrow and suffering. He went three times to pray and each time his disciples fell asleep. He told them to "watch and pray lest they enter into temptation," but they could not. In the gospel of Luke, we are told that He was in great agony and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. This surely must have been a time of suffering to Him, all because He loved us. The sins of the whole world were resting upon Him, but he was willing to take the suffering as it was the Father's will.

After he was overtaken in the garden He was captured and was taken by the soldiers before Pilate to be judged, and there the people said, crucify Him, crucify Him. And afterwards led him to Calvary's cross where He was crucified for you and me. He had paid the great debt.

So dear children, remember that His suffering in the garden of Gethsemane was not in vain, but He fulfilled his mission in this world. Then remember that He also died for YOU not excluding any. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16: 31.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

Oh, garden of Gethsemane,
Where my Saviour tasted bitter woe;
There He prayed in agony,
All because He loved us so.

—William Cramer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Swedeborg, Mo. —Dear saints and other readers: I feel like I ought to write to you this evening and speak about our great friend, Jesus. He saved my soul over eight years ago, the 13th of Dec. 1921, after I spent much time in sorrow, trouble and without any peace in my heart. But when I turned to Jesus and come to the place where I wanted salvation more than anything else, he saved me. He will save everyone when they come to the place where they want salvation above all in this world.

Dear saints, let us pray more for the poor sinners and poor souls who have once known God, but have failed to watch and pray and have let the enemy lead them back into sin. God has not refrained from

loving them, neither has his children; they are just anxious for them to come back to Father's house where there is joy and happiness, where they can enjoy all the good things that his children enjoy. Dear unsaved souls, everyone come to Jesus and you shall find rest to your souls; he is inviting all. Matt. 11: 28-30. The devil may try to discourage you, making you think that you are so bound in sin and too many things in your way to serve God, but do not listen to him; Jesus can set you free. Read Luke 4: 18. Jesus came to set the captives free; those who are bound he will loosen and free. While you have time and opportunity, do not put off salvation till too late. I find the Lord a great friend, one who understands what no earthly friend could. I trust him for soul and body, also he has healed my dear boy and gave him better health than he ever had. The Lord healed me last spring of a bad hurting around my heart. It was so bad I could hardly turn myself when lying down, and when I sat up I could hardly lie down, or when laying down it hurt me to get up and hurt me to stoop. I did not know when I might take the last breath, but I did not feel afraid to go, for Jesus was with me; how wonderful to have Jesus with us. One morning my mother and sister and I had prayer. I felt that God heard but the pain still was there for a little while, but I still believed and it quit hurting, never left even a sore place. I am afflicted in some ways yet, so dear saints pray for me that I may be healed. I am willing to bear any trials that God would want me to bear, for I know he is with us to help us. He has promised to heal and will heal, so everyone of you dear saints who read this, pray for me, for I suffer in many ways. I mean to trust God no matter what may come. Let us all be doing all we can for lost souls, let us live true; it is our life that counts more for God than anything else. May God bless each reader. —Becky Brown.

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Hennessey, Okla.—Dear saints: I am praising the dear Lord for this wonderful salvation. He saves and keeps, praise His dear name. He is a wonderful Saviour, a wonderful keeper; I am glad that He saved me when He did, with an everlasting salvation. I want to be more like Him. I want to be on the increase in my soul continually. He is also a wonderful healer, He heals cancers, tumors, and all manner of diseases; all we have to do is to be obedient to his word and have that unshaken faith.

I am praising the Lord for the wonderful lesson that I learned in the minister's meeting. It was food to my soul, I want to grow and be strong in the Lord. I thank the dear Lord for the beloved saints of Tulsa. How the Lord blessed and provided in the meeting; the word of God went forth in its fullness. Praise His dear name, for true ministers of God.

Dear ones, pray for me, that I be faithful until death, that I will do the little things He assigned me to do. Your Sister in Christ, —Annie Wiley.

Damascus, Ark.—Dear Editor: Having finished reading your paper, Faith and Victory; will now say I heartily enjoyed it. It was a great soul-feast to me. I am not able at this time to send an offering, but I will if the dear Lord blesses me and I know He will. He always has thus far. I would like to have six copies of Faith and Victories to give to my friends. I read every word in this April issue, and heartily endorse every ones writings.

I never heard this kind of preaching before, and this was the first paper I had to read; but I am deeply interested. I was quickened by the Spirit twenty-eight years ago, and He is with me still. About twelve months ago, I was *so wonderfully blessed*. I cannot express my thanks.

His still small voice came to me while searching the scriptures; for what that great sin that exempts from heaven was. "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." Heb. 10: 26.

—Millie Jaynes.

Russellville, Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord. I am writing to tell you of the help and pleasure your little paper "Faith and Victory" is in our home. It has helped my wife and I to understand the meaning of some of the scriptures of the Bible more plainly and fully.

May each and every one that needs the Lord in their lives read this little paper along with their Bible. If the world would only understand how badly it needs our wonderful Saviour. How blessed and beautiful He can make a person's life if they will only give their heart to Him it would be so wonderful.

I praise Him for the love He has shed abroad in my heart. I did not know this wonderful Saviour and Redeemer until about two years ago, but praise His precious name, I found Him at last.

Pray for my wife and me, that we may continue in His love and goodness. We would love for you to keep sending the paper.

May the Lord bless you and keep this good work going, is my prayer.

Yours in Christ, —Mr. and Mrs. Mack Chenowith.

Purdy, Mo.—Dear Sister and Bro. Pruitt: Greeting in the precious and all-prevailing name of Jesus: May His grace and peace be abundantly yours.

I am praising God for full and free salvation; and for the blessed word of God, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway.

I have just been reading Psa. 15: 1-2, which says, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and speaketh the truth in his heart." These words are full of meaning to me. I am so glad that God's people have a safe dwelling place. No one but a righteous person can abide in God's tabernacle. If we dwell in God's holy hill, we must be clean; I mean to go to

heaven and to do so, I will have to obey the whole truth. My heart is fixed to live for the Lord as long as I live.

I have received May number of Faith and Victory. Every article contained therein was food and strength to my soul. May the Lord bless you all in the work is my prayer.

Please pray that I will keep humble, so I may be faithful to the end.

Your Sister in the *one* body, —Artie Bowers.

The Resurrection And Reward of All Mankind

For man to honor God and reverence Him in humble submission to His will and pleasure is wholly right and proper. Before the earth upon which we dwell was created and the things therein, He was God and He will be God after the heavens, the earth and all things therein are burned up. "Seeing then that these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." Truly, each and every created being ought to honor the creator in Holiness of heart and life. Our stay here in this world at the longest is very short, and compared to eternity, is only as a watch in the night, or as a flower of the grass which is soon cut down and withereth. In another sense we spend our years here "as a tale that is told." Psa. 90: 9. As the generations before us have come upon the scene in this world, fulfilled their days and passed on; so shall we fulfill our days and pass on unless the angel should sound his trumpet and declare that time should be no longer.

The thoughts which are upon our heart to-day, is the resurrection and the change that shall take place at that time; for the resurrection day is surely coming to all mankind, whether we are asleep in death or awake upon the earth, we shall be called upon to appear before the Judge of the whole earth, to give an account to Him of our conduct, while in this body upon the earth. Knowing this to be true, every created being ought to be deeply concerned about his or her present condition before God.

God has planned only one way for us to get into His favor now, and be prepared when the change will take place. He has only one door-way that leads to peace with Him now, and eternal glory in the end. To get in that way and to keep in that way, should be of far greater importance to us than to gain and control the wealth of the whole world. The honor, fame and wealth that men have here is as a fading leaf. It will come to nought and leave them as a pauper and a begger in the next world.

The man which is on record in the sixteenth chapter of Luke had riches, fame, honor and pleasure in this world, fared sumptuously every day; but he died and was buried, took his place in hell and became a beggar, wanted Lazarus to be sent to him to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool his tongue, for he was tormented in the flame, every prayer he offered up was denied him, his doom was sealed, his opportunity was passed. This scripture alone ought to stir the deep recesses of every heart and cause them to seek God and make their wrongs right until all condemnation is lifted and they know beyond a shadow of a doubt that they have entered in at the door that leads to heaven and eternal bliss.

As man is a two fold being, (spirit and flesh) there is also a salvation for the soul and a salvation for the body, this full redemption came through Christ. Bodily redemption will come to us who are saved when Christ comes. "Who will change our vile (or corruptible) body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."

Paul says, "We groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." The body, according to the word of God is going to be changed from a corruptible to an incorruptible body, will be changed from a mortal to an immortal being. Read 1 Cor. 15: 51-55. How blessed it will be in that day for those who are ready for the change. Men will not want the things of earth then, they will care nothing about the honor of men, for they shall see the end of all earthly things.

When we consider what God has in store for believers in Christ, those who have had a change of heart through faith in the atoning blood, it ought to quicken our desire and zeal to please Him, it ought to work a great carefulness in our hearts to do His bidding regardless of the cost.

In the resurrection day all people which have lived upon the earth will receive a reward, there will not be one missed as God is over all and will bring to pass the truth written in His inspired word. Jesus says, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, (future) in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5: 28-29. In Rev. 22: 12 we read, "And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." We can clearly see that every man is going to receive a reward for deeds

done while here in this mortal body. We are all earning a reward, some are earning the wages of sin, which is death and others by their faith, love and good deeds are earning the wages of righteousness, which is life eternal.

Those who reject Christ in this life are sinning sufficiently to bar them out of heaven, those who do not honor the Son, cannot honor God, as our salvation comes only through the Son, the Lamb of God. A profession without a change of heart will only betray the professing one. As the boughs of a tree receive life and nourishment through the roots and bear fruit; so also, do we receive life through Christ and bear fruit unto God. We first must be grafted into the olive tree by faith and belief before we can have any part or lot in the life from above. Jesus says, "I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star." Rev. 22: 16. To accept Him and abide in Him, means that we are fastened to the root which is the offspring of David, even Jesus Christ and if we walk in the light as he is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God, will cleanse us from all sin. The pure life of the Son of God will be springing up in our souls, causing us to walk in his statutes and do them. He is the bright and morning star, the coming of Him into our hearts brings faith and confidence of the coming of that bright and eternal day when all tears will be wiped away, sorrow will cease and we will always and forever dwell in that unspeakable, unsearchable, everlasting glorified state.

With the wicked or Christ rejecters, it shall not be so, they will be ushered into hell and all the nations that forget God, where they will be tormented day and night. They will be in an never-ending misery, because they neglect the cleansing stream while in these mortal bodies. They said in their hearts by their actions and deeds, "we will not have this man to rule over us." Thus they have earned the wages of sin and will never again have a chance to get right with God as the door of mercy will be closed forever, how terrible and heart rendering this will be, the thought of their never ending fate will be bitter, anguish, weeping and wailing of the lost will be their companions throughout endless time.

While this life is very short, yet it means much to every soul, it is a time when they choose their own destiny. God has made every provision possible for our salvation; His plans are complete and if accepted by man, it will mean redemption for both soul and body. If man chooses to reject his plan and way, it will mean damnation and ruin throughout all ages to come.

Souls go to heaven, because they choose to go there. Souls go to hell and torment, because they choose to go there. God wills that all men be saved. Many men will it otherwise and choose to go on in their sin and folly and are lost.

God pronounces a blessing upon the soul that does His commandments and when God blesses, none can withhold it. Let us get in an attitude whereby God can bless us and thereby be ready in that judgment day, which is coming to everyone.

“Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Rev. 22: 14. Read also the following verses and see what is left out of the holy city. —Fred Pruitt.

The Modern Church

As, I sit and muse over the last fifteen years of my Christian experience, and view the standards of the modern church; I am brought to think of the statements which proceeded from the mouth of the weeping Prophet (Jeremiah) hundreds of years ago. These are the words which fell from his lips, “Peace, Peace, when there is no peace.”

When we go back to the time of Jeremiah, we find that the Jews had sunk to a deplorable condition. We read also that they caused the trouble themselves. These are the words we find in Jer. 2: 17, “Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, when he led thee by the way?” Again, we find in Jer. 4: 18, “Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.” So dear reader, you see, when a Church becomes luke warm and lowers its standards, we know of a certainty that it is our own fault.

We cannot let wickedness into our hearts and be clear before God, for he says, “Be ye holy, even as I am holy.” Also, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” So we can readily see, in order to please God, there is no chance for us to have the least bit of wickedness in our hearts.

Now, since we have found the cause of the Jewish decline, which represents the Christians of today. By the help of God, lets try and picture to ourselves the lack of Spirituality in the Modern Church. Since, we have caused the decline, we must of a necessity bring up our living conditions until we meet the requirements of God’s word, if we would please God.

Jeremiah pointed out the trouble to the Jews, God called them to repentance, for we read these words in

Jer. 7: 3, “Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.” So they had a chance to redeem themselves in God’s favor, but did they avail themselves of the privilege? The willful Jews did not listen. We find God promised to restore them again, Jer. 12: 15. He again exhorted them to turn from their way of folly, tried to wrest their attention by sending a famine, but to no avail. So when God in his infinite mercy and wisdom could go no further, He rejected them, and pronounced judgment against them. “Thou has forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee, I am weary with repenting. And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways.” Jer. 15: 6-7.

Brethren, this was a terrible thing to happen to those Jews, and how much worse is going to be our punishment if we obey not the word of God. We have had the light of the gospel, and shall I say it? I’m afraid some are doing like the Jews, trampling it under foot, so to speak. We hear, now-a-days sad to say by professed Christians these words, “We know the church is not where it used to be, but wer’e expecting it to reform and come back to its original standing.”

O, awake thou soul, who sleepeth, and pray God to stir your soul. No, reformation, that ever fell into decline ever was brought back. From the Lutheran Reformation, to the present time, God has called many out, gave them light which they walked in, but as more light came, they became careless, ceased to obey God and were cast off. Think of the great Wesleyan Movement what men of God they were, and what good they accomplished, but could they visit the earth today, they would neither recognize their leaders or teachings. The same thing happened in our New Testament Churches. Some of them would wander away and get polluted with strife, fornication and adultery, become luke warm, and then did God call them out? His precious word does not say that, but listen Christian friend it says, “I will spue them out of my mouth.” Christian reader, are we going to lapse into the same condition as this, or are we ready to gird ourselves with the armor of God and go forth to battle. You may be so steeped in sin and confusion, that you will ask this question, What is wrong? Brother, Sister, if you are honest, I will try by the help of God to point out a few things, which are wrong. I think probably I had better start with the head, or minister and then come down to the laymen.

The first thing I see, that is wrong, is our Ministry. Fifty percent of them are men who have been run through a Preacher Mill (Seminary or College) and are void of a real live experience. Now, don't misunderstand me that I'm against education. God forbid. I believe God's ministers need it, but lets make it a minor and God's Spirit major. If we had more "Brush College," and "Kneeology" instead of Seminary and Theology, God's work would prosper more and souls would be saved. I remember, when preachers, as well as their flock would lay on their faces, and pray, asking and pleading for souls, praying, God give us souls or we perish, but times have changed. Now, it's give us more salary, fine homes and larger automobiles or we leave you (the Church) to perish. No wonder, there are so many empty church buildings, and people going speedly down to ruin without a shepherd. You may ask if I believe in a salaried minister? I have known but very few ministers who received a salary that have not let down the standard. When they receive a salary, as a general rule, judgment from the pulpit ceases and they preach to please the source of their income, but when they depend on God for their living, judgment proceeds from the pulpit backed up by the Holy Ghost, and what do we have? A clear, clean-cut, out and out "Church of God." I have never seen very many crooked professors hanging around that kind of a church, for the church is usually so filled with fire, and make it so uncomfortable for those so-called spiritual icicles, that they just naturally melt and run away. Another thing I see is that they have lost authority. Their congregations do just as they please. I have in mind now a minister who I have heard preach against gold rings, (not saying a word about gold wrist watches for he gets around that saying they are useful) yet, his congregation still continues to wear their rings, beads, wrist watches and etc. Why not? They saw him baptize his sister with two rings on, and if authority does not reach to sisters in the flesh, then, why in the Church? Third, the ministers are negligent and do not cry all sin down. Powder and paint, short skirts, sleeveless gowns, permanent waves and marcells all abound in this congregation. Instead of getting on their knees in church and praying for God to save souls, (their own first) they get down sometimes and powder their noses if they happen to think they need it, and if not, talk about the latest fashions and amusements.

Sad to say in these congregations the sacred ordinances are neglected, and suppers and aid societies

are generally substituted in place of them. Instead of eating at home, as the Bible teaches, they go to God's house of prayer and then excuse themselves that it's helping to pay the ministers and keep the building in repair, where if they were visitng the sick, and encouraging the weak hearted, God would supply all their needs.

The laymen have substituted entertainments for prayer meetings. Since they have installed a pipe organ or piano, have a few ungodly people who can sing well, and improved their place of worship with a choir loft, they reason, why not just have a little innocent entertainment for the children, it will make them bolder for God when they grow up. Well, I have never seen it work for God, but always for the Devil. For if they do get saved, the devil usually imposes a man fearing spirit upon them until they can scarcely testify to salvation. Possibly you will ask, why these people are permitted to profess in church, because the head of the church has gone wrong. Therefore the whole body suffers.

This sort of a minister is usually looking for numbers, and allows anyone to profess. He is not a Shepherd anymore, but a hireling in God's flock, as there are always a few faithful children. Do not despair like poor Elijah of old, who went and sat down under a Juniper tree and asked God to die, as he was the only one left. Was he? Say, God gave Elijah to understand that He had seven thousand that had not bowed the knee to Baal. 1 Kings 19: 18.

Christian, awake to the situation. Don't try to cover conditions up and say Peace, Peace, when there is no peace, but gird yourself for battle; fast and pray and enter into the blood washed army of Jesus Christ. Cry sin down on every hand, although it may mean separation from the assembly where you now worship.

Let us not be like the Jews in Jermiah's time, who spurned all God's warnings and had to be rejected. Now, is the time to act and act quickly, as I said before, we have procured this unto ourselves, but God promised to restore us, if we'll only let Him.

Shall we do it?

O think of God's Beloved daughters,
Here on earth a little while,
Spending all their precious moments
After fashion dress and Style.

How unlike the lowly Jesus,
He was not like that adorned;
With the world's pride and fashion,
But was decked with cruel thorns.

The Still Small Voice

“And he came hither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: And after the fire a *still small voice*. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here Elijah? 1 Kings 19: 9-13. And in the 18th verse God tells Elijah, “Yet, I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.”

So we see when God speaks to us, it is with a *still small voice*.

Jesus says, “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore; and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.” Rev. 3: 19-21.

This is the Holy Spirit’s pleading with souls for entrance into their hearts, and if we give heed, all will be well with our soul; for we must give heed to the still small voice of God, pleading for us to yield our hearts and service to Him. He is trying to awaken souls out of sleep, out of slumber, out of the sin death, for we must become alive in Christ to be ready for eternity. The Holy Spirit comes with a *still small voice*, it talks to our conscience, to our inner being, pleads with our better nature to give up sin, and live for God, for he alone is able to save our soul and change our nature, and bring us unto God. In Hebrews we read, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” Heb. 12: 14. This STILL SMALL VOICE is what causes souls to repent and

forsake the evil, and love the good. It causes us to see ourselves as sinners, miserable and lost, and without God or hope in this world, and no hope for the world to come.

I have a cartoon, that shows a long palace, it seems to extend as far as the eye can see, pillars after pillars and at the entrance is a large stone Sphinx. This building is called the Temple of Eternity and before this building are millions and millions of souls who have died and passed out of this life, standing as thick as they can stand, pleading, crying, wringing their hands and arms stretched up toward the stone structure, and the Sphinx, which is nothing but a statue. It is now too late to pray, for we must have a listening ear to real prayer. All is quiet as death, except the terrible groans and pleadings that come from the throng of never-dying souls. All is dark as night, no place to, repent and give their time and talents to God. No time now to seek God for pardon; life is spent, life is gone forever.

They stand pleading, crying, but all is still as death; only a big stone structure before them, the souls of mankind that have not been washed and been made pure and clean in the blood of the Lamb of God, this is a sad picture, but; oh, how true.

Jesus said, in Matt. 13: 41-42. “The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” Yes, Jesus knew what was before those who despised his mercy, and his blood of atonement. Nothing but godliness, can pass into the mansions prepared for those that love and serve Him.

Jesus also said, “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14: 2-3. “Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” Matt. 13: 43.

This was said to those who turned away from sin and love Him, and obeyed him from the heart while in life. It was not said to the disobedient and rebellious, but was said to His followers that took up the cross and followed Jesus. Followed his example, while they lived in this world. And after He has cleansed us, we must keep our vessels pure and clean as long as we live in this world; or we’ll not enter those mansions of the blessed. But, those who despised holiness and

godliness, etc., will never enter those mansions above.

God will be just as deaf to souls then as they have been to Him while in life. If they would not hear the *still small voice* of God when it was pleading for them to come and be saved from sin, and get a new heart, and a right Spirit; then in eternity, God is deaf, dumb and blind toward them. "And there will be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth" for those who despised the mercies of God.

Now, hell was not prepared for mankind; but it was prepared for the devil and his angels; but if mankind will persist to live on in sin, since Jesus has shed his blood for their redemption, then they too will be punished in hell according to the scriptures. Listen, to this! "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psa. 9: 17. Neither do they have to be the worst characters that ever lived, for many that have made a high profession of religion will be lost, because they still lived on in sin, while professing to be children of God. Many that thought they were Christians but held the truth in unrighteousness, (that is knew the truth) but did not obey it.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Rom. 1: 18.

By diligently searching the scriptures people can know what God requires of them and if they won't obey, God's wrath will be poured out upon them. For He is no respecter of person. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." John 3: 7. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." John 3: 6. Not of flesh and blood, but of the Holy Spirit of God.

Will we give heed to God's pleading voice, while we live and have an opportunity to get saved? While Christ will redeem us and change our fallen nature, so that we can live for Him, cause us to love the good and hate the evil? Love God and despise Satan and his works? Will we give heed to his loving, pleading voice? The word of God is given unto us, so that we can get ready for eternity; our dressing room is here in this life. The word of God is given unto us, so that we will know what God demands of us. Jesus was sent to redeem our souls back to God and set us free from sin, and also to give us grace to live holy before Him all our days. The Holy Spirit has been sent to carry on the salvation work, that Jesus began while in this world.

Will we come to God while the Holy Spirit and the bride say come? "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And

let him that is athirst Come. And *whosoever will*, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22: 17. Will we yield, and come while yet it is day? Also in Matt. 11: 28-30, Jesus also is pleading for your soul. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Will we come while God is giving a listening ear to our faintest call for help? For if we give him a deaf ear now, we need not expect anything but his deaf ear, blind eye, and that he will be dumb toward us. As the Sphinx of stone, before the people in the cartoon, for all eternity.

There is no other time nor place to get right with God, but only in this life. When God pleads with our soul to get right with Him, through the wooing of the Holy Spirit, will we yield unto the pleading of God, or will we refuse and stop our ears that we can't hear the *still small voice* of God? Will we cry "Away with Him! Away with Him!" and then be lost forever.

Sinners, doomed for destruction; God will have those in heaven, that desire to be there with all their heart. Those who put on the robe of righteousness and have made themselves ready for His appearing.

—I. Edith Kriebel.

The Oklahoma State Camp-meeting

The Okla. State camp-meeting, will be held at Oklahoma City; will begin first Friday in August and last ten days.

All lovers of truth should attend this meeting, also those who are in need of help from the Lord in soul or body. A hearty invitation is extended to all kindred, tongue and people to come and be with the "Evening Light Saints" on above date. Those who can should bring bedding, such as empty straw ticks and covering; straw will be furnished free.

This being a State meeting, all the saints everywhere ought and should share in the burdens involved, insomuch that you will co-operate with us by sending provisions to supply the needs of the meeting. Send all provisions to R. A. Talley, 507 N. Liard St. Send money for the meeting to D. J. Diggs, 1201 W. Grand Ave. both of Okla. City. Those who have troubles to settle should settle them at home and not bring them to the camp-meeting to settle. Please remember this.

If you want to know about tents or rooms or any other information write to W. H. Shoot, R. D. 6 Guthrie, Okla. or R. A. Talley, or D. J. Diggs at above mentioned addresses. By order of State committee.