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IN GOD



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CHRISTIANS

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The Spring Garden

I enjoyed the little poem,
"Plant a garden in 1932,"
The suggestion was very good,
And this I shall surely do.

The reasons were excellent, too,
We hope many will enlarge garden plots,
And plant something for God's workers
Send in for thanks—and forgot.

'Twill not only help the cause of God,
You will be blessed in supplying their needs;
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And surely His own He'll feed.

The sun's heat is kind in spring time;
Have an early garden—dig and sow.
Seeds are God's little miracles;
They teach lessons, as they grow.

Lessons of God's love and wisdom,
Of His mercy and tenderest care,
And gave into the hands of man,
When He made him and placed him there.
—J. B. Warmack

The Unchanging Friend

"I am God; I change not."
These words today I read;
They are to me a blessing,
A comfort great indeed.
My life is ever changing,
And friends I love will go;
For there is none abiding
In this world below.

Years will bring their weight
To bear upon the tired mind,
But stand with patience uncomplaining—
Sorrow is quickly left behind.
For God is the unchanging,
Yes, the rainbow calms my tears,
For in its colors bright I read
The promise of the years.

Our journey on this earth is short,
Our life must have an end,
But I will hope and sweetly trust
In the unchanging Friend.
Earthly friends will oft' depart
Or treat us most unkind,
But trust not in the arm of flesh—
Great is this truth I find.

—Goldie Finch

Yet, Forty Days

Nineveh was an exceeding great city and the people of that great city had corrupted themselves in their lust, revelry, pride and indifference to God until God's wrath had been kindled against them and He was sending the prophet Jonah to that city to preach unto them. The message that God gave Jonah for them was short and to the point. Without any qualification He told Jonah to say, "Yet, forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." When God told Jonah to cry against that city, for their wickedness had come up before Him, he arose to flee from the presence of the Lord. He did not have courage to face the people of that city with such unqualified judgment. Perhaps he thought he would be slain by them for carrying to them such a message. He took a ship for Tarshish and there arose a mighty tempest and the ship was in danger of sinking; he was thrown over-board and the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. He was in the

belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah cried unto the Lord, prayed to God and become humble, willing and obedient, saying, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own merey. I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that, that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord." Then the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah out upon the dry land.

God spoke to Jonah again the second time and told him to go to Nineveh that great city and preach unto it the preaching I bid thee. Jonah was willing and obedient this time and he went and entered into the city, a day's journey and began to preach, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown." The scripture says, "So the people of Nineveh believed God." That is just what the people of today need to do, is to believe God, believe the gospel. If people would really believe the gospel there would be a mighty stir in the land, folks would repent, fast and cry mightily unto God until He forgive and rained righteousness down upon them. The people of Nineveh proved that they believed God, for they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least. The king was stirred in heart, laid off his robe and it was published as a decree of the king, "Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed nor drink water: but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?" Dear reader, you can see by the deeds of those people that it means more than just turning over a new leaf to repent.

There were many people that came to John the Baptist which had not repented from the heart and he said unto them, "O generation of Vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance."

The people of Nineveh turned away from their evil ways, fasted, prayed and called mightily upon God. They bore fruits of repentance, real heart repentance. It is written, "And God saw their works that they turned from their evil ways; and God repented of the evil that He said He would do unto them; and He did it not."

Dear soul if you want to have favor with God and be prepared to meet Him, you will have to repent, turn away from all evil and observe His ways.

Paul tells us in the tenth chapter of Romans, the tenth verse, "For with the heart man believeth unto

righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation."

We will now quote some scriptures you should believe and act accordingly to find favor with God. I mean that He will lift all condemnation and guilt from your soul and you will have peace with God through belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, for Jesus was the Lamb of God that was sacrificed for us, appeasing the wrath of God for all the sins which we have committed. Believe it and thou shalt live. With all your sins blotted out, you will be fully prepared to meet God.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him: and to God for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55: 6,7).

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it." (Isaiah 1: 18-20).

Jesus says, "I tell you, nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all like-wise perish." (Luke 13: 5).

There are several instances recorded in the Bible where men really repented and found favor with God. The prodigal son (recorded in the fifteenth chapter of Luke) when he come to himself, began to repent and confess his sins to his Father; he first had to arise and go (which means quitting your sinful ways) to his Father and then said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee." He proved to the Father that he had really repented from the heart when he quit evil and come to Him. The Father was looking for him and had compassion on him, fell on his neck and kissed him, truly forgave him and began to minister unto his needs.

In the nineteenth chapter of Luke we have on record how Zaccheus (the rich man) was greatly concerned and exercised in finding salvation. He was anxious to see Jesus. He cared not for the laugh of the people nor to be a gazing stock. He ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree (put forth effort) that he might see Jesus. Jesus was looking for him, told him to make haste and come down for today I must abide at thy house. While others murmured he received the Lord joyfully.

"And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor: and

if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." He opened up his heart wide to the Lord and willing to make restitution, give back any thing that he had stolen, make his wrongs all right. Hear the words of Jesus, "This day is salvation come to this house." By faith he had become a son of Abraham. We too, can become the sons of Abraham by faith in Christ.

We will close by quoting some more scripture. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that He cannot save: neither is His ear heavy, that He cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that He will not hear." (Isaiah 59: 1,2).

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproch to any people." (Prov. 14: 34).

"The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." (Psalms 9: 17).

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: (LISTEN) but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Prov. 28: 13).

— Fred Pruitt.

The Abiding Comforter

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father (God) and whatsoever ye shall ask in my name (Jesus) that will I do that the Father (God) may be glorified in the Son (Jesus). If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive because it (the world) seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye (those that are converted or have salvation) know Him (God). For He (Jesus) dwelleth with you, and (the Holy Ghost) shall be in you. I will not leave you (those that have salvation) comfortless; I will come to you. He that hath my commandments and (do) keepeth them, he it is that loveth me shall be loved of my Father (God) and (Jesus) will love him and manifest myself to him (my follower). Jesus answered and said unto him, (Judas) if a man love me he will keep my words, and my Father (God) will love him, and we (Jesus and God) will come unto him and make our abode with him. But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name (Jesus) He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance (or mind) whatsoever I have said unto

you or commanded you to do." (St. John 14: 12 - 27)

"But when the Comforter (which is the Holy Ghost) is come whom I (Jesus) will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father (God), He (the Holy Ghost) shall testify of me (Jesus)" John 15: 26. "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you (those that had repented and received the experience of full and free salvation and had practised all the ordinances) that I (Jesus) go away, for if I go not away (to heaven) the Comforter (the Holy Ghost) will not come unto you (those that are saved), but if I (Jesus) depart (go to God in heaven), I will send Him (the Comforter) unto you." John 16: 7.

The reason so many people cannot, or do not, receive the Holy Ghost is that they have not been born from above. They haven't had the blood of Jesus applied to their hearts.

In justification a person repents with godly sorrow, then through faith in God and through Jesus' blood a person is forgiven of their actual transgressions or sins. Then as Jesus said to John, "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness, then he (John) suffered Him (Jesus). And Jesus, when He was baptised, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3: 15- 17.

Peter also said unto the people repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call (Acts 2: 37 - 40).

"Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12: 14.

"Who in that great day of His coming shall be able to stand when He appeareth, for He is a refiner's fire and fuller's soap, and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. He shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver, then they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Mal. 3: 2, 3. We read in Daniel that many shall be purified and made white and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand (Dan. 12: 10). We must be purified and made white in the Blood of Jesus. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." (John 1: 29).

Yours, in the Church of God, — John M. Doss.

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EDITORIALS

Your humble servant has learned a good while ago, and even before this paper was started, that it was no play job to edit a paper for the Lord in a way to reach all souls possible with the gospel, knowing that their education, training, culture, traditions and mental ability varied in such a large degree, and also their growth and development in spiritual knowledge and understanding of scripture was so widely different that it meant much praying and seeking the face of God to know how to properly feed and nourish the people of God, whom He has purchased with His own blood, as Solomon says, "Thy people; so great a people." The *Faith and Victory* paper is going to many homes and its readers are of all classes, ages and nationalities. Many of the saints have subscribed for their friends and neighbors to receive the paper and they are burdened for their salvation. The soul of every reader is precious in the sight of God.

It is not heavenly wisdom to make a baby in Christ eat meat. They need to be fed on milk; the sincere milk of the Word that they may grow thereby. Strong meat belongeth to those that are full grown and have their senses exercised in discernment through many conflicts with spiritual powers of darkness. When strong meat is given out to a mixed congregation consisting of sinners, babes in Christ and grown-up ones, care and wisdom should be used lest the babes and sinners are made to feel that you are forcing the strong meat down them. If this be so in a congregation, how much more so in sending out the paper that reaches thousands more than you could reach with your voice. There must be articles written purposely to convict and enlighten our sinner friends concerning their need of a Saviour. There must be articles written to feed and encourage the stronger ones, each class should be written to in a way that they will not feel that you are going to cram it down them any way; whether they can digest it or not, but leave the thoughts and truth expressed in such a way that the

Holy Spirit can feed each soul according as God knows they are able to bear it. It takes one with *dove harmlessness and serpent wisdom* to do this. We should keep in mind that it is God that giveth the increase. (1 Cor. 3:6). Unless you can convince a soul that you are filled with God's love, mercy and compassion for them, you will do very little toward winning them to Christ.

There are many cooks in the world that cook and serve food for our bodies. One cook will take different kinds of products, cook and serve them in such a way that very few relish when set before them, and if eaten by some, would make them sick. Another cook would take the same products, cook and serve them in such a way that all would be delighted. It would be relished, would assimilate, would give strength and growth to the body.

We all have the same gospel to preach, teach and write about; but we need heavenly wisdom to know how to properly put in the seasoning, to serve and dish it out so it will be relished, received, digested, assimilated and give strength, growth and assurance to the hearers.

Strong doctrinal articles and articles on prophecies and Revelation would generally be better to be put in tract form and sent to those who are able to eat strong meat. There is a place for some of them in a generally circulated paper; but they should be written with much love and mercy, and by one who clearly understood that the majority of readers would get nothing out of such things, but rather discouragement unless the truth taught was put forth with such care and spiritual intelligence, leaving it in such a way as not to force, but that the Holy Spirit might have liberty and freedom to feed those who were able to receive it and, at the same time, that Satan could not insult or offend those that were weak or had not reached that stage of development in Christian growth.

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The ministers' meeting that was held here at Guthrie on the 11th of Feb. was well attended by the ministry. A great many ministers from Okla. were present, and several from Mo. Sister Turner from Calif. was here. There were 33 ministers present and some other representatives of the Church.

The question in consideration was life insurance. Most of the ministers present expressed their convictions on the subject and out of the number that spoke there were three that favored life insurance. A few others seemed to be much in sympathy with those that favored it, yet, said they were against life insurance. One Brother said he did not want life insurance in any form and would not have it; but did not think that

life insurance should be made an issue. One other Brother asked the question, how they thought Job and God would have gotten along if Job had his life insured? Many of the ministers thought that to insure one's life was leaning on the arm of flesh instead of trusting God. Another said, if the saints would obey the Bible and the teaching of Christ and the apostles in caring for the weaker members and for the aged ones and the widows, there would be no temptation for one to insure his or her life. The sentiment of the meeting was decidedly against life insurance as not in harmony with the scriptures of having trust and faith in God of supplying our needs according to His riches in glory.

We have never looked upon life insurance as a moral evil, but we are against it as we believe it to be out of harmony with the spirit and teaching of Christ who taught us to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these (temporal) things would be added." It shows lack of implicit faith in God and is in harmony with the spirit of the world which has no faith in God and are great to insure, to possess earthly security, have their hopes and confidence placed in earthly perishing things.

We do not have it in our heart to stone those who are being tempted or enticed in some way; but we do fear for those that trust more or less in earthly security, whether it be life insurance, lands and houses, bank accounts, personal strength and ability in a trade or any natural talent. The ones that are chosen to dwell with God in the hereafter are the ones that prove faithful to the end, for, "Many are called but few are chosen," and, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him."

We wish to say that we have had the care of one aged saint who has lost her mind and has to have a nurse to take care of her as though she was a young baby. When she was well and in her right mind, she was a real saint and would gladly give her last crust to the poor and needy, and help the needy ones in the cause of God all she could with her small ability. A great many of the saints know this to be true, as they knew her before she become this way. She has in a large measure seem to be forgotten now, as she is in this pitiful condition, as far as giving to her support is concerned. She is not a subject for the poor house as she has to have a nurse, and even though she could be sent there it would be a reproach on professed saints for her to be there. We have been taking means that ought to be used for our family needs and supplying the lack of her keep. Do not understand me to be complaining. This is given for the purpose of showing the inconsistency of some who are so exacting in doctrine and

technical points and yet, fail to have that tender compassion that is easily moved by the Spirit of God, causing them to sacrifice and deny themselves to support the weak, feeble and aged that are among us. Each one of us ought to read from the 6th to the 11th verses of the 58th chapter of Isaiah at least once each week to keep in mind the way to heavenly blessings in the soul, how to please God and reap His joyous approval that causes light in our souls to be as the noon-day.

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Bro. B. F. Davis of Guthrie, Okla. passed away on March 24th. Funeral services will be held at the Chapel, Sunday March 27th. Obituary in next issue.

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In the third chapter of Titus Paul says, "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, (a noisy fellow) but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men."

There is a lot of good wholesome and sound advice in this verse of scripture that all Christians should consider well and determine what kind of a spirit has or is using them. Paul says in another epistle, "Give no place to the devil." A noisy fellow, one who is ready to wrangle is giving place to the operation of the wrong spirit. Paul exhorts us to give place for the gentle spirit, shewing all meekness unto all men. Loud, hasty, quarreling words is a manifestation of unchristlikeness that shows bitterness in the soul, a lameness that needs to be healed.

In the love chapter, the 13th chapter of 1st Cor. we find that charity or divine love, "Thinketh no evil, charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not its self, is not puffed up." All these things a Christian should encourage and hunger to be in his soul and he should discourage and resist, put to death all things that are opposite, that Christ may dwell richly in their soul to be manifested and lifted up. It is very grievous to a real Christian to meet up with one who professes to be Christ's, and they show themselves to be continual mote-hunters and chronic fault-finders, speaking evil of brethren and sowing discord. They seem to have no desire to suffer long and show kindness to any one who is showing lameness, and many times they are so much in darkness that they imagine evil where God sees no evil at all. We should be very careful how we judge another man's servant; to his own Master he standeth or falleth. If we could realize if it was not for God's longsuffering and mercy toward us we would soon be lost and ruined. It would help us to have mercy and longsuffering on others as He is having on us.

In the second chapter of James we find that "He shall have judgment without mercy that has showed

no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment."

If you want God to have lots of mercy upon you; show lots of mercy. If you want to be able to rejoice when men judge you, show mercy. God's ways are truly not man's ways for they are opposite from the world. "There is a way that seemeth right to men but they are the ways of death." (Prov. 16:25).

OBITUARY

Brother J. R. Mc Kinley was born Jan. 12, 1881, died Jan. 30, 1932, age 51 years and 18 days. He was married to Mary Ellen Tudor Aug. 21, 1901. To this union were born four children, three which are still living. One of the children passed away at the age of five. Brother Mc Kinley professed faith in Christ at the Saint's camp meeting which was held at Blackford, Ky. Aug. 1927. He was faithful until death. His faith and trust was in the God of his Salvation. His affliction was dropsy.

We were called two days before the end came. We had prayer with him and he said, "God's will be done." He told us he was ready to go. Oh, what a blessing it is to fall asleep in the arms of Jesus. Although he will be missed from among the saints at their services, but our loss is heaven's gain.

May God ever watch over his wife and children, and comfort their hearts.

Funeral services conducted by the writer. Text used, was Heb. 9:27.

—Wm. C. Hughes.

OBITUARY

Guthrie, Okla.— Zedger Bradford was born in the State of Alabama. He lived there a number of years, and moved from there to Texas where he was married to Miss Dessa Bryant. They moved to Oklahoma in the year of 1895, where he remained until his death, March 5, 1932 at 11:30 A. M.

He professed a hope in Christ, being born into the "Family of God" in November 1931. He leaves to mourn the loss, a wife and six children, and other relatives and friends.

The Father now has gone away,
His race below was fully run;
The pains and aches of body gone,
And a life in Paradise begun.

The wife and children now are left,
In this world a while to stay,
He can never come to them,
But if, in Christ, they can come to him.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt. The text used was in Job, 14th chapter and the 14th verse, "If a man die, shall he live again?" The funeral service was well attended and the remains was laid to rest in the cemetery, north of Guthrie.



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"Strait Is The Way"

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7: 11-14.

We have two ways set before us: one is broad, the other is narrow and strait. Those on the narrow way have made their peace with God through Christ's righteousness. They have a little heaven upon earth to go to heaven in. When the eye is single, (that is, we are not two-faced) we love God; with all the heart, then God reigns in us. In this strait way no ravenous beast can travel, for God has fixed it as He has fixed the shore of the sea. He said, "Fear ye not Me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence which have placed the sand for the bounds of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?" Jer. 5: 22. Yes, those who would tear and destroy cannot find it. It is sealed up against the two-faced, the double-eyed, the deceitful, the disobedient: these have no place in the kingdom of God, and can't behold Christ in His glory. The broad way takes all who will not press into the narrow way. In it we find the sin-loving soul, the worldly soul, the soul that never prays from the heart, but does anything for the praise of man.

If we live for God as we should, we will find that this world will not love or understand us.

The Word of God is not scarce in this land of ours. Very few are too poor to have a Bible, or unable to read, especially, if born in America. This is a land of Bibles. They have been wonderfully multiplied and printed in every tongue. Yet, why is it that so few find Christ to the salvation of their soul? It is because they don't love, reverence, and fear God as they should. Only those will make heaven their home who learn to give praise, honor and glory to God for His wonderful salvation through the precious blood of the Lamb of God from the heart, and none can do this but those who have been redeemed by grace and power Divine.

How can one in sin thank God for salvation? Yes, few there be that find it, and let us see to it that we are one of the few who will forsake all for Christ and for His kingdom. Put on Christ, wear His robe of righteousness that we be found not wanting in that last great Day.

— I. Edith Kriebel.

The Fight Is On

The Apostle Paul tells us just before he was offered up that he had fought a good fight, and had kept the faith. That was a wonderful testimony.

There are very few today that realize the great warfare that has been going on along down through the last 1900 years since Paul gave that testimony. Jesus said, on this Rock I will build my Church (kingdom, Matt. 16: 18). It began with war, and is destined to end with war. My beloved brethren, I feel constrained to draw your mind's attention to the fact that the time mentioned in Rev. 16: 13, 14 is here, and that the last great battle is now on. The first question that arises is, who and what are the great opposing forces or powers that make up this war, and of what do they consist? First, we will note that Jesus said, on this Rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. We can see by His language here that He expected opposition. Paul tells us in 2 Thess. 2, that the mystery of iniquity had already begin to work. Now the question that comes to my mind is, who and what is this great opposing power, and of what does it consist? Some tell us that it is to be a great world war (temporal). but Jesus said His kingdom was not of this world (not of observation)—hence, we look for something else. Paul tells us in Eph. 6: 12, that we wrestle not against flesh and

blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. By these scriptures, we can plainly see that the opposing powers are not temporal. Hence, what else do we see?

In Rev. 12 we have a woman, also a great red Dragon. These represent two ecclesiastical powers. In the 13th chapter, we see that a beast sprang up, and in the 11th verse another beast. These last three (dragon, the 1st and 2nd beasts) all receive their power from the same source—the Devil. (Rev. 20: 2) In Rev. 16: 13, 14 we see that they are joining together in the last great battle.

The next question is, who are these great powers? We turn to history, and here we find that Paganism takes the place of the Dragon, and that Catholicism the place of the first beast, and Protestantism (or false prophets) the place of the second beast. In Rev. 20 we find the three united under two great heads, namely—Gog and Magog.

Now brethren, the next and most important question is, which side are you fighting on? I attended a Bible class a short time ago, and the leader in his talk said that the reason that the world was not being converted was that the devil had gotten into the church and was running it. The poor man did not discern the real body of Christ, which is the Church, of which Jesus said He was the door. Peter says, if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? Here we have three classes mentioned. We know who the sinners are, and we know who the righteous are, but whence the ungodly? Ah, my brethren, there is the power that the Church has to fight today. The sinner would soon lay down their arms and surrender, if it was not for the ungodly professors, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea (Rev. 20: 8). Many of them are occupying pulpits that are so crooked that the devil is ashamed to own them; hence, he calls them church-members. May God help them.

My brethren, it behooves us to put on the whole armor, and fight a good fight. God has been calling His people out of this great mass of confusion (Babylon) for the last 50 years, and while He is long-suffering and merciful, yet He is full of judgment and justice. See Jer. 50 and 51. Here we see that God's people must not only flee out of her, but also they must not even take a stone (one of her traditions) for a foundation. They must fight against her. Amen.

— W. M. Wolcott

Poughkeepsie. N. J. —Dear Sister and Brother Pruitt: I have been impressed to give you my experience when I was first saved. It may help some one else.

I rejected my Saviour many times in my youth, for I was thirty-five years of age when I gave my heart to God and how thankful I am to my Dear Redeemer for sparing my life, for oh, how sad for a soul to be lost.

I was attending a revival not far from my house, where I heard the gospel preached by a man filled with the Holy Ghost, and it is sad for me to say, but it was the first time I can remember of God's Word being preached in that way, and I always went to church ever since I can remember. God would seem near me and I can remember how I would pray when in trouble, for I had a Christian mother but I never heard her pray, but she did I know, for she used to tell me of her prayers that God had answered. So when I heard this man of God preach my heart was touched, but it seemed like I just could not see how to yield to my Saviour's pleadings. I had a little daughter six years old and I did love my dear little girl, for she was my only daughter. I always took her with me when ever I went to church. I didn't notice that she was paying any attention to the preaching, as we went every night and some times at the day services. I was a great hand to read novels and would read every one I could get. I was reading one while I was attending this revival and was more interested in my novel than I was in the meeting, so one day my little daughter came to me while I was deeply interested in my love story, with the Bible in her little hands, and how she knew it was God's Word I don't know. I always believe it was God's power that made known to her and she had to climb upon a chair and look among other things to get the Bible. She came up to me and said, "Mama, won't you read this book! I do love to hear it." I said, "Well, after a while." She drew her chair up close to me and waited some time and then she said, "Mama, please read this book. I do love to hear it." I don't know where she heard the Bible read, only by this man of God that was holding the revival, for I never read it to her. "Oh well" I said, "I will read a little." So I took the Bible, laying my love story down by me. I read quite a while but I don't remember where I read. That night I went to the altar and was converted. Bless God. "A little child shall lead them." The next day her father was saved and in a short time her older brother. Oh how happy we all were. I had no desire for my novel. My Bible was my choice.

All for Christ.

—Mrs. Velma A. Moss.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

The Few

“The easy roads are crowded,
And the level roads are jammed;
The pleasant little rivers
With the drifting folks are crammed.

“But off yonder where it's rocky,
Where you get a better view,
You will find the ranks are thinning
And the travelers are few.

“Where the going's south and pleasant,
You will always find the throng;
For the many more's the pity
Seem to like to drift along.

“But the steepes that call for courage,
And the task that's hard to do—
In the end results in glory
For the never wavering few.”

This poem puts in my heart a stir to press on, no matter how rough and rocky the way is. Each obstacle overcome only strengthens us for the next. Each step we take puts us farther away from the world and its earthly treasures, and speeds us on our way toward our eternal home. To that land bright and fair where there is no night and all the tears are wiped from our eyes.

We are in the Christian warfare battling against the enemy. The Bible, the Holy and inspired Word of God, is our sword. Our feet are shod with the gospel. We have on the helmet of salvation, a breastplate of righteousness and a shield of faith. Who is better prepared for a battle against the enemy of all souls than we, the chosen ones of God?

Oh, young people, be encouraged to press on. “If God be with us, who can be against us.” Though the road be rough and rocky, do not waver for it is as it said in the last two lines of this poem:

“In the end results in glory
For the never-wavering few.”

Press on, dear young saints, and keep your banner of salvation flying aloft. Don't let the devil pull it down and drag it in the gutter. Keep it pure and spotless as the Holy Word of God.

Pray for me and other young saints who are pressing forward to receive everlasting life.

—Verta O'Raine

Be Ye Separate!

Are we the professed children of God going about as pilgrims and strangers here in this world, as far as taking up with it is concerned, or are we going hand in hand with it?

Paul said in the first verse and first chapter of Romans that, he was called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God. Being separated certainly meant he was no longer a part of it. When the Lord saved us, he separated us from the world, “And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bare the image of the heavenly.”

I often stop and look and meditate upon these things. Are our lives the image of Christ? Do we talk, dress, act and live each day as we would if we knew it be our last day on this earth? That before another prayer could be uttered, would we be ready to stand before God and hear the verdict? What would it be?

I pray the Lord to help us to, “always bear about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” If the life be made manifest in our body truly, we will draw people to Christ. It was not Jesus' attractiveness, in putting on of things of this world or of a beautiful form, that won the people to Him, and it will not be, what fine clothes or smooth talk or a pretty face that we have that will enable us to help save some poor souls from everlasting torment. “But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.”

May the Lord help us to ever “be sober and be vigilant, because our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour.” When will we be most easily caught in his snares? Surely not while we are in earnest prayer or meditation with God. No, verily, for while we are sober and vigilant, we keep our eyes straight ahead of us in the middle of the path and we cannot stumble, for we are ever watchful. But let a little foolishness enter in, and we start getting to the side of the path, and we start stumbling, our vision gets blurred, just the chance the devil is after, for then he starts in with his dim lights, to light our path, and as we have

lost sight of our bright light, he can easily lead us astray.

Are we letting our vision get dim? Is that bright light so far away from us, that we are letting another take its place? Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

So let's keep our eyes on Christ and off the world continually watch and pray. Surely the farther away we keep our thoughts from the world, the closer we get to God. Is that not what we are all striving for?

Let us as young people, lift up the bloodstained banner. Let's each one renew our determination to have a closer walk with Jesus. The Bible says if we "draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us." Surely having God with us, we will separate ourselves as far as possible from the world.

"Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

By the Lord's help, let us keep our hearts on God, our feet going straight ahead, in the middle of the path and our eyes on heaven. There is no detour to trod. They suffered for Christ's sake, even to the punishment of death. The devil was roaring then and he still is. The harder the devil roared, the closer communion they had with God and each other. They never once thought of letting down the standard, and let's pray that the Lord will give us strength and courage to enable us also to keep it up.

We must be more earnest and more steadfast, each one having a definite experience of their own, not leaning on, and looking to some one else to guide them, for the devil has many false guides out. There are many that profess the Word of God, but don't manifest the Spirit. Unless we have the Spirit of God ever dwelling within us, we will not be able to discern the wolf inside the sheep's cloak.

For the Word says, "There shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

We can see there is danger of many being deceived, and a gradual cooling off and letting up. "For many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many." Let us keep our hearts open for the whole Word of God, not hunt for a smoother path, for time is short. We have but a few years here at the most and eternity is everlasting. There will be a few true

saints left on this earth when Jesus comes, so let us.—

Lift up the blood-stained banner,
Pick up the fallen cross;
Show the world through our actions
That Salvation's not for dross.

Let's continue in the Bible path. It is the way; let us walk in it. "For strait is the gate and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." By God's help I mean to be one of the few.

—Hope Embly

CHILD'S PRAYER

My Father Dear,
Draw very near,
My prayer hear
Remove all fear.

I humbly pray
That I may stay
Far all this day
From sin away.

Thy loving child,
Keep kind and mild;
Heart unbeguiled
Or sin defiled.

Help me today
Thy Word obey
In love always
To do or say.

—A. S. Kriebel

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Varnell Sta. Ga.— Dear Saints of God: Greetings to you, in Jesus' precious name. This finds me saved and encouraged to press on, and live true, as the Word of God teaches us.

I have been saved only a year but the Lord surely has wonderfully blessed me in many ways since He saved me from the sins of this world. I haven't any desire what ever for any of the pleasures of this world. I truly thank the Lord for salvation, and for all that He has done for me. It's wonderful to serve such a great Master.

So many young people seem to want to wait until they get old before they get saved, think they have plenty of time to serve the Lord before they die, but, the young die the same as the old. I am young, yet I am glad that I am saved, and have a willing heart, to measure to all of God's Word, as I hear it preached.

I praise the Lord for a few young people that are willing to give up all and follow Jesus.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may keep true and humble and do His will at all times.

Your saved Sister, Edna Masengii

Henderson, Ky. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: This leaves me saved and sanctified and satisfied and still encouraged to live with God above.

I am 26 years old. I got saved when I was 14 years old and have been saved ever since.

I want to be with my loved ones up yonder. I have a mother who has been in bed for four months with a cancer on her face. Seems to be no cure, but we all pray for her. She is waiting for the Lord to take her away. She is ready. Thank the Lord, I will be with her up yonder where there will be singing and shouting. Mother is 66 years old. The cancer has been on her about 15 years. The doctor could do nothing for her. Pray for her.

I sure do enjoy reading your *Faith and Victory* paper. Brother, I can't do without it. The time is so hard on me, so I haven't any money to pay for it. My cousin, Mary Pirtle, has been paying for the paper for me. I like to read the Young People's Section. I surely do pray that the dear Lord will keep His hand upon them and raise up a young people who will not be afraid to carry on the work of the Lord, clean and pure. I believe there will be a few who will yet stand for the old-time faith. Surely it makes us feel sad when we yet see some of the old-time ministers letting down. Dear ones, time is too short, too many souls are going into eternity for any time to be spent in discussing things that we know God is not pleased with. He has promised to care for his children. Let us keep our faith and trust in Him and prove to this world that there is a God who will care for us. Be encouraged, hold up the standard, never let it down and we are sure that the Lord will ever be with you. Pray for me and the family that we will live a better life each day. We realize it takes a close walk with God to live just pleasing in His sight.

With Christain love, —Miss Lena Pirtle

Dear Saints: I feel led to write my testimony through the little paper, *Faith and Victory*. I am saved and sanctified and encouraged to go all the way with Him.

I am twenty years old. I got saved Sept. 28, 1930 and I get much more joy in the Lord's way than I did when I was in sin. I don't get to church all the time, but when I do go I sure have a joyful time. Brother

Ben. Douglas was the minister which made the strong altar call when I got saved. One night I was deeply convicted but I did not get saved that night. I was so down hearted, I didn't say but two words that night coming home. The next night I got saved and I sure felt good. Last year I was at the Tulsa meeting and we sure had a good meeting. The young folks had their meeting at five o'clock every day. It sure was encouraging to my soul.

My sister, father, mother and myself are the only saints in this community. The rest of the people are sinners.

We would love to have the saints to come here and hold a meeting. If any one can come, we would be glad to have them.

Your Sister in Christ, —Miss Jannie Hardman
Owasso, Okla.

OUR NEEDS AND OUR WANTS

It's not my wants for which I pray ;

I only ask my needs —

For simple clothes and daily bread,

God will His children feed.

For while the Holy Son of God

Was here upon this earth,

He lived a very simple life,

And was of humble birth.

It's very little of this world's goods

We need while here below,

But I would scatter every where

The good seed as I go.

I may not travel very far,

I may be tired and weak,

But God has strength, for even me,

So Lord, thy face I seek.

Our Saviour often had no house—

He owned no feather bed ;

He often shed bitter tears alone,

With no place for His head.

So we may have to take our cross,

And walk the humble way ;

But I'm content with simple things—

My bread from day to day.

I'll gather the fragments, too,

Though there's not much remains ;

I bear my heavenly cross for God,

And count my loss as gains.
 For Lord it's not much that I need—
 A place to sleep, a bite to eat,
 Thy rod and staff to comfort me;
 And life is most complete.

—Goldie Finch

Extracts From our Mail

A Brother from Pa., who is much interested in the Lord's work, reports as follows: "Recently I came by train from Paoli to Parksburg. I had with me a supply of tracts, and the Holy Spirit said to me, 'Give them to the people.' But I feared the conductor, for one time while engaged in that service, the conductor met me in the aisle and said, 'Not permitted on the train: stop it at once,' which I did. But shall we obey God or man? So I yielded to that *still small voice*, and it was a real pleasure to meet the people on this journey, and hand to each one a gospel message, frequently choosing a tract to fit the recipient. Many thanked me cordially, and very few declined to take them. At the rear end of the car sat the conductor or trainman. I gave him a tract and said, 'I appreciate very much, being permitted to do this,' and he smiled. 'A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.' Give God the glory.

The service of giving out tracts is a good work for the Lord. Often a soul is won to the Lord just through the reading of a tract. We are printing tracts all the time and sending them forth freely as the Lord provides. We have a *Free Literature Fund* to which any one can donate in helping in this work. We are printing two tracts now, written by a Sister who lives seventy miles or more west of Guthrie, and also two tracts written by a Brother who lives in eastern Oklahoma. These parties pay for the printing of the tracts, and have what they can use sent to them, and the rest we circulate freely with our tracts. They are having six thousand of each tract printed. This is a splendid way for any one to help get the gospel to this perishing people. You can help in getting the gospel to the people by the printed page if you will. Those wanting tracts should send postage if they can; every little that way helps along. You are just as much of a "Worker together with the Lord" as we are. After all that all of us have done, it is God that giveth the increase. Let us each one be at our best for Him. Write articles and use tracts which teach the most essential truth of the Bible. The main thing is to get souls saved and then the Holy Spirit will guide and

lead them into the deeper truth as they are able to bear it or hear it.

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Kind Friends and co-workers in the Lord: I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to Mrs. Jesse Sultzbaugh and family, for their kindness in sending the *Faith and Victory* monthly paper to me. I read it very carefully and prayerfully, and can say it is indeed a wonderful little paper, and may the Lord continue to bless the publishers, in their faithfulness in sending forth the truth. May they not become weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. I have known the Sultzbaugh family for many years; have often stopped at their home on the farm near Peru, Nebr. when I was on the road traveling. Last summer it was my delight to call at their home in Peru, Nebr. and visit with them. Then a day or two later before leaving for Omaha, it was my joy to hold a service in their home, when we found there was no service in the entire town on Sunday evening, so the neighbors were called together for worship. We had a wonderful service, and the Lord indeed did bless. It has been my privilege often since, to hold services here and there, as the doors are opened. I am praying that the entire family of this little village will find Jesus as their personal Saviour. We are indeed living in a time of unbelief, and God only knows what the future holds for each of us, or when the day will dawn when time shall be no more.

I wish to say that if at any time you see fit to publish any of the tracts I sent you in the *Faith and Victory* paper, you may do so as far as I am concerned, especially should you see any of these tracts or a part of these articles that might be a blessing to the public in general. Again thanking you one and all for the paper and its contents.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Grossame

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A Sister in California sends us greetings in Jesus' name. She says that she just received the *Faith and Victory* paper, and she finds some good things. She is so glad that God is her Father and she is His child and He cares for her and comforts her at all times. She sends in five dollars for the work. Sends in five new subscriptions for the paper and also says she wants the little book entitled, *Helps to Holy Living*. Her income is very small and she is too aged to work, but has faith that God will take care of her. It does our souls good to get letters of encouragement from saints who have faith in God and know in whom they trust. The deeds that we do here all go on record in God's

book in heaven and will face us at the judgment day. The people in this world are spending their means and time in various ways. Some spend it for booze and get drunk, waste their time in revelry; others spend their money at shows, picnics and dances, others hoard it up or put it into real estate to get it tied up some way so they never have any to give to the cause of God worth mentioning. There are a few others that are scattered around over the earth that seek the face of God and find out from Him where to give means to help spread the gospel. They may never accumulate very much in this world; but will find rich treasures in heaven, as the way and manner we use our means is all recorded in the Lamb's book of life. "For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccle. 12: 14)

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An unsaved young man living in north-west Okla. wrote us as follows; — "Dear Publishers of the *Faith and Victory* paper. I have received my second copy of the *Faith and Victory* and I am greatly pleased with it, even if I am a young man out in the darkness of sin. I sure do get lots of good from your paper. I feel that it is helping me to realize how terrible it would be to go on into eternity unsaved. I want to live a better life and I am going to, regardless of all the temptations of this world to lead us off.

So please help me in every way to gain God's perfect righteousness. I am sending in some names of friends and relatives that are away from God. Please send them a copy of *Faith and Victory* that it may help them to see the right way. I wish you would send me some more tracts."

In reading this letter, you can see how God is working on many hearts that read the paper and you should be interested in getting it in the homes of your friends. Subscribe for them and let the paper go into their homes for a year, as the paper is sent to them each month. Pray God to bless them while they read it. Visit them once in a while and talk with them about the Lord, about the beauties of heaven, the great need of being prepared for that place. God will bless you when you really get interested enough in His cause to sacrifice a little means and time.

We have just received a letter from a Brother, living in the east, who sends 60 subscriptions for the *Faith and Victory*. Many of the saints could do likewise if they would give a little time and sacrifice a little means for His sake.

A Brother from Santa Cruz, Calif. writes us an encouraging letter and sends for fifty cents' worth of Scripture text envelopes, two lbs. or better of tracts and encloses three dollars and fifty cents to pay for the same, and balance for personal needs. He asks us to pray for him. He is quite zealous in the work of the Lord and will have treasures laid up where moth doth not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal.

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Okmulgee, Okla. — Dear Brother Pruitt: I send greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I can report victory in my soul. Still standing for the old-time truth to all I know and the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

I am sending for the renewal of my subscription. We could not get to the Guthrie meeting, but was earnestly praying for it. I desire your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, — Frances Bell.

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Cleveland, Tenn. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. May the God whom we serve richly bless and keep you encouraged to do His Holy will.

As for me, dear ones, I am determined to go all the way. My hope and trust is in the true and living God. I mean to stand true and hold up this truth, even though it should mean my life, like the people of old. This is a big thing to say, and without God it would be a foolish thing to say, but God can see our heart and help us to carry out these decisions, and keep us supplied with "grace sufficient."

My husband and I need your prayers as we are both young in the cause, and weak, but out for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Nothing else will do but the plain Bible for us. We want to live and die by it.

I am praying for you that God will bless the work and supply every need according to the measure of Christ.

I thank God there is still a few who will preach and print the pure gospel, and not preach something to tickle the ear for "filthy lucre."

Just a little while and we can hear, "well done," so let us be true at any cost. Then what joy to spend eternity with Jesus and all the saved of all ages; no sorrow, no sighing, no tears — all will be joy. pure joy. Then these light afflictions that we are going through. and these trials and persecutions will seem so small even as nothing compared with the joy which awaits the faithful and true.

Pray for us that we may ever keep humble and

willing to be used of God any time, any way, any where.

Much Christian love to all.

Your Sister in Christ — Mrs. Geo. F. Knittel

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Cleveland, Tenn. — Dear Bro. and Sis. in Christ:

I am glad I can say I have salvation. I haven't been saved hardly a year but am going home. I can't read much or understand much of His precious Word, but by the grace of God I mean to live to all the light He gives me.

I want all the saints to pray for my husband and I that we both may stay humble at His feet.

Your Sister and Brother in Christ,

— Viola Knittel

The Beauty of Jesus

There are two kinds of beauty among men. That is, the beauty of the flesh and the beauty of the Spirit.

When God through the Prophets spoke of the coming of Jesus, He said there would be no beauty that man would desire Him. God could have in the person of Jesus showed to the world the greatest beauty in the flesh of Jesus that the world ever saw, so that all of the world have admired His beauty and worshiped Him. He could have been born in a palace in Jerusalem, reared in all the luxuries of the world, with all its learning; could have chosen his disciples from a great university with the titles of D. D., doctors of divinity, L. L. D., doctors of Law, could have restored and exalted the Jewish nation and conquered the world. All of this would have been pleasing to the flesh. Today the masses of people seek a religion in the flesh, of the flesh, and for the flesh, but God sent His Son Jesus Christ in to the world to destroy all the works of the flesh, because the works of the flesh kills the soul. “If ye live after the flesh ye shall die.” (Rom. 8:13). Yes, die spiritually and eternally. The flesh wants beauty, culture and refinement. It is content with sham graces of the spirit. The carnal mind studies to beautify the fleshly body for lustful eyes to behold: all of which only expose the nakedness of the soul. God says, “All flesh is as grass” and “no flesh shall glory in His presence.”

We turn to behold the beauty of Jesus our Lord. He is a spiritual being. If we would see Him in His beauty we must be spiritual beings also. He can only be seen with spiritual eyes. He is the embodiment of love. Jesus is love. Such love was never known in Heaven or on earth, as when Jesus came to this sin-

cursed world to seek for Himself a Bride, a Church; not two or three, but just one. Ezekiel 16: 1-15 gives us a picture of her. Now meet Jesus in Isaiah 53, Love suffering for her until the last drop of blood is poured out on Calvary. Saints of God, does this ravish your soul?

He is as humble as a little babe in the manger. Humility is one of the greatest graces in heaven or on earth. A poet once said, “It is a flower so frail, that if you but look upon it, it is gone.” They play love and humility in pageants, programs, movies, and shows. Poor professing Christian, the greatest pageant you will ever put over will be the one you will put over in hell, unless you quit mocking God in this world.

Jesus is the fountain of wisdom. Wisdom that God tell us of, her price is above rubies, diamonds, yea, all the gold of earth. It cannot be bought or sold. It is God's gift to man. Wisdom crieth in the spirits. Poor men and women heed not her voice but go on like the ox to the slaughter; they go with the harlot, the adulterer, whose steps take hold on hell. Read Proverbs seven and eight chapters. “They that hate wisdom love death.” Jesus is the source of all knowledge. He is saying to you, come, walk in the yoke with me and learn of me. There is no knowledge of the world that puffeth up, but Jesus is the author of eternal truth. His teaching leadeth the soul into the everlasting Kingdom that God through the prophets said He would set up in this world — a kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, where true saints behold the glorious beauty of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. — Sister J. Edw. Wetzel

Tithing

Tithing was practised under the Law, not as an offering, but as a debt, because it was a debt which the Israelites owed to God. Tithing or paying a tenth was practised under the Mosaical Law. But before the Law was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai, it was spoken of first by Abraham (Genesis 14: 20). When Abraham met Melchizedek, he gave him tithes of all. It also was practised by Jacob (Gen. 28: 22). Note carefully—he gave the Lord a tenth of all the Lord gave him. It was a voluntary tithing, but when the Law was given it became a compulsory matter. It was incorporated into the Law when the Law was given to Moses. See Leviticus 27: 30- 34. Now, there is or was a reason why the Israelites were commanded to pay tithes. It was because all that they possessed belonged to the Lord (Mal. 3: 8). They were commanded to

give or pay tithes of all their flocks and herds, and all the grain and fruits and herbs, and even the wine which was made. This tithing means a tenth of all that a person had under the Law.

Now, there were twelve tribes. The tribe of Levi was not allowed to have an inheritance, but they were to receive one tenth of all the other tribes possessed. Then, those Levites were to give one tenth or tithes to the Lord. The eleven tribes were to pay tithes to the Levites for their service, because they were to serve the tabernacle of the congregation. This enabled the tribe of Levi to pay tithes, and have as much left as each one of the other tribes or the other eleven tribes. The tithes included all their taxes, and their charity and their sacrifices. No one could give a free-will offering until their tithes were paid. Why? Because they were still in debt for one tenth. But when they paid up their tithes, then they could make an offering unto the Lord of their own substance. This was the system of worship under the Law, and was practised in the time of Christ and even down to the crucifixion of Christ. Right there the tithing law was fulfilled—the end of the law of commandments (Eph. 2: 15; Col. 2: 14; Rom. 10: 4). The Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, then Christ ended the duty of the tithing law of the ordinances and the Sabbath law (Col. 2: 16- 17; Heb. 8: 7- 9; 7: 11- 18, 19; Rom. 3: 20, 21).

Tithes are mentioned in the New Testament, but let us call the tithe-givers and worshippers attention for consideration, yea, your very careful consideration. First, let us note the following scriptures and see if Christ recommended tithing. "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23: 23). This was speaking of the tithe-debtors and law-keepers under the Law. They tithed, but the most important matters they had left out entirely. Second, "Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Luke 11: 42). Jesus said this class made clean the outside of the cup and the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Third, "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give

tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18: 10- 14). Take notice that this Pharisee was a tithe-payer and a law-keeper, and yet Jesus commended him not. Fourth, the next and only place it is mentioned in the New Testament, (Heb. 7: 1- 10) and you will note carefully in the ninth verse that Levi paid (not give as an offering) tithes in Abraham because of indebtedness. "And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, (not according to the New Covenant) that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham."

These scriptures were all speaking of the old covenant law and merely relates their duty under the old covenant law, and by no stretch of the imagination can they be applied to a Christian of today or even in any New Testament commandment or New Covenant law. It really was not mentioned in the Ten Commandments, but was given in the same covenant or old Law on Mt. Sinai. It was given for a tithe of the firstling of a sacrifice on the altar, but was abolished at the cross of Christ, as we have above shown, and now we will further prove it by the following scriptures: (Col. 2: 14- 17; Eph. 2: 14- 16; Rom. 10: 4). "But now (not still under it) we are delivered from the Law, that being dead wherein we were held" (Rom. 7: 6). "Wherefore the law was (not now) our schoolmaster (under the tithing law) to bring us to Christ, (not any further) that we might be justified by faith (not tithing). But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster (tithing commandment). Gal. 3: 24- 25.

Was not tithing practised long before the law was given? Yes, so was circumcision. Abraham was the first to tithe (Gen. 14: 20); he also instituted circumcision. You will notice carefully that Cain and Abel offered a sacrifice to the Lord (Gen. 4: 3- 4). Noah also offered sacrifices (Gen. 8: 20). The seventh day rest was instituted when man was made by God, (Gen. 2: 2) also was one of the ordinances given on Mt. Sinai, and at that time began to be called the Sabbath. Forbidding to eat swine meat or other unclean beasts was given long before the law, as it speaks of the clean and unclean beasts that went into the ark. We find that five of the main ordinances of the law

were instituted long before the Law was given, and were as follows: Seventh day rest, offering of sacrifices, circumcision, tithing, and not eating unclean beasts. These were incorporated ordinances of the law among others that was abolished at the cross, yet to which some people hold today, and Jesus said this class at His first advent into the world was full of extortion and excess (Matt. 23: 25). They love the uppermost seats in the synagogues and the greetings in the markets (Luke 11: 43). Now, if one of the ordinances of the law was abolished, then they were all abolished, and if one of them at this present time is in force, they all are in force. James 2: 10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, (Moses' law) and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Was not tithing the best system as God gave it? Yes! It was good for the time it was given. God also gave circumcision and the other ordinances of the old Law, but it could not make the comers thereunto perfect (Heb. 10: 1). Read Heb. 7: 19, and because of this, He took away the first (old ordinances) because they had fulfilled their mission. (Rom. 7: 6). They were the best that could be given under the law dispensation, but were not instituted under grace.

Let us notice the New Testament plan of giving. 1 Cor. 16: 2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 2 Cor. 9: 7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 8: 11- 12, "Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." Acts 2: 44- 45, "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." Acts 4: 32- 35, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Luke 19: 8- 9, Zacchaeus said unto the Lord, "Lord, the half of my goods I

give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, this day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he is also a son of Abraham." Jesus commended him for his offering and never mentioned that he should then give a tenth. The Lord commended the poor widow also who gave ALL of her living, and said she had given more than they all who had put into the treasure box of their abundance, though she gave only two mites (not a tenth, Luke 21: 1- 4). No doubt, those rich men (tithers) made light of her because she did not cast into the treasury some tithes like them. At any rate, only one whom the Lord commended was a poor widow who was not casting into the treasury a tenth or tithes (Mark 12: 41- 44). Now dear reader, in all these New Testament scriptures not one time has a tithe-giver, law-keeper, or Sabbath worshipper been commended in any way, but the non-tithe giver has received commendation every time. Dear reader, if you are a tithe-giver and worshipper, make a thorough investigation of the above Scriptures; but first lay down your biasness, your prejudice, and for Jesus' sake consider them carefully and prayerfully. Tithing was not commended by Jesus, neither by the apostles or by any of the disciples of the New Testament. It is not a Christian doctrine, yet you will find in the 23rd chapter of Matt. who holds to it.

The New Testament teaches us to give a free-will offering, whatever amount it may be (not tithing), out of that we or ye have; not what you have not, but as God has prospered you—not of necessity but cheerfully. However, under grace the responsibility of giving is not less than under the Law. We need to realize that we and all we have belongs to God. So, it is not the amount we give, but the spirit in which we give it. The spirit of the Law was to do and pay, but the spirit of Grace is to trust and give cheerfully and willingly. Obedience is better than sacrifices, or at least to obey is better than sacrifices (1 Sam. 15: 22). "Though I give (or bestow) all my goods to feed the poor and have not charity (the love of God), it profiteth me nothing" (1 Cor. 13: 3). — C. M. Hicks

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Now what was that about the cross,
I heard the preacher say?
About the "precious blood of Christ
That washes sins away?"

Or "Now I lay me down to sleep"—
I guess that's not the word,
But Something stirs within my heart,
I wonder if *He* heard?