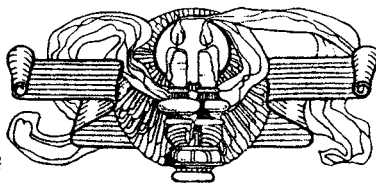


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## THINKING OF THE LIFE BEYOND

In the quiet of the evening  
When all nature seems so sweet,  
Seems I hear a voice from heaven  
As I sit at Jesus' feet.

All around me lies His handiwork,  
And above, the bright blue sky;  
I am thinking of my mansion  
In that happy By and By.

There we'll walk the streets of Glory,  
Hear the angel chorus sing;  
All earth's trials will be forgotten  
When we stand before the King.

Here our hearts are often burdened,  
And the tear drops dim the eye,  
But when we have passed to heaven,  
We shall never weep or sigh.

Let us live the life of Jesus,  
Build upon the Corner Stone,  
Ever stand upon the promise—  
"I will leave you not alone."

Then some day when life is over,  
And the battle fought and won,  
We shall wear a crown forever,  
Brighter than the shining sun.  
— Susie Whipple

## JESUS THE GUEST MOST TO BE DESIRED

Life may be likened to a banquet—a rich and varied feast. Even to those who are virtuously and honestly poor this will be so. The whole universe brings to them, as to others, a feast of good things. To eye and ear it offers its rich stores of beauty. For taste and feeling it provides unnumbered dainties. To some men these may be given in greater profusion and

variety; yet his plain fare may be more sweet to the toil-worn laborer, than the richest banquet to the man of wealth—and indolence! The simple joys and tender affections of the humble home shall be sweeter and truer foretastes of the better home, than all the pleasures wealth can bring to the jaded *roue*. The feast of life is spread for all men, and the way in which it can be made a feast of happiness from beginning to end is to invite Jesus to be our chief guest.

His presence will consecrate all life's joy. Pleasures in life can never be real and lasting—true joy will never bless—unless we seek them according to God's will and in His way. (This idea may be specially applied here with reference to domestic bliss). It is the presence of sin that mars and vitiates the enjoyment of the bounteous provision God has made for men. Only let men receive and use divine gifts as the Giver intended, and how pleasant does life become—a true foretaste of the higher and better life yet to be revealed. And how shall men learn this? By taking Christ into their lives—by making Him the chief and honoured guest—especially on setting up the home. Let His Spirit guide and direct us, and life will become a perpetual feast, filled with the richest and purest happiness.

When He is present He will bring back joy that has fled. To mortal man much of sorrow comes into the happiest life. The sun of joy is overclouded. The wine of life gives out. Possessions pass away—affection weeps at countless graves—health and energy fail. The feast of life seems to be at an end. But just as the Redeemer turned the water into wine at Cana, and astonished the ruler of the feast with a richer, fuller provision than he had before been able to present to the guests, so does Jesus still come to His people, giving them something nobler and better than that which they have lost. To this truth the experience of all the Christian ages testifies. He can turn the night of weeping into the morning of joy. And when earth's pleasures depart, when His people are reduced to the simplest and humblest condition, He can glorify it

by His presence—can still turn the water of life into wine, its simplest elements into sources of truest joy.

When we invite Him to be our guest at life's banquet, *He will provide for the future also*, as well as for the present. This He did at Cana. Not only was "the large surplus beyond the present need intended to be a visible and abiding proof and record of this mighty work of Christ" (Chr. Wordsworth); it was also intended to be a provision for the future needs of the household of the married pair. It would continually remind them of His kindness, His bounty, as well as of His wondrous power. This was in the days of His humiliation. But now every blessing we receive should remind us that He has been exalted to give gifts to men, and that every blessing He bestows is a pledge of His continued lovingkindness, for He is "the same yesterday, today, and for ever." When we take Him to be our guest, He "crowneth us with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (Psa. 103), "so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psa. 90: 14, 15). — Bro. Weigel.

### Prophecy of Caiaphas

"And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all. Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence into a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples." John 11: 49-54.

The Holy Spirit talked thru Caiaphas because he was the high priest that year; and he prophesied that if Jesus died, then the whole nation would not perish. Little did he know or understand the deep truth that he spoke to the people. And not the Jewish nation only, but all nations under the sun were under this condemnation, and would have perished; for they were lost and away from God. All were under the curse of sin, and were bound as with bands of iron, and gates of brass. Because, without a sacrifice for sin and uncleanness, all peoples, tongues, and nations were under condemnation. "For the wages of sin is

death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6: 23.

While in sin, we were all away from God; and God heareth not sinners unless they come to Christ with a contrite heart, forsaking their sins. Only is there power to do this, through the precious blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Sin causes separation from God, and this is the death of the soul. We could not help ourselves out of this death state any more than a little babe can help itself out of trouble. There must be some greater power than man power to deliver the sinner from his sins. As soon as we were accountable, we went the way of all the world. It was born in us. It was a part of us, so to speak, even though we wanted to do right, we seemed to be powerless. Satan had control, and we were his servants. This was the curse of sin that came upon all mankind, because of Adam's sin and disobedience in the garden of Eden. His curse came down upon all of his posterity; none of us escaped, and even the animals and the plants were affected because of the curse of Adam. Man had sinned and disobeyed God, and he was driven out of God's presence, to return only through Christ our Redeemer.

Instead of repenting, Adam put the blame upon Eve and upon God, because God had given Eve to him. This only made matters worse. We can all see where we stand if we don't confess our sins to God, but blame others instead because we do not do right. If we come confessing, and pleading for God's mercy for Christ's sake, to save our souls from the power of sin, then we can have peace and fellowship again with God, and our soul shall live; but if we refuse to obey God, and blame others for our sins, then we get deeper and deeper into trouble. Let us be a partaker of God's sacrifice, for the Lamb of God alone will atone for our sins, and set our souls free. Jesus Christ the righteous is God's great supper that He has prepared for all kindreds, tongues, peoples, and nations. All must be partakers of Him.

God has sent out His servants into all the world, inviting all who will, to partake of this Sacrifice; if we make excuses, and refuse to come, then we are doomed to destruction, because we are already under the curse of God. Unless we repent and cry for pardon, we will go with those that hate God.

God's wrath is kindled against all who will not bow at Jesus' blessed feet, and claim Him King and Lord in their heart. Had not the Jews offered the lamb, the turtledove, the oxen, etc., their sins would not have been forgiven, but they obeyed God in giving

these sacrifices, and God forgave until Christ, the real sacrifice of God, was offered that would cleanse the heart and keep it pure; then He had no more use for those things that were only types and shadows of the real sacrifice.

Christ surely delivers us from all sin, and from then on, there is no more need of lambs, and bulls, and goats, and turtledoves; because the blood of Jesus has been shed for all the world that both Jew and Gentile might serve God in the beauty of holiness. We in Christ enter into peace through His blood. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah! for the victory through Christ Jesus our Lord Jesus is the great supper of salvation to all that come to God by Him. "For without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins" Heb. 9: 22. As long as a soul will not receive Christ's atonement, they remain in sin, and God will not pardon nor set them free from Satan's control. Only through Christ is there mercy; only through Christ is there redemption, peace, life, joy, happiness and freedom. He and He alone can give us help. He has conquered Satan, sin, death and the grave, and rose triumphant to ever be at God's right hand to make intercession for us, pleading for saints and for repenting sinners; for those who will live for Him; for those who will gladly partake of God's great supper. Jesus told the Jews: "Except ye eat of my flesh and drink of my blood, ye have no life in you." This life he mentioned here is spiritual life; and their souls had to be made alive in Him, else they would die in their sins. They had to believe that Jesus was the Son of God, and that His blood atoned for their sins. They had to be partakers of His righteousness.

Christ is God's great sacrifice, prepared for all nations upon earth. When we partake of Christ's righteousness, our sinful nature is changed into the Christ-like nature, and then we become like Him and His nature is our nature; because God forgives us and gives us a heart of flesh, one that is tender and loving and kind. Not the hard, stony heart that we had while we were sinners—unmerciful, unforgiving, and deceitful; such a heart is under the bondage of sin. "Whom the Son maketh free, he is free indeed." Jesus said: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee; I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

— I. Edith Kriebel.

#### Earthly need and Heavenly Blessing

Those who imagine that where Christ is there must always be a superabundance of earthly blessings are mistaken. Want is oftentimes good fare for God's people, and leads them closer to Him. The

heavenly Father sometimes withdraws temporal gifts from His children so that they may thirst more for the eternal. Those who would avoid the cross will not invite Christ to dwell with them; for where He comes the cross closely follows Him.

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## ALONE WITH JESUS

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Jesus did talk to His disciples when folks were around, but there were some choice things He told them when alone with them. He talked with two disciples on the way to Emmaus until their hearts did burn within them.

When the disciples came back from their evangelistic tour tired and worn He said to them:

"Come ye apart into a desert place and rest a while."

It is so sweet to be alone with Jesus. There is a beautiful hymn entitled, Happy with Jesus Alone.

Being alone with him even in prison has been made a blessing, not only to the individual, but to the world through that individual. John Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" when a prisoner of the Lord Jesus, shut in alone with Him. It is a great thing to get alone with Jesus.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep and you weep alone—unless you have Jesus. He hears heart moans. He counts each falling tear. Even when the casket is in your home, if you will listen, you shall hear Him say:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Thy loved one shall live again.

Do not fail to get alone with Jesus. He wants you to come and you need His fellowship. Moses' face shone after he had been with God. Stephen saw by faith the face of His Lord and the glory was reflected in his own face, until men saw, as it were, the face of an angel.

If you want to be happy, if you want to be safe and secure, keep close to Jesus. He is the best company I have ever found. Other friends may fail you, but He never will.

"Get alone with Him, thou weary one,  
He'll never leave thee till thy work is done.  
He'll bear thee up on eagle wings and thou shalt rise  
To rest prepared for thee above the vaulted skies."

— Esther Halley

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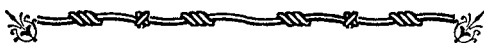
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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth not."



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### EDITORIALS

At different periods and times the Lord refreshes our souls with some knowledge of real good that the Faith and Victory paper is doing. Often a letter comes telling of how a soul was saved through reading the paper or tracts, and we feel much like Paul when on his way to Rome and the brethren came and met him; he "thanked God and took courage." When we consider the worth of a single soul, it causes us to rejoice when one soul is saved, and we forget the tests of faith, trials and sacrifice which accompany the printing and sending forth of divine truth.

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Among other visitors that have stopped here at the Office lately was Bro. Jink Harris, his wife and Bro. Loggins. Bro. Jink Harris has been a notorious character in the world, and was put in the penitentiary in Calif for bank robbery. He was converted to God while in the penitentiary. He said that the Faith and Victory paper was especially liked, as it came into the penitentiary where he was. He wrote to us several times and we had one of his testimonies inserted in the paper five or six years ago. He is out on parole now, and is preaching the Gospel, going from place to place warning the people against sin and all manner of evil and wickedness. He stands as a living monument of God's mighty miraculous power in delivering even hardened criminals and filling them with His Spirit, making them gentle and God-like.

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We are sending the paper to a good many jails, penitentiaries, hospitals and homes of refuge for the poor. It gladdens us to know that God is working with the truth it contains and bringing souls into the fold. We pray that God will stir the hearts of our readers to get the paper into as many homes as you can, that God will have a chance to get truth to them and convict them of their sins so they can repent and get saved through faith in Christ. There is no greater nor more important work than rescuing perishing souls. Do your best to throw some soul a life-line of truth. When we know that every man is going to be judged according to his works, whether they be bad or good, it ought to make every one of us zealous to do good works, that when we come to pass out of this life, we would have a long list of good works on record in heaven's book.

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All religious reformations have had a strong tendency toward the world. The fire and holy zeal for

God begins to die out, and is replaced with human reasoning and a leaning to their own understanding rather than upon the plain written Word. This decline starts with individuals and spreads from one to another until the whole reform is drifting, and many begin to hold the truth in unrighteousness. In this day and age the current of the world is so strong and show-religion is so abundant that it behoves us as saints that know the Truth to hold steady in the crucified way. Drift and decay always starts with little things, often called "no harm" things. When one begins to lose that tender conscience toward the Word, it dulls their spiritual hearing and disastrous results will follow. The unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed to the Father in the seventeenth chapter of St. John's gospel is being ignored by a great many preachers and they, by their actions and oftentimes words, speak as though it was not possible. We believe that God will and does answer Jesus' prayer, and every one that has faith in God, keeping willing and obedient with a deep desire to be in oneness with God's people, God will teach them and lead them until they will be so dead to selfish interests, dead to the world and pride that they will measure up to the Word and be in oneness with those that are holding the old-time Truth in the righteousness of God. We warn those who read this, to beware of "the way that seems right to men; but the end thereof is the way of death." Mary chose the "good part"; Martha was "cumbered about much serving." Let us not get so busy and full of earthly cares that we will have no time to tarry at Jesus' feet, for we thereby keep filled with His ways and truth.

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The Office force is very, very busy these days, as we have two books to print and make up besides our regular work. We are working on one now, and soon will be printing and making up Bro. C E Orr's book No. 2 of "Helps to Holy Living." We expect to have this book finished in May. It will, no doubt, be another treat to many precious souls. We expect to have this book on hands for any one who desires them. The price will be the same as the other one, which is 15 cents each or two for a quarter. Send in your order for this book and we will send them to you just as soon as they are ready for mailing out. We also have some of the books for sale entitled, "Steps to Christ." It contains 128 pages and is neatly paper bound; will send them to you for 25 cents each. If you are in need of a Bible, send for our circular Bible catalog.

The Hammond, La. camp-meeting will begin on the tenth of July and last over two Sundays. This is the General Southern Camp-meeting, being the 24th annual camp-meeting at that place. They have splendid grounds on which to hold the meeting, and the saints are, as all saints, warm-hearted and zealous for the Christ of the Bible and the truth of His Word. They extend a hearty welcome for you to attend this meeting. We are expecting to attend this meeting and part of our Office workers will be with us. We may be in the South for some little time after the meeting at Hammond, as we have a strong desire in our hearts to preach the gospel in other parts of that country. We want to do all we possibly can to get this truth to the people so God will have a chance to convict and save some souls.

Wife and some of the children will stay here at the Office to attend to the work here in our absence. She will answer the correspondence and keep the orders for tracts and papers wrapped and mailed out, list and notify those subscribing for the paper, and take care of the work in general. Pray for her.

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When it goes well with you, dear reader, think of us and offer a prayer to God in our behalf, and for the furtherance of the printing work that the gospel may reach as many souls as possible, that the light of the gospel may shine into some darkened soul and quicken him to life in God. We shall move on with this work as God moves ahead; He is our Light, strength and comfort. We have full confidence in the great "I AM." He is able to take a "worm and thrash a mountain." We are not walking by sight, for we know that all the lions are chained just outside the path of the righteous, and as we walk by faith "mountains will become as mole hills." Satan is a conquered foe. Christ has conquered him and gives us the victory. Praise our God. Our eyes are upon God and none but He.

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### Newcastle, Ind. Camp-meeting

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An old-time camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held from the 11th day of July until the 19th, 1931, at Newcastle, Ind. Newcastle is located 28 miles southeast of Anderson, Ind.

Those coming to the meeting to camp on the grounds should bring straw ticks and bedding; straw will be furnished. All who come will be cared for as far as God provides. Meals served on the ground. Meeting supported by free-will offerings.

This meeting is held in the interest of God's kingdom. It will be a meeting where people can find God in the salvation of their souls and the healing of their bodies.

Ministers from different states will be present to preach the old-time gospel with the power of the Holy Ghost. Come and bring your friends.

For further information, address Thomas Z. Lawson, 1304 S. 20th St., Newcastle, Ind.

#### Camp-meeting

The annual Camp-meeting of the Church of God for Southern Calif. will be held in Whittier, Calif. from June 19 to 29th, 1931 on corner of Philadelphia St. and Whittier Ave. Both Pacific Electric and Buses stop at camp ground. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings.

We expect able ministers present to preach the old-time truths. Everybody is invited; come and let us enjoy a ten days' feast from Father's table. Rooms may be had near by. Particulars later.

— Order of Committee.

#### Camp Meeting Notice

The Missouri State Camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at the corner of State and Fort Sts., Springfield, Missouri, August 20th to 30th, 1931.

Able ministers are expected to be present to teach the truth in its fullness, as it is set forth in the Word of God. Everybody come. Those who are saved, come to work and pray and help to make this a good meeting. Those needing help for soul or body, come. The Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. He will heal, save and sanctify.

This is an old-time camp-meeting and will be run on the free-will offering plan. Everyone come to care for yourselves as much as possible. Please bring straw ticks and bedding. The straw will be furnished on the ground free.

Any donations will be very much appreciated. Those desiring rooms or tents, write E. D. Gibson, 717 S. Lexington Avenue, phone 5538, or H. G. Pletcher, 731 S. Missouri Avenue, phone 4510W.

#### NEOSHO CAMP-MEETING

The Neosho, Mo. Camp-meeting will be held from the 23rd of July until the second day of August.

This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and all are invited to do what they can for the

meeting. The usual good meeting is expected and all are invited to meet with us on the above date and be partaker of the good things that God has in store. Holy Ghost ministers will be present to give out the word and we are expecting a harvest of souls.

Those who can are asked to bring ticks and quilts. Straw will be furnished with which to fill the ticks.

Neosho is situated in the south-west part of Mo. with Highways and Railroads running into it. It will be easy for you to find the way to this meeting and you will find a hearty welcome from the saints in Neosho; come and bring your friends with you.

For further information write to Bro. John Strech, Neosho, Mo., R. D. 2.

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#### TULSA CAMP-MEETING

The saints of Tulsa, Okla. will have a Camp-meeting this year instead of the "Ministers meeting" which has been their usual custom. The meeting will begin on the 24th of July and last over the second day of August. All the saints, and lovers of the truth are invited to attend this meeting.

This Camp-meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and those having anything to give to this meeting in the way of food stuff or means to help carry on the meeting should send the same to the secretary, Sister Elizabeth Bryant, R.D. 4, Box 57, Tulsa, Okla. All who can should bring bedding.

We give you a hearty welcome to Tulsa this summer to enjoy the good things that the Lord will give from His bountiful store house. --Elizabeth Bryant.

#### ASSIMILATION

Assimilation is the secret of holy living. The soul is moulded after the image of Christ by assimilating Him. The more perfect the assimilation the more perfect the image and the holier the life. To assimilate Christ is to receive Him, His life, His nature, into our heart and life. The Scriptures calls this eating Christ. Through the process of eating and assimilating He beomes life of our life. Holy thought, meditation, communion in faith is the process whereby Christ is brought into the soul. By letting the mind take fast hold upon the great facts of the atonement, the facts of Christ's redeeming love and grace, upon Christ Himself, we feed on Him and become like Him. Without steeping the mind in deep thoughts of God, without the tendrils of the heart dipping down and drinking up the virtue of

Christ as the plant's roots drink up the moisture—there can be no fashioning of the soul after Christ. Those who have deepest thoughts of God are most like Him. The beauty of the Lord is painted on the heart while in communion with Him. If you value holiness of heart and life set your mind on things above.

The purpose of this booklet is to help furnish you food for holy thought. God bless you.

Take no notice of a slight another may give you. Give no heed to any insinuations they may make against you. Let no injury done you light upon you. That is victory!  
— C. E. Orr.

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### IN MEMORY OF MOTHER

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Oft I think of my dear mother,  
And how much she meant to me,  
Oh, my mother! why He took her,  
We all cannot plainly see.

Oh, how sad it is to think  
That her no more I'll see,  
Till I leave this world of sorrow,  
And go Home with her to be.

She gave us no word of warning,  
Neither did she say good-bye,  
But I expect some day to meet her  
Just beyond the dark blue sky.

There I'll meet with all my loved ones,  
There where parting is no more;  
There to be with my dear Savior  
On that bright and golden shore.

Oh, that day is quickly coming  
When our lives will be at stake,  
And our sins may not be any,  
Yet they might be very great.

But I know if we are ready,  
And our hearts with God are one—  
He will say when we are judged,  
That our work has been well done.

— Evelyn Davis.

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“Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.” Prov. 23: 22.

## True Zeal

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Let us take heed we do not sometimes call that zeal for God and His gospel which is nothing else but our own tempestuous and stormy passion. True zeal is a sweet, heavenly, and gentle flame, which maketh us active for God, but always within the sphere of love. It never calls for fire from heaven to consume those that differ a little from us in their apprehensions. It is like that kind of lightning (which the philosophers speak of) that melts the sword within, but singeth not the scabbard; it strives to save the soul, but hurteth not the body. True zeal is a loving thing, and makes us always active to edification, and not to destruction. If we keep the fire of zeal within the chimney, in its own proper place, it never doth any hurt—it only warmeth, quickeneth, and enliveneth us; but if once we let it break out, and catch hold of the thatch of our flesh, and kindle our corrupt nature, and set the house of our body on fire, it is no longer zeal, it is no heavenly fire—it is a most destructive and devouring thing. True zeal is an *ignis lambens*, a soft and gentle flame, that will not scorch one's hand; it is no predatory or voracious thing: but carnal or fleshly zeal is like the spirit of gunpowder set on fire, that tears and blows up all that stands before it. True zeal is like the vital heat in us that we live upon, which we never feel to be angry or troublesome; but though it gently feeds upon the radial oil within us, that sweet balsam of our natural moisture, yet it lives lovingly with it, and maintains that by which it is fed; but that other furious and dis-tempered zeal is nothing else but a fever in the soul.

— R. Cudworth.

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### The Fellowship

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To all the readers of Faith and Victory, greetings in the one Body of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am thankful to God for the harmony and true fellowship we have with God and each other in the Church of the Living God. We read in 1 John 1: 7, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” This is the only true fellowship given to man, and it is found only of them that will walk in the light of God's Word. We read in 1 John 1: 6, “If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, (not in the light of God's Word) we lie and do not the truth.”

Satan's kingdom is a kingdom of darkness and sin. God's kingdom is a kingdom of light and righteousness. We read in Col. 1: 13, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

Dear ones, let us be thankful to God, for in this kingdom of peace we have power and victory over all the works of darkness and sin of this world. We are reigning by one Christ Jesus; thank God. Listen to His blessed Words in John 8: 12, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me (not the doctrines of man) shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." If all who profess to be followers of Jesus would only follow Him in His teaching, as He is the greatest teacher this world has ever known, He would enlighten our spiritual minds to understand the Word of God. Then we all could see eye to eye the wonderful things of God. Yes, if we would take only Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, for our Leader and Teacher, we would have but one fold—the Church of God. His Church is called throughout the Bible, the tabernacle, the temple, the kingdom of God, Mount Zion, New Jerusalem, as we read in Heb. 12: 22, 23, "But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and Church of the first-born which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all and to the spirits (or souls) of just men made perfect."

We get into the Church of God only by a spiritual birth. When we have received the Holy Spirit, then we are in harmony with God, the angels and all the saints in heaven and earth. Here is where true fellowship is found. True fellowship has always existed in God's kingdom, as we read in Eph. 3: 9, 10, "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God." The next verse says, that the mystery of the hidden fellowship might be known by the Church (not churches) the manifold wisdom of God. These words were written by Paul, a former persecutor of Jesus and His Church. He was then out of harmony with God and the Church of God. He had no fellowship with God or His Church. His sins had fixed a great gulf between him and Jesus and His Church, but when the light from heaven shined in him and showed up his sinful ways, he walked in that light. John 1: 9, that was the true light which lightens every man that cometh into the world. When his sins were gone, the great gulf that was fixed between Paul and Jesus was also bridged over. When he got in harmony

with God, he had sweet fellowship with the Church of God, where also he found fellowship with him. In this blessed kingdom of peace, true harmony and fellowship is found only. Remember, dear ones, we find this true fellowship only by walking in the light as He is in the light. Read 2 Cor. 6: 14 -17.

Anyone that is standing for the old-time truth that is living near me, please write to me, as I would like to see all I can of God's true saints. You can be a great help to me. May the blessed Shepherd of the sheep lead us all until we meet in heaven. Pray for me.

Your Bro. in the one body of Christ Jesus, —Geo. W. Frye, Rock Creek, Ohio R. F. D. 1.

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### BE GUIDED BY HIS EYE

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The world today as sinful people is traveling faster and getting further away from God and godliness than ever before. When we note the rich, gaudy, ungod-like clothing they wear, we are forcibly impressed that they care nothing about God and the truth of His Word.

The sad part of it is, that many who name the name of Christ are, more or less, patterning after them and do not show much respect for the teachings of Christ who was the "chief Corner Stone", and the apostles who were "pillars in the Church". Jesus taught against worldly dress, and rich adorning very impressively in the sixteenth chapter of St. Luke. One of the marks of ungod-likeness which Jesus mentions is that, "he was clothed in purple and fine linen." He goes on telling about this man's end: "He died and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments." To the spiritual minded and those who have much love for God and desire to keep a tender conscience toward God, this is a very strong lesson against worldly dress and rich adorning, and should not be lightly thought of by lovers of truth.

The subject of dress in these last days is very much taught upon, because the enemy is using this way of drifting so many souls away from God and the humble, plain life which is so conducive to spirituality. Some folks remind me of a naughty boy that has no respect and very little love for his mother. When she tells him to do a thing, he will pay very little attention to her, and she has to tell him five or six times before he will move to obey. It should not be necessary for God to repeat over and over again in His Word to get those that love Him to obey.

The Psalmist David being moved by the Holy Ghost spake and said, "I will instruct thee, and teach



thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Just a look from the Master's eye should be sufficient for a loving, humble, obedient child of God. In the next verse he says, "Be not as the horse or the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in by bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee." It is very grievous and heart-saddening to see souls leaning to worldly dress and ways. "The little foxes spoil the vines." If we resist the little things all the time, the greater sins will not be committed.

When a preacher who is drifting with the world comes among a congregation and preaches some "soft soap" doctrine, you will notice that there will usually be one here and there that likes that preaching and preacher, and will say by their actions, if not by word, "That is my preacher". Saints, there are many of those "soft soap" preachers in the world today that want to be your preacher, and they know just about how to preach to catch you. The safest place is to stay as far away from the world as you can, so you will not be caught. James, who was a "pillar in the Church of God", said: "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Let us keep separated from the world in spirit, and we will not care to dress like them and show friendship in this way.

— Fred Pruitt.

## Extracts From Our Mail

A Brother in Nebraska, who has been greatly helped by reading the literature, writes us in part, "I thank God that Jesus prayed 'that they all may be one.' " John 17: 21.

"I am also praising God for your work there for the furtherance of the Kingdom and for His glory. I am sending you five dollars: two dollars for twelve copies of your paper to be sent to my address; two dollars for ten subscriptions for the paper to other addresses; one dollar as a free-will offering to the work, and may God bless you as He has made it a blessing to us." We appreciate very much the co-operation in the printing work in this cheerful way. God alone can and will reward this Brother.

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A pastor living in Calif. sends us five dollars to be used for the poor and needy. His congregation shared this offering with him, and he says that they do not have so much, yet are willing to share it with needy

saints. The Lord will bless and reward those who have a care for their less-favored Brothers and Sisters. Grandma Spradling, an aged saint whom we are caring for, is out of funds and help for her will be much appreciated. He that giveth, let him do it cheerfully as unto the Lord.

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A Brother and Sister writes us from New York state, and they are greatly blessed of God who cares for them daily. They write in part, "A little while back I read of a Brother who had been out of work and because God found work for him, he gave a few weeks' wages to the Lord's cause. When I read it I thought, if God would let my girl get work, I sure would give two weeks' of the first to Him. It was laid on my heart, and I told my husband to give you ten dollars and the rest to a mission for the Jews. Oh, how happy I feel to be able to give unto Him who has done so much for us. He has told us that 'our bread and water is sure,' and I surely have proved Him this last winter. I prayed each day for God to give us work; sometimes it has been only two hours, but enough to get food for that day."

The Lord blessed this Sister and Brother in sending the ten dollars and blessed us in receiving it, as we had been praying to Him for some much needed means. God's work will move on in spite of human reasonings and compromising folks, or backsliding fault-finders.

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We are also in receipt of a letter from a Brother living in Pa. who has loosened from all earthly ties and formal church organizations, and is preaching the unadulterated gospel. The Lord is blessing his labors and souls are being added to the fold. Another Brother writes from that state, and says how greatly he enjoys reading the Faith and Victory paper, and he is going to do all he can to get subscribers for the paper. We are glad to know that souls are separating from the world and swinging out upon the promises of God. The Lord is stronger than the strongest of men, yes, and even companies of men. He is "Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." Let Him be your governor, ruler, wisdom and righteousness.

A Sister living in Texas is very much blessed in reading the paper, and she sends three dollars; one dollar for subscribers for the Faith and Victory paper and the other two for the furtherance for the work. She is zealous for the cause of Christ and is doing what she can. May God richly bless her.

A letter came from Calif containing five dollars for Grandma Spradling. The Sister writing has been taking the paper for many years, and said she felt like she knew us. She is seventy-three years old, and recently has had a nervous breakdown and she asks us to earnestly pray for her. The five dollars was much welcomed for Grandma, as we have been short on means for her for several months. God will certainly bless and reward those who think of this dear old soul. The county pays ten dollars a month on her keep, and if we are not able to make up the rest, they will send her to the county farm, and we feel sure that she would only live a very short time there. She has to be cared for as a baby, and we know she would not get this attention in that place. May God richly bless those who think of this dear aged saint.

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A Sister in La. writes that she can still report victory over old Satan and that Christ is all and in all to her.

She renewed her subscription to the Faith and Victory and sent in three other names. She enclosed \$1.15, and also wanted 25 Scripture Verse Envelopes.

She has been a correspondent for a long time and seems never to relax in her zeal for the furtherance of the cause of Christ. There are some today a good deal like John Bunyan—the further they get on the journey, the more fire and holy zeal in the soul.

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The hand of the Lord was seen this morning when the mail-carrier came with the mail. With the letters he also brought two packages which contained type and some other supplies for the shop which we needed and had ordered. There was \$4.13 yet due on the packages. We did not have the money in our pocket to pay the C. O. D. fees. The first letter we opened contained a five-dollar bill, sent to us for the work from a Brother living in Kansas. We took the five and turned it over to the mail-carrier for the charges on the type and strip borders. Thus the hand of the Lord was seen in supplying our need on short notice. These experiences are very precious to the trusting child of God and encourages their hearts to know that God sees and cares. This Brother, perhaps, never thought how much needed that five was here at the shop, but the Lord did and He moved on him to send it just in time. Our God is worthy of all praise, honor and glory. We walk by faith; not by sight, neither by feelings, but real faith helps us to see things and feel things, spiritually speaking. So, on we go; the prize at the end of the race is the great and important

thing. Our faith is anchored within the veil. Glory! Hallelujah!

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Denton, Md.—Dear saints: Raymond (my husband) receives your little papers; we enjoy them and he passes them on to others.

I thank our dear heavenly Father for His goodness to us. I am so glad there are a few that are trying to serve Him in the true way. There are so many losing faith these days, and so many going the worldly way after fashion and pleasure. We are poor, but I had rather have our many blessings as we have them than to have the wealth of the world like some. I am willing to work and earn an honest living, and have the blessing of love and goodness on us by our heavenly Father. Oh, how I thank Him for His love, mercy and blessings in many ways.

A Sister in Jesus, — Mrs. R. C. Noble.

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Winslow, Ark.—Dear ones in Christ Jesus: I do praise the good Lord today for all His goodness and tender mercies to me, and for the blood that cleanses from all sin and washes white as snow. I know there is victory through the blood of the Lamb. All the saints who overcome victoriously and have on the wedding garment shall inherit eternal life. Praise the Lord. They shall receive a crown of life which is laid up in heaven for all those who run the race with patience and hold out faithful to the end.

I do want to be found in the number when the redeemed are gathering in and when the saints go marching home. Oh, that will be a glorious time, when all those who overcome can praise our heavenly King throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Dear ones, it behoves each of us to walk softly before our Master who is coming very soon. We are living in the evening time of this dispensation. I believe the Gentile age is almost closed. The Word of God teaches us to be sober, vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. But the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and for ever. The enemy always knows just how, when and where to tempt us, and it behoves each of us to keep our eyes and minds centered upon Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. I do want to have on the whole armor of God that I may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6: 11), and that I might be

steadfast and unmovable in His love. Jesus said in his Word, "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man," (Luke 21: 36).

Dear ones, my prayer and my aim is to have on the wedding garment, washed in the blood of the Lamb when Jesus returns for His own. Praise His dear name. I love Him and do want to press on to the mark of the high calling. I want to hear Jesus say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many." Praise His name.

Well, my prayer is that God will bless every effort put forth for Him. I bid you all God's speed.

Yours in the Master's service, — Mrs. Oscar Johnson.

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Chillicothe, Ohio. — My dear Sister Pruitt: With greetings in Jesus' dear matchless name, I write these few lines.

I have never met you, and probably never will on this side of eternity, and still I love you. We shall meet over on the golden shore; yes, I am sure we will. Praise the Lord.

As I am in my eighty-seventh year, I realize my race is almost run. Thank the Lord, I am ready to go. I long to be with Jesus where I will see Him face to face, and meet all the dear saints that have gone on before. Praise God for the pure truth to guide us along the way as we journey here below.

An old pilgrim on her happy journey Home,  
— Mrs. Marion Hagely.

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Alma, Mich. — Dear Sister Pruitt: Praise the Lord. It is through His mercy I am still alive and able to write Christian greetings. Surely, the enemy of souls is busy trying to trip or hinder the saints in these last days. I feel like drawing closer to my Lord and be led by His Holy Spirit.

Enclosed is a list of tracts I have checked off that I would like for distribution. People seem to be reading them more than ever before. I believe the unemployment situation has something to do with it. Well, if it takes poverty and suffering to bring people to the truth and righteousness, AMEN!

Please remember me in prayer. God bless and keep you all is my prayer for you.

Yours in Christian fellowship, — Hazel Mann.

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"By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life." Prov. 22: 4.

## LAWFUL; BUT NOT EXPEDIENT

A reader of The Gospel Trumpet asks the following question: "You say it is not right to wear a necktie. I agree with you that a Christian should not wear gold or pearls or costly array, for the Bible expressly forbids that; but I can not see that it is wrong to wear a neat, inexpensive necktie. If this is wrong, why is it not wrong to wear a collar?"

Answer: God's Word is the only standard of right and knowledge of wrong, that we have in this gospel day. The New Testament, of course, is our law. What it plainly teaches, every honest and willing heart gladly accepts, and the life is brought into harmony therewith. There is no difficulty, therefore, in having answered every question with which the Word plainly deals, but there are some things that the Word does not plainly mention, and in such cases we are left to find the right or the wrong in some other way.

It may be said that there are two classes of questions concerning our walk in life. The one class is such as are answered by the plain teaching of the New Testament. The other class is such as are not thus answered. We ask, How may we know the right or the wrong of questions of the latter class? We answer: By the tenor of the New Testament law; the Holy Spirit, who has been promised to teach us all things and guide us into all truth; and the sanctified judgment of those who are spiritual. Not only our own individual judgment, but that of all the spiritual ones who, after careful counsel and waiting upon God, may safely depend upon the Holy Spirit to make clear, by the tenor of the teachings of the Word, every question pertaining to our walk in life. With this threefold means of guidance, each being in perfect harmony with the other, we may be sure of knowing what is God's will in everything.

### SOME THINGS IN THEMSELVES NOT WRONG.

There are some things, that in themselves, might not be wrong, but might be the means of some wrong effect. They are not mentioned in the Word of God and therefore not forbidden, and yet, in the light of spiritual knowledge, we have no difficulty to determine the true propriety and our liberty of action in such things. There are few—perhaps none—of us but that have done some things which in themselves could not have been wrong, but they did not produce a good result. Some one else was affected by what we did, which, if we had known of such result before, we should not have done it. We thereby gain a knowledge of the law of cause and effect, and our exper-

ience and judgment becomes profitable to us and others in all such questions.

#### LAWFUL, BUT NOT EXPEDIENT.

With reference to our personal liberty in things not forbidden in the Word of God, and not, perhaps, even implied by the tenor of the Word, the Word itself gives us a beautiful standard of action, to which if we take heed we may keep safely in the very center of the road. In I Cor. 6: 12 and 10: 23, 24, these words are spoken: "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient (or profitable, margin): all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." Also in Rom. 14: 19, we read: "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and the things wherewith one may edify another."

Measuring our actions by this divine standard, we can not do anything that will not produce a good effect. Our motive must be to edify (build up) in every respect all who may be influenced by our actions. What does not thus minister spiritual profit to others must be refrained from. This is a sacred principle that is worth untold value to every child of God, which, if practised in the fear of God, will be of untold value to many precious souls in helping us to be our brother's keeper.

#### THREE QUESTIONS.

If we were to first ask ourselves these questions before doing anything of the nature of propriety, we could often avoid some undesirable results. 1. What prompts the action? 2. What spiritual profit will there be in the action? 3. How will it affect others?

There are many pros and cons that appeal to us, especially when we yield to our intellectual reasoning, but as we carefully measure every thing by the spiritual standard, not forgetting the threefold means of guidance, our intellectual reasonings will yield to the spiritual reasonings, and the action can be easily determined. If we live, walk, and are filled with the Spirit, there will be no trouble in keeping the victory over the reasonings of our humanity.

#### CONCERNING THE WEARING OF APPAREL.

This is as easily determined as any other question. Where the Word speaks, the question is answered. Where it does not speak in plain precept, we can apply the threefold means of guidance, and the question is satisfactorily answered, and we are safe. The tenor of the Word, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the sanctified judgment of the spiritual, will not lead

astray. What is a necessary article of apparel will be manifest, and all superfluities can be as easily determined. We gladly refrain from wearing anything that only brings us that much nearer the world and adds nothing to comfort or necessity. Wearing a collar large enough and of such material that it protects our coat from the perspiration of the neck, seems to be a matter of convenience, economy, comfort, and cleanliness; but this could not consistently be said of a necktie, which is so generally considered by the world as a necessity, but which is for no other reason than for appearance. It is consistent with the Word of God that we should be clean and neat, but if we were to take the worldly judgment for our standard of neatness, where should we find ourselves?

#### THE LINE OF PROPRIETY MUST BE FOUND

in this matter, and all know assuredly that we cannot find it in the world. We must find it in God, the tenor of His Word, his Holy Spirit, and His Church. Spirituality and plainness of dress have ever walked hand-in-hand—not that plainness will cause spirituality, but spirituality will be characterized by plainness. If we should admit superfluity of any kind, where should we stop? Do we not see the beautiful line on this side of it all? Let the Word, the Spirit, and the Church of God answer. The most dangerous assailant the Church of God has ever had to stand against in all generations, is that of worldly conformity. To yield at this point means to let the enemy in, and the sad result will be, a rapid decline of spirituality and a corresponding increase of worldly pride. God has given his ministry the wisdom to take the stand and keep on this side of the line in the beginning of this reformation, and the world has been made to feel the spiritual power and strength of Zion to the ends of the earth. The standard has not been too high on the line of plainness of dress, and to all whose lives are adorned by the beauty of holiness there is abundant liberty and freedom. After all these years of sweeping victory over all the hosts of darkness, shall we begin to see how far over this line we can go by compromising with human reason? Let the watchmen on the walls, whose vigilance has ever been the protection of Zion, answer.

Does the Spirit of God, who has indeed made Jerusalem a praise in the earth, prompt us to let down the standard, or lift it up?

— J. W. B.

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### Niagara Falls Of Carelessness

Beware! Danger ahead! Stop! Go no farther. Dear friend, you are out on the tide of life. Don't you realize you must be careful! Look at the countless wrecks of life on the rock of "Time enough yet!" Hear the cries of anguish of those lives that have been so careless before you! Just a few short days ago, those souls were on the tide of life too! They also were not careful; they drifted down life's stream past all 'danger' warnings—past the great Light House of heaven, saying, "Oh, there's time enough yet!" The faster they 'drifted' the stronger became the current, until they could not 'pull' against the current! Over the "Falls" they went, down into the 'rapids' never to return!! They're sending their cries of anguish back to warn you! Go back, dear friend, while you can! Soon you will have passed the Light House also, unless you turn back NOW!! See the rocks of "regret, grief and torment" just ahead of you! Turn back, dear soul, turn back while you can! Do you not feel the 'pull' of life's current growing stronger—stronger each day, nay, each hour of your life? Your feeble strength can never aid you or 'save' you from being dashed to death on the "rocks of evil habits, evil companions and iniquity." Gone!! Gone is all hope when you have passed the Light House of heaven. Oh-h-h! The awful screams of those going over the 'Falls of Sin'! Down, down, down you go! Soon your screams will be added to the other—lost souls

Pull in before you pass the 'Light House'! Pull hard!! You will make the shore if you call on Him for strength right NOW, but there is not "plenty of time." The only "plenty of time" you'll have is to spend all eternity in regret and torment. You are sure to see the Light House, for it's a strong Light of Love, Mercy and Pardon, seen from all over the world. It comes straight, strong and clear from the great white Throne of God who "isn't willing that any should perish but that all may have eternal life."

— Harry P. Rager.

### Government Of The Church

Some have gotten the idea that the Church of God had no government at all, or was governed in some way by a haphazard, hit or miss way, but we will show by the help of God that the Church of God has the best government of any institution in the world.

With so sacred a thing that has to do with the souls of men in both the preparation for eternity and

the keeping of its governed in such glorious unity and harmony, God in His wisdom has made ordinances and laws, and placed them both in the Bible and in the hearts of the saints.

Jesus said, "I will build my church," (Matt. 16: 18) and said the gates of hell should not prevail against it. For it to be built up devil-proof here in this wicked world, it must have some strict rules to so govern it as to keep evil spirits out of its workings. Col. 1: 18, "And He is the Head of the body, the Church; who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence." The Church of God is the only thing in the world in which Jesus has the preeminence, because He is the Head, the supreme governing head, its legislative authority giving out His commandments to His subjects.

The prophet's keen vision in looking down thru the annals of time, saw by inspiration the glorious Church of God in perfect working order and said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from hence forth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isa. 9: 6-7.

One of the thoughts the prophet had in view was that the government was on the Lord's shoulder. The seat of government is vested in the Lord himself and rests on Himself, and also it's a government of peace, having both judgment and justice, and every inhabitant of His kingdom is a law-abiding subject. Jesus being the Head, and the government on His shoulder, He is in a position to give out His orders to His followers throughout His entire kingdom.

We come now to the part in which the spirit has much to do with the members of His church or body. As we know the Church is a spiritual church, its members must be spiritual, for God is a Spirit and seeketh such as will worship Him in spirit and truth. John 4: 23. Each member having the Spirit of Christ, it is easy to obey Him and easy to live in harmony with each other. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." 1 Cor. 12: 12. "And He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers, for

the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. 4: 11-12. Notice one thing all the way through, that Jesus is the chief Man of counsel. He makes the apostles, prophets, evangelists and puts them in the Body as it pleases Him, hence no friction in His Body because each functions in his own order as the Spirit leads and directs, for the perfecting of His Body the Church.

The office work of the God-given pastor is to feed the flock of God. Acts 20: 28, "Warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." 1 Thess. 5: 14.

The watchman on the wall must give them warning when he sees danger. Ezek 33: 1. These watchmen must also be so thoroughly in touch with God as to see eye to eye and all speak the same thing, and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us. We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5: 20. An ambassador represents the government that sent him, and that government will back him to the limit so long as he faithfully executes the duties enjoined on him. So it is with the government of Heaven. An ambassador has the power to execute the laws which are infringed on, and should a foreign foe become a traitor or in anyway obstruct justice to his government, he has authority to punish. God's ambassadors, of course, get their authority from Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and are to execute the judgments written with the spirit of love. When the judgments are executed under the dictation of the Spirit of God, they either bind or loose. Matt. 16: 19.

God desires us to know how to behave ourselves in the Church of God. 1 Tim. 3: 15. In the Apostolic days when men sold their possessions to give to the Lord's work, Ananias and wife lied to the Holy Ghost. Were the judgments executed? Most surely; man was only the mouthpiece, but the Holy Spirit backed up his authority.

We do not believe in human legislation, but we do believe in divine authority and Holy Spirit leadings. We believe the Church, as we have proved, is divinely organized under the government of heaven.

There is grave danger on two lines, namely: failing to see that the Church has a government to control its subjects, and in recognition of the same; thus keeping the Church in perfect working order and free from spirits that would hinder. The other danger is in adding laws to that which God already has and

causing men and women to get out of God's divine order, trying to assist God or working for their own selfish interests.

All the officers in the Church of God are subject to the will of God, and tarry before God until He speaks. None dare move on their own leadings or feelings. In all things the Spirit of God is the Counselor, Adviser and Executive and His subjects are subject to His orders on all lines.

There are three different departments of government: legislative, judicial and executive. While God uses men and women for His ambassadors, they work in harmony with divine instructions.

God made the laws, and so framed them to cover the entire Body, and cause each to work in perfect harmony with God and with each other.

The judicial part also belongs to God, so making His laws that each one may receive justice and judgment impartially; God knowing their hearts.

The executive power also is the office work of the Spirit of God, vested in man for the work of God to protect His Body from different evil spirits and false doctrines. The part that man has to do is to listen to God and when He speaks man obeys, carrying out the orders issued from the headquarters of heaven.

As God sets the members in the Body as it pleases Him, no one should ever try to fill the place of another as long as the one called can understand the voice of the call to duty. The duties of the officers in the Church from the very beginning are made clear if we live close enough to God to hear His still, small voice, because God talks to each one on the lines of his calling.

— E. M. Zinn.

## Too Many Prophets

This morning as I sit reading, meditating and musing over the general conditions of our present day, observing the signs of the times, beholding the gross wickedness which has spread over our land and country in the last few years, and not only just lately but all down through the annals of time, yet more especially since the World War, a question arises in my mind. What is causing all of this? I said, Lord, why is it thus? The answer came to me like this: too many prophets. Then my mind was directed to the scripture in Judges 7: 2, "And the Lord said unto Gideon, the people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, mine own hand hath saved me." By reading on you will

find that Gideon sent back twenty-two thousand that were fearful and afraid. The Lord continued to talk to Gideon and said, "The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, this shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, this shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink." So there were only three hundred that stood the test, and the Lord delivered the Midianites into the hands of these three hundred. The Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude.

May we get a good thought in this. You will notice that God knew that, if all the host of Israel went down and destroyed that company of Midianites, they would get it into their heads and hearts to say, look what we (I) did. So it is now in these awful perilous times; too many, too many! We notice that God can use none but the obedient ones. Note carefully that God told Gideon to set those that lappeth like a dog by themselves, and send the disobedient back home. Brethren, here is one thing that very often happens when the Lord says, tell them to go back home. Instead of going back home and stay till they can become obedient, they go off and join another company (sect) and ruin the whole thing; get right in the company of enemies and spoil the work by being an enemy in their disobedience, running where they are not sent. Read in Jer. 23: 19- 23 regarding certain prophets whom the Lord had not sent. They had not stood in the council of the Lord. They were too many prophets. Now, I don't mean of the right kind, but the kind that destroy and scatter the sheep. You should read the whole chapter. Beloved reader, please consider carefully, prayerfully and wisely the lesson in the 11th and 12th verses. What is the trouble? Too many prophets! They speak a vision of their own heart and not out of the mouth of the Lord. God said, "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, (different kinds of sects) and let us serve them; (such as straight-jackets, fanaticisms, compromisers, sin-you-

must, sin-you-will, those that once were in the way and now gone out of the way, pickers, fault-finders, and deceivers) thou shalt not hearken unto that prophet or that dreamer: (he is one too many) for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." Deut. 13: 1- 3. "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." (Deut. 18: 15, Acts 3: 22; 7: 37).

Beloved reader, don't get mistaken and think that I mean that there are too many God-called prophets (ministers). No, the time has never been when there were too many of them, but there has been and is now too many of the false kind, and they are increasing more and more, but the God-called kind are diminishing rapidly. This world is full of false prophets, and wherever a true minister (prophet) of God is, there is also a host of false ones, and they are hindering

Very often we hear people say, why is there so much wickedness? Dear reader, no doubt you have said it. It is very easily seen and understood, especially if you are spiritually minded. Here is a positive truth: too many false prophets. Well, says some, who is responsible? My beloved reader, from the Pope at Rome down to the smallest sect preacher is responsible for it, including also every saint minister who has compromised with them and continued to do so to the end of his days, and all that are now. Dear reader, this is plain but is said with love. One great trouble with us ministers in the past, we have been too mealy-mouthed; afraid we would hurt some one's feelings when God had given us the message He wanted us to deliver. Let me say also, that the work has been hindered many times because we were too tender-footed to tell the people what God said to tell them. I'll tell you, dear brethren, we need some of the boldness that Peter had when he told Ananias and Saphira of their condition and doom. We can do these things with the same love and boldness that Peter did. Brethren, I have decided to preach the Word of God regardless of who it hits, but with love. God wants us to use wisdom, but if it hits, just let it alone. Let God take care of the hitting.

Brethren, let us not be in the "too many" class. There are too many false prophets. Jesus warns us to beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (Matt. 7: 15). See Jer. 23: 16, 17; Matt. 24: 4, 5, 11, 24; Mark 13: 22. God tells us what to do. See Rom. 16: 17; Deut. 12: 2; Eph. 5: 6; Col. 2: 8. They

are here the same as they were among the people then, and more. See 2 Peter 2: 1; the Word tells us not to believe them. 1 John 4: 1 and Micah 3: 5, 6 says, the sun shall go down, and the day shall be dark over them. The Word further says, for of this sort are they which creep into houses (at every chance they creep into the Church of God) and lead captive silly women laden with sins; led away with divers lust (2 Tim. 3: 6; Acts 20: 29, 30). There are too many of this kind in the present day.

So now we have proven by the Word of God that there are too many prophets and what kind they are, yet we have many more scriptures to prove more than we have already proven, but we have not the space. We will give here a few more thoughts with texts showing their character and destiny. See Titus 1: 10, "For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: (let's get the definition of vain talkers; 'without real value, empty, worthless, ineffectual') whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert (Diet. -to ruin utterly, to overturn, to pervert) whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's (money) sake." Read 1 Tim. 6: 3-5 and Acts 15: 1-29; notice carefully the 24th verse. They are mentioned in 2 Cor. 11: 13 and we note that to this class God has destined that their end shall be according to their works. What is their works? It is destroying. Please note and read carefully Micah 3: 5-7 concerning the prophets. Then note the heads of the house of Israel, the priests and prophets (Micah 3: 11). There is a 'woe' pronounced upon the following, the foolish (false) prophets, (Ezek. 13: 3-9) and the women prophets (verses 17-23). Jeremiah says, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush (Jer. 6: 15). Read their doom (Rev. 20: 10). There is a 'woe' upon the teachers of lies (Hab. 2: 18, 19). See 2 Pet. 2: 1; false shepherds. Isa. 56: 9-12; their woe. Zech. 11: 17; the pastors. Jer. 10: 21; their kind. Ezek. 34: 2, Jer. 23: 1. Find their doom in Rev. 21: 8; 20: 14, 15.

Dear beloved reader, if you are of this class, wake up now. Dear brethren, let us stir up the gifts that are in us. See 2 Tim. 1: 6. If it is from God, it is a good gift, a perfect gift (James 1: 17).

— C. M. Hicks.

## A New Version

Get up, get up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the Cross;  
A lazy Sunday morning

Means certain harm and loss;  
The Church bell calls to worship,  
In duty be not slack—  
Ye cannot fight the good fight  
By lying on your back.

Get up, get up for Jesus;  
It was the Saviour's way  
To rise up in the morning  
Before the break of day,  
To seek the lonely mountain  
Where man's foot rarely trod,  
And in the dawn's clear brightness  
To spend an hour with God.

Get up, get up for Jesus—  
It is not much to ask;  
He might with every reason  
Demand a heavier task;  
If Christians on a week-day  
Begin their work at seven,  
They surely could on Sunday  
Start worship at eleven.

Get up, get up for Jesus;  
The power of sloth is strong,  
But if you want to do it,  
The strife will not be long;  
You may be tired with toiling,  
Yet love will stand the test;  
To all who come through weary,  
He gives a better rest.

— Selected.

## I WANT AMONG THAT NUMBER

I want among that number  
That John saw coming down,  
Flying like a mighty City;  
Don't you hear the joyful sound?  
It's the heavenly Bridegroom coming—  
The golden day has dawned;  
Is the Bride robed and ready,  
Waiting, ready to be crowned.

Yes, the Wife will be united  
In marriage to the Lamb,  
And dwell in that fair City  
Of the New Jerusalem.  
Long her Husband has been absent,  
Preparing mansions there  
For a long and happy union,  
When they meet up in the air.

— W. E. Spencer, Yukon, Okla.