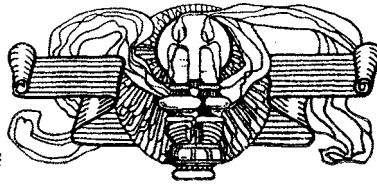


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*God is
Love.*



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Saves.*

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Apart With Jesus

Far apart with Thee, my Saviour,
From the sin and strife of tongues,
We bow imploring strength in conflict,
Then wisdom and courage comes.

How calm and safe, this blest retreat,
In prayer and praise we pour
Our hearts to Thee in ardent love;
Our trials and cares give o'er.

Come Holy Spirit, touch our soul,
And grace it with Thy love;
Pour in Thy blessed gifts complete,
And mould for worlds above.

Father and Savior, Guardian, all;
Thou source of Light Divine,
How could my soul from Thee depart?
Oh Saviour, Thou art mine!

Far, far apart with Thee, my Lord,
A million blessings pour;
Oh thanks, dear Lord, many thanks again,
Then comes a million more!

How can I thank Thee for 'them all?
'Thy love, an endless store;
A closer walk with Thee, my Lord,
'Till time shall be no more.
—Hazel Mann.

"They Shall Not Hurt Nor Destroy"

While in prayer the morning of the last day of Dec. 1929, this wonderful scripture came to my mind. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." Isa. 55: 25.

Who is "they" and what is the "mountain"? It is surely a place akin to heaven and those who dwell there are also akin to heaven and heavenly beings, but it is a place upon earth. It is surely the blood-washed saints of God who bear the likeness of God in their heart. Can the Spirit of God in one person hurt or destroy another person who bears the

likeness of God in his heart? For instance, will those having the Spirit of God in the heart do as Job's comforters did? Apply the scriptures of the Bible to hurt and destroy a fellow saint? Notice how Eliphaz the Temanite used the scripture upon Job, when he was in distress and knew of no reason why he should suffer such things, and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite also did the same and Job knew that they were quoting scriptures but they were misapplying it, as we will see when God talks to them. What did He say? We will quote it here. "And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath." Job 42: 7.

So here we have a word picture of a great struggle; the guilty acting the part of the 'more righteous than thou', condemning the innocent, and it was all because they lacked the Spirit of God. We notice that any spirit other than the Holy Spirit persecutes the child of God, even as these three men who thought that they were comforting Job in his trials, but the devil used them to persecute and distract him.

Now we will notice who "they" are to whom the scripture has reference. "They", to my mind, means all the redeemed upon earth, ministers and laymen. All these are dwelling in God's holy mountain; they compose this holy mountain, the Lord's house. All whom God has redeemed make up this Mt. Zion of God.

Should any become an enemy to God they may hurt and destroy as did the comforters of Job, but as long as they keep love burning upon the altar of their heart they will love one another and help each other, and pray for each other as we are commanded to do, "and by this shall all men know that ye are Christ's disciples indeed."

Should any hurt and destroy another they immediately lose the love out of their soul for the one persecuted, and charity, the love of God takes wings and flies away from the one who thinks that he or

she is doing God service.

Many a person has destroyed themselves because of a lack of love or charity towards others. The one hated was not hurt as much as the one who let evil against another enter his heart. If we want to keep ourselves pure and clean before God, then let us treasure up love toward our fellow man in our heart, and let no evil surmising ever enter our heart. It may cause you to do wrong if it is allowed to lodge in your soul, and cause you to hurt or destroy your fellow laborer in Christ. God will protect him but you will be despised by God as the three comforters of Job were.

Now there are misunderstandings between saints sometimes, and the best way is to follow the scripture and do the commandments of God. Be humble enough to go to the one who is concerned and have a talk with that one alone and get an understanding, and the thing will melt away as a mist before the morning sun. How just a little misunderstanding will be made into a great big thing under the magnifying glass of Satan. If saints were humble, how quickly all the mist might have been cleared away and the sun of God's love burning in all hearts and also outsiders would be drawn into the fold of Christ and ready for heaven and immortal glory.

Surely God's holy Spirit works through love, keeping us through love, and we are a blessing to each other through love; love and confidence go hand in hand. Let us be so true to God and His Holy Spirit that we will not let any little thing stand in our way between God's Holy Ghost-filled saints and ourselves, lest we break God's holy unity which binds us all together in love. If there is a misunderstanding between spiritual saints, get together and unload for your soul's salvation, and you will continue to love one another with a "pure heart fervently."

Satan would love to make an inroad in your soul and have you surmise evil against your fellow saint, but we must rebuke Satan and take a stand against all his attempts. Should you speak out your mind then God's displeasure will rest upon you, and you will be in more trouble than the one whom you thought had done evil.

To make this clear, a saint may be seen with an unbelieving person or a married person of the opposite sex, but when you know as God knows it is all proper. They may be closely related and just the proper thing for them to sit together. Let us keep God's love burning in our soul, and we will not hurt nor destroy in God's holy mountain.

So if there is any misunderstanding between you

and a Holy Ghost person, don't let anything destroy your unity with them, for it is heaven-born and came down from God. It is Holy Ghost love and fellowship. Get up quickly and go to the other one in Christ and get it all cleared away, and God and the holy angels will rejoice over this humility displayed.

Oh how much trouble could be overcome should saints always take the humble way to get out splinters and slivers that hurt, for real saints do not hurt or destroy any of God's little ones. "If these things, love and charity abound in you, you will neither be barren nor unfruitful." —Edith Kriebel.

Are Christians Forsaken? No!

(Continued from last Issue)

Ps. 34: 17 to 19, "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their trouble. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Do we need to feel that we are forsaken? No, my dear brothers and sisters, we surely don't. Let us get the good Word of God and search it, and we will find that God never leaves us nor forsakes us. You will find this passage of scripture in Heb. 13: 5, just read it for yourselves, and it will strengthen your faith. Ps. 34: 15 says, "The eye of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." Now there may be by chance some of you who do not understand what way or how one becomes righteous, and you still believe because you are good moral people that you have a chance to see the Kingdom of God. But the scripture says, no. John 3: 7 bears me out in this, for these are the words John wrote: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. (John 3: 3) Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he can not see the Kingdom of God." We must become new creatures in Christ Jesus; we must repent to God of sins committed in our life against Him, then old things such as worldly pleasures will pass out of our lives, and then we will have new ways and new thoughts. We will not be the same person after that God has changed our heart of stone to a heart of flesh. God says in 2 Cor. 5: 17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. Before God changes us we are sinners, for He says in Rom. 3: 23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." So we must

forsake the old paths of sin, and come into the ways of righteousness. Isa. 55: 7 explains it like this: "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." Dear friends, God is always ready to hear us when we have a penitent heart. He loves a broken and a contrite heart, and it always reaches his ear. We all need this Christ in our hearts—without Him we are of men most miserable. Jesus came to this world to redeem us from sin; without him we are without hope and without God. We need to get under the blood of God's Son and stay under it, for darkness is fast covering the earth; soon the sound of the trumpet shall be heard, and what if we are not ready. Let us be sure of heaven, take no chance at all of being lost, for eternity is forever. Let us be sure that our sins will find us out.

Christian friends, let us be encouraged to go on; let us fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life where unto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. We know that there are many dark places, but Jesus is our light; let us keep looking up, and He will lead and guide us aright. One of these days not far off, if we are faithful and true, God will say, well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

Let us have faith not only in the small things but also in the large things. There is nothing impossible for God; He can make a way where there is no way unto man. He says, ask largely that your joys may be full, believe in God, hold fast to all his Word, and He will bring it to pass. Cast your care upon him for He careth for you; take all your burdens to him for he will help you look not upon the dark side but rather look upon the bright side, for we have all to gain and nothing to lose when we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. We must have faith for without it we cannot please God. Faith takes hold of God every time. Read Heb. 11th chapter; see how God honored all the old prophet's faith, so He will ours if we will put it in practice. "Now beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trials which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you, but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." 1 Pet. 4: 12. We may be persecuted but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed. Oh praise God from whom all blessings flow. 2 Cor. 4: 17, 18. "For our light afflictions, which is

but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." We look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. Read the 23rd Psalm and I know if you will ponder over its truth, you will be encouraged very much, for it is such a comfort to us to know that God is with us in the valley and in the pastures green. Amen.

— Ethel Lasley.

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East St. Louis, Ill. —Dear ones: Is there one spot more precious in your memory than all others, the exact spot where you could place your foot within a few feet of where the burden of your heart rolled away and Jesus became so real to you?

I feel like He wants me to tell you about that spot concerning me. There was a protracted meeting started at the old Brush Creek Missionary Baptist church near Gray Summit, Mo. I had been living a drinking, gambling, dancing swearing life. Praise God for letting me see myself as He saw me. I resolved to seek the Lord, and so I did. I answered every call to the penitent for nearly two weeks. Finally the last night in my effort I became so utterly miserable that after we were dismissed (being in no humor for company) I got out in advance of the crowd, wanting to be alone. Away down on the road near where I was staying at the time, I came to this conclusion that I was too hard for the Lord. He does not want me and there is no use trying any more. Praise the Lord, that is just where He wanted me to get—in utter despair, then the precious Lord spoke. I heard a voice which said, you will have to love God with all your heart. Yes Lord, I love you, was my answer. He spoke again, you will have to love every body; yes Lord, I love everybody except one man; I can't love him, was my answer. He spoke again, you will have to love him too; then I stopped to consider and reasoned. He does not want me to love his evil ways nor his body, but he has a soul. Then I answered, yes Lord I love him too. It was there. O praise the Lord, that my burden rolled away and my soul was filled with love, joy, peace long-suffering, gentleness goodness faith meekness temperance. There was nothing left in me displeasing to God. That is the one spot most dear to me; it was there on the old rock road, a large sycamore tree stood just to the north of the road. Praise God forever; His blood can make the vilest clean.

Jesus is real to me yet, though 35 years have passed since then, and I am not tired of His goodness all along the way. I have since saw in His Word that this is the will of God even your sanctification. So I have placed my body upon the altar, a living sacrifice. Now He sanctifies and keeps me holy. Praise His holy name. Your Bro. in Jesus Christ,

—John B. Thorn.

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EDITORIALS

With deep concern for the souls of men, women girls and boys we again are privileged of the Lord to send forth another issue of Faith and Victory paper. It has been our constant prayer and burden of heart that the paper contain truth which will lift up Christ the Lord of glory in such a way and manner that the unsaved will be drawn unto Him and that the saved will gather fresh courage to press on in the humble crucified way.

The Lord did not make us able to send out a March issue of "Faith and Victory" which seems to us should have went forth, yet we commit it all to the Lord, knowing that He knows best and that He also knows who has failed Him (if such be the case). We know that a good many of our readers are very poor people as far as this world's goods are concerned, and are not able to give much towards the furtherance of the gospel, while there are others who are able to do much. We should each one be at our best for God and the furtherance of the gospel. If this were so, how rapidly the truth would spread through the earth. One Brother writes us that he sold his large potatoes and gave the money to the gospel work, and is using the small ones himself. This is very commendable and is a manifestation of the Spirit that possessed Christ who denied Himself of all comforts that He might serve others. Another Brother writes that they are doing without many good things to put on the table in order to have means to help the work along. Such acts as these fulfill the scriptures where Jesus says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." There is no real blessings from God without self-denial; selfish acts and ways are contrary to the spirit that possessed Christ, and Paul says, "If any

man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." I do not care how long and loud a man may pray, how high he may jump or shout, how much he may talk in tongues, how many scriptures he may quote or how loud and flowery he may preach; if I see not the fruits of the self-denying crucified way that characterized the lowly Lamb of God, I cannot believe him to be one of His. Let each of us examine ourselves and see whether we are in the faith. It would be a awful thing to profess all through life here and in the end find ourselves without oil in our vessels.

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The article printed in "Faith and Victory" recently on insurance has awakened a number of souls. One lady dropped her insurance; a Brother writes us that he gave the paper with the article in it to an insurance man and he finally acknowledged that the saints were teaching it right. A Sister writes us that by reading the article she received light on the subject and dropped her insurance, saying she had been paying \$24 per year on insurance and that hereafter the money would go to the Lord's work. If all the readers of "Faith and Victory" who have insurance would drop the thing and turn the money spent this way to the Lord's work it would mean the saving of many souls that otherwise will be lost. There is a blessing pronounced by the Lord upon those who sow beside all waters, that send forth tither the ox and the ass. (God's ministers)

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We have given this April paper over mostly to testimonies as it seemed so many desired to testify of the goodness of the Lord and His dealings with them. With so much space given we have not been able to print near all the testimonies sent in and we also cut some of the long ones short so we could have space for this many. Those who do not see their testimonies in print need not feel that they were not appreciated, as this is not the case; it is for lack of space that many are not printed. These testimonies will give the readers of the paper an idea of how God is using the little messenger, "Faith and Victory", to help souls on in the truth of His word, therefore we rejoice when it can go forth every month as it reaches so many souls bringing sunshine and gladness into their hearts.

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While we have been under burdens and trials and testing of faith for the last few weeks and being much in prayer our soul through it all has been graciously blessed of God; the lack still remains but our anchor is holding fast to the promises of God, and our thought is as Peter's was: "To whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life."

The Lord has supplied us with means with which to buy paper for tract printing, so we have been very busy printing tracts and have printed nearly two hundred thousand; now the children have a big job of folding. Anna Marie operates the little tract folder after school hours and the other children fold by hand or insert and paste, so we are getting tracts

ready to send forth to do missionary work for the Lord. Quite a number of tracts have been re-stocked and some new ones printed which we believe will be a blessing and help to many souls. We are anxious to do all we can for souls while we have life in this mortal body, as we know that we are all passing on to receive our reward at the hands of a just and righteous Creator, so we should live for Him who died for us.

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The Lord is truly blessing the souls of the saints here at Guthrie, and the Sunday School and meeting services at the chapel are greatly blessed of the Lord. The anointing and unction with liberty by the Holy Ghost is more clearly and definitely manifested in testimony, praying and preaching than has been the case during a good portion of the previous year. If other congregations (some of whom we have heard from and visited are doing this) are sinking into God and living and walking in the Spirit, we look for glorious and victorious camp-meetings this summer, more so than usual as God honors and blesses those who live the self-denying and crucified life.

The Lord is also renewing interest and blessing more in the jail meetings and also at the county farm. A car load of us went over to the county farm Sunday and held services there; the old folks there were greatly pleased to have us come, and listened eagerly to the Word, and when opportunity was given a few of them testified of being saved. One dear old man there was a holiness preacher, and he seemed to be of the genuine type and greatly enjoyed the clear-cut Bible truth. Some of them there are very pitiful, and one would have to have a very hard heart indeed if he were not moved with compassion and tenderness upon seeing them. Some crippled, others deaf and afflicted in various ways; and the worst of all dead in trespasses and sins. Oh, how our heart goes out toward these poor souls, how we would love to throw our arms around them and bring them into the fold of God, yet how cold and far away many of them seem to be. Pray for us and them and also the boys in the jail. The papers and tracts go into many of the prisons and jails through out the country, and God is using them as life lines to many souls and also as life preservers to many. We have a testimony in this paper by Frank Mitchell who is in the Kansas State Prison at Lansing. God has saved him, and is using him to help others come to Christ; thus the work of God is moving steadily on and a few souls are pressing into the Kingdom.

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Grandma Spradling, the aged Sister for whom we have been caring here for a long time, is in a very poor condition; her mind is practically a blank, and she has to have constant care and watching, being much more of a care than a young baby. Mrs. Cherry, the nurse who previously cared for her, wore out on the job and just had to have a rest, so we made arrangements for Mrs. Jones to take care of her. She lives across the street corner from us, and is giving grand-

ma good care. Grandma is very well in body at present and most of the time eats hearty for one of her age. We have agreed to give Mrs. Jones \$40 per month to care for Grandma, and we feel satisfied that she will take good care of her as she has proved it in the last half month. Monthly aid in meeting this bill will be much appreciated, and thanks for the same will be rendered unto God who giveth to all men.

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We are looking forward for great results this summer in the various camp-meetings as it seems very evident that the saints are on the forward move for God and will gather into these meetings armed with weapons of warfare to combat the powers of darkness and to proclaim clear-cut Bible truth. The Oklahoma State Camp-meeting at Okla. City will begin on the first day of August. Sister Wilson of Shawnee writes that their Camp-meeting there will begin on the 22nd of August. The State Camp-meeting at Springfield, Mo. begins on the 15th of August. We have many readers of this paper in Mo. and we would love to meet as many of you as possible at this meeting as we are expecting to be in this meeting the Lord willing; also we are expecting Bro. Robert Longley to be with us there in this meeting. He is a beloved servant of the Lord and it will be a pleasure for you to meet him and hear him tell about conditions in foreign lands as he has had many experiences for the last few years among natives of various nations.

We should each one prepare for these Camp-meetings, not only prepare to go but prepare something to take to help along in the meetings; begin to lay aside a little along to have means to help defray expenses, or raise vegetables and other eatables for the table. Let God use you to be a blessing to others. One definition for a saint is, "Sacred property" or property set apart for God's use. Dear reader, are you a saint?

There are other camp-meetings whose dates will be given later: Boley, Okla. and at Neosho Mo. and others.

Oklahoma State Ministers Meeting

It has been suggested that the date of the State Minister's meeting, held annually at Tulsa, Okla., be changed. So in harmony with the interests of those mostly concerned, the date of the meeting for 1930 will be from the 21st to the 25th of May, or commencing Wednesday, the 21st, and lasting over Sunday.

Because of erroneous reports having been circulated concerning the fellowship and unity of the ministers, these meetings heretofore have been open and free to all. Perceiving that all have been convinced that these reports were false and unwarranted, we deem it best that the meeting now be limited to ministers and real gospel workers.

Remember this is not a meeting to bring your grievances for settlement; but a place to come and have our vision made more clearer on the doctrine of

the lovely Lamb of God, yet if anyone is needing help in soul or body they can surely find their desires at this meeting.

For further information write to S. E. Smith, 1352 N. Iroquois St. or W. B. Bryant, R. 6, B 57, both of Tulsa, Okla.

Your Brother in the Faith, —S. T. Walker.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Rachel Norcutt phoned us that her sister, Mrs. Wentworth of Elmer, Wash., is very sick and she desires the saints every where to pray that God will heal and raise her up. She has six children that need a mother's care. So pray earnestly for her.

Obituaries

Gilbert M. Norcutt was born at Nadaway, Iowa, June 9, 1872. He died near Mapleton, Kansas, Feb. 22, 1930. Age, 57 years, 8 months and 11 days. He was united in marriage to Miss Addie Kelley, Sept. 2, 1894, to which union were born ten children, eight of whom are living, also his wife. Two children preceded him in death.

Miss Rachel Norcutt, formerly a worker at the Faith Pub. House, is one of the children. Being conscious of the approaching end of this life, Bro. Norcutt testified that all was well.

Funeral by the writer, —John Strech.

Time's tidal wave at God's command
Has gently borne His trusting one,
From this vile planet of wrath and tears.
To that blissful world of endless years.

Though a weary pilgrim traveling Home,
As through this life he journeyed on;
How sweet was the assurance within
Just as he neared his journey's end.

Now to his loved ones I would say,
If to him you would go some day,
Let Jesus guide you to the other Shore,
For He is the One Who pilots o'er.
—L. D. Pruitt.

Sue M. Black, daughter of R. S. and Malinda Black, was born August 28, 1875 near Verona, Mo. in the community where her entire life has been spent. She departed this life February 28, 1930. Age, 54 years and 6 months.

Feb. 1, 1900 she was united in marriage to T. D. Stark. To this union were born six children: three boys and three girls, namely: Stella, Etha, Leo, Mildred, Carl, and Wayne. Sister Stark was devoted to her husband and children. She was a good keeper at home; toiling untiringly to make home pleasant for her family; teaching and training her children. She lived to see three girls and one boy grown, and the

other two are smaller—all are at home with their father. Besides the husband and children she leaves a father, two brothers and two sisters, all of Monett, Mo., other relatives and many friends. While they wait sad and lonely, we believe according to Sister Stark's life and testimony, she is enjoying the pleasures that God has prepared for the faithful.

Soon after her marriage she was saved and accepted the teachings and doctrine of the Church God and has ever lived in that Faith. The duration of her sickness was seven months and four days; she bore it with much patience. Many times the Lord heard prayer in her behalf, stopping pain and giving strength, making her able to come a distance of fifty miles and attend the Springfield camp-meeting. She enjoyed the meeting and the presence of God. After that I spent some time in her home. As she grew worse she bore her suffering patiently, many times praising God and saying aloud 'Amen' to God's will, but in His infinite wisdom and love He saw best to take her where suffering is no more.

She was always willing to be a burden-bearer for her family and her sacrificial service in their behalf and for others will be a lasting monument to her name.

Funeral by the writer, —Mrs. L. V. Anderson.

She Mothered Six

She mothered six! Night after night she watched a little bed,
Night after night she cooled a fevered head,
Day after day she guarded little feet,
Taught little minds the dangers of the street,
Taught little lips to utter simple prayers,
Whispered of strength that some day would be theirs,
And trained them all to use it as they should;
She gave her babies to the community's good.

She mothered six! She gave her beauty—from her cheeks let fade
Their rose—blush beauty—to her mother's trade.
She saw the wrinkles furrowing her brow,
Yet smiling said, "My boy grows stronger now."
When pleasures called, she turned away and said:
"I dare not leave my babies to be fed
By stranger's hands; besides they are too small;
I must be near to hear them when they call."

She mothered six!
Night after night they sat about her knee.
And heard her tell of what some day would be.
— Selected by a Relative.

"So he departed not from death but as from one home to another."

John Q. Miles was born at Oswego, Kansas, Mar. 2, 1886. Died Feb. 15, 1930. Age, 43 years, 11 months and 13 days.

When about five years old he came to Okla. and lived near Lambert until he was about sixteen years

of age, at which place he heard the Gospel preached in its fullness, and sought the Lord for pardon; he was saved and baptized. While he lived at Lambert his brother, James, was a faithful father to him. Shortly after being saved which has been about 26 years ago, he moved to Jennings, Okla., making his home with his brother, Ed, until he was married to Mrs. Ethel Allen, Aug. 14, 1927. He then moved with his wife to Okeene, Okla., at which place he lived until he was called from labor to reward. Some years ago Bro. Miles found himself away from the Lord. When awakened to his true condition he did not rest content until he received the love and favor of God again.

He lived a meek, humble and prayerful life until the summons came to call him from this world of toil and care. He was a light in the community where he lived and always had a testimony for the Lord. Bro. Miles was always patient and kind in his dealings with all mankind, and a kind and affectionate husband and father.

He met his death by accident as follows: On the 14th of Feb. he fell from a one-way disc plow, weighing about 1400 lbs., drawn by a tractor. The plow passed over his body, bruising, cutting and crushing, yet he never lost consciousness. When his brother-in-law, John Williams, reached the scene, he said, "Tell wife and the children good-bye, I'm gone." He lived about twelve hours, then passed to his reward. Two or three evenings before his passing, one evening after supper he wanted to sing, "My soul be on thy Guard." He and family sung the song two or more times and seemingly enjoyed it. Then he selected the song, "The Golden Morning," and laid the book aside. That night or the night after he slept very little, not going to sleep until four o'clock in the morning. He spoke of having not slept much, but enjoyed the night very much in meditation and prayer. During the last week of his life, after grace at meals, he often repeated the following: "Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Jas. 5: 8.

We miss him, but our loss is heaven's gain. Bro. Miles leaves to mourn this loss, a wife, two step-children, Jessie and Loyd Allen, two brothers, James of Lambert and Ed of Jennings, Okla. and other relatives and friends. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

Text: 2 Cor. 5: 1 and Jno. 11: 23-25. Funeral preached by the writer, —U. Phillips.

In Memorial

Brother, we have walked together
Many times in joy below,
And how sweet was our communion
As we to and fro did go.

On the battle field we struggled
Hard the victory to obtain,
And the prayers that wended upward
Truly were not prayed in vain.

For our blessed loving Father,
From His heavenly throne above,
Sent to us the faithful answer
In the Spirit of his love.

Moving back the clouds of darkness,
Bringing in a flood of light,
To lead us on to those fair mansions
Where the day is always bright.

We went together to the house of prayer,
And lifted up our voices in praise,
And sought the grace of God to share
To keep and guide us all our days.

But God saw fit to call thee hence,
To that fair land of endless day,
Where joy and peace forever flows,
And pleasures never pass away.

Thou art resting in His presence;
There to wait the crowning day,
When all the redeemed of ages past
Receives their blest reward for aye.

Rest on, brother, in contentment;
Soon we'll meet thee over there—
Then we'll dwell with Christ together
In that Homeland bright and fair.
—Ulysses Phillips.

Noah Sipes, the son of Noah and Christina Sipes, was born Jan. 18, 1863 at Forbes, Mo. Died Feb. 2, 1930. Age: 67 years and 15 days. He was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Bush July 11, 1885. To this union seven children were born: six sons and one daughter. Two sons died in infancy, the daughter died at the age of 2½ years. He is survived by the wife and four sons: Lonnie, James and Earl of Forbes Mo. and Harry of Crowley, Colo. They were all at his bedside when he passed away. He also has two brothers: Dan Sipes of Saum, Minn. and Sal Sipes of Holten, Kansas, also twelve grand children and two great grand children. He lived in and near Forbes all his life except two years which he lived in Colo.

Bro. Sipes was saved 37 years ago and has lived true and faithful to the Lord. He was kind to all, and had a smile for every one and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His life has truly been an example before his fellow-man and his life has been a reproof to sin at all times.

The writer conducted the funeral services which were held at the Church in Forbes, Mo. and he was laid to rest in the Forbes Cemetery to await the call at the last day. Text: 2 Sam. 3: 38 and Rev. 14: 13.

— T. E. Whipple.

In Memory of Bro. Sipes.

He is not dead but sleepeth;
Our Brother kind and true
Has taken flight for heaven,
Where joys are ever new.

His life has brought great blessings;
 His songs we'll ne'er forget,
 And with the love of Jesus
 Our hearts together were knit.

We'll miss him at the fireside,
 We'll miss him at the door,
 We'll miss him in our meetings,
 Till we meet on heaven's shore.

Farewell, at last we bid him
 At rest in sacred peace;
 We'll meet again in heaven,
 Where joys shall never cease.
 —Susie Whipple.

Bro. Marvin M. Martin of Raleigh, Miss. was born April 1892 and died Oct. 31, 1929.

Bro. Martin was born again, as Jesus' Word says "Ye must be born again of a spiritual birth." He lived a pure, Christ-like life until our Lord called him home to glory. He was a godly man and took great delight in being of service to the Saviour and doing His will.

Bro. Martin trusted completely in God and would not lean on the arm of flesh even to the very last. He was ready and willing to answer the call and be with Jesus, whom he served faithfully. He made God's Word his companion in his daily walk of life. He is greatly missed by a host of friends and relatives, leaving a wife, two sons, five sisters four brothers and a mother to mourn his death.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Frank Warren. Written by his niece, Nellie Stevens.

Neosho, Mo. —To the saints: I felt it would please the Lord this morning for me to testify through the little paper; I love to do it for His glory.

Some 22 years ago I realized I was a great sinner, the chief of sinners, but I found a great Saviour, one who was able to save to the uttermost all that would come unto Him. While I haven't always been faithful these many years, yet I was spoiled for the world. I found no pleasure in it. I am satisfied with Jesus who satisfies every longing of my heart. My feet presses the eternal Rock. I got the rubbish all out from between the Rock and myself when I drank the bitter cup of repentance, and God for Christ's sake forgave me my transgressions. Praise the Lord. Then He sanctified me wholly when I died out to all sin. There is no thirsting for life's pleasures, nor adorning rich and gay, for I found a richer treasure, one that fadeth not away.

I united with the Free Methodist church of which I was a member most of the twenty-two years of my Christian life. Sometimes envy and strife creep into the denominations, then love and fellowship move out. So it was at this place. My heart hungered for the love and fellowship of God's people; I found it among the saints. I had attended their meetings for several

years when it did not interfere with my own church. Yet there were times when I knew they were having services near the church; I longed to be with them. I became very hungry for the real fellowship of the saints and to be in the work of the Lord. I was a licensed preacher, but was so tied up that it was impossible for me to do anything, waiting to be told when to preach and when not to. My soul cried out for deliverance. God answered the prayers of the saints and let me out over two months ago. I am enjoying His presence now. Remember me in prayer. Your Sister redeemed by the Blood, —Jessie Wiley.

Torrance, Calif. —Dear ones in Christ: I came in touch with one of your tracts entitled "An Unbeliever Convinced." Would love to have fifty different tracts of your stirring ones, also Faith and Victory. I tell you it takes plain talk now to this adulterous people to reach them. God saved me from Christian Science, and I'm more than grateful to Him, so I want to see others saved. Praise God.

Will send postage when I receive them. Thanking you in return. May God bless your work and labor.

Your Sister in Christ,
 —Victoria Word.

Lansing, Kansas. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: I was indeed thankful to receive the papers again this month. There is so much good in all of them. It is a fact (although a lamentable one) that so few papers today dare to print the truth. So many are afraid of popular criticism, but we must remember that if we are to be true to God, we must take the whole Scripture. We are truly a peculiar people; that is, in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of God we are truly of the elect.

Even here in prison we find a goodly number of men who are willing to give up popularity, and remain a separated people. Some men were saved in here during the last fifteen months. They go outside when released and stay saved.

We read so much in the papers regarding the great prison problem of the day and of reformation, but if a great endeavor were made to get every man saved that violated the law, then it would cease to be a problem and would set the world rejoicing.

I thank God that He saved me after years of sin and prison life, and even though still in prison He blesses and keeps me day by day, and gives me joy in my heart. We, who know God intimately, realize why He chastens those that He loves, and we also know that He gives us strength from day to day to stand the chastening.

May God bless you, and keep the fire burning at a good heat, for truly the time is not far off when we shall be called to account for our stewardship, and it will be terrible to those who have been unfaithful. Let me hear from all of you when you have the time.

Yours for souls, —Frank C. Mitchell,
 No. 9889, Kansas State Prison.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

Easter

The Meadow lark, the Robin,
The Bluejay are on hand,
And the Mocking bird will soon appear
To form the Easter band.

Should not our hearts
Respond adoringly our best—
To honor Him who gave His life
To save from endless death?

Our Savior rose on Easter morn,
Triumphant from the grave;
That every sinner, "saved by grace,"
Eternal life will have.

—Marie Pauline Sass.

Are You An Example?

To the young people.

"Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit in faith in purity." 1 Timothy 4: 12.

The above was Paul's advice to Timothy, and it surely is good advice to the young people of today. Be an example in word. Do not use slang! It does not become any respectable person, much less a Christian. Again, we should not use words that we do not mean. Young people, get in the habit of saying what you mean.

In conversation! Is it such as becometh the gospel of Jesus Christ, or is it foolish? Is Jesus pleased with it. How about the subject of your conversation, are they proper? Are they such as will benefit you and those with whom you converse?

In charity! Have you love for others, or is it the big 'I' that comes first? Read 1 Cor. 13. We as young people ought to have love for others. We ought to have love enough to over-look the faults and shortcomings of the saints, of our friends and also of our enemies.

In spirit! Do we show the spirit of Christ? Are we meek and humble and submissive? Dear young people, let us be careful; we do not know it all yet. We must be submissive to our older brethren. What should we do without them and their example?

In faith! Yes, we need to be examples to the believers in faith. When we say we trust in the Lord and have faith for our healing, we must act like it. Also the same way when in trials and temptations: we must never be discouraged, but rather encouraged

for this will show that we truly believe with all our heart God's promises and that Jesus will bring us through in spite of the snares of the enemy. This will only encourage other young believers just to stay in the narrow path and that God will bring them through too.

In purity! How many young lives are wrecked along this line. Let us take warning; we must be free from the stains of this world. We must be clean morally. Our hearts must be clean, also our tongues and minds. Dear young girls, will you not read 1 Tim. 2: 9 which says that women should dress in modest apparel? Do the clothes you wear glorify God? You know we are often judged by the clothes we wear. What will people think of you, judging by your dress? We should not adorn ourselves with jewelry and costly array, because this is not the Bible standard.

Our amusements should be clean and pure, in harmony with our profession. Sometimes we are judged by what we enjoy. How about your associations? Are you careful of your company? Do not pick the careless and light-minded for your associates. Choose spiritual companions, young people who are steady and dutiful; this is very important.

Are you an example in your dealing with the world? Oh young Christians, be honest and upright, be prompt and punctual, be a man of your word and keep your promises.

Are you a person who is kind and patient, showing forth the fruits of the spirit of Christ in your daily life? We might also be tempted sometimes to let down concerning amusements and think that this or that is not wrong; let us be careful. It may be a trick of the devil to lure us farther and farther away from God. Is it easier to look after your own comforts than it is to study and pray? Some young people get in the habit of staying up late at night, having a 'good time' perhaps. Our body is the temple of God and we should take care of it.

Another temptation is to stay away from prayer meeting. That is a trick of the enemy to cheat you out of a blessing. You may be sure you will lose a blessing, and you will become weaker in the things of God. Besides, think of the bad example you are setting.

Young people, the world is expecting us to live up to the Bible standard. It is expecting us to be an example in every way, and to put God first. The world is watching you when you do not know it.

God expects us to study His word and become acquainted with Him. God expects a life of devoted service to Him. Is that what He is getting from you?
—Selected.

Everettville, W. Va. —Dear Sir: I would be very glad for you to send me six of your Faith and Victory papers each month to give to my friends.

I am sixteen years old, just started to follow my Savior the 20th of last October. He certainly has blessed me in many ways; praise His name. I want all of you brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for me that I may never go wrong.

Your Christian Sister, —Gladys Gump.

A Letter From Robert Longley

Kunnankulam, S. Malabar, India. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Praying that God shall ever renew your strength and give you courage and grace to continue on faithful to Him, to His calling and to souls who are in need of His Gospel, I am glad and thankful for this another privilege of sending you a few lines of greeting.

I just arrived back here at Bro. Cherian's place at about mid-day yesterday; am pretty well worn, tired and dirty from the long train journey from Dehra Dun and Delhi. Bro. Cherian had received your letter to me, and I was certainly much refreshed both in spirit and body by reading it. I am glad the Lord is manifesting His great goodness and care and love over all of you and enabling you to go on with victory though the wiles of the devil assail in many ways and from various sources, even using ways and persons that you would not naturally think possible, but that is his subtilty in these perilous times.

No, I didn't know Father Bolds but had heard much of him and heard his name here in India by some of the missionaries who knew, loved and greatly respected him for the gospel's sake, especially Bro. and Sister Tasker, Sister McCue and also Bro. Jarvis.

I have received here at Kunnankulam the generous offering that you sent, and I don't know how to thank you, the Lord and those who sent it in to you for me, but I do deeply appreciate this love and care of the saints, and pray that God will bless each one and you all too. Please give my love and appreciation to Bro. Kriebel, Bro. Prouse, Bro. Stahnke and the saints at Glendale, if you write again personally to them. While I was in the north part of India I had to spend more than I had thought, as it was pretty cold. I had to get an overcoat and another heavy blanket, for any place you go here you are expected to bring your own bedding with you, but I am very glad that I went to these places, and God blest, cared and protected. I will tell you in detail of the various ones, etc. when I see you, but of all that I saw my heart was touched more for Bro. Jarvis and his two children, looking at things in a natural way. Traveling can be done cheaply here in India if one is prepared to go third class.

I will probably be here till Monday, Feb 10, then start for Colombo as it will take two full days

to arrive there, and then to arrange for taking a boat to Port Said, Egypt. All being well I will arrive there about March 1 to go to see Bro. Arsanious. I will be glad to at least have a letter from you there to know how all of you are getting along. It may be that while I am that near, if God so wills I may go into Palestine, but will see after I am there at Bro. Arsanious'. I expect a letter from him at Colombo.

Really, I have not had as much time and opportunity for writing while here in India as I would have liked, and I want to write a few letters to Fiji if I can. I was glad you had heard from Bro. Sperber, and that he is encouraged.

Now I must be closing. I send all my very best Christian greetings, and thank all for their prayers and help in every way. Bro. and Sister Cherian sends their love in the Lord to all of you, and others whom I met also told me to remember them to you.

Your Bro. in Christ, —Robert Longley.

Extracts from a later letter.

Beni Suef, Egypt. —The S. S. "Large Bay" in which I left Colombo on Feb. 15 arrived at Port Said near midnight of Feb. 25, the voyage being very calm and nice most of the way. One or two days was very hot, but after turning northwest in the Red Sea we met wind that was very bracing and really got pretty cold, so I had to change from the lightest to the heaviest clothing I had. I met some Christian people on board which made the voyage all the more enjoyable. We passed in sight of Mt. Sinai on the Arabian side, and also the supposed place of the crossing of the children of Israel when God caused the turbulent waters to stand as a wall on each side and made a dry path for them. One man told me he did not believe any such thing, and that scientists had proved that at certain periods a sand bank was formed, covered with water about knee-deep, and that was the way the people crossed —anything to discredit and dishonor God and to try to quench faith.

I spent two months in Ceylon and India, and am very glad the Lord granted me this little personal contact with the missionaries, people and customs and conditions. We had some good meetings at Kunnankulam, both in Bro. Cherian's chapel which is not completed as yet, and in two different parts of the village; there was very good attendance and attention. Bro. Cherian interpreted when I spoke. God was present to help. Bro. Cherian is laboring under difficulties which are also to be found everywhere. Bro. Enoch Khan at Calcutta and Bro. Shiffler at Darjuling are plodding along as best they can under the circumstances. Bro. Jarvis and children are also continuing on, doing what they can. On the whole all those recognized by the saints as teaching and holding forth the old time truths are handicapped by lack of means, and the opportunities for manual labor in Oriental countries are very limited. As far as my observation goes there is a "little that remains" standing for the truths of the Church of God, so unless this little is strengthened it will die. It is the

devil's delight to get and keep the saints occupied branding each other as factions, probing each other about this or that which was said, creating party feelings, etc. and thus weaken their power and influence for God, but my trust and faith is that all may be wise to his devices, arise in the mighty name of Jesus and shake themselves from all petty trifles and get down to rock-bottom business for God and souls, otherwise they will simply make themselves a laughing stock to the denominations, especially on foreign fields.

Bro. Arsanious met me at Port Said and I was very glad. He came on board the boat after breakfast and God truly helped us to find each other, even before the ship's office was opened. We left at noon by train for Beni Suef, changing trains at Cairo, passing the large Pyramids and Sphinx near Cairo, and travelled near the Nile River, reaching Beni Suef at 6:45 p. m. and came to where Bro. Arsanious and family live. He, his wife and five children are well, and I have certainly enjoyed their fellowship, spirit and hospitality. Sis. Arsanious seems a very God-fearing and devoted helpmate to Bro. A. and the children are also very nicely behaved and courteous. Beni Suef is a city of some 40,000 inhabitants; most of the streets are narrow and houses built adjoining one another of stone and mud. The house tops are used, no doubt, similar to those in Palestine. Bro. Arsanious has meetings here in a portion of his house, and we started meetings the next night after I came. There were sixteen besides ourselves present the first night. The next night the place was crowded and many came to the door. There being no place to sit inside, some had to go away on account of the cold air. God blest and gave us the victory and liberty. There was good interest; several hands were up desiring to live for the Lord. Bro. Arsanious interprets well and God blesses and anoints him for it.

Ever your Bro. in Jesus, —Robert Longley.

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Beni Suef, Egypt. —Dear brethren and sisters in the true fold of Christ: Holy greetings in the name of our blessed Redeemer from the shores of this ancient land of the Pharaohs.

We are very thankful indeed both to God and to you dear saints for every remembrance, especially when we consider the many blessings bestowed upon us through sending Bro. Longley to Egypt. Truly our hearts burned within us when we heard the story of God's wonderful work in your hearts, dear ones over there, and we felt to write a few lines endeavoring to express the deep gratitude felt by the dear church here toward you, beloved in the Lord, for your being so concerned and greatly interested in our behalf.

It is a truth well-known to all those who enjoy His presence that God transmits His richest gems of revelation to whom He will by the instrumentality of those especially selected for this purpose. It is therefore with confidence that the ministry of dear Bro.

Longley, one who is chosen of God, has been within manifestations of power and sanctified wisdom and we have witnessed in his devoted life, that earnest diligence and holy zeal which characterize the lives of those who worship our blessed Lord in the spotless Bible way. So for the messenger as for the messages, we thank first our heavenly Father, then you, His beloved ones in America with whom we delight to have fellowship through His Son Jesus Christ.

You shall be glad to know that there is a revival going on in our midst for sometime, and the Word is accompanied with the power and unction of the Holy Spirit for the salvation and deliverance of precious souls, some of whom have never heard it or otherwise have received it only in general way, accepting the doctrines of men while neglecting the most vital message of salvation that makes us one in Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

There is a good crowd that eagerly attends the meetings regularly from time to time, and we feel the presence of God manifest in the services, so that conviction rests oftener upon the entire audience. Several souls who were awakened to their lost condition stood upon their feet and acknowledged their decision to lead a better life. About twenty in all claimed to have obtained salvation from sin. Praise God.

We are still in the battlefield, doing all we can for suffering humanity and the spread of the pure Gospel in Egypt. Both myself and dear Bro. Longley make frequent visits to the people, both in their homes and in their shops, and they seem to be very glad to hear us sing and pray in their places. Some who were sick and requested prayer obtained perfect healing through the mighty power of God. We thank and praise God for His answering prayer. Within a few days D. V. we intend to leave for Fayoum to hold revival meetings and spend sometime with the dear saints over there. We shall also hold services at Minich Mittertares, Maghaghga and Ehnassieh; spending at least thirty days in those places.

We kindly solicit the prayers of God's true saints everywhere in our behalf and God's precious cause in this land. We also beg you to kindly remember dear Bro. Longley that God will strengthen his body and encourage his soul in the service of God during his stay in Egypt.

Yours, in the Master's service, —Hanna Arsanious.

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Okla. City, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the saints scatter abroad: Greeting in Jesus' name. I am praising the Lord from the depths of my heart for His tender care and keeping of both soul and body. What a blessed privilege to place all in His care and rest upon His Word and promises. I truly love Him more and more, as I learn better how to yield myself and all to Him from day to day. How good it is to get quiet before Him and let Him talk to our hearts and minds. How the enemy does work to defeat us in our effort to really get quiet before Him, and listen to His still small voice. Some-

times, we must be brought down on beds of affliction or disabled in some way so as to get help and instruction to us, which we may need even more than food for our physical bodies. Oh how weak we are, and how often we fail God and neglect to get quiet so the Lord can talk to our hearts.

Truly this world is in an awful condition. Sin is increasing and peril is on every side, yet we rush on many times and fail to ask God to protect and keep us from the dangers that surround us both soul and body. Truly we need the Lord more than anything else in all this world. So let us be careful and prayerful in all we undertake, that we may have His approval upon our souls continually, and that with our time and talents we will really glorify our Father in heaven.

The Lord is truly stirring my soul in behalf of this lost world, and I am sure there is only one remedy, and that is real salvation, a real birth of the Spirit which will change men's hearts and desires. For truly out of the heart proceedeth all evil doings. If the heart is made pure, the life will be pure. There is only one remedy, the power of God to transform.

Some time past I had a vision of the awful powers of the devil and its effect on humanity, also the power of God and its effect. I hope some soul will be awakened and receive help from reading this.

I saw a very large body of water which was moving like a whirlpool with a suction in the center. It drew everything down, never to rise again. I saw many people in this whirlpool; some just entering, others farther in, and still were going down, down out of sight. Some looked much frightened on seeing their doom, raising up both hands calling for help. Others seemed so dazed and dizzy in the whirl that they could not realize the danger. I was much impressed with the sight and thought, O God what can be done?

Oh soul, take warning! There is an awful power in this world which is drawing men down, sending many souls down to everlasting destruction. While viewing that sight, I was especially impressed with the manner of entrance into the whirlpool. Some walked in of their own free will, others were caught by venturing too close, some carelessly passing by unthoughtful of danger but hurrying on about their business were also caught, and as the sensation was pleasing at the first offering no resistance, but soon they became awakened to their plight by seeing others going down out of sight. They stretched up both of their arms and called mightily for help.

Oh precious soul, are you in this whirlpool headed for eternal destruction? Your only help and hope is in a higher Power than that of man. Men may plead and warn, as many of God's faithful messengers are doing, but you yourself must call on God to save and deliver, for He alone can do it. He can break the power of Satan and set souls free. It is not His will that any should perish, but that all should have everlasting life. In Isaiah 45: 22 we read:

"Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else."

Oh saints of God, let us be watching and praying lest we too be caught in the whirlpool of worldliness, spending time and money in a way not glorifying to God. There is a great danger. May our highest aim be to know and do the will of God. Please pray for me that I be faithful in all things.

Your Sister in Christ, —Laura Garber.

Morrison, Tenn. —Dear ones in Jesus; the wide world over: Greetings in Jesus' holy name.

I will try to tell you how much you dear ones have done (or the Lord through you) for me. You remember that in your Sept. number of Faith and Victory in 1928 you printed my first letter. It was my true experience in the Lord. I was in sectism and you dear ones showed me the true light of the Bible; bless the dear Lord. I can never thank you enough for all you have done for me. (The Lord receives all the thanks -Ed.) When I saw the light on the true Church I was a preacher in the Free-will Baptist church. So I sent in my papers and began teaching the truth as taught in the Bible; bless the Lord. Since writing you I have not been idle; I have been preaching and giving out tracts. I am with the Church to live and to die. I have given out many of your tracts.

I have a letter from a Sister in Mize, Miss. telling me about some tracts you sent her. She gave one to a girl and the girl was saved one day last week, and she said the tract was what led her to Jesus. Dear ones, you don't know the good you are doing; even if you do have to suffer in order to keep this truth going, it sure does pay.

Bro. Pruitt, I would like to meet you some day; your writings have done me so much good. I am always glad to get the paper; it is a feast to my hungry soul. There are not many holiness people here and the sects fight this way hard, but by the prayers of God's true blue saints I aim to fight the battle on until the end. I am in the battle to stay till Jesus comes or calls. Bless His dear name.

I must close for this time, hoping to hear from you. May the dear saints pray for me. I sure will pray for you. I pray that the Lord will bless you with a long happy useful life on earth and a home in heaven when you leave this world. Your humble Brother in Jesus.

—Colonel Pendleton.

If any one is wanting a meeting, I am free to go and preach the Gospel. Write me at Morrison, Tenn. Box 163.

Okeene, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the dear saints scattered abroad: This leaves me still enjoying the sweet blessings of salvation. I am truly glad this morning that I counted the cost, and let the dear Lord have His way with me, and that He saved my soul before it was too late.

About a year and a half ago I was attending meeting at Dover, Okla. when I became very inter-

ested in the services. It was Sunday and the ordinance of feet-washing and the Lord's supper were observed; I thought it was the humblest and sweetest worship I had ever seen, and done just like the blessed Bible said. I wondered if I could live like they teach. A friend of mine went to the altar that night and asked me to go with her; she waited a little while for me then went on. I had to count the cost. I asked the saints to pray for me and I feel that they did. Dear ones, I found that we truly have to want salvation to get it. A month or so later we were attending meeting west of Hennessey. We went almost every night with Bro. J. Q. Miles and family. I kept saying, Lord have your way. The morning of the last Sunday of the meeting I could bear my burden of sin no longer. Some of the saints seeing my condition came to talk to me, but my decision was made. I sent them to my husband, but he would not come and go with me. I will say right here; help me pray that he will be saved before it is too late. Yes, I went to the altar and was saved with a heart full of love for every one; praise the dear Lord. I find that we can live like the Bible and the saints teach.

Pray for me that I will stand true to the end. May God continue to bless you and your paper. Yours in the love of Jesus, —Mrs. Earl Breckenridge.

Crestview, Fla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt in Christ: Greetings in Jesus' name; may God bless and supply your every need is my pray.

I feel led this morning to tell you how I have enjoyed reading the Faith and Victory paper; how it has encouraged me. I find that to read it is food for my soul. This paper was handed to me by a sister in the Lord, and I sure have enjoyed reading it. I have been saved just a short time. I want you to pray for me that I ever be in the dear Lord's will.

Please send me a roll of six papers each month to hand out. My husband is not saved; I want you to pray for him to be saved.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mary Morrell.

Hennessey, Okla. —Dear ones: I feel like telling how the Lord has been wonderfully blessing me.

He keeps me by His divine love; He keeps me with a deep determination to go all the way with Him. Praise His dear name; He is worthy to be praised. I want to come closer to Him every day. I want to always stay where the blessings will rain into my soul. I am glad I heard the pure gospel and taken heed, came unto Him and found a sweet resting place. Pray for me that I ever keep true.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Annie Wiley.

Midland, Mich. —Dear saints of God: We send greetings in Jesus' dear name. Thank God I am saved and living as close to Jesus as I understand and pray for more light that I may be closer to Him every day of my life, for I love to serve Him because He has been so good and merciful to me and husband.

We are serving Him with all our heart and soul and love to do His will. We need your prayers that we stand faithful to Him who redeems us from our sins and gave such peace in our souls.

I was a Catholic for sixteen years, and I am so happy to think that Jesus led me away from them into the true Bible way.

Please send the paper, as I love to read it. It has such good true food for my soul. Praise God for the true saints that stand for the whole Truth. Your Sis. and Bro. in Christ, —Elsie & Freeman Palmateer.

Bloomfield, Ind. —Dear Sis. and Bro. Pruitt and all the saints in Christ Jesus: May the rich blessings of God rest and abide with the dear saints of God every where.

I have felt impressed ever since New Year's day to write my testimony and to thank you for the Faith and Victory paper. It feeds my soul, helps me to see my mistakes, puts a deeper desire to press on to the mark of the high calling, increases my faith in the living God as I read the testimonies and articles that have been written through the leadings of the Spirit of God. The pressure of the enemy has been strong through the past year, but God is faithful in not letting more come upon us than we are able to bear, but with every temptation he makes the way for our escape. When I awoke on New Year's morning there was a feeling in my soul (as I knelt in prayer) of the burden of the past year being rolled off and stepping out into the sunshine of God's love. As some time has passed by on the New Year, I can truly say that the Lord has made me to realize that He is working in his own precious way. Praise His name. I know He is able to save all who will seek Him with all their heart. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength." If the unsaved that are bound with Satan's chains, that are reaping misery and untold agony, could only know what it is to have the sweet love of Jesus in the heart and His divine hand guiding them, to have the envy, wrath, bitterness, hatred, malice and strife taken from their hearts, and Jesus abiding there instead, I know they would seek him in faith believing.

How I praise God to know that my sins are covered by the Blood. There is nothing so precious as Jesus to me. I love Him with all my heart. I am so thankful for that true deep desire in my heart to go through with Jesus. How I thank Him for the rebukes and the chastening hand of God that has been needful to come to me that I could see my mistakes and turn from them. I am so thankful that my foundation was built on the solid Rock Jesus Christ, for nothing else will stand when the storms of false doctrine are raging, trying their best to wash the foundation from under us. I am so thankful for the reality of true salvation, to know "the Lord is the strength of my life and of whom shall I be afraid." How I hunger to be in God's services and to be with His people.

I earnestly desire the fervent prayers of God's people that I will press deeper and deeper into the great love and goodness of our blessed Saviour, and to ever trust the Lord to keep both soul and body, for I know He is able. I ever want to abide under the shadow of His wing till Jesus calls me to that home not made with hands where all sadness and sorrow have passed away.

May the blessings of God be with you in the publishing work, and supply your every need is my earnest prayer. From a Sister saved by grace,

—Mrs. Will Bough.

Bentonville, Ark. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: Greeting in Jesus' precious name. Received the roll of papers a few day ago with thanks and have handed most all of them out in the name of Jesus, our Leader and King.

Bro. Pruitt, I have read and re-read a part of the paper, and I am so glad to feel deep in my soul an amen. I was much moved with the part in regard to dear old Bro. Bolds passing away; (yet not passed away) gone from us in person, but I feel sure his works will still live on. I know not what his earthly possessions were, but I am sure of one thing that he left to his children and wife and all that knew him such an assurance by the life he lived and the gospel he preached that money could not buy. I was blessed with the opportunity of meeting him a few minutes in his room at Shawnee in Nov. and then in prayer meeting that night at the chapel, which was such a treat to me. His prayers and talks were so rich and deep and sweet. Now as I write I thank God for being permitted to meet him, and I feel sure he is not dead but sleepeth.

I was impressed with Bro. W. T. S. Maurer's testimony of how the Lord moved them about until they found the true way and was resting therein. May many more be brought home to Father's house, family or church.

Bro. Pruitt, I sure enjoyed the tracts you sent me and especially the one, "Church Membership". You may please send me a few of them and other good ones to use in this needy field. —Geo. W. Hanson.

Sullivan, Ky. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Again we greet you in the precious name of Jesus who broke asunder the power of darkness at Calvary's cross and brought life and immortality to light through the everlasting gospel of peace. Praise the Lord. May God abundantly bless each of you and supply your every need for spiritual advancement and the furtherance of the gospel of the kingdom, thus effecting the salvation of many precious souls is our prayer.

Dear ones, this finds us still in the strait narrow way with our face set heavenward with a decision in our heart to stand firm and steadfast unto the end by the grace of God. Though we are encountering some very difficult and perplexing circumstances, yet we are sure the dear Lord will bring us through

victorious in all of them. He has promised to never leave nor forsake us. We find this true. Though the storms rage without, yet deep down in our soul there is a constant uninterrupted peace and soul rest. We thank the Lord for this great salvation which anchors the soul in the everlasting Rock, and though we pass through severe trials and answers to our prayers be delayed, yet the Spirit of God still bears witness with our spirit that we are a child of God. With our limited mind it is sometimes hard for us to understand why certain blessings are not granted as we desire them. Especially do we wonder when we have done all we know to do and are perfectly willing to do anything else God may show us to do, and still the blessing comes not. However, we are sure God's way is best, and though the blessing tarries it will surely come in due time. When God's purpose is fully accomplished in this affliction, deliverance must come. We can have everything we need if we but come God's way to get it. This, by His help and grace, we are determined to do, so when we have fully complied with all conditions the promise is ours, and it will not fail. We mean to press the promise with such determination that the Lord will see our earnestness and grant our request. Surely He delights in giving us the necessities of life for both soul and body. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with him also freely give us all things." (Rom. 8: 32).

So dear ones, keep agreed in prayer with us for our deliverance as the Lord brings it to your mind, and we are sure the work will be done. Amen.

Your humble Brother set in defense of the whole truth as it is in Christ. —T. A. Bean.

Canehill, Ark. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in Jesus' precious name. This evening I will try to write my testimony.

I can truly say I am still saved and trusting God. I enjoy salvation better every day; the older I get the closer I want to get to Jesus. I realize I haven't much longer to stay here, and I want to live so close to the dear Lord that when He calls for me it will be a happy change. We are living in perilous times; people that claim to be the children of God are going on deeper in sin every day! Oh God, I pray that something will wake them up before it is too late.

Dear ones, husband wrote for special prayer for my healing. I got hurt in both of my arms and shoulders, suffering untold misery, but I believe the dear Lord has touched my body. I am better but please still pray for me; I am encouraged.

—G. G. Ingham.

Fosterville, Tenn. —To the dear saints and faithful workers scattered abroad: Greeting in the name of Jesus who died upon the cross and spoiled His precious blood that we might be cleansed from sin in this world and inherit eternal life in the world to come.

We are glad to report victory today through the mighty saving, keeping power of this same Jesus and

it is through Him only that we have the strength to labor on. Within ourselves we are nothing; all honor and glory belong to the Lord. Trials may come, disappointments cross our path and sorrows take hold upon us, but thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph in Christ who was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He knows just how to succor us, because He was tempted in all points like as we are.

The Bible way still satisfies us and it is our aim to stay with it to the best of our understanding. We are thankful that God in His mercy and love was long-suffering with us and kept knocking at our heart's door until we let Him in. Oh how patient He was with us while we were in sect Babylon and how He waited until He could break through the darkness of tradition and shine the glorious light of this Holy Ghost dispensation into our hearts. We can never repay Him through all eternity.

And since He was so gracious to us we want to do all we can to get other precious souls out of darkness into light. That is just why we made the consecration and sacrifice of all we possessed nearly ten years ago and stepped out upon the promises of God to carry the glad tidings of great joy unto as many dear souls as we could reach.

The Lord has led us into various places during this short time, but in every place we have felt that He was with us and blessed the efforts we put forth. Praise His name. We have seen His precious promises fulfilled; souls have been saved and sanctified, devils cast out and the sick healed in answer to prayer. To God be all the glory now and forever.

Dear saints, let us live for God regardless of the cost. What is this life but a fleeting day? Our trials and sorrows will soon be over, and if we live a faithful holy life, we will receive a crown of everlasting life. Oh the glory of the faithful who have fought the good fight of faith and won the crown!

Pray for us that we ever be humble, willing servants of the Lord. Let us meet in heaven. Yours in His service,
—W. C. and L. Hughes.

Santa Cruz, Calif. —Dear Bro. in Christ: I hope this will find you and all the dear workers in Christ rejoicing in the Lord, and that God is giving you souls for your faithful love and duty in the Lord's service.

God surely blessed my soul on the 11th and 12th of this month and used me to bring two dear sisters and one brother into the Kingdom of God; they were sweetly saved. One of the sisters is 78 years old, and the other is over 80, and the brother is 74. They have wonderfully bright minds; as bright as people at 50 years. God surely blessed my soul just in the time I needed comfort and encouragement from the throne of grace.

I am a lone worker in the gospel work, visiting the sick and afflicted. After I was converted, God showed me in His own wonderful way where I was placed in the Body. I was converted under the teach-

ing of the Church of God about twenty years ago when the doctrine was preached and lived in the simple Bible way in all its fullness, but the last few years I am just alone with God in the Master's service. The Church of God of Anderson, Ind. is on the same foundation as all other denominations in dress, the love of the world, fine church buildings, and begging for money for the Lord's work which they never used to do a few years ago. But we went to God with our simple child-like faith and trusted for all things that were needed in God's family, and God never failed us as long as our life we lived was a living witness that God came first in our daily life. I love all the dear ones, but it makes my heart sad to see this sad change, so far from the simple Bible way which the dear ones used to live with all their heart. Many times I thank God for the light of simple gospel in all its purity, when I was converted years ago under the teachings of these dear ones, and I still love them every one with all my heart, and pray earnestly that God will bring them back to the simple Bible way which they lived so many years.

—W. J. Donovan.

The Seventh Commandment

"God spake...saying, Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20: 14).

The treatment of the Seventh Commandment is a matter from which one would naturally shrink. Yet he who has been appointed of God a watchman for Israel is bound to give warning where he sees danger threatening. To allow a false delicacy to silence him on this subject must be nothing short of criminal. It is a duty which, surely, can be discharged with discretion and modesty.

The Sixth Commandment, forbidding murder, was for the protection of life; the Seventh is for the defence of the home. "It flings up its ramparts round the home," says one, "by declaring the sanctity and inviolability of the marriage tie." And the importance attached to it in the moral code is evidenced by the fact that the breach of it was punishable with death. "Adultery," says Canon Rawlinson, "is an invasion of the household, a destruction of the bond which unites the family, a dissolution of that contract which is the main basis of the social order. It was forbidden by all civilized communities, and in uncivilized ones was frequently punished with death. The Mosaic enactments on the subject are peculiar chiefly in the absolute equality on which they place the man and the woman, regarding the adulterer as equally hateful with the adulteress" (Leviticus 20: 10 Deuteronomy 22: 22-24).

But why is the offence such an extremely grave one?

"The problem of the union of man and woman," says the author of *How to be happy though married*, "must always remain the supreme and central question of society." Sex distinction has been a fact since the Creation. Marriage was instituted by God for the mutual comfort and help of man and woman, for the preservation of the race, and that families might be trained up in obedience, love, wisdom, and piety. Thus the sexes are meant to be complementary to each other under certain well-defined conditions, which may be summed up under the one word "monogamy"—the union of one man with one woman. It is true that after the Fall a plurality of wives, concubinage, and other corruptions came in; but the unnatural results of such perversions are faithfully exposed in sacred story.

To quote Dr. R. W. Dale: "The institution of marriage is related to the supreme destiny of our race. It has a moral ideal for its basis, an ideal which is to be found in the special virtues and perfections which it is calculated to develop. . . . It rests on the possibility of the absolute surrender to each other of man and woman—a surrender in which nothing is reserved but loyalty to God and to those supreme moral duties which no human relationship can disturb or modify. It rests not only on the possibility of that perfect blending of life and interest, but on the strength and blessedness which come from it. It is a union of two in the closest ties of nature, based on an affinity of spirit which leads each to see in the other what each most admires."

This holy joining together in matrimony is said to be done by God, and no man must disturb it or put members asunder. It can only be dissolved on one condition—that one of the parties has been found guilty of conjugal unfaithfulness. And such unfaithfulness is a breach of this Seventh Commandment.

How shall we guard against such breaches?

(1) By highly reverencing the original principle, and seeing to it that marriage is entered into "not rashly, thoughtlessly, or lightly, but advisedly, and in the fear of God." Marriage is, in its obligations, "the most serious, responsible, and far-reaching of all voluntary human contracts, and therefore demands most earnest consideration. There are dangers, and frequently sin, in relations between men and women born out of impulse and passion." God made woman to be man's helpmeet, not merely his playmate. Nor need we expect happiness if the man is looking mere-

ly for a housekeeper or the woman for a house to keep.

In one of his books, the "Gentleman with a Dust-er," has spoken caustically on this subject. "Domestic unhappiness," he declares, "is due to wrong-thinking in society. Wrong-thinking is fatal to right-living. However beautifully a child may be surrounded in his nonage, and however carefully he may be educated in his youth, he comes at manhood into a world which is apparently organized solely for the purposes of self-indulgence, and which is certainly not organized for any 'far-off Divine event,' a world whose whole thesis of life is vitiated by a false premise.

"In this world, blinded by artificial brilliance and bewildered by its rush towards excitement and sensation; in this world, where there is no shrine for worship and no altar for silence and reflection; in this cynical and disillusioned world, where to be serious is to be deserted as a bore, and to be virtuous is to be ridiculed as a prig—in this world the youth makes his choice of a wife and the girl makes her choice of a husband.

"They are brought together by festivity. Their personalities touch in a racket. Their first embrace, to the music of a Negro band, is made in a dance from the Jungle. Nothing in the atmosphere suggests seriousness. No one utters a warning, no one breathes a caution. On the contrary, to think is to find oneself stranded. Flung into the rush and deafened by the noise, the one thing to do is to keep one's feet—to keep one's head is impossible, and useless.

"Everything declares that life is a masquerade and self-indulgence the sole purpose of creation. The daughter learns from her mother, the son from his father. Every one is selfish. There is only one reasonable pursuit—a good time. And this is the good time; this life of pleasure, this life of eating and drinking, of dancing and flirting, of crowds and crushes, of adventures in sex, of license and cynicism, of excitement and selfishness, of money and ostentation. 'Is he rich?' asks the society dame of her daughter. 'Then, my dear, why hesitate? Marry him at once.'

"It is in such an atmosphere as this that the marriages of Fashion are made. Youth enters by the gate of comedy, and goes out through the door of tragedy. The embrace of the jazz is dissolved by the absolute decree of the divorce court. This is the example set by Fashion in a matter which is foundational to the safety and happiness of the State."

—Horace E. Govan.

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