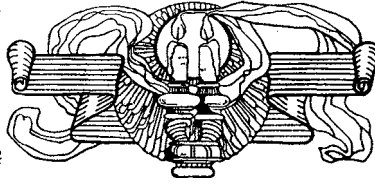


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“Leave The Miracle With Him”

“WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT.”—JOHN 2:5.

Whatso'er He bids you, do it
Though you may not understand:
Yield to Him complete obedience,
Then you'll see His mighty hand;
“Fill the water pots with water,”
Fill them to the very brim;
He will honor all your trusting—
Leave the miracle to Him!

Bind your Isaac to the altar,
Bind him there with many a cord;
Oh, my brother, do not falter,
Can't you fully trust your Lord?
He it is who watches o'er you,
Though your path may oft be dim;
He will bring new life to Isaac—
Leave the miracle to Him!

Bring to Christ your loaves and fishes
Though they be both few and small,
He will use the weakest vessels,
Give to Him your little all.
Do you ask how many thousands
Can be fed with food so slim?
Listen to the Master's blessing—
Leave the miracle to Him!

Oh, ye Christians, learn the lesson,
Are you struggling all the way?
Cease your trying, change to trusting,
Then you'll triumph every day!
“Whatso'er He bids you, do it”
Fill the water pots to brim;
But remember, 'tis His battle—
Leave the miracle to Him!

Selected by,—Bessie Cown.

AFFECTIONS

If we love anything more than we love Christ, we are not worthy of Him, nor of his love. And the same attitude we hold toward God, the same will he hold to-

ward us. We will read these scriptures upon this subject. “And if ye walk contrary unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. And if ye will not be reprov'd by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me: Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury seven times for your sins.” Lev. 26. 27-28. But we can have His mercy if we seek Him for it.

“If thou seek Him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever.”
1 Chron. 28: 9.

“The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you.” 2 Chron. 15: 2.

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Jer. 29: 13.

“I love them, that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.” Prov. 8: 17.

So we see by these scriptures that God holds the same attitude toward us that we hold toward Him. If we are selfish and stingy toward God, God will be the same toward us when we want his blessings. We may desire some great blessing from the hand of God, yet because we are not gracious toward him, and to our fellow man; neither will He be gracious toward us. Yet graciousness is one of the attributes of God. But yet he demands us to be gracious, if we want him to be gracious unto us.

We can have no other gods before the God of heaven. Think how terrible for us to keep our heart's love, our affections centered upon things of this world; the perishable things of clay; and then lose our soul for all eternity. Suppose we love our wealth, our gold, our silver, our money, our jewels if we have any, our bank accounts, our lands, our houses, or anything that holds our affections instead of God. Suppose that we love family ties, mother, father, brother, sister, wife, husband or children more than we love Christ. What does He say about it? “He that loveth father or mo-

ther more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matt. 10: 37.

This is why so few get above the love of this world. Their affections are tied to something material and can not surrender all unto Christ. Their love holds them to the vain, perishable things of earth.

"Fade, fade, each earthly joy; Jesus is mine!
Break, ev'ry tender tie; Jesus is mine!
Dark is the wilderness,
Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless, Jesus is mine!

Tempt not my soul away; Jesus is mine!
Here would I ever stay; Jesus is mine!
Perishing things of clay
Born but for one brief day,
Pass from my heart away, Jesus is mine!

Farewell, ye dreams of night; Jesus is mine!
Lost in this dawning light; Jesus is mine!
All that my soul has tried
Left but a dismal void,
Jesus has satisfied, Jesus is mine!

Farewell, mortality; Jesus is mine!
Welcome, eternity; Jesus is mine!
Welcome, O loved and blest,
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,
Welcome, my Saviour's breast, Jesus is mine!"

By,—Mrs. C. J. Bonar.

Oh, that every saint could sing this song from the depth of their soul, and know that God has made this wonderful change in their affections. Life without God, is only as empty dreams in the night, and only in Christ do we have life and light. O! praise God, we can have beauty for ashes.

"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified." Isa. 61: 3.

Yes when we get Jesus in our soul, we wonder how we ever could have loved this vain, empty world, the worthless clay. All these things perish, all is death outside of Christ. No wonder He said unto them, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never thirst." John 6: 35. "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is

my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6: 51.

Only in Jesus is there life for the soul. Only as we love Him and obey Him, hold him sacred, above all else, in our heart. Only as He comes first in our life, our love, our affections, will we come first in His love and receive his attention. Yes, 'tis true, whatever we are toward God, so God will be toward us. If we love God with all the soul, heart, mind and strength, then he will love us the same way. And he will manifest himself unto us. But beware, if you love anything or any body more than you love Christ, and let it, or them, hinder you from cheerfully obeying all of God's commandments. God must have obedience and a complete surrender, Without that you stand a slim chance of having God bestow his love upon you. For He surely is toward us as we are toward him.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded. Be afflicted and mourn, and weep let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." James 4: 8-10.

When we surrender all to Jesus, say as it were, hold up our hands in surrender, then is when God will fill us with his love, joy, and peace; and give us a blessing that we can't contain it, but it will be an overflowing well, that we need never thirst any more, for we have the living waters springing up within our soul. This is what Jesus told the woman of Samaria about.

Will we pay the price for this overflowing well in our soul? or will we hold tenaciously to the perishing things of clay? and then be rejected, because of our love and affections being bestowed upon houses, lands, gold, silver or any earthly treasure, or people. It does not matter whether we are rich or poor, whether we have great wealth or none. Even poor, yes, very poor people must yield all to God. They must not love husband nor wife, child or mother or father, or any living creature more than they love God. For if they do, Jesus said, "He is not worthy of me." He too, must forsake all for this precious Jewel. The pearl of greatest price. The life giver, the restorer of Israel. Israel here means those who prevail in prayer and get saved. God restores those who wrestle earnestly in prayer to Him for their salvation.

Godly sorrow is a wonderful manifestation of God's love toward us. Let us give God all our heart and then he will be found of us: and adopt us into his family, and make us heirs in his kingdom. When we find peace with God, then God will make himself known

unto us; by dwelling in our heart and soul. And He will check us lest we say or do anything that is displeasing to God. We must keep the fear of God upon our hearts and a tender conscience toward Him; and look to Him for guidance, for "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Psa. 111: 10.

Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." John 14: 15. So 'tis love that causes us to obey God. And it is love to God and to our fellow man that keeps us in God's order. When our love is centered upon God, then God will fill us with his love for the unsaved, the kind of love that he has for them. We will love their souls, and do all that we can to rescue them from sin, and bring them to Christ, the one who can save them from sin. But we will not love their sins, their wicked living; but we will reprove it by the Bible and the Holy Spirit reproves them. And in so doing we will be instruments in God's hands to rescue the perishing souls of earth.

What do we love most? What have we got our affections upon? What ever it may be, will determine what God will be toward us. All these lands, cattle, jewels, the earth and the fulness thereof belongs to God. And what business have we, loving what truly belongs to the Creator. We should love our Creator above all else and take our love and affections off of the created.

If we obey, it will be well with our soul, but if not we will have to take the evil. For God will surely be toward us as we are toward Him. Let us fear God, and give Him all our love, and affections and enjoy his love and his blessings. —I. Edith Kriebel.

Take Your Choice

(Exodus 12: 13.)

A man in the prime of life, bids a bent Mother of the moment, prompted its Possessor to pick up a club and wield it successfully in laying out one of the opposing Commander's subjects.—

A man in the prime of life, bids a bend old Mother farewell, hastily explaining reasons for the unlooked for departure. A Mother's prayer had saved him from the cruel murderers of the powers of darkness. A Mother's love invented a water-proof ark. A Mother's prayer touched the heart of Him, who can turn a heart of stone; to cause the princes of the power of this world to be merciful to a helpless babe and mother it, and the mother's prayer will now implore the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to protect and use the fugitive for His glory.

The murderer might have fixed matters up satisfactory with the princes, but "He suffered rather with the children of God than to enjoy the pleasures of Egypt for a season." The pleasures, the prince of the world offers are only for a season, not worth considering. After leaving the powers of darkness we see our well-meaning hero with shepherd's staff meditating about the past and wondering how far the oppressor of the sons of Abraham would dare to go, and remembering the solemn prayers of mother, and the promises given to faithful Abraham and the commandment, "Walk before me and be thou perfect." Gen. 17: 1.

Now while away from the noise and confusion of the world, "I Am" has a chance to give him orders. This strange fiery trial ever sin consuming without end, like the wind, "bloweth where it listeth" and is supernatural. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob never slumbers nor sleeps, and the cries of the Satan oppressed reaches His ears, and Generalship is given to him who many years before attempted to correct matters in his own way and made a failure of it. He now sees his inability, but is assured that a stammering tongue will be relieved by the eloquency of brother Aaron, and when orders of the King of kings are strictly obeyed, ordinary rods will be turned into serpents, to prove that Jehovah has commissioned the General.

How well in hand his early training now stands. Court-mannerism and his mother's prayers back of it, strengthened by the assurance of "I Am" to sustain him, he faces the powers of darkness. The rod of the God-appointed General swallows up the serpents of the powers of Satan, and He gets the glory. Again, and again the love of God and strength for deliverance from the power of darkness is revealed to the faithful ones, every trial and temptation is followed by victories for those who have left the worldly ways patterned after the power of darkness. The Egyptian snake—form, the bobbed hair, jewelry, scarcity of attire, are taken from the style of the power of hell; but God is on the throne and to get full deliverance is to obey and look "UP."

"I Am" has proven to Satan's followers repeatedly that His ways are perfect, and why will ye die? Mountains may be on both sides, ask for a grain of mustard seed "FAITH," the roaring of the enemy in the rear will be drowned by shouts of victory while "looking up."

Surrender to Him, to the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world. By His blood being applied, we may be "overcomers." "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Josh. 24: 15. —Marie Pauline Sass.

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EDITORIALS

Those who are standing on the truth of God's word have a sure and safe foundation, they have no occasion for fear, as the truth makes a soul free and though the winds may blow (doctrines of men) and the hale-stones may fall (bread of wickedness) and the floods may come (strong words and great show and pressure of Satan's agents) they continue to have peace and comfort as they run into their High-Tower (Christ) and are safe. There are some that seem to be greatly troubled about making the Church stand; this ought to be the least of our troubles, as we find in the word that "The gates of hell shall not prevail against her" believing this to be true, we teach the truth plainly and clearly concerning the Church and then just rest all with Him who organizes, shapes and fits the members in His body as it pleases Him.

The apostle Paul says, "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His, And let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Before Paul uttered these words he had been writing about false teachers and prophets whose word, "doth eat like a canker." While many are being devoured by false teachers today even as it was then; yet when we have done all we can in teaching the truth and exposing the evil, then we can comfort ourselves as Paul did, that the Lord knoweth them that are His and we can warn all souls as he did, to depart from evil.

As soil or earth is a seed-bed for vegetation seed for it to fall into, germinate and grow forth, bearing fruit of its kind; so, also is the heart of man. It is receiving seeds of truth or error and will bear fruit af-

ter the kind of seed we let come in. If we give ear to false teachers and prophets of to-day, their word will eat like a canker and devour the Christ-life in our souls. This is why there is so much drift and decay and falling away at present. Some are giving ear to false teaching, then teaching it to others; conscience are being seared, hearts are being hardened; but in spite of all this, God's Church is still standing and moving in her splendor and purity, they are robed in linen pure and white for this is the righteousness of the saints. Rev. 19: 8. In spite of the great number that are following false teachers and prophets and many other wicked ones in the earth, there will be a great host enter into that heavenly home. After the revelator had seen a large number gather from all the tribes of Isarel; he then saw a great multitude which no man could number (those saved by grace through faith. Eph. 2: 8.) of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. Rev. 7: 9.

Brethren, let us "Gird up the loins of our minds" and not receive false teaching that will eat away the truth and cause us to think that this or that is alright when God has saved us from them. Let each one see that they depart from iniquity and keep hid with Christ in God, doing heart service unto Him.

Let us not forget what manner of persons we are. Paul brands the saints as "peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2: 14. Paul also said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Let us also be willing to bear the marks of the Lord, in meekness, in willingness and obedience, with much patience and longsuffering; living the crucified life. A life dead to the world and its ways, departing from all iniquity and the very God of peace will sanctify us wholly and preserve us unto His coming.

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We are preparing and printing and circulating a large amount of tracts and they go to all parts of the world, and the good done is only known by the Father; our part is to be obedient, zealous and willingly do His bidding, and this, by His grace we mean to do. In order to make a way for others to do something for souls and for God, we are getting out a circular containing special prices on the printing of tracts for others. This will enable you to get the tract printed and circulated which you know will do good at a very low price; as we print and circulate them for you or will send all or part of the lot to you by you paying the transportation charges. This will give you an opportunity to do something for the Master, with the means He trusts you with, and in this way have treasures in heaven.

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We have been thinking of the Judgment day and the great surprises that are awaiting many. There will no doubt be many stars in the crown of some who in this world has been looked down upon with scorn and contempt. Perhaps some who have been shuffled about

from place to place as one not wanted here, will shine in glory as the stars of heaven, forever and forever. I well remember, several years ago when a tramp came to our door late one evening, and God gave us such a love for him, we were so careful with him, took him in and fed him, talked to him of Christ, gave him a good bed and the next morning when he went to leave, we told him if he ever came that way again to stop with us. It was easy for us to see that the man was greatly puzzled and surprised, how God did bless our souls for this and we felt that we had entertained an angel.

For the encouragement of our readers and those who are giving of their substance to help keep the tracts and papers printed and sent out, I wish to say that something like two year ago, a man from Shawnee, Okla., began to send here for tracts and papers to hand out, nearly every month or oftener he would send in for a supply. A year ago we were there in a tent-meeting and a man came to us and introduced himself to us as MaComb; the man whom we had been sending tracts to. He is an elderly man, poorly clad and not looking to be very well in body, but we soon found that he was interested in the Lord and in getting tracts to the people which contained truth to the saving of their souls, if only they will accept it. As we only had a few moments time with him then, we did not find out very much about him.

Last Saturday, the workers, wife and I went over to Shawnee and was with the saints there in meeting Saturday night and Sunday morning. In talking with some of the saints there we made inquiry of this man as he has been sending regularly for tracts and papers to give out. They said that he was a man that had reared a family and as it was not agreeable for him to stay with his children, that he was out alone in the world without any means or way of support; was just going about giving out tracts and papers and talking to men about Christ, he had no certain dwelling place, he would get a little work to do and then go on with this work of sowing the righteous seed, staying wherever he could; some time sleeping on the benches in churches or other buildings. They spoke of how some would persecute him and drive him from their door; but when he would come to a secret place where he could be alone he would pour out his heart to God and oh, how God would bless him.

This man has been getting tracts and papers from here for two years and we do not remember that he ever sent in a cent to the work, but through your means the tracts has been supplied to him, and thus we are all workers together with God. This is only one out of the many. There are not many that would be willing now to exchange places with this poor old man and to do the work that he is doing; but in the judgement day, I am thinking that there will be many who would love to have the welcome that he will receive in that glory world. He will no doubt hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord." There are many that make a

high profession in Christ that never hand out a tract or paper; it is rather a humiliating work, but the difficulties are large. Thank God for the real workers in His vineyard, each one in his calling. Some furnish means, others print and circulate, and others hand them out to needy souls, all workers together with God. He places the members in the body as it pleases Him.

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It will soon be camp-meeting time, in fact some meetings are in progress now. There ought to, should and no doubt will be much good done in the camp-meetings through out the summer. The saints attending these meetings and those who cannot attend ought to get under the burden of the meetings and realize that many souls are at stake. They should not go just to have a Summer vacation, but with an eye single to the glory of God, while the change no doubt will be good for the body, yet we should realize that many souls comes to these meetings who are afflicted in body and need healing and many others are sick of sin and want to find the Lord and they need some one to pray for them. We feel assured in our hearts that there is entirely too much visiting at Camp-meetings, and not enough fasting and praying. Unless the saints get under the burden for souls the meetings will be dead and formal. It is a hard job for a minister to preach to a congregation which is more or less at ease in Zion. Some visiting is alright and is blessed and helpful, but our time should be taken up mostly in prayer, reading the word and looking to God to do work in the meeting for eternity.

The Faith & Victory paper is put out for enlighten, edify and build up the people of God and for the convicting of sinners; and those writing articles for publication, should avoid and resist the temptation of striking as politicians do to injure the person. One qualification of a Bishop is that "he be no striker." Titus 1: 7. We believe that this has reference to the tongue as well as the fist. We should not strike with the fist, neither with the tongue, but teach the truth plainly, clearly and let God use it as He will to strike the sin that may be in others and in this way we will obey the word which teaches us "to speak evil of no man."

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The "Faith & Victory" is against sin and corruption of every kind; but we mean not to be found doing evil that good may come. We are not ignorant of Satan's devices, therefore we ask those that write to be sure that the motives prompting the writing, are pure and that God wants it done. Satan is always ready to inspire one to do revenge, to take the words of the Bible and use them to club some one; but it takes real grace and wisdom from God to so use the sword of the Spirit, as to win souls for Christ. If we let God, through the Spirit do the cutting and striking, then we are without condemnation.

The Faith & Victory paper goes into thousands of homes and the readers are in different degrees of light and there are "bruised reeds" that need streng-

thened by the sincere milk of the word, and smoking flax" that should not be quenched; but by the gentle truth of the word be fanned into a blaze of flaming light. So we need much wisdom from God, that we may so write the truth that in helping the stronger we may not discourage, offend or slay the weaker. Paul went into a certain city one time and "so spake" that a great company was won to Christ of both Jews and Gentiles.

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New names are being added to the list of subscribers daily, and we ask each and every reader to take time and pray God's blessings upon this work. Remember the workers here are giving their time and all in the work without any compensation above daily needs and all the means sent in is used directly or indirectly for the furtherance of the gospel and we count our readers as co-workers with us in getting this truth to the souls of men. So just look to the Lord in prayer, as to what He would have you do in the helping along with the spreading of the gospel. Those who have no means to send, can pray earnestly to God to touch the hearts of more favored ones and in that way help along. Remember, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We wish to say to our readers, that the Lord has been dealing very graciously with us of late and has been definitely answering prayer for sums of money that was greatly needed in the work and we are encouraged in the publishing work. We are sure that many of you have been praying for us, and we desire your continued co-operation, that the gospel be not hindered, but that it will go freely to all who need it.

CAMP-MEETING NOTICES

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 southeast 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 in-

formation 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 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 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.

The Blackford, Ky. meeting, will be held this year Aug 15 to 25 inclusive. Every body welcome. Room on the grounds to accommodate visitors.

Meeting run on free-will offering plan. Those who can, bring straw ticks and quilts. Straw furnished free.

Let us all pray for the success of the meeting.

For further information write, G. W. Ford,
Blackford, Ky.

The camp-meeting at Shawnee, Okla., will be held in the Scout Park, Cor. of Pasotum and East Main Sts. beginning Aug. 16th to continue ten days.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Rooms and beds will be furnished; come all who can. Able ministers are expected to set forth just the truth you are hungry for. Had a glorious meeting here last year, let us trust and pray for a better one this year.

For further information write, Sarah B. Tacker,
201 So. McKinley St. Shawnee, Okla. or O. B. Wilson,
730 N. Union St. Shawnee, Okla.

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; and the saints greatly edified in the name of Jesus.

All are invited to attend this meeting. Come prepared to care for yourself as much as possible. Bring your bedding. Straw will be furnished.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Let the saints pray that God will provide for this meeting. Also pray that God will send us some true Spirit filled ministers to help in this meeting.

For further information write, Sister Lizzie Jones
Box 146, Boley, Okla. or M. J. Phillips, Box 391,
Boley, Okla.

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, inasmuch 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.

Examine Thy Heart

The apostle Paul says, "By the grace of God I am what I am." I Cor. 15: 10. And so it is with every child of God and for this reason, boasting is excluded and if we boast at all we exalt the Lord, for He it is that has saved us from a life of sin and from torment. He it is that is keeping us saved as we continue pliable in His hands; therefore we boast of our God who is able to make us stand in spite of all the wiles of the devil, we make our boast in the Lord Jesus Christ who has made us heirs of God and joint heirs with Himself, who has ascended upon high, has led captivity captive and gave gifts unto us.

It is by the grace and favor of God that we can live above sin in this life, man is no match for the devil, but when one stronger than he comes in and binds the enemy and casts him out, then by letting Him rule and reign in our hearts we are kept with victory over the powers of sin and darkness. This knowledge makes us praise, honor and adore Him and causes us to resist every evil spirit and false teacher, letting the sweetness of heaven continue in our souls.

The most wicked spirits in the world to-day are those that cover with a cloak of religion and deceive saved souls, feigning themselves to be Christ, and in this way get into their hearts and gradually defile and destroy the planting of God. There are wicked spirits that will possess men and cause them to curse and swear, graft, swindle, oppress and even kill their fellow men. Nearly all people of this world will say that he or she is possessed of the wicked spirit. While this is a very wicked spirit, but it is not so wicked as one that will feign to be the Spirit of the Lord and creep into the heart of man, murdering the life of Christ and causing the man to go on professing, preaching and teaching, working havoc among saints, causing division, heartaches and leading others into defilement. It is more wicked to slay the soul of a man than to slay the mor-

tal body. Therefore Jesus says, "Rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Knowing that God has power over these wicked spirits, let us fear Him and walk softly and willingly in His ways and not allow any bitterness to spring up in our souls which would cause God to turn us over to the wicked one that would destroy our soul in hell. 2 Thess.

In the parable that Jesus gave concerning the "sower that went forth to sow," we find that some seed fell by the wayside and they were quickly devoured, others fell on stony ground or places where there was not much earth, they soon sprang up, but when the sun shown they were scorched and withered away, some fell among thorns and the thorns sprang up and choked them; but some fell into good ground and brought forth different measures of fruit. In reading the explanation of this parable in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew, we understand that the seed was the word of the kingdom and the ground or place of falling represented the condition of the hearts of men. The condition of the hearts of men is manifested by the words they speak and the deeds they do and though they may make a high profession of religion, if their deeds and acts do not correspond with their profession, we know that the spirit in the heart is deceiving them and nearly always those who are thus deceived, will pick and find much fault with others, never discerning their own condition. Their heart being wrong and motives for self-praise or gain, they look upon others in like manner, and more especially on those who are walking in the real spirit of Christ; as they hate light. The scribes and Pharisees were great to pick, find fault and to accuse Christ, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. In the third chapter of Mark, we have on record where they watched him that they might accuse Him, and Jesus looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts. In this we find that picking, finding fault and accusing will harden the heart. The hearts of these professors had become so hard that they had no mercy on a poor afflicted man, but their rule or law must be kept if the poor did suffer on in affliction. "With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful;" and "With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure." But, "With the froward, thou wilt show thyself froward." (Psa. 86). So if we want to see God pure and merciful to us, we want to be pure and merciful to others. One who is hasty to judge and to condemn you, has very little pure love for you, though he may hide under a cloak of love. Divine love in the heart will cause one to be longsuffering, forbearing one another in love,

will have continued patience with kindness, will not take up a reproach against his brother and air it around with a purpose of injuring his character and causing others to lose confidence in him as being sincere.

We are living in a very perilous time, when unnatural affection and hardness of heart is enormous among professed followers of the Lord and we who are truly saved and possess the spirit of Christ have the greatest opportunity of the age to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, and thus lift up Christ continually.

The apostle Paul says, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." We cast down imaginations (in our own heart as well as in others) and everything that exalteth its self against the knowledge of God and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. We are in a warfare, but not against the lowly, humble, crucified Christ. We do not use carnal weapons as politicians of the world; we do not take the word of God as a club to beat some one into line, but in love we teach the plain clear truth of the gospel, with prayer that God will work by His spirit and draw souls to Christ whom we lift up as the Saviour of the world. In Ephesians sixth chapter, Bro. Paul says, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." In the scribes and Pharisees Jesus found, "spiritual wickedness in high places," as they held authority and rule. They held high places and in appearance was clean and beautiful outwardly but Jesus judging righteously looked into their hearts and found extortion and uncleanness and he fought the spirits that prompted their hatred of Him; but afterwards when looking on the doomed city he wept over it, and thus manifesting continued love for those who were ready to slay our Lord. In this manifesting the love of God to men, He resisted spiritual wickedness until Satan over-did the matter and slew Him, opening a door-way to heaven for us. If we want to open a door-way to heaven for others, let us be willing to be slain that Christ will be revealed unto men.

Truly the ways of God are not man's ways neither are His thoughts as our thoughts. Let us so seek and yield unto God that He can cast out all stones, thorns and thistles and break up any hardness of heart so that the word of the kingdom can find good soil to root down in, grow and flourish and bear fruit unto God.

—Fred Pruitt.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

In The Morning

In the morning of the Gospel
 Jesus came with life and light,
 To redeem our souls from bondage
 That we, too, may do the right;
 Live forever in His kingdom,
 Live and serve Him here below,
 Until He shall come from Glory
 To receive the meek and low.

In the morning of the Gospel,
 When the light began to shine,
 Jesus came with His salvation,
 Now we worship at His shrine.
 Men were down in guilt and sorrow,
 And the light of hope was dim,
 But he wakened souls from darkness,
 And we gladly follow Him.
 —I. Edith Kriebel.

TEMPTATION

“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.” 1 Peter 2: 21-24.

We find by Christ's coming, He not only died for us, and made a way whereby we can be saved; but also teaches us that He is our example. An example is a pattern, copy or guide, showing us the way to go. This scripture teaches us that Christ is our example, and more than this. “ye should follow his steps.” We now see plainly that Jesus is our example, and we (his children) should follow Him. But before we can do this, we must know how He walked and how He lived while here upon earth.

From the very beginning, Jesus was without spot or blemish. He knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. By this we know He was innocent, the only Lamb of God, the one who was willing to leave the shining courts of glory and come to this sin cursed world, to redeem us from our sins. As Jesus grew up, the Bible tells us, He always done the things which pleased His Father in heaven. He had no time to idle away his time in things which were of no profit to any one; but always was thoughtful in doing good. Should we not be that way? Yes. Jesus loves obedient children. We can't find a place in the Bible where Jesus

was disobedient, or where he refused to do any good, where it was needed. And this should be our utmost desire, to always do the things which please our heavenly Father.

We often hear the expression in a testimony, “I'll follow Jesus all the way.” This is truly a good decision for all to make. But we all will admit that its far easier to go through sunshine than shadow or gloom; but when we can rejoice in going through the trials and tests as well as the time of comfort and joy, we receive a far greater blessing. Jesus also went through dark days as well as pleasant. “When He was reviled, (abused) reviled not again, but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.” He left us an example in time of temptation, a time of need; and what is it? “Committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously.”

When other children do something to you that you do not like, and which is a wrong, you should not return the same. But you should commit yourself to the Lord and pray for them and not return evil, for evil; but return good for evil. All the people that are saved and living for God, will be tried and tested by God. The apostle Peter tells us to not think it strange when the fiery trials should come upon us, which is only to try us and establish us in the Lord.

Let us take Christ for our example again, when he was led by the Spirit to go into the wilderness there to be tempted by the devil for forty days. Luke 4: 1-14. This may seem to be a strange happening to you, and perhaps a question in your mind; why He was tempted by the devil? Well, God always works out everything to our good and His glory, if we keep humble before Him and let Him guide us. The Lord permitted the devil to tempt Jesus here; undoubtedly to try and establish him in the faith. How then could God get any glory out of this? After Jesus going without food for such a long time, he undoubtedly became very hungry and could have ate some food, had he it. Just then the devil tempted Him, saying, “If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.” This surely must have been a temptation to Jesus, but listen what Jesus told him. “It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” Jesus refused to obey the devil's trick and thereby received the victory over the devil by not yielding to him. But the devil did not stop at this, he took Jesus up into an high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said, unto Jesus he would give Him all this, if He would only worship him. Jesus answered him, “Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou

serve." By so doing, Jesus rebuked him and did not yield to his deceitful plans and God got all the glory; but had Jesus yielded unto Satan, it would have just been Satan's delight and victory. But by not giving way to the devil's cunning ways, He became strong in the Lord and had power with God.

And dear children, he is the same devil today, he just delights to get all he can to go his way; but you don't have to go his deceitful way. You just rebuke him when he tempts you and say like Jesus did, "Get thee behind me Satan." We are glorifying God by standing firm and true when these trials and temptations come. The Lord permits the devil to tempt us, and by so doing the Lord sees whether we are going to stand true and faithful. Let us not give way to the evil plans of Satan, but ever let us watch and pray that we will be able to resist him in Jesus' name.

In Heb. 2: 18, we read these comforting words, "For in that He himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor (help, relief) them that are tempted." And after all when we have lived faithful, endured the trials and temptations of a Christian life, we find a glorious reward ahead for *every one*. Praise the Lord, for this consolation unto His trusting children. The happy state and reward is at the end of a *faithful race*.

"Blessed is the man that *endureth* temptations: for when he is tried, he shall receive the *crown of life*, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1: 12.

Dear children, remember that it pays to follow Jesus all the way, even though the tempter is always busy, the Lord has sufficient grace to make you stand and come through victorious, if you only desire to walk in His footsteps. May these following verses be your heart's desire. If you will put them in practice, you will never go wrong.

"Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you
Some other to win.

Fight manfully onward,
Dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus
He'll carry you through."

Your friend in Jesus, —William Cramer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stella, Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am sending a little offering to help in publishing "Faith & Victory." I can't express all the good that I have received from this little paper. It contains so much food for the soul. I thank God for the first day it came into my home.

I am sixty-three years old, have been a widow for seven years. I live alone, I can do some things for my Saviour yet, praise His dear name.

I have been saved when twenty-one years old; still on my way to heaven. I am not tired of the way, its growing brighter every day.

Please pray for my hands, as they are in a bad shape. I trust God for every thing. —Mattie Nunn.

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Peru, Nebr.—Faith Pub. House: Enclosed find one dollar for tracts, whatever is left over keep for the Lord's work. I want to give these out to saved people. We truly need them; oh, how I praise God for them, they truly made me see myself. Praise God for them.

I am measuring up as fast as I can and growing in grace. When I first got these tracts, I would read and cry and rejoice, clap my hands and say: that means me, Lord, I will be what you want me to be, and do what you want me to do.

Dear ones, I was just starving for food, for help. I was so willing to please God, but did not know how to do or to get started. Now I feast and feast and feast. I am praying for the work at Guthrie, God surely is working there. I used to say to some of our saved people here; well we are not growing a bit. We need to get more spiritual. We can't till we see ourselves and our need.

These tracts and papers have shown me my need. I can say like one of old, "My soul doth magnify the Lord." God will get help to us in some way, if we are truly in want. I'm eating at Father's table. Praise the Lord.

Your sister, saved, sanctified and healed,
—Mrs. E. E. Humphrey.

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Albany, La.—Dear saints of God: Greeting in Jesus' name. I have been getting your little paper Faith and Victory and I sure do enjoy reading it. It is such help to me; so I feel impressed to write my little testimony this evening.

I sure do thank the Lord I can say, "I am saved" and expect to go through at any cost. Of course we may have many trials and temptations, but if we will just live close to the Lord and just look right to Him, He sure will give us grace to stand. Sometimes a trial just brings us closer to the dear Lord. But sometimes it seems pretty hard for us to say, we thank the Lord for a hard trial we have had. Well we can thank him in a way, He says, "give thanks in all things." We can thank the Lord, that it brought us closer to Him. I have had trials and it seemed like I just had to pray so much to get through, and when I got through, could see I was closer to the Lord. Oh, dear ones, we never get too old to learn a lesson. I know it puts me closer to the Lord.

I don't think we will be in the fight much longer until Jesus will come. According to the Bible, the time is close at hand. Of course no one knows when He is coming, but he says, "When its branches are yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that Summer is nigh, so like wise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near. even at the door." Matt. 24: 32-33.

So friends, according to His word, it must be close at hand. So it behooves each one of us to keep close to the Lord, and try to win poor lost souls to Christ. I sure want to do what little I can for the Lord and I know each one of us can do a little, if we will just put forth an effort. So let us not be ashamed nor afraid, but just be on fire for God. And let us be sure we use our talents as God gives them to us.

I pray God to help us, to spend each day of our life in His service; and to help us not to say anything that we think Christ would not say, or go any where we think He would not go, or do anything Christ would not do. May God ever bless us and keep us where He can use us.

Pray for me that I stand true to the Lord.
Your sister in Christ, —Mrs. Nettie Stewart.

Paris, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all: Greetings in our dear Lord and Saviour's name. May His blessings continue to be upon you day by day. It truly is blessed to trust in a true and living God. Oh, I am so glad He is my Refuge and help at all times and that I can look up to him when in my lonely hours, I can't help but feel so lonely at times, but the good Lord who does all things well, does comfort me. I am feeling real well in body, to God be all the praise.

I do thank you for the papers and tracts; may God bless you for all your kindness. Pray that God will use me to His glory and that I will be all He would have me to be. That I will be an example in every way.

I send my love to all the dear saints, and request their prayers.

As ever your sister in Christ, decided by God's grace to live for Him who died for me.

—Eva Glasgow.

Forest City, Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt: In Jesus' precious name, I send you greetings of Holy love. May the sunlight of heaven daily shine upon your pathway, directing your path-way into the way of everlasting life, peace and joy. Though we may have many trials and tests, yet if we count them all joy, the greater the trials are the greater the joy will be. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning, praise the Lord.

Today still finds me saved and sanctified by power divine pressing on, seeking not a life of ease, but a life to glorify God, willing to drink the bitter with the sweet, knowing it will all be sweet after while. Just one glimpse of Him (Jesus) in glory will all the toils of life repay. There are so many ways, we should watch ourselves so as to not become selfish. I want God to ever have his way with me; one step without His approval might be fatal.

So sorry to hear of Bro. Glasgow's death. One more added to the heavenly host, singing the praises of God in a land where we'll never grow old. How swiftly time passes by and so we to will soon be num-

bered with the dead, but we have a home of peace and rest awaiting for us ever more. There the wicked cease from troubling and there the weary be at rest. Sweet thought indeed for those who have their treasures above.

The little paper is a great help in scattering the truth. I enjoy it so much. May the dear Lord keep it, and its publishers pure and clean, filled with the Holy Spirit. How sweet is the word of God to those who search its pages for eternal comfort and food to their souls. No other book so precious or full of attraction as the blessed Bible.

I will close with much love.

Your sister in the narrow way, —Susie Whipple.

Ossining, N. Y.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name' of Jesus. Praise His dear name for His wonderful Salvation and the blessed peace that He can put into the lives of those that trust Him. Even to the extent that prison ceases to be a prison. For I can truly say tonight that I am so happy in Him, that He has put so much joy in my heart and soul that my little cell is a perfect paradise. Oh, how sweet it is to know that our sins are forgiven and that we have peace with God. A peace that surpasseth all human understanding, a peace that when we are all alone and cut off from all that we once held dear, just makes us so happy that we can't hold ourselves in check, but we are like Paul and Silas even though in prison, we must sing out and praise His dear name.

I am so glad that I came to prison. Why? Because I have found the one altogether lovely and if I had remained a free man, I might have gone down to everlasting dark despair. But now I know in whom I have believed and I know that I am ready to meet Him. But not by anything that I have done, but by the precious shed blood of the Lamb. Praise His dear name.

I get so hungry for some communication with the dear children scattered abroad. I would be so glad to hear from as many as would write me, for I am just a lonely pilgrim here fighting against great odds that almost overwhelm me at times, and but for the ever present help of my loving Saviour I would go down in utter defeat. I ask the faithful, fervent prayers of all you dear saints scattered abroad, that He will sustain me and uphold me by His loving hand, and that I may ever keep humble and lowly at His feet.

Earnestly in His name, —Alfred Wright.

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Shall I Complain?

Shall I complain of earthly cares,
Or burdens hard to bear?
Shall I shirk at scoffs or jeers,
Or shun my lawful share?
Of what this life may bring to me,
Of bitter or of sweet,
Shall I from duty ever flee,
Or go down in defeat?

When on the cross at Calvary,
 The Prince of Glory died,
 And bore such pain and agony,
 When they pierced His blessed side,
 And never a word did he utter there,
 When he bore our sins on the tree,
 With thorns they crowned his head so fair,
 O' sinner 'twas for you and me.

He suffered, bled and died alone,
 He gave his life for me,
 That for my sins he might atone,
 As he hung on the cruel tree.
 With sinners he was crucified,
 Between them on the cross,
 And by His blood we are sanctified,
 But at such an awful cost.

O' sinner consider the price so dear,
 He paid to set you free,
 He will save you from every doubt and fear,
 And will guide you safely o'er life's sea,
 O' come to him now I beg of you,
 And give him your heart I pray.
 For His love is so mighty, His grace so true,
 He will surely save your soul to-day.

So, when your burdens seem so hard to bear,
 Just look to the Lord above,
 And cast on Him your every care,
 And trust in His mighty love.
 For he careth for you and is waiting to bless,
 And to bear your burdens for you,
 He will give to your soul a sweet caress,
 If to him you will only be true.

—Alfred Wright.

Gifts In The Church

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.” 1 Cor. 12: 1.

There are many gifts that are in the Church, and one of them that is very important and yet it is very much misused. Very much neglected. Very much rejected; and that is the gift of healing. And yet it is by the same spirit like other gifts, and the same Lord that gave the first gave also the gift of healing, and it is given to profit, and yet some are not profited by this great and profitable gift.

Brethren, God has manifested this gift all the way down through the ages of time and especially from the time God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt. We notice after he had given that great triumphant deliverance from Egypt, that He gave them these words “I am the Lord that healeth thee” Exodus 15: 26. But let us notice first that God demands obedience to the voice of God and doing that which is right. I be-

lieve it right for us to trust God for the healing of our bodies. Yes, it is right in the sight of God; and keep his commandments. Keep ALL his statutes, for them to be healed in this same verse. God is able to heal us if we will only commit ourselves into his hand, and do that which is lawful and right, but so many of us are rather disobedient that we come to the water that is bitter, and instead of obedience we begin to murmur and complain because there are so many that never receive the profitable benefits of this; the gift of healing.

Dear reader, stop and consider that, it is a gift a heaven given gift. I am very thankful to God, that I can use this gift profitable and the devil can't help himself. Why, put ourselves in the puny arms of man, when God offers us healing? “I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Thank God. Listen, dear reader, to the results of some who said no to this gift. Also he sought not God, but the physicians and he died. See 2 Chron. 16: 12-13.

Now we have a record of another one; who sought the Lord only, and he was healed and not only so, but the Lord added fifteen years to his life. Isa. 38: 4-5. We have also another who was healed by being obedient to the commands through Elisha. 2 Kings 5: 1-19. It never was intended by God that his people should resort to the puny arm of man for healing or in other words, trust in remedies of physicians. Note carefully there were physicians and there was balm in Jeremiah's time and yet God asked why was not the health of the daughters of my people recovered. Jer. 8: 22,—46: 11.

Healing is a gift in the Church, and it is one of the main gifts and is called the “gift of healing,” praise God. Dear reader, did you know there is only slight healing done in trusting in the arm of flesh? It is so with some. See Jer. 6: 13-14,—8: 22,—46: 11,—30: 12-13. also Ezk. 30: 20-21. Truly healing is a gift from God and him only; it was promised also in Christ and also prophesied of in Isa. 5: 3-6,—55: 4-5. Healing is a God-given blessing, but it has been and is being badly abused especially in these last days of perilous times. There are nine gifts in the Church, spoken of in 1 Cor. 12: 8-10, and each of them is profitable, and are necessary, but the gift of healing seems to be the most useful of them all.

Do you, dear reader, appreciate this gift as you should? Do you enjoy the blessing of health received through the gift of healing? If not, you are living beneath a great and grand and glorious privilege. Oh, well, that was just for the apostles. Let us see. After He had given the twelve power against unclean spirits,

to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases. Matt. 10: 1. After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. He told them

Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. And into whatsoever city ye enter and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: Heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. Luke 10: 1-9. So there were seventy others that received the gift of healing. Then there was Paul who had this gift and he was not of the twelve nor of the seventy, yet God wrought special miracles by the hand of Paul. "So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." Acts 19: 11-12. We find also the elders obtained this gift. James 5: 14-15. The Church obtained the same gift, along with others. 1 Cor. 12: 9.

Then we note it was given to the believers. Mark 16: 17-18. Well you may say, it does not apply to me, it may not, but if you become a believer, it does. I am really glad it is for the believers. It is for them that abide (stays) in the Lord. Listen, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide (stay) in you, YE SHALL ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15: 7. One says, I believe in divine healing, but *our church* don't believe in it. Well you are in the wrong church; get into the Church where this gift is honored; and that is God's Church. This gift is promised to us if we will obey.

Dear reader, listen, if you are not enjoying the benefits of this gift, get in touch with God where you can believe and it will be manifested to you; in the time of need it will be a great blessing to you.

Thank God, for the gift of healing in the ministry, in the elders, in the believers and in the Church.

—C. M. Hicks.

A Rambling Mind

As I sat musing and listening to the chatter and clatter of a number of individuals and took notice of various topics of discussion, I was forcibly impressed with 1 Pet. 1: 13. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind." Peter was calling attention to facts in prophecy that was of vast importance. He no doubt was made to realize that his audience was not enough interested in the all important truths to which he was calling attention.

How sad it is to think of the rambling of the human mind. Their conversation is often an index to the condition of the heart. They are of the world, therefore speak they of the world and the world heareth them. How to make money? How to increase my merchandise, and what it will cost for another automobile, that pleasure trip? How to dress? Then too, there is the power seeker. The mind wanders off into the all unknown regions, longing for something to make him or her great. This is a delusive state. Power seekers are delusion getters. It invariably reveals a dissatisfied state. A saved and sanctified soul, is already endowed with all the power they are capable of using. The power that is assigned to them, thereafter is according to their faith. We need not look for more, unless we become a delusion finder. We may covet gifts, yea desire spiritual gifts, but rather that we may prophesy. (Edify, Teach.) These high callings of God are the direct results of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. Every child of God should read carefully 1 Cor. 12: 1-11. Then ask themselves, "Have I the Holy Ghost?" If you are sanctified you have. Then cease to allow your mind to ramble off after phantoms, thus getting to yourselves delusions, believing a lie. The devil has plenty of them to plan off on us.

I verily believe had it not been for the mercy and protection of God for his people on this line, that many of us would have long ago been in ruin and destruction. Oh, that God may help us to gird up the loins of our minds. I wish to give a few quotations of scripture for our encouragement. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusted in thee." Isa. 26: 3. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise. Think on these things." Phil. 4: 8. These are the things that should occupy our minds, instead of allowing them to wander off on covetousness and inordinate affections.

God has put us on one certain diet, which is a cureall for man's troubles. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4: 4. "He sent his word and healed them." Psa. 107: 20. This is the balm for all the ails of the populated world. Shall we continue with our creeds, and doctrines, and interpretations by our philosophers and human theories, as a curative for the ails of our distracted and dying race? My peo-

ple perish for want of knowledge. Thank God, there is power in the gospel. Therefore flee these things. The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous runneth into it and are safe.

“Beware, of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing.” Peter tells us that many follow their pernicious ways by reason of whom the way of truth is evil spoken of. All the knotty problems can be solved at the schrine of His truth, but we must have a love for it. We must buy it and sell it not. Get it at any cost. “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” Oh, that God may unvail his face to all, is my prayer.
—R. H. Craig.

Truth From The Bible

REST FOR YOUR WEARY SOUL

“Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matt. 11: 28. “We which have believed, do enter into rest.” Heb. 4: 3.

PEACE FOR YOUR TROUBLED MIND

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.” Psa. 37: 37. “Being justified by faith, we have peace with God.” Rom. 5: 1.

A FRIEND IN THIS DREARY, FRIENDLESS WORLD

“Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” John 15: 14. “There is a friend, that sticketh closer than a brother.” Prov. 18: 24. “Joy and gladness in thy presence is fulness of joy.” Psa. 16: 11. “The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” Isa. 35: 10.

You can have all this, by forsaking all sin and turning to the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. Put in your claim, before it is too late; for now is the day of salvation, and now is the accepted time.

THE DOUBTER AND BELIEVER

Doubter: I don’t believe in sanctification.

Believer: “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” 1 Thess. 4: 3.

Doubter: Well, I don’t believe any one can be saved from all sin.

Believer: “The blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from ALL sin.” 1 Jno. 1: 7.

Doubter: I know it is impossible for any one to be holy.

Believer: “Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord.” Heb. 12: 14.

Doubter: Oh, well, it is useless for you to be prating to me about your uttermost salvation.

Believer: “He is able also to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him.” Heb. 7: 25.

Doubter: I don’t believe God requires or expects his poor, weak creatures to be sanctified in this world.

Believer: “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.” Heb. 13: 12.

Doubter: Well, I know I am a Christian. I sin every day, and expect to as long as I live.

Believer: “He that committeth sin, is of the devil.” 1 Jno. 3: 8.

Doubter: Oh, I know there is no use trying to reason with you, you can’t answer me, you just stand there and quote from your old Bible.

Believer: “The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword.” Heb. 4: 12.

“Unto him, that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.” Rev. 1: 5. Amen.

In the *one* body, —Joe Trusty.

“WALK IN LOVE”

Jesus often said, “Follow Me.” Eph. 5: 1-2 says “Be ye followers of God, as dear children, and walk in love.” To follow God and walk in love would seem to mean that we are only following Him when we walk in love. We have just as much of God as we have of love—no more and no less. Our whole life is just one walk. Every thought is a step in my walk. If I walk in love, I must not think one thought that is not a love thought. “Love thinketh no evil.” Evil is on every side of us. If I think on it at all, even for a second, I do not walk in love. “Love covers.” Love puts away the remembrance of evil, quickly and refuses to think on it.

Every word I speak is a step in my walk of life. If I speak one word that is not filled with love whether it is what I know or have heard and even if it is all true—I am not walking in love. This world is full of evil and I have to come in contact with it constantly, but God says who is so blind as My servant and deaf as My chosen, seeing many things but not observing. That means you put away from you an evil thing as soon as you see it and refuse to remember it. God says hearing many things but not comprehending. That means as quickly as you hear an evil thing you put it away and refuse to think on it even for a second. The only way you can do this is to instantly put your mind on God—what He is—and on His Word.

Is God Waiting?

I was standing on the wall of a great lock. Outside was a huge lake vessel about to enter. At my feet lay the empty lock—waiting. For what? *Waiting to be filled.* Away beyond lay great Lake Superior with its limitless abundance of supply, also waiting. Waiting for what? *Waiting for something to be done at the lock* ere the great lake could pour in its fullness. In a moment it was done. The lock-keeper reached out his hand and touched a steel lever. A little wicket gate sprang open under the touch. At once the water in the lock began to boil, and seethe. As it seethed I saw it rapidly creeping up the walls of the lock. In a few moments the lock was full. The great gates swung open and the huge ship floated into the lock now filled to the brim with the fullness in-poured from the waiting lake without.

Is not this a picture of a great truth about the Holy Spirit? Here are God's children like that empty lock, waiting to be filled. And, as that great inland sea outside the lock was willing and waiting to pour its abundance into the lock, so here is God willing to pour His fullness of life into the lives of His children. But He is *waiting*. For what? Waiting, as the lake waited, *for something to be done by us.* Waiting for us to reach forth and touch that tiny wicket gate of consecration through which His abundant life shall flow and fill. Is it hard to move? Does the rust of worldliness corrode it? Do the weeds and ivyines of selfishness cling about and choke it? Is the will stubborn, and slow to yield? Yet God is waiting for it. And once it is done, He reveals Himself in fullness of life even as He has promised; even as He has been all the time willing and ready to do. For all the barriers and hindrances have been upon our side; not upon His. They are the barriers not of His unwillingness, but of our unyieldedness. And so you say you got all of Christ when you were saved? Doubtless you did, but the point in issue here is not whether you got all of Christ, but *did Christ get all of you?*

—Selected.

"Be Not Deceived"

"Be not deceived: God is not mocked: For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6: 7-8.

There are a great many people who are supposedly good Christians, they seem to have many good ways, they may be good to their friends and neighbors, they love those who love them, they seem to mean good, always doing a great deal of good for their fellow men, but they may not be saved. What does the Word say?

"Be not deceived," although you do all these things, if you are not saved these things will not profit you nothing, you are only deceiving your self if you think that you are going to work your way to God. For we read in John 3: 7, "Ye Must Be Born Again," and in the above verse it says, "That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Now except you are born anew you cannot see the kingdom. The outward appearance does not help the inward soul; if you have all kinds of outward show and your heart has not been cleansed, you are of all men most miserable. Read Matt. 23: 25-28, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

There are a goodly number in this condition and no doubt there are just as many who are unaware of this fact; but friends, I am warning all of you, that you take heed and be awakened to these things. God will not be mocked. He says, "except ye repent, ye shall all like wise perish." And this is just what God means, you may try and act good and do nice, but God will not be mocked, if you are not cleansed with the blood of Jesus at His appearing, you will be lost. Remember God's word is true, He can not lie, so you and I can rely on it.

So dear reader, if you are doing good and working hard, thinking you are going to gain Heaven in this manner; you are only deceiving your self, wake up to the fact that you have to humble your self and come low at the Master's feet, begging forgiveness for your many sins you have committed against Him.

Let me take this for an illustration. There was a man who has done all kinds of good in this world, he has helped the poor, he has never taken God's name in vain, he never used tobacco, he is fair with his fellow-man, and he is good to his family. Now we can hear this man say, I am good enough, I don't have to be saved for I have always been good. I am alright, God will take me in when he comes, for there is no blemishes on my life. NO HE WON'T my friend, for the largest sin in all the world is rejecting Jesus Christ. How can a person be anything, even if they have all these

good things about them, for it takes the blood of Jesus to cleanse from sin. So dear friend, don't be deceived, for God has spoken and what He has said must be obeyed or we can not get any where. The Word says that sin cannot enter into heaven; so if you have sin in your heart you can never expect to get any where with God.

Let us take from Prov. 16: 2, "All the ways of man are clean in his own eyes: but the Lord weigheth the spirits."

Prov. 13: 12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Prov. 2: 7, "Be not wise in thine own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil."

Isa. 64: 6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags, and we all do fade as a leaf and our iniquities like the wind, has taken us away."

The difference in a low degraded man, one who is lawless and self-willed and a self-righteous man, is one that knows he is doomed except he repents; the other thinks he is good enough. I would rather be like the one who knows he is a sinner and will make his way to God. The one who is clean in his own eyes and then comes up before God in the judgement will be condemned for punishment.

May God help us to see the light of Jesus Christ, who bore all our sins on the cross that we through him might have redemption. Jesus Christ is our only help, He is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm. Can you picture yourself in the day of judgement, coming before God with your wee little deeds, saying, God I did so much good all my life, I never done wrong since I was born, I paid my tithes, I sang in the choir, I preached the word, I prayed long prayers, I made a good name for myself. But God saith unto you, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me ye workers of iniquity."

Matt. 7: 21-23. These kind of people think that they are doing right, and they also believe God does see their good works, but I say again unto you, "BE NOT DECEIVED," for it will cause you much anguish, trouble and sorrow in the end.

Now dear ones, if you are of this sort, stop! look!

and listen! You are not saved, you are not washed, and you are condemned in your soul now. You are already dead spiritually. You are not ready for the coming of our Lord. Search your heart and see what you have in it before it is too late.

With all your great ideas and lovely ways your heart may be black, your soul may be lost; take my advice and seek salvation from Jesus Christ. You can imitate many things of God, but there is one thing you cannot imitate, and that is the love of God and if you haven't got it you are not able to do anything for Him. Let go of yourself, and let God come in and take up his abode in your heart. Please read 1 Cor. 13th chapter. —Ethel Lasley.

The Crucifixion

The coming of the dawn; a thrice denial;
The crowing of a cock, an unjust trial.
Fake accusations and angry demands;
Before such wrong the governor washed his hands
To clear himself, and made a plea to them
Only to hear their mad reply again. . . .
The crying and the tumult of the mob
In fierce defiance to the Son of God
Who did no wrong, but who was just and kind—
Who healed the sick, the deaf, the lame, the blind;
Who always pleased the Father up above
By acts of righteousness and truth and love.

The soldiers mocking Him in purple robe;
Cruel things they did and said;
The crown of thorns upon His gentle head;
The smiting with the reed, the bowing knee,
The worshiping of Christ—in mockery!
Such unjust treatment He both felt and heard,
And yet He suffered it without a word.

The bearing of the cross, the Saviour bent
Under the load. The women's sad lament.
Golgotha, and the Christ nailed to the cross. . . .
God's sacrifice to save a world—once lost.
The lifting of the cross, the sagging form,
Those blessed loving hands blood-stained and torn,
Those feet that Mary kissed, pierced with cruel nails,
The deepening of the red, the women's wails.
The smiting of men's breasts at such a sight
Before which all the world went black as night;
Such agony and suffering to atone
For many sins—but none that were His own!

The Crucifixion! Jesus lifted up
To draw all men to Him,
To take the sting from death, and that is sin;
To line the grave with hope—O Christ who knows
The darkness of the tomb, but who arose,
With such a hope, why should we fear or grieve?
We too shall live if we in Thee believe.

—Mary M. Mowry.