

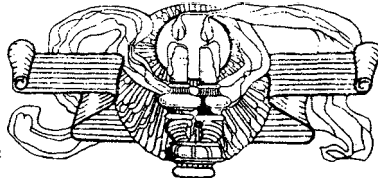
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The Great Physician

(Luke 19: 10).

How lost was my condition
Till Jesus made me whole!
There is but one Physician
Can cure a sin-sick soul.
Next door to death He found me,
And snatched me from the grave,
To tell to all around me
His wondrous power to save.

The worst of all diseases
Is light compared with sin;
On every part it seizes,
But rages most within;
'Tis palsy, plague, and fever,
And madness—all combined;
And none but a believer,
The least relief can find.

From men, great skill professing,
I sought a cure to gain;
But this proved more distressing,
And added to my pain.
Some said that nothing ailed me,
Some gave me up for lost;
Thus every refuge failed me,
And all my hopes were crossed.

And at length this great Physician,
How matchless is His grace,
Accepted my petition,
And understood my case;
First gave me sight to see Him—
For sin my eyes had sealed—
Then bid me look unto Him,
I looked and I was healed.

A dying, risen Jesus,
Seen by the eye of faith,
At once from danger frees us,
And saves the soul from death;
Come, then to this Physician,
His help he'll freely give;
He makes no hard condition,
To Jesus—look and live!

*Selected by C. S. Wyatt, from an old-time (1869)
song book.*

The Want of Love To God

It was not the love of God the Jews sought supremely; it was their own glory, their proud supremacy as the favoured race of heaven. And yet they professed to have the love of God in their hearts. At least, they bound on forehead, neck, and arm, in writing on scrolls, those precepts of the law which gave love the first place (Deut. 6: 4- 9, 13- 22, etc); and the Pharisees especially made conspicuous the frontlet case containing those scrolls (Matt. 23: 5). But our Lord saw that those outward declarations did not express any inward truth. Their hearts were destitute of the love they outwardly professed. And as the love of God was not in them, how could they recognize it when it came to them in Christ? Those among them who truly had that love did not fail to recognize the witness of God to Christ (Nathanael, Nicodemus, etc). But in those in whom the love of the world reigned the love of God was shut out. So is it, so must it ever be. The consequence of this want of love to God leads to the second reason—

THE MISTAKING THE CHIEF END OF MAN. The chief purpose of man's creation, the end of his being, is the divine glory. There can be no higher aim. All our life and all its actions should be directed to this end (1 Cor. 10: 31). But they who have no love to God in their hearts do not and cannot, so long as they remain in this state, glorify God in their lives, although

God, who makes the wrath of men praise Him, can make even those loveless lives redound to His honor. How different was it with Christ! He, being in the form of God, deemed not His equality with God a thing to be grasped at, but emptied Himself, taking upon Him the form of a servant, etc. (Phil. 2: 6-11). And He sought not glory from men, but from His Father (17: 5, etc.). No wonder, then, that the Jews did not perceive the glory of that life to which Jesus sought to win them, since their desire was for an outward, visible, personal glory, and the *divine glory* only as it could come to pass *that way*. The glory of Christ lay in what seemed the reverse of glory—in His humility (13: 3, 4), in His cross (17: 4), in His self-sacrificing love, in His obedience unto death (Phil. 2: 8, 9). And in His life of obedience Christ was men's example (1 Pet. 2: 11-25).

This want of love to God and mistaking of the end of life led finally to *their rejection of the elder revelation and of Him who was its fulfillment*. Jesus came not to judge the world, but to save it, in His life on earth. Therefore He said, "Do not think that I will accuse you," etc. (ver. 45). It was enough to point out that, however vehemently they claimed Moses as their guide and professed to follow him, they entirely missed or rejected the very aim and end of the Mosaic economy. The divine righteousness and glory are the purpose for which the law was established. (Rom. 2) But the Jews failed miserably in their interpretation and observance of the law (Rom. 2: 23), and thus failed to grasp its purpose (Rom. 2: 29). Above all, they failed to see that the end of the law could be reached only through that substance which its shadowy types and its predictions foretold (ver. 46). *Moses* wrote of Christ. The *Thorah* is here ascribed to Moses personally, and the reference is to that special promise (Deut. 18: 18) for whose fulfillment the Jews professed to be waiting, and as a preparation for which the types and ceremonies of the law were instituted (Col. 2: 17). Thus, not seeing the end or purpose of the law, how could they understand Him who came to fulfill the law? These men had reproached Jesus with breaking the law; He showed them that they did not even understand the law.

A mere unenlightened reception of Scripture, without spiritually guided searching of it, is not sufficient (1 Cor. 2: 14). The elder Revelation agrees with the new Revelation of Christ. *Novum Testamentum in Vetere latet, vetus Testamentum in Novo patet*. The rejection of the elder Revelation must inevitably lead to the rejection of the new. The word of

God in Old Testament and New will remain a sealed book to those who have no true love of God in their hearts, and who seek merely their own honour and glory. The true end of human existence is hidden from them; hence they reject that word which reveals it, and that Saviour who came to exemplify it and make it possible for men. — W. Frank Scott.

Be Ye Holy

Thus saith the Lord: "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Holiness is the only attribute of God that He requires man to attain to. He does require this. Indeed, we cannot enter heaven without it. It is the only condition of soul that will pass current at the gate of heaven, for without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

Praise God! through the efficacy of the precious blood of Christ we can have our hearts cleansed from sin. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 Jno. 1: 9.

Heaven would not be a holy place if the unholy were permitted to enter there. God grants us the blessed privilege of attaining unto holiness. It is to 'whosoever will.' "God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Acts 10: 34, 35. The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land.

By gladly receiving God's Word and obeying it, He gives us a faith that works by love and purifies the heart. If the fountain is pure, the stream will be pure also. The natural outcome of a pure heart is a holy life—holy in life and in all manner of conversation. A good tree bringeth forth good fruit. From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. By our words we shall be justified or condemned, and we must give account of every idle word. We honor God by using sound speech that cannot be condemned, without jesting or foolish talking, but rather giving of thanks. "Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever." Ps. 93: 5.

The effect of Bible holiness is to bring in the oneness of God's children, and it answers the prayer of our blessed Savior; as He prayed for His followers to be sanctified through the truth, that they might be one as the Father and the Son are one—even perfect in one, that the world might believe. (See Jno. 17).

We read in Dan. 2 of the kingdom that God has set up that shall never be destroyed, prefigured by a stone Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, that was cut out without hands and became a great mountain and filled

the whole earth. In the seventh chapter it says the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. God set up this kingdom when Christ built the church, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. It is impregnable; for it is founded on the Rock of Ages. It is the pillar and ground of the truth. God will have a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. It shall be holy and without blemish. We all have the blood-bought privilege of being a member of God's church, by repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; for in Christ is plenteous redemption. He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

Grace, peace and love be multiplied unto all the saints of God, that they may feel the weight of precious souls, speak the truth in love, live holy lives, and serve God in the beauty of holiness. Amen.

— Cedella M. Eddy.

Are You Diseased?

Webster says disease means mental or physical disorder. It is speaking of this fleshly body and mind. We cannot be healthy and at the same time be diseased. We also know that we can carry the germ of different diseases. We take a very close precaution not to scatter or spread disease. A few years back, while employed by a certain company, there were some laws which I had to obey, as at that time a certain contagion in the country made it needful for each and every one to be very careful to disinfect each time before going on duty, so that every germ would be killed.

The same thing will apply spiritually. One great spiritual disease is gossip. God's work tells us to lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race which is set before us. Heb. 12:1. If gossip is your besetting sin, lay it aside. Idle words and words of no profit are in the same catalogue and this is what God's word says: "Shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase unto more ungodliness and their word will eat as doth a canker." 2 Tim. 2:16, 17. Let's be very careful not to help spread any disease among God's people. It is very true that the devil is shooting out his poison opiates to disease and poison God's children. But God wants us to use disinfectant which is the Holy Ghost to burn out and kill the germ of gossip from among his people. The Holy Ghost is the best brand of disinfectant I can recommend for a child of God.

One great reason why God's people are failing to

be more healthful is because they fail to sanctify the Lord God in their hearts. Oh, how some like to talk about this and about that, and things that are of no profit. After conversion they fail to tarry or seek after this great work in their heart, God's sanctifying grace. A scripture in 1 Pet. 1:22,23, "Seeing you have purified yourselves in obeying the truth, through the truth, through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently". We need more pure hearts.

Let's do not be germ carriers. A sister may ask, "Where were you last Monday"? Answer, "I went out to sew". The next week, we hear, "Did you hear about Sister J. going to the show?" By this time these words about being at the show have been exchanged from one to another until several have been affected by the disease that one person has started. One word misunderstood may cause the disease of many. Jesus said the words which I speak are not mine but the Father which sent me. In Phil. 1:27, the word of God tells us, "Only let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ". Do you not think the Holy Ghost, the love of God planted in our heart, would teach us better what to say than those words which would tend to hinder spiritual progress? Love worketh no ill to his neighbor. Rom. 13:16. He that keepeth his mouth, keepeth his life, but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction." Prov. 13:3. Another scripture in Prov. 16:8. "A froward man soweth strife and a whisper separateth chief friends". Also in James 1:26, "If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

If you are sick with this terrible disease of gossip, God has a cure for you. "The blood will work a perfect cure, will cleanse the heart and keep it pure, the precious blood of Jesus". It will pay us to seek God for the abiding comforter, the Holy Ghost, to teach us and help us to know what to say. "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Rom. 14:19.

Your Brother for a clean way, — Clarence Miles.

REVIVAL MEETING NOTICE

There will be a revival at the Church of God chapel, corner of Naomi and Walnut Sts., Los Angeles Calif., beginning Oct. 11th at 7:45 p. m.

We ask the prayers of all God's people in behalf of this meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

— Emily Turner, 1130 E. 41 St.

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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

As this issue of *Faith and Victory* goes forth, it will be circulating out to many new subscribers, and we wish to extend a hearty welcome to you as one in whom we have an interest. We are interested in every soul of man. When God saved us He put a love and care in our soul for others, and we became intensely interested in getting the truth of the gospel to men. We have put all our means, time and talent in His service. We soon found that the printed page was a great opportunity of getting the truth to the souls of men, and thus we have labored for years in this work, having sent out hundreds of thousands of tracts and papers which contain messages either for the unsaved or the saved. The larger part is sent out free and the other at less than cost. If it was not for God moving on the hearts of our readers to send free-will offerings to the work, we would soon go bankrupt and have to close up the shop. But thanks be unto God who is faithful and will not deny those who have faith in Him. Many, many times we have been reduced to just a few cents and a large expense staring us in the face, but God has always made a way as we moved in His fear. Just recently we purchased a case of paper on which to print tracts, costing us nearly fifty dollars. We had no money in sight to pay for the paper, but many tracts were out of stock and folks were sending in orders for them. We felt pressed in the Spirit to get the paper and print the tracts; the paper house gave us thirty days time on it. We have printed over eighty thousand tracts. The Lord has sent in nearly enough money to pay half the bill, and we are expecting the balance before it is due. We are giving our life to this work and assure you that we need your prayers and co-operation in any way and manner that God leads and directs you. We are careful with the means that God trusts to our care and use it with heaven-sought wisdom in the work of the Lord. A number of years ago we became very much discouraged in the printing work, and was fasting and praying, seeking the mind of the Lord what to do. He spoke to our soul and said, "Go ahead with the work." We obeyed His voice and it has encouraged us to bear up under all the hardships and oppressing times that are allotted to us in this printing work.

A tract or paper can go where a man could not go; it makes no apology but boldly tells the gospel story to both rich and poor. Each of our readers can help get the gospel to others by handing out a tract or paper, or sending one in a letter, and by sending means to the "free literature fund" which will enable us to print

and send to those who are unable to pay. Personal checks will be accepted, or Money Orders can be sent; some just send bills in the letters. That is a safe way if you have our address written plainly and your return address on envelope. Amounts less than a dollar can be sent in postage stamps, as we use a large amount of postage in mailing out letters and packages of tracts and papers; we use many five, eight and ten-cent stamps. We are not much afraid of the Lord permitting money to be lost enroute to this free gospel work. neither do we believe that God will let one go hungry and naked who is sacrificing to give means to spread the gospel, which means the salvation of souls. When you seek the face of our heavenly Father in prayer, remember us also.

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Sanctification is a Bible doctrine, and it is for believers now as much as it was in the early morning Church. We set ourselves apart for God's sacred use, and the Sanctifier, which is the Holy Ghost, comes in and endues with power and gives gifts unto men, qualifies and fits them for soul saving service. The sanctifying grace of God should be taught to believers so that they would go on to perfection. The apostle Paul, who spake as he was moved by the Holy Ghost, said, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." God wills that you be sanctified. Jesus promised the disciples that he would send the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, that he would abide with them forever; said it was the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive. It was not for the world (sinners) but for believers. Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Every believer should be sanctified in order to be one with God and one with one another. What God judges is right for us to do, we should do and not seek to please ourselves in no matter, but do always to glorify our Creator.

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Divine healing is a Bible doctrine. God has always healed his people and always will when they call upon Him in faith believing. In the days of old God told the Israelite people, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26. We find all through the Bible, even before Christ came, that God healed His people. When Christ came we find His ministry filled up with healings, even to the raising of the dead, and in Acts it records the many miracles of healings that were wrought by the apostles who had faith in Christ. The gift of healing has never been withdrawn from His people, and James gives us a rule of procedure when we are sick. He says, "Is any sick among you,

let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name (or interest) of the Lord and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." Those who are falling away and losing faith in God, sooner or later will begin to use remedies and call doctors, proving by this that they are losing faith in God.

There are very few that go very far into compromise who ever get free from it. They may back up for a little time in outward appearance, but soon you find them going with it again, wresting the scriptures to justify themselves in it. Compromisers gain favor with men and are gratified with "filthy lucre" but lose favor with God. Many in these days are selling their birthright for a mess of pottage. Brethren, it need not be you or me. Christ will make us stand if we watch and pray. Remember, we are going to be a tried people. God often permits us to become attached to able and seemingly well-balanced ministers. They begin to compromise and go wrong in some small ways, then the test comes for us to reprove and resist this spirit which is working in our brother to destroy him, and us, too, if we follow him. Read the thirteenth chapter of Deuteronomy and get some light from God's word on this subject.

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Sister Verta O'Raine of California is now helping us in the work, running the tract folder and doing other work in the office, also she has taken some lessons in operating the linotype. She is only a young lady of eighteen years, but we are expecting her to settle down in the work and make a good helper, as she likes the printing work. My daughters are going to school now and can only help after school hours and on Saturdays.

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Head faith is a very weak thing and will not accomplish very much. There are many, many people that have head faith and head salvation. Heart faith is very strong, and those possessing it will accomplish great things for God. Heart salvation is a changed heart and brings joy and assurance to the possessor. Those who possess only head salvation are deceived souls. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10.

There is a verse of scripture in the seventh chapter of Deut. and the 17th verse that gives us some knowledge how that God requires faith in the heart that He may show Himself strong in man's behalf. "If thou shalt say in thine heart, these nations are

more than I; how can I dispossess them?" We who have Christ in our hearts should remember that He is greater than all. We should not be afraid but boldly come to God in time of need, knowing that God who is with us is greater than all those who are against us, no matter how strong naturally they may seem to be. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." 1 John 4: 4. God is stronger than the greatest of companies, God is stronger than the greatest of men, God is stronger than all other spirits, and God is stronger than all afflictions and diseases. We who have Christ in our souls should count it so and boldly go forth in His strength, and God will work and show Himself strong in our behalf. Paul said: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." We should not limit the Holy One of Israel. How can God work if we think in our heart that other things are stronger than He?

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Jesus says: "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, (earthly things) who will commit to your trust the true riches" (heavenly things) Luke 16: 11. Many other things He said which is recorded in this chapter.

"And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided Him" 14th verse.

Jesus said in 8th verse: "The children of this world (carnal-minded people) are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (saved people). The carnal-minded people are laboring hard, watching, striving and seeking every way possible to lay up earthly treasures. On the other hand, we see many who claim to be in light that are very slowful about using their time, strength or means in a way to lay up treasures in heaven. Therefore, the children of this world are wiser according to their knowledge of riches.

"Many are called; but few are chosen." The ones whom God will choose to dwell with Him in the glory world are the ones who prove faithful to Him in this life. "He that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 10: 22. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2: 10

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The rejection of God's redeeming love involves man in the deepest guilt and condemnation.

Obituary

Mary Catherine Worthwine, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Worthwine, was born October 8, 1858 at St. Joseph, Missouri. Died, September 17, 1931; age

72 year, 11 months and 9 days.

Her father, Philip Worthwine, came to the United States from Germany and settled at St. Joseph, Missouri at an early date, and was united in marriage to her mother, Elizabeth Stumpff, who was a native of Kentucky. At the age of seven years, Sister Taylor's mother died leaving her with the responsibility of caring for younger children of the family. She grew to womanhood at St. Joseph, Missouri and on November 7, 1875 she was united in marriage to Hiram Taylor at Savannah, Missouri.

To this union fourteen children were born. In 1889 Bro. and Sister Taylor came to Oklahoma and settled on a homestead five miles southeast of Guthrie. They together shared the hardships and privations of pioneer homestead life, rearing a large family of sons and daughters, twelve of whom remain with us to this day.

Sister Taylor was a very devout Christian woman. Over twenty-five years ago, she with Brother Taylor and a number of the family were saved and became affiliated with the Church of God at Guthrie, Okla.

She has left to mourn her loss; her husband, Hiram Taylor, and her children; Thomas, Arthur, Jack, Jewel, and Sam Taylor of Guthrie, and her daughters; Mrs. Andrew Schneider, Purcell, Oklahoma, Mrs. Fred Perry and Mrs. Charley Ramsey of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Fred Phillips, Ponca City, Oklahoma, Mrs. Albert Keispert, Mrs. Ed. Mahnke and Mrs. Arthur Mahnke of Guthrie, and one sister and two brothers; Mrs. Rache Ringer, Mr. William Worthwine, Mr. Joe Lilliger all of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Beside these she is survived by forty-two grand children and eight great grand children and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by W. H. Shoot. Text, St. John 17: 4.

OBITUARY

Bertha Sipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bush, was born Nov. 14, 1864 and passed from this life July 1, 1931; age 66 years, 7 months and 16 days.

In August 1885 she was united in marriage to Noah Sipes who passed on before her about a year and a half ago. To this union were born seven children; six boys and one girl. Two boys and the one girl died in infancy. The other boys—Lon, James and Earl of Forbes, Mo. and Harry of Colo.—two brothers and two sisters live to mourn her passing.

Mrs. Sipes was a kind wife and mother, and en-

joyed a real Christian experience. She will be sadly missed by loved ones and many friends. Funeral was conducted in the church at Forbes, Mo. by T. E. Whipple, after which the body was laid to rest in the Forbes cemetery.

MEETING REPORT

The Camp-meeting of the Church of God held at Blackford, Ky. is now an event of the past, and truly it was a success for the Lord. The word of God went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the results thereof are living on. We believe this was the best meeting we have ever witnessed. The very presence of God overshadowed the saints and truly we did feast on good things. The works of darkness were exposed, and the enemy put to flight by the mighty power of God.

Verily, the Church of the living God is shaking herself loose from the effects of compromising spirits, and coming forth to shine as it did in the morning time. Saints of God, let us take new courage and get down to real earnestness before God, claim our rights as His blood-bought children and see the cause of Christ move forward with sweeping victory over the powers of darkness.

A few were saved during the meeting, some claimed sanctification and some witnessed the power of God to heal. The ordinances of the house of God were observed with Bible results, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

The ministers present were Bros. F. M. Fowler, Dexter, Mo., L. L. Perry, Loranger, La., Wm. C. Hughes, Rockvale, Tenn., Cleo Murry, R. A. Justice, Belmont, N. C., T. Z. Lawson, Newcastle, Ind. May God richly bless these dear brethren for their sacrifices made in coming to the meeting, and greatly reward them for their faithful service, is our prayer.

Now dear saints of God, as this meeting has come and gone and much good was accomplished, let us begin to prepare and pray earnestly for a real fruitful and successful meeting next year, should Jesus tarry.

Your Bro. in Him,

— Thos. A. Bean.

MEETING REPORT

The meeting at Red Clay, Ga. has come and gone, and it truthfully can be said and is being said by all that it was the best meeting ever held at Red Clay.

The attendance was good; the church house being crowded every night with eager listeners. Fourteen

made their way to the Lord and got saved, eleven were baptized, and twenty-four took part in the ordinances of the Lord's house. Ministers present were Bros. W. C. Hughes and L. L. Perry. The preaching was good and radical; the old-time truth was sent forth with victory under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Expenses were fully met, and \$75.00 left for the ministers. Sister Butrum from Athens, Tenn. was with us in the meeting; a devoted sister and mother in Israel. Bro. Fell of Iyner, Tenn. was with us also.

Your Bro. in the one faith, — J. C. Knittle.

An Open Letter On Life Insurance

Dear Bro. —:

May God bless you in all things pertaining to Godliness and life everlasting.

Your letter of inquiry concerning scripture which teach against life insurance has been duly received and sincerely prayed about and considered.

You say that you want to make heaven your home. That is a good desire and should concern us more than all things else.

I will first give you a few of the sure promises of God which we should believe, have faith in God and put our trust in Him and not in companies of men which are weak and finite.

"I have been young and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread." Psalms 37: 25.

"For every beast of the field is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "If I were hungry I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof." Psalms 50: 10, 12.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will He pay him again." Prov. 19: 17.

"But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4: 19

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13: 5.

Now, we will give a few scriptures which, if believed, should for ever settle the question of life insurance with honest sincere souls.

In the sixth chapter of Matthew, begin at the 24th verse and read to end of chapter. I will quote a few verses here: "Therefore, take no thought, saying, what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewithal

shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

I know there are some who wrest these scriptures from their proper meaning, and make them mean nothing at all. Some say that Jesus is teaching us not to have anxious thought. Yes, it means that and it means more than that. When we consider these sayings of Jesus in connection with the quoted promises above, it seems to me that one would have to be covetous or taking anxious thought or a disbeliever in the promises of God to insure his life, and thereby trust in a company of earthly men to supply his food and raiment when old and aged, or for the continued supplying of his wife and children when he is gone. Who could think of the apostle Paul, who wrought and labored with his own hands in order not to make himself burdensome to the saints, taking the money which they did give him and paying it in on a life insurance policy? Who could think that Jesus would carry a life insurance policy while teaching His followers the above truth?

Some may say that if we took no thought for the future, we should not can fruit for winter use. That would be carrying it too far. There are some that God would permit to can fruit that it might be for use when needed; others he permits to have farms to till and work to provide food for their families, and for to have to give to the needy, to the ministers and gospel workers who have no time for such. In the sixth chapter of Acts we find that the apostles had no time to serve tables, saying, "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables, but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and ministry of the Word."

In the twelfth chapter of Luke we have some more teaching from Jesus that is, in spirit, decidedly against insuring one's life. "Sell that ye have and give alms: provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning."

If the money which you are continually paying on your insurance policy would be given to the poor or to the gospel work, you would be continually laying up treasure in heaven, but when you are paying on an insurance policy from month to month and year to year, you are laying up treasures on earth with the

expectation of reaping future earthly benefits. How inconsistent it is for a minister to tell his congregation to have faith in God, to trust Him and not be afraid to step out on His promises, and at the same time taking their money and continually paying on a life insurance policy. Bro. —, a minister should be an example to the flock, of faith and trust in God, and of laying up their treasures in heaven and not on the earth.

Another scripture which appeals to me as being strongly against life insurance is found in Jer. 17: 5. "Thus saith the Lord, cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." While this was spoken to the house of literal Israel, it will also apply to us today. To insure your life is putting your faith and trust in man, making flesh your strength or safety, and the heart is departing from God, doubting His care for you in the future, limiting the Holy One of Israel.

You say you know the decision of the ministers at Oklahoma City. I was not in the Okla. City assembly of ministers, but I am agreed with them in their decisions, and the only way I can see for the wall of division that exists between you and the body of ministers to be removed is to confess to them of your insubordinate spirit, humble your heart before God and get saved from wanting to have your own way regardless of the ministry. You may think that there are just a few that are against insurance, but I want to tell you that nearly all of those that are free from the compromise spirit and constitute the Church in the Reformation are against it and only a very few favor it. Would you rather have your insurance than the confidence and fellowship of the saints in light? Rebellion against the counsel of the brethren is a great wrong in the sight of God. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." 1 Samuel 15: 23.

Consider what I have written and the Lord give thee understanding. In Christian love,

— FRED PRUITT.

CORRESPONDENCE

Greenville, Ohio — Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and co-workers: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I feel led of the Lord this morning to tell what the Lord has done for me, and will do the same for any brother or sister that will trust Him.

About six years ago I was afflicted with a severe cough. I could hardly sleep at nights. The people got afraid of me where I was boarding, and they sent some of my spittle to the doctor and he said I had genuine

tuberculosis. They told my wife when she came after me on Saturday that she would be a widow before long if she did not be careful. She asked what was the matter. They told her that he needed some cough medicine for that cough. Wife told them I needed no medicine, that the Lord could heal that cough. We went to Bro. and Sister Hartzel to agree with us for my healing, so one night before I went to bed the Lord touched my body and I was healed instantly.

Later on I was afflicted with dizziness; it was so bad I had to go to bed as soon as it came on me. Every thing would whirl around like a storm. Sometimes when I would go to vomit it would throw me out of bed. I obeyed the Word in James and the Lord healed me of that awful affliction. Then I was afflicted with heart trouble, and through the prayers of the dear saints the Lord has delivered me of that affliction. The Bible says, the afflictions of the righteous are many but the Lord delivereth them out of them all. Praise our God for what He has done for me.

I am sending ~~this~~ for the glory of God, and it may help some one else. I have been out of work for the last two years and the dear Lord has fulfilled His promise that He would never leave us nor forsake us. Praise our God. I love the good things of God in your little paper; would love to send you some means but are not able this time. May the Lord bless you and yours in your work. Pray for me that I will be just what the Lord would have me to be. Your Bro. in the straight and narrow way. — W. L. Rapp.

Springfield, Mo. —Dear saints scattered abroad, greeting in Jesus' dear name:

Today finds me saved and walking in the narrow way. I love the Lord with all my heart and intend never to forsake Him. We know that He will never forsake us for He tells us so.

I am so glad that I was trained up in the way of the Lord, for had I not been, I may never have known the truth and the worth of prayer. Praise God!

I feel that the Lord would have me to give a little experience on this line. About two weeks after the Springfield camp-meeting, our little boy, Henry Charles, who is three years old, was playing about the electric washing machine. We had just tightened the rollers of the wringer as tight as possible so as to wring the clothes as nearly dry as could be. The little boy turned on the wringer, and by doing so he caught his hand in it. Of course, it kept pulling his whole arm in as it would do clothes. He began crying, not even screaming. We at once ran to him, but before we could loose him or turn off the electricity, his little arm up

to his shoulder was in and as far as it could go, with his neck and face up against the rollers. The rollers had rolled round and round at his shoulder until the skin was scraped in quite deep. His hand had been twisted in some way so as to split his little finger from the others.

The neighbors saw the happening and at once wanted medical aid, saying that all his bones must be broken or at least his shoulder had to be out of place. The little child has been taught to pray, and the first he said was, "Mother, pray the Lord to help me." We at once prayed and called in the saints to pray. Praise His name! not a bone was broken, and we never even saw a physician on this earth, but did talk to our heavenly Physician. In less than an hour he raised his arm straight up and said, "Praise the Lord!" The next day he used the arm in play, and the second day after you could hardly see a bruise nor scratch. I believe the Lord truly spoke to this child, for the same day of the happening someone ask him if it hurt and if they should pray, and he said, (The Lord said) "Didn't you pray once?"

Dear saints, this is unfeigned faith. Jesus says, that except we become as a little child we shall not enter into the Kingdom of God. I pray God to give me more faith as a little child that I may enter the place prepared for us all. We all need the prayers of each other for we are all one family of God.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Edna Gibson

Dear Bro. Pruitt: Enclosed find \$1.00 for which renew my subscription to *Faith and Victory* for another year. You may continue to send me five copies each month for distribution.

Yours in Christ, —R. C. Noble.

Loranger, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: May the dear Lord bless you and keep you useful in His service is our prayer. We often think of you all and would enjoy hearing you preach some more of the Word of God.

Enclosed you will find a little fund for the missionaries from the Sunday School, and fifty cents for Sis. Spradling.

Your Sister in Christ, — Elva Joiner.

Loranger, La. —Dear Sister Pruitt and family: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. May His rich blessing rest upon each of you, is my prayer.

I am praising God for salvation; He is so good to me. He has saved me from sin and deception and put me on the highway that leads from earth to Glory.

Praise His holy name. In Him we have all we need for both soul and body. He can save, keep and heal. I am praising Him for His healing power, for He healed me many times. About four weeks ago He completely healed me of indigestion and gas around my heart, or something like that. It was bad but Jesus renewed and understood, and when I got consecrated deeper He set me free from the suffering. It is sweet to trust Jesus.

Sister Pruitt, I often think of you, and would have been glad if you could have come down when the others came. I surely enjoyed meeting your daughters, as they were an example of what saint's children should be. I just love the young people. I trust the Lord will permit them to come again.

The meetings we had this summer have been what we needed for sometime. Oh, how I pray that they will continue to burn in all our souls. We are surely near the end of time. The devil knows he has not long to work, so he surely is after the little band of saints. Praise our God, we can be more than victorious in Jesus' name.

I trust you are all well. May God keep you all encouraged to press on, and fight the good fight of faith. Much Christian love to all. Pray for me that I keep faithful and fill my little place in the Body.

Your Sister in Christ, — Katherine Simpson.

Hammond, La. —Dear Sister Pruitt and family: Today finds me saved and seeking a closer walk with Jesus. That is my whole heart's desire is to get closer and closer to Him each day, and ever be found doing His will. I want to live in such a way that my life will be a help to others and not a stumbling block to any one. I still make mistakes (which we all will do) but I never do or say anything I know is wrong.

I am sending you 25 cents in stamps for the little paper. I enjoy reading it so much and don't want to be without it.

Sister Pruitt, I want you all to remember me in prayer. I am so afflicted in my body that I hardly feel able to do my house work. Have lost 34 lbs. in weight this summer. I know the dear Lord is able to heal me. If there is anything in the way of my healing I want the Lord to show me what it is. I am willing to make it right. I suffer so much with my back and side.

May God ever bless you all is my prayer. With much Christian love to all, your Sister in Christ Jesus,
— Mrs. Ernest Forbes.

Chillicothe, Ohio. —Dear Sister in the precious

name of Jesus: I received the little paper, Faith and Victory, with many thanks. Glad you reminded me of my subscription being expired. Please renew the paper as I don't want to miss a number; it is so full of good soul-food. You will find the remittance in this letter.

I fell coming down stairs and hurt my hand, so it hinders me in writing, although the Lord is healing my hand nicely. He gets all the praise. It was quite a gash, cut from the thumb to the middle of my hand. I just called on the Lord and He took it into His care, and I never lost an hour's sleep. Praise His matchless name!

Will have to close with Christian love, praying the Lord to bless you and Bro. Pruitt, your family and all the true saints there in soul and body, also that the people who are able to give will supply all your needs, remembering that God loves the cheerful giver.

I am so deaf that I cannot hear when I go to meeting. Please remember me in prayer. From an old pilgrim Sister on her way Home, — Nannie Hagely.

Divisions

I wish to write a few lines on division. Christ brings peace and good will to man. We know it makes peace in the heart and will make peace in the home and family when both husband and wife are saved. Division is and always has been sin, and always will be sin. Luke 12: 51 says He came to make division; He makes a division from the world. His people cannot be like the world and they are not like the world because He has separated them from the world. Any thing divided in two or more parts is division. In John 17 it teaches to be one—one in Him and in the Father, even as they are one.

Please study the whole chapter of Eph. 4: 3; unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Col. 3: 15, let the peace of God rule in your hearts to the which also ye are called in one Body (Christians or Church) and be ye thankful. Unity and peace make one Body or Church. Keep yourselves unspotted from the world. (Jas. 1: 27). James 3: 18, and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. Gal. 1: 1 to 12 tells us there is no other gospel, so why not accept the word of God, for it is the Gospel that Jesus brought to this world and there is no other. Praise the Lord.

Rom. 16: 17 says, "Mark them which cause division." 1 Cor. 1: 10, now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you all speak

the same thing and there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. There is to be no contention (strife or quarreling) among you. God is not the author of strife or contention, but He is the Author of peace, quietness, happiness and joy. Praise His blessed name forever.

The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Now take, for instance, a congregation and divide it; there will be two parts or more fed by strife, contention and division. Praise the Lord for the beautiful Church of God where peace and quietness reigns and love rules. Brothers and sisters, stand by the Holy Spirit and Word, and they will stand by you.

— Laura Richard.

IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED-- WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO? Psa. 11 : 3.

The subject of dress comes next. "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with broided hair or gold or pearls or costly array, but which becometh women professing godliness with good works". Modesty is almost a thing of the past. Short dresses, without sleeves, low neck, form-fitting, questionable styles and colors cannot express modesty. Modesty means not forward nor bold, not loose or shamelessness. The styles for years has expressed loose, shameless, forward and bold. The modern trend of styles is, and has for years, been a dare. The ungodly districts are the leaders and the simple are trapped into it. The addition and subtraction here and there on a suggestive style urges others to exceed. The slow changes deceived the simple and seared their conscience. Now ~~there is~~ hardly a shame, consequently modesty and shamefacedness are dead. The words modest apparel means to dress in a manner that will *adorn* the doctrine of Christ and will become or be in harmony with a profession of Godliness. Godliness means the careful observance of the laws of God, proceeding from love and reverence to him. In return the law of God says, dress in a way that will express a nature of restraint or bashfulness. Bashfulness will avoid body exposure, either in the lack of clothes or through form-fitting, flimsy clothes. This time worldly adorning expresses a noisy, banquetting, reveling spirit. It's very make-up speak it. It cannot express sobriety, or shamefacedness. Sobriety means a solemn, calm, quiet, cool disposition. Right adorning covering the body does not express revelings, neither does wrong adorning uncovering the body express sobriety.

The woman was created for the man, not the men. She was given to her husband, not to the world to look at. The modern dress expresses independence from the husband; hence the divorcees, because it is backed by a spirit. The devil is behind it all. She speaks her independence by apparel, bobbed hair, boldness, freedom.

So far, this has been dealing with a spirit, that saints may know where the danger is, and what to avoid. Peter said: "Whose adorning, let it be the hidden man of the heart, the ornament of a meek, and quiet spirit," for in this manner the holy women of old that trusted in God adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands. This stresses the inner man adorning and gives us to understand the outward dressing should be in simplicity. The word "simple" means without deceit, unadorned, plain, harmless; to be just what you are. The fixing up of self beyond simplicity, or which is becoming, is no part of salvation. Adorn means to set off, decorate, put on, or departing from a child-like character: "of such (children) is the kingdom of heaven". It is not bothered about fixing up. This is simplicity. The fixing up of children—curls, ribbon, ties, powder, and you plant the seed of pride, and the same with older folks. Consequently, we would say silks, satins, other fancy goods, costly array, cosmetics, bobbing the hair, curling, ties, etc., is strictly outward adorning and is forbidden. It does not become holiness. These things are a mark of pride or some such principle. Someone objects. We answer: Go into the rural districts of twenty years ago if you can find them. Notice the simple lives, plain, unadorned, unaffected by pride. If you were alone in the woods or field, there would be no thought of this excess of dress. It's the thought of someone else seeing you. A departing from simplicity, a seed of pride and a principle of sin causes that thought. The root that God said He would cleanse out.

Someone says—fanaticism. We must have self-respect. We are not at all fanatic. Bible salvation makes people clean up, neat and respectable. We should have self-respect, but not beyond a simple life. Self-respect if indulged in, leads into self esteem and self esteem into gross pride. We realize there are two extremes: fanaticism and compromise. God's people are of neither. Compromise takes in the world, fanaticism goes just as far the other way. Neither one carries the right spirit. There is a highway between that no vulture's eye hath seen and the people thereon live and dress to please God, as a light that shines into the dark. Let your adorning be the inner man, even

the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. This will teach how to adorn outward man. Then if the Bible forbids the adorning with apparel, jewelry could not even be considered.

The things mentioned in this article are slowly creeping up on us, and are proof of the departing from the true principles of the doctrine of Christ, a falling away, a decaying, as the apostate church. Many are losing the essence of holiness; things are no more clear and positive. You may find a positive warning in the 6th chapter of Hebrews about the danger of falling away, after having been enlightened with the infilling of the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous. Note how the Jews were cut off and how all nations that walked after their own ways. The Jews are not and will not return as a people to God, neither has any other nation or any fallen church. Take heed that the light that is in thee be not darkness. There is mentioned about a people that were dead, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; this signifying there is no more chance, having had the roots pulled up. There is positively such a condition to get into. Consider what I say, and the Lord give you understanding.

Yours for a clean work, — A. E. Harmon.

126 Valencia St., Burbank, Calif.

(It would be good if this article was put in tract form; the writer desires it. It will make a 16-page tract. The cost would be \$21.00 for three thousand of them. Who will send means to help put this article in tract form? - Ed.)

BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD

I praise the Lord this morning for salvation, victory over sin and the world. I thank the dear Lord for the Bible way. My heart says amen to His will. I am glad for the few that will dare to stand for the truth and will not compromise with or conform to the world, but will stand and abide by the old landmarks of consecration, truth and holy living, and lift up the standard where the dear Lord wants it lifted. He says by the mouth of the prophet Isaiah 62: 10, "Go through, go through the gates, prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway, gather out the stones, lift up a standard for the people." Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14: 9. Again He says, if a man love Me he will keep my words (Jno. 14: 23). Also the apostle Peter says that Jesus left us an example (which is a pattern) that we should follow in His steps. Can you imagine His steps

leading to worldly conformity, to doctors, medicine and other remedies, allowing dope to be administered, to the use of strong drinks, coffee and teas, patronizing public bathing pools, dressing in the styles and vain fashions of the world, to the wearing of gold or pearls (1 Tim. 2: 9) or imitations thereof, such as breast pins, rings, bracelets, fancy hat pins, transparent clothing, superfluity of lace trimming, and neck-ties? Imagine our Lord Jesus taking part and indulging in such things? No, not our Savior, neither should we, as He is our leader, example and pattern, neither can we thus glorify God in such a life. Read 1 Cor. 10: 31; Col. 3: 17; Rom. 12: 2.

Dear brother, sister, our meat should be to do the will of the Lord (Jno. 4: 34). We are not to conform to this world in habits, dress, pride, thoughts and words that do not glorify the Lord but be transformed. (Rom. 12: 2). Our affections should be on things above, not on the world (Col. 3: 2). We should not love the vain, foolish, and unnecessary things and ways of the world (1 Jno. 2: 15). We should manifest the Christ life (Col. 2: 4). He should dwell in our hearts (1 Jno. 4: 4). Our life should be hid with Christ in God (Col. 3: 3). Out of the heart are the issues of life (Prov. 4: 23).

Dear brother, sister, my heart has been made sad in these last days to see so many dear ones that claim to be in this evening light reformation, the Church of God, drifting and conforming to the world; many of them ministers and leaders, building again the things which they once destroyed (Gal. 2: 18). How can they have or encourage faith, confidence and trust in God by such example and pattern? Jesus said, when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth (Luke 18: 8).

May God have mercy on souls that have so drifted and let down the beautiful standard of the Lord to trail in the dust of the wicked, and help them to come to themselves to see from whence they have fallen, and to speedily return and lift the dear old standard of Christian faith and life where they once held it, is my earnest desire and prayer to God. Dear brothers and sisters, pray for me that I be true to God and eternity-bound souls, and may by life and influence help some one from sin and error to God and His salvation.

I remain your Brother under the precious blood of Jesus in the one Body, the Church of God, earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints,

— A. Newell.

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Devil Possession

Are there any people possessed with demons now? Some think that the world is getting better, and naturally not so much devil-possession, but recently the writer met and came in direct contact with one of the most severe cases he ever saw. Hence, I feel like warning people to shun the cause whereby many become possessed with demons.

During a recent camp-meeting the Word of God was being preached against false spirits and false doctrines, and one exposed was a Pentecostal deception which so enraged the devil that he decided to take the life of the preacher. When the invitation was being given for seekers to come to seek salvation, the possessed man first tried to pull the back of the board seat; failing to do so, he made a run for the altar (a bench perhaps 10 feet long), kneeling for a second, he raised up with the bench drawn to kill the preacher, but the power of God caused him to drop the bench. Rushing on to the preacher, he struck twice with his fists, barely missing the brother's face. Failing in this, he made a leap clamping his arm around the brother's neck, taking a number of strong men to release his hold. We advised the brethren to go ahead with the altar service as some were coming for salvation, and some eight or ten of the brethren took the man to the dining hall where we could be more secluded from curiosity seekers and sympathizers. Here a battle began between the power of the devil and the power of God. For the space of three hours or more the poor man's jaws were set by the devil so he could not speak. During the interval from 9:45 p. m. to 5:45 a. m. I shall never forget such hideous looks the man gave us when we were rebuking the devil and praying for him. We were almost on the point of despair about 2:30 o' clock in the morning, but knowing we had preached radically that God gave His ministers power over the devil, and to recess now meant a victory for the devil, so we decided to stay until victory came. You know we have to measure to our own preaching, hence, we were tried out. We were repeatedly obliged to ask God for more power, which when exhausted we asked for more. After the devil had been rebuked sufficiently and overpowered, the poor soul confessed his back life for a period of ten years. He once was saved in the clear light; had a good experience of salvation, but came in contact with a free-love spirit which he imbibed and, of course, he could not pray, and after trying and failing he turned to cursing God and become possessed; from one thing to another until he

was one of the most pitiful cases I ever met. During the battle the very spirit of the devil tried to choke a number of the saints, and almost the entire camp felt the awful presence of the devil. The very spirit of the devil himself was present in and around the camp to harass the saints of God. While the man was confessing to his dark past, there were two words he could not utter—the names of "Jesus" and "God". Finally after having cast out five or six devils of different kinds, we came to the hardest one of them all, a dumb devil, but God gave power to cast him out so the poor man could pray, that is, saying "Jesus help". We held on to God in earnest prayer. God cut him loose so he could pray, and he began calling on God and conviction came, broke him up, and he called mightily on God and the victory came, making him a new creation, changing his very nature from that of demons to the very spirit of Christ. Hallelujah to God.

The morning service came at 10:30 a. m. The man who had been possessed with demons but now filled with the love of God, made his way to the platform where the minister was seated, threw his arms around the brother's neck, begging forgiveness while God was flooding his soul, telling him he had nothing against him and confessing the devil caused him to do what he did. Right here the fire of God came with the mighty power of God; souls began to shout and leap for joy, and it seemed like heaven was transferred down on the earth. The following Saturday we took the man who had been so gloriously delivered to the water's bank and buried him in the watery grave with seven others.

This is a true account as the writer saw it, witnessed by many others at the Oklahoma City camp-meeting, and the minister who did the preaching which so stirred the devil was Bro. Geo. E. Harmon of Glendale, Calif. I can not describe it as it was, but can give only a meager outline. Those awful feelings in personal contact with the devil and visions of the very spirit of demons can only be just told about: the very fumes from the 'pit' can not be told so they can be understood like personal contact with the very spirit of the devil himself.

Reader, I pray God that you may never give the devil a chance to come in and take possession. Oh, the danger, the bitter remorse—that soul-racking, nerve-breaking power of demons operating in the very heart and soul of man! A small man possessed with the spirit of the devils is as strong as five or six men. One of the dangers when evil spirits are being cast out is, they go looking for some place to enter, and if we are in sympathy, they are invited to come in and will do so.

Do not reject light, do not reject the admonitions of faithful men, and above all, honor the Spirit of God and do not let bitterness come in your hearts. May this stir souls to be more careful, is the prayer of one who was present. — E. M. Zinn.

The Gentile Age

Part 1

The Gentile age is the last dispensation of time, and will end when time shall end and be no more. Salvation through Christ is now offered to both Jews and Gentiles because they were both under sin and there is no difference. All now may have redemption through Christ's blood. Only in this life is salvation offered to Adam's fallen race. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6: 2. To behold is to observe the fact that this last dispensation of time is the last day of God's offered mercy to both Jews and Gentiles. When this reign shall end there will be no more opportunity of salvation for lost souls.

Oh sinner, repent and seek the salvation of your soul now, while it is called today; tomorrow it may be too late. Now is the accepted time. You have no future promise of eternal salvation, as it is said, "Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 4 :7. The promise is now to "whosoever will". The spirit and the bride say, come, and let him that heareth say, come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Rev. 22: 17).

In this New Testament dispensation the middle wall of partition is broken down between Jews and Gentiles, never to be raised again. See Eph. 2: 14. "For by one spirit are we all baptised into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free: and have been all made to drink into one spirit." 1 Cor. 12: 13. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 1: 28. This call extends to all men till Jesus comes the second time without sin unto salvation. Whether they accept it or not, what shall take place then? Some say that the glad millennial day will come that we have so long looked for, when there will be peace upon this earth and good-will to man for a thousand years. In their fancy dreams they see the time when, "Before they call, God will answer and hear them," when the wolf and the lamb shall feed together and nothing shall be destroyed, that even the nature of the beast shall be changed. They sing their

glad millennial song and rejoice as Israel did over Aaron's calf and as the servants at the altar of Baal. They see every man sitting under his own vine and fig tree, and none shall make him afraid, because the nations have beaten their swords into plowshares, so there will be no more war. Even the beasts are tamed and no harm is in them; the cockatrice shall not hurt the infant child, and then Christ shall be King and sit upon his throne in Palistine and rule the world. A wonderful time in their vision and dream they see. Oh, so sad, now to be awakened by the trumpet's last loud blast— "There shall be time no longer!!"

Time has now ended in eternity, and their poor souls are lost in that awful whirlpool of eternal despair from whence no traveler returns, and shall be tormented for ever and ever. This false theory was believed among the Jews when Jesus came to set up His kingdom, but this did not meet their expectation; however, He did set up his kingdom and they lost their nation, and all that disbelieved his words lost their souls. The modern millennial teachers disbelieve the Word of God as much as the Jews disbelieved Christ. They say Christ will come and set up His kingdom and reign on earth a thousand years. This is a false idea; for that reason Christ said, my kingdom is not of this world, and that it was at hand then. Now if it be true that God's kingdom is yet to be set up in the future, the New Testament is a failure and the Jews have a right to believe that the disciples stole Him away while the guards slept. But we take our stand in defense for Christ and the New Testament Church or Kingdom of God. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." Matt. 5: 17. So the law could not fail or be destroyed but met its fulfillment in Christ. "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached." Luke 16: 16. This language was spoken by our Lord Himself about 33 A. D. "Now, after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying, the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1: 14, 15. The margin gives this A. D. 30 ending, but these millennial teachers will not repent, neither will they believe the gospel. The prophecy was then fulfilled when the kingdom must be set up. See Dan. 2: 44. "And He said unto them, verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here which shall not taste of death till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." Mk. 9: 1. Some of those people at that time were to see the kingdom of God set up, but these false teachers

say it is yet to come. Some of them talk much about false prophets, but when the searchlight of God's eternal truth is turned on, they are found to be of that class, ever learning and never able to come unto the knowledge of the truth. If these people saw the kingdom of God come with power, then God's word is true; if not, then it is false, for they are all dead. But we affirm that this Kingdom or Church was fully established on the day of Pentecost about 33 A. D. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2: 1- 4. They did see it come with power on the day of Pentecost. It came as a rushing mighty wind. It came from heaven, being so unlike earthly kingdoms and not of this world that the blind Pharisees and hypocrites could not see it. This kingdom is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. When the angel announced the birth of our Savior, it said, "There was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward man." Read Luke 2: 8- 18. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." John 16: 33. Jesus said unto His disciples just before He suffered death. "My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth***" So you can understand this is distinct from worldly pleasures. It is not of the world, yet it is in this world, and came from heaven. Jesus knew the wickedness and sinfulness of people of this world. He met its opposition; His Church meets its opposition, and will continue so unto the end of time. He prayed for it not to be taken out of the world, but to be kept from the evil. It is the light of the world; it is the very fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy which some of them call Isaiah's vision of heaven, and John saw it coming down out of heaven. Praise God: this is the peace and assurance of heaven which all God's children have in these earthen vessels. Why is it a spiritual kingdom? Because Christ its builder came from heaven, and the Holy Ghost its Sanctifier and Teacher came from heaven.

Some of these blind teachers teach that they will be caught up in what they call the "rapture" and remain there while the great tribulation is going on here on earth, while God is preparing it for their future

home. This is also a wrong idea. This earth will be burned up and be no more. Why can they not see the kingdom of God? There was one time a man of the Pharisees, a ruler of the Jews, who like modern teachers did not understand. Jesus told him by what means he might see the Kingdom of God. Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. The next verse shows that Nicodemus thought that Jesus meant this in a literal sense which was impossible. He said unto Him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born? "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." Some understand from this text that Jesus meant water baptism, but such is not true, because he was speaking of the birth of the spirit, and not water baptism. He speaks of water here as an emblem of cleansing, so without the cleansing spiritual birth we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. He proceeds to explain the births. "That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." Then He proceeds to explain the effect. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." The man that lives after the flesh and knows nothing of the spiritual birth is dead in trespasses and sin, though he may be a minister of some denomination. He says with Nicodemus of old, how can these things be? "Nicodemus answered and said unto Him, how can these things be?" It seems that by the position he held he should have known these things: so it is with many today. "Jesus answered and said unto him, art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, we speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness." Read the third chapter of John. "Ye receive not our witness," for this reason so many false theories and books have been published. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2: 14. — F. M. Fowler.

Don't let the devil throw me off,
 If Jesus paid my fare
 I want to ride to heaven's gate
 And meet my mother there.

The Self Righteous

I'm a little above the common herd,
 Away from the poor with pride I turn;
 I hate to be seen with sinners,
 People out of my class I spurn.

So much better am I than they;
 I go to church and pray,
 I pay my church and lodge dues,
 But from the poor I turn away.

How like the righteous Pharisee,
 Who one time in the temple stood,
 Who fasted and prayed, and tithed too,
 And in his own eyes was so good.

Much better am I than the common crowd;
 Nothing with them I'll have to do—
 The biggest sinner of them all you are,
 If your self-righteous heart you knew.

Christ died for the lowest sinner,
 His Spirit you do not show;
 He entered the humblest homes of all—
 With the self-righteous He would not go.

Have you forgot so soon, my friend
 How Jesus died for you?
 You are one of Adam's fallen race,
 And righteous works could not do.

The publicans and sinners before you,
 Will into the Kingdom go;
 Unless Christ changes that hardened heart,
 You will end in eternal woe.

No, indeed, I have nothing to do
 With common folks like these;
 I'm a little above the common lot,
 And choose my friends as I please.

But Christ was a friend of sinners,
 He died for the world through love;
 Only the ones with the Spirit of Christ
 Will dwell with Him above.

Within the Bible I read today:
 When thou shalt make a feast,
 Not call your rich friends and neighbors,
 And slight the ones that's 'least'!

Well you know that Jesus said,
 To call the lame and poor,
 Bind up the broken-hearted,
 And heal the sick and sore.

With pride in your heart you feel to good
 With the common folks to go,
 But know the Bible words are true—
 We'll reap as now we sow.

And in the day of Judgment
 Christ will say, I know you not;
 Though the great things you have done,
 The poor you have always forgot.

— Goldie Finch.

Purdy, Mo. —Dear Sister and Bro. Pruitt: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. May God's richest blessings rest upon you and help you to rejoice daily in the peace and grace of our dear Redeemer, is my earnest prayer.

This finds me still saved with a fixed decision in my heart to be faithful unto the end. Many times difficulties and adverse circumstances are met in our pathway, yet if we keep our eyes on Jesus, all will work to the glory of God and for our benefit. No one knows as well as God what is best for us, and God's way is best in all things.

Pray for me that I ever do the Lord's will. Your saved Sister in Christ,
 — Artie Bowers

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