

# FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.  
— PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Deliverance

I was once a slave to Satan,  
But deliverance came to me;  
Through the Precious Blood of Jesus  
By His grace He set me free.  
Now by faith I am looking upward  
As I travel on my way,  
Trusting Him to guide my footsteps  
To that land of endless day.

I am going on my journey  
Toward heaven's golden shore,  
Where I shall dwell in peace with Jesus  
And the angels ever more.  
Oh, the cross sometimes seems heavy  
As I bend beneath the load,  
But the way grows brighter, brighter,  
As I near that blest abode.

Jesus helps me bare my burdens,  
And on Him I can rely;  
For I know He will never leave me  
Till I reach that home on high.  
If I follow in His footsteps  
I will always go aright,  
For He tells us in the Bible  
That He is the way of light

When dark shadows gather o'er me,  
And I cannot see my way,  
Then by simple faith I trust Him,  
And He turns my night to day  
When the storms are fierce assailing,  
And the tempest is raging high;  
Then I call upon my Saviour,  
And He always hears my cry.

He commands the wind and tempest;  
They obey at His request —  
He turns the shadows into sunshine,  
And He calms my troubled breast.  
Then He fills my soul with glory.  
As He gives me sweet release  
From all burdens great and heavy,  
And He keeps in perfect peace.

When my journey here is ended,  
And my work on earth is o'er;  
I will wear a crown of glory  
Over on the other shore.  
Then with Jesus and the angels,  
With our loved ones over there,  
I shall dwell in peace forever  
And His presence ever share.  
— Sel. By I. S. Fender.

## Four Kingdoms

We have been reading lately in the thirteenth chapter of Matt. about the parable that Jesus gave of the Kingdom. Although He planted good seed in the field (The world) an enemy sowed bad seed. They both sprang up and grew. Some wanted to pull up the tares. The Master said, "No, lest while ye gather up the tares ye root up also the wheat with them. Let them both grow together until harvest." Some may say that this does not have reference to the Church, for the Church is, "Without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing." I will admit that there is a difference in the application; but the Kingdom of God and the Church in one sense are the same. Jesus said to the disciples, "Behold the Kingdom of God is within you." If the Kingdom of God was in every saint (which it is) then they would be the Church inclusive. Let us take the Bible definition for the Kingdom of God. In Romans the 14th chapter we read, "For the King-

dom of God is not meat and drink, (doing of certain things) but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." If we have righteousness, joy and peace in our souls, then we are in the Kingdom and the Kingdom is in us and we constitute the Church without spot or wrinkle or such thing.

But there is another application of the Kingdom and the Church which exists in the world and has to be recognized by us if we get a true conception of conditions as they really exist. In the eleventh and twelfth verses of Matt. the eighth chapter Jesus says that certain children of the Kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. So we see by this scripture that there are some who claim to be of the Kingdom that are recognized as such, yet in the end they will be cast out into outer darkness. Some one may say that in the morning Church the power of God was so great in the Church of God at Jerusalem that no one durst join himself to them. It was, no doubt, so far as Luke could see and know; but we find that Paul soon after that had much grief with false brethren and those who came in to spy out their liberty in Christ. Elijah was a mighty prophet of God, mighty in deeds and favored of God and he at one time complained to God that he was the only one in Israel and they sought his life; but God saw more than he saw and answered, "I have seven thousand in Israel."

Man cannot see as God sees in every thing and in all things, and it is well that it is so, that God may still be God.

In one sense of speaking, there are four Kingdoms in the world today, the "Potters Clay Kingdom of God," those that are born again and see the Kingdom because the Kingdom of God is within them and they constitute the Church of God which He has purchased with His own blood, the Church that is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Then there is a sense in which those that profess to be in the Kingdom are considered the Kingdom of God and they mix themselves right in as much as possible with the real children of God. They are the tares spoken of by the Lord that cannot be rooted up unless the wheat is pulled up also. He calls it the Kingdom of God because they will not be separate and many of them look so much like the real wheat and are so closely connected with influence that if pulled up some wheat would be pulled up with them, so the Lord says, "Let them both grow together." There is a third kingdom which is the kingdom of Satan and every unsaved soul is a member of that kingdom whether they know it or not. If they

believe in Christ with a repenting heart; God will translate them into the Kingdom of God.

There is also a fourth Kingdom, that is universal and it is the Power of God which extends over the Kingdom of Satan not allowing him to get beyond his decree, but allowing him to use those who will not yield to God to fulfill the prophecies of evil deeds and to show up the wickedness in the hearts of those who reject Christ. Satan could not touch Job, neither his property until he got permission from God. This proves the universal Kingdom of God over the Kingdom of Satan or the power of God over the power of Satan. Men cannot do to you more than God permits them to do. He may permit them to do wickedly with you that their hearts might be manifested and that you might be proven. The only safe way for the child of God when persecution is on or perplexing and troubleome things burden is to continually say, "Thy will be done." Keep pliable in His hands. Remember He is fitting you to dwell in *Heaven* with Him.

— Fred Pruitt

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## What A Christian Will Do

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Christians will love God as it said in Deut. 6: 5, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy might." They will obey God in everything as He has said in John 14: 15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." 1 John 5: 3 says, for this is the love of God that we keep his commandments, and His commandments are not grievous. They will love their enemies as He has said in Matt. 5: 44, "I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; that you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

Now, we all want to go to heaven. If so, we will have to love and obey His words, be meek, humble, kind, gentle and tender-hearted. Matt. 5: 5, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. Be kind, as He has said in Luke 6: 35, but love ye your enemies and do good and lend, hoping for nothing again and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest, for He is kind unto the unthankful and the evil. Be gentle, as He has said in 2 Tim. 2: 24, the servant of the Lord must not strive,

but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach—teach what? Teach the Word of God, teach them how to live to please God; be patient, forbearing, longsuffering or bear with. Be kind and tender-hearted, as He has said in 2 Kings 22: 19. When our hearts are hard, we will not heed God's word, but if our hearts are tender, we will love to do what the Word says, and we will be merciful as He has said in Luke 6: 36, be ye therefore merciful as your Father in heaven. Be merciful with them that hate us and persecute us, be patient and longsuffering, kind and loving to all and doing unto others as you would have them do unto you, as He has said in Luke 6: 31, "As ye would that men do unto you, do also unto them likewise." If you would like to be treated right, treat everybody the same way as you want them to treat you. Who is it that wants to be treated mean and turned down, as the saying is? You would rather be treated as a friend; surely you want people to treat you as a friend. We are all one in Christ; if that is so, then let us act like it and treat one another that way by doing to others as we would have them do unto us. Now, if we are one as Christ prayed for us in the 17th chapter of St. John, it is for what purpose? That the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. If we want to convince the world that we are the true Church of God, we *MUST BE ONE*, (not as one) but one in Christ that the signs will follow. If we can't prove this by our works in love with the signs following, there is something wrong—not on God's part, but on our part, for He said these signs will follow them that believe, and He meant for us to be one: "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them that they may be one even as we are one." Being in Christ will make us all one. "I in them and thou in me that they may be made perfect in one, (what, Lord) that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them as thou hast loved me." He prayed the Father, "I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me." Now if we ever expect to see His glory, we will have to be one here in this time world. If we are not one here, we cannot expect to be one over there. If we are not one here, we are just not in Christ. Some one is out of Christ, so let all pray and search the Word of God in prayer, seeking His will and way and He will lead us all alike by the Holy Ghost. If we are led by the Holy Spirit, we will all see alike and all speak the same and all be one in Christ. — A. A. McGlasson.

People who uphold a false preacher are as guilty as the preacher. Sheep will not follow a stranger.

## JESUS IS COMING SOON

Jesus is coming, O glorious message,  
Coming for you, and for me;  
Every-where signs of His blessed appearing  
Are written, on land and on sea,  
Shows the glad tidings to those who are careless,  
To all who are willing to hear;  
Unto those who are ready, and watching and waiting  
Our Lord will in glory appear—  
Sing and rejoice, ye in whom is His Spirit,  
Let praises ascend to the throne.

In Him is true mercy and judgment and justice  
Not one but His own will He take in,  
Souls living in Sodom, refusing to harken,  
To flee from the haunts of sin.

Cry out for the rocks and the mountains to hide them  
From the face of the Fairest of Fair.  
O, the sad lamentation of those who have waited,  
And now, too late, their doom must share;  
Millions are there, and thousands still going  
Hell's moving beneath to make room.  
Is there one who can picture the scene of the wretched  
In this demon-fought region of doom?  
Now! is the time to think—to consider,  
Tomorrow the curtain may fall;  
God's finger is writing, even now, very plainly  
A message for you on the wall.

Send for one to interpret, as did King Belshazzar,  
If you can understand it, my friend.  
O, the voice of depression, woe, and disaster  
Bespeak of the time of the end—  
Only those who are ready will mount as the eagle  
To glories no mortal man can tell;  
Near, is Christ's coming, time ends in judgment,  
Will it mean for you, heaven or hell?

—Ethel Meadows

"Oh, the unfathomable sweetness there is in Jesus! Everything that leads to Him, that stands in sight of Him, that in any way belongs to Him, is sweet. The very odor of His name is an "ointment poured forth." The true Christian feels that he could no more live for an hour without Jesus than he could live for an hour without air, under water. There is something delightful in this sense of utter dependence upon Jesus."

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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

James says, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him." From the way the people of this world are going we know that they are not asking wisdom of God. Most of them have wisdom of the world which is foolishness with God. James adds that man should ask in faith, nothing wavering.

The epistle of James is chock full of good, wholesome advice for the child of God. He tells the brother of low degree to rejoice as he is exalted, and the rich to rejoice in that he is made low, showing that to abide in Christ makes us all on a level. The low are raised up and the high are brought down, which is in harmony with the prophet Isaiah who said, "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." (Isa. 40: 4).

The prophet was telling us what the salvation of the Lord would do for folks that embraced it. He adds, "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

James says, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life." What a consolation this is to the tried ones in Christ. This crown of life is promised to them that love Him. If we love Him we will keep His words. He says that men are tempted when they are drawn away with their own lust and enticed. When lust has conceived (gets into the heart) it bringeth forth sin and sin when it is finished it bringeth forth death (Spiritual death).

James tells us to be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. He tells us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only, if we hear only we deceive our own selves. He says, if we look into the perfect law of liberty (The Bible) and continue therein, a hearer and a doer of the work, we shall be blessed in this. He says it is possible for a man to seem to be religious, and by bridling not his tongue, (talks a lot) this man deceives his own heart and his religion is a vain religion. "Pure and undefiled religion is this; to visit the widows and the fatherless in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Do not be a spot with them in their unbelieving ways. Keep free from the world so you will be in a position to serve God, lifting Christ up. What good wholesome advice, teaching and comfort the Christian finds in this first chapter of James and also in all the other chapters. The Lord has certainly

greatly supplied His people with food, bread from heaven. We live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. To be a doer of the Word is eating His flesh and drinking His blood and it makes strong heavenly life in the soul.

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On Saturday the 16th of April we went to the Boley, Okla. meeting in company with Bro. W. I. Miles and Brother and Sister G. W. Winn. We found the saints there happy in the Lord and pressing on in the true and holy way. They have not compromised an inch with the few drifting ones, but told us that they were further from those things than ever. It seems that the first thing that a compromiser does is to brand the true saints as extreme and fanatic. Generally, those who compromise want to take a following with them, and if they cannot do this, they will draw up a little to get a better grip. We need not be surprised at those drifting. There always has been some going back and there always will be. They are anxious for others to go with them, even on Paul's day, or he says "Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw disciples away after them." He warns us to watch.

The meeting at Boley was going on good and the interest was good. There were five at the altar in the Sunday morning service.

Bro. Miles and I returned home Monday, stopping for dinner at the home of Bro. C. S. Forbes, another soldier of Christ's, a partaker of the afflictions of the gospel. Bro. and S's. Winn remained to help through the meeting. Our souls are much refreshed by the fellowship of the saints at that place. May God bless them each and every one and encourage them to keep their eyes on Jesus and follow Him, not being of the world.

It is hard for some to remain in the humble, self-denying way, because the worldly minded are making such a big show of religion and they lust after a large following. Men who lust after those things soon lose a vision of the cross and what it means and it comes easy for them to wrest the scriptures and mis-apply them. They soon become willing to tell anything and in any way to gain their end in view, thinking that gain is godliness. They will fellowship anything and everything that will promote their earthly welfare. The thing has gotten hold of their heart and it pulls them right along. They are so loving and so clever, and have their influence weaved into others in such a way that they just pull them right on and on into darkness. Paul says, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Brethren, if we keep our

eyes on Christ only and follow him in the humble, crucified way and keep free from human influences, we will have fellowship with all others that are doing like-wise, and that number will make up the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I do not know of any time we have felt more free from the human institutions of men and human influences, compromising spirits of every kind, and have such deep decisions to preach and teach the truth at any cost.

The world as a whole is crying to ministers to preach smooth, easy things. Don't tell us about the cross-bearing way. don't say anything about hell and torment for the unbeliever, the hypocrite and the professor; preach love to us and liberty of consciences. Let us sear our consciences and do as we please. But God's Book says, "Preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not receive sound doctrine: but after their own lusts will they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables." (An imagined thing).

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Putting faith in earthly things has wrecked many a pilgrim. We receive things from God through faith and without faith it is impossible to please Him. We are all the children of Abraham by faith. We are saved by grace through faith. We walk by faith. We live by faith. By faith we are healed. By faith these bodies will be redeemed and fashioned like unto His glorified body; shall be changed from mortal to immortal. The just shall live by faith. Faith has stopped the mouths of the lions, and quenched the fire in the furnace. By faith Noah built the Ark. By faith Abraham offered up Isaac. By faith Moses obeyed God and God mightily used him to glorify His name. By faith they passed through the RED SEA. By faith Elijah was fed by the ravens. By faith the widow's oil and meal did not fail. Oh brethren, let us have faith in God. Jesus says to the disciples, (that means us) "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body what ye shall put on." In order to make it plain to them what he meant, he said, "Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have store house nor barn; and God feedeth them, how much more are ye better than the fowls." In the 28th verse. "If then God so clothed the grass, which is today in the field and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith."

You will find these scriptures in the twelfth chapter of Luke. All teachings of Jesus are for us to have faith in God. He often rebuked the disciples for having so little faith. Reader, what does He think of you and me? Let us live and teach in such a way that men will have increase of faith in God. Jesus is our pattern. Let us follow Him.

When you are calling upon God in prayer remember us here at the Office, as we mean by the grace of God to print and send forth the truth if it means living on bread and water. Our decisions for God and the truth of His Word are deeper and more settled than they ever were. Prayer changes things, so let us all pray, and while we pray let us watch and keep obedient to His voice, the voice of Jesus. God witnessed for Jesus and said with His voice from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him." (Matt. 17:5).

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### Meeting Report

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Bro. B. Douglas of Tulsa, Okla. held a week's meeting at Bristow, Okla., beginning on the 14th of Feb. and closing the 21st of Feb. This meeting was a precious soul-saving and edifying meeting. The Word was preached with the power and anointing of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost worked mightily in the meeting in carrying truth to the heart and convicting them of sin. Also in the homes conviction was deep in souls, and five got saved and several reclaimed. They leaped and praised God when the burden of sin and guilt rolled away. Twenty-five took part in the ordinances. For every soul that was brought to Jesus, great joy in heaven did resound. Truly I thank the Lord for all He is to me in this life. I feel more encouraged to live for the Lord than ever before in life. The dear Lord is so good to me that I have decided to be in life all that the Lord would have me to be. I truly thank the Lord for sparing me to get saved. I know it was through His mercy that I am saved to-night. By the prayers of the saints and the help of the Lord I'm going through.

— J. T. Johnson

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### OBITUARY

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Benjamin Franklin Davis was born January 25, 1882; died at his home seven miles west of Guthrie, Okla. March 24, 1932; age, 50 years, 1 month and 29 days. He was married Dec. 15, 1901, to Bertha A. Crow, near Livingston, Iowa. To this union were born nine children; his wife and two children having pre-

ceded him in death.

Left to mourn his death were seven children, two grandchildren and six sisters. The children are: Audney, Evelyn, Mrs. Thelma Busbee, Paul, Polly, George and Beatrice. Two grandchildren: Harold Lee Davis, and Lewis Wade Busbee, all of Guthrie, Okla. The sisters are: Mrs. Alice Hall and Mrs. Lillie Summers, both of Unionville Mo., Mrs. Sarah Spence of Los Angeles Calif., Mrs. Mollie Hall, of Hutton Valley, Mo., Mrs. Lara Shoptaugh, Oakland, Calif. and Mrs. Mable Whittaker, Salt Lake City, Utah.

He became a Christian at an early age, and was called to the ministry at the age of 30 years, and since then has been a faithful worker in the Church of God.

Bro B. F. Davis lived near Guthrie for many years. Was a minister of the Gospel and had many friends. A good father and a good neighbor, rendering much service to the poor and needy.

He had not been in good health for several years and this winter he had a severe sick spell. He was recovering through the prayers of the saints, but suddenly took a sinking spell and fell asleep in Jesus.

The funeral services were held at the Saints' Chapel at Guthrie on Easter Sunday. The attendance was so large that not much more than half of the people could get in the building. Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt. Text used, Romans 10:15: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

The time is swiftly rolling on,  
When I must faint and die;  
My body to the dust return  
And there forgotten lie.

Let persecution rage around,  
And anti-christ appear;  
My silent dust beneath the ground,  
Will no disturbance hear.

Through heat and cold I've often went,  
Through sorrow and distress,  
To call poor sinners to repent,  
And seek the Saviour's face.

My brother, preacher, boldly speak,  
And stand on Zion's wall,  
To receive the strong, confirm the weak,  
And after sinners call.

My brother preachers, fare-you-well,  
Your fellowship I love;  
In time no more I shall you see;  
But soon we'll meet above.

My little children near my heart,  
And nature seems to bind;  
It grieves me surely to depart,  
And leave you all behind.

Oh, Lord a father to them be,  
And keep them from all harm,  
That they may love and worship Thee  
And lean upon thy arm.

My loving children, don't grieve for me,  
Neither lament nor moan,  
For I shall with my Jesus be,  
When you are left alone.

How often have you looked for me,  
And oft'-time seen me come;  
But now I must depart from thee  
And never more return.

For I can never come to thee;  
Let not this grieve your heart,  
For you will shortly come to me  
Where we shall never part.

—Sel. by Sister O. B. Wilson

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### ONE OF THE GREATEST MISSIONS OF GOD

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One of the greatest missions in life is distribution of "good gospel tracts." Tracts can go everywhere. Tracts know no fear. Tracts never tire. Tracts can be multiplied without end by the printing press. Tracts can travel at little expense. A tract can go to and fro by the saints of God and be a blessing to all, given to all and asks no collections. A tract talks to multitudes as well as one. A tract can also talk to one as well as to a multitude. A tract requires no steepled temples to tell their scriptural story. A tract tells the story in the kitchen, the parlor, the field as well as in the closet. A tract tells the story in a railroad coach and on the State highway. A tract tells the gospel story in the footpath around the steep hills and also on the greatest ships. A tract takes no notes of scoffs or persecutions, no one can betray a tract and they will answer all questions, yet they will

tell their story repeatedly, if you wish them to do so. They are printed to speak on every subject—in short, a gospel tract can be made the messenger of truth. A scriptural tract teaches all classes and benefits both saint and sinner. There are hundreds, yes, thousands of souls that have been led into salvation by some one giving them a good Bible tract that taught only the precious Word of God, that you nor I could never have reached, and a good tract has gone into many homes that Jesus in person never could have gone before they accepted the Bible plan of salvation. I have distributed hundreds and thousands of good clean gospel tracts, and they will live as long as the world stands. God's Word never faints.

If any gospel worker or any evangelist can prove to me a better work for God and souls, I want them to do it, then I will take other work. There are hundreds and thousands that never go to church any where, and by distributing this Bible literature there has been hundreds and thousands that have gotten saved and embraced the gospel truths. I have distributed this good Bible literature for more than fifteen years, and have written some tracts, and the only thing I regret is, that I didn't have means enough to do more with, than I have done. In 1931 I only distributed fifteen thousand pieces of Books of John, The Acts of the Apostles, with other good straight Bible literature. So may God help every true saint of God to get all the Bible literature before the people that they can.

Yours, for God and souls,      — John M. Doss

Brother Doss has severe pains in his neck—a nervous break-down. He asks the saints of God everywhere to pray for him.

Send to Faith Pub. House for a sample of tracts and *Faith and Victory* paper. 920 W. Mansur Ave. Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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### God Lives, And Loves, And Cares

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The passengers on a certain steamer out on the ocean were much perplexed and badly frightened. The fogs were gathering all around; but the chief mate of the vessel, to comfort the passengers, said, "You need not be the least uneasy; the fog extends only to a certain height above the vessel, and the captain is at the mast head, up above the fog; and it is he who is directing the vessel." Then their fears were banished; they knew that the captian could be trusted.

Have the fogs and mist ever gathered around

you? Have you ever felt as though everything was going to pieces? Have you heard the breakers roar, telling you that the shore was near at hand and that to go ashore meant death, destruction? George McDonald, that pious Scotchman, one time was puzzled by the black skies, and the noise and din; but when he remembered that God was still on the Throne, he sang:

“Into His hand went mine,  
And into my heart came He;  
And I walked in a light Divine,  
The path I had feared to see.”

So you may sing if you will. Put yourself in His hands and stay there. Do not be alarmed by noisy tongues, envious folks, ambitious, selfish souls. God knows. You are His special care; you have been bought with a price, and belong to Him. You may not see very far ahead along the way; but you do not have to when you walk with Him, when you trust Him. Amid the encircling gloom you can, and should, say, with Newman:

“Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.”

To know that He cares should be enough to banish all your fears. God is good, no matter what comes; and it is ours to believe it and act our faith. A minister was one day talking to a number of boys. He told them of man who, because trials came to him, said, “God is not good.” The man asked the boys, “What would you say if any one should make that statement in your hearing?” Instantly a lad with clenched fist, and flashing eyes, and indignation in his voice, replied, “I’d tell him he lied.” The reply was rather impolite; but the lad had the right idea, and was ready to uphold it. God is good; and we may leave to Him the things we do not understand. “God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.” Settle it once for all that God lives, and loves, and cares. That knowledge itself brings a blessing.

“The world is wide  
In time and tide,  
And God is guide;  
Then do not worry.”

Child of God, when you are tempted and tried above measure, remember God and what He wants to be to you, and what He is to you. Remember Browning’s man who “sprang to his feet, stood erect, caught at God’s skirts, and prayed.” We all may do that. A woman one time, in dire distress, did not catch at God’s skirts; but she just touched them, and her distress vanished. She prayed, doubtless, in her heart; and as I read history, sacred and profane, I learn that the men and women who went with God had learned to

pray. They believed that God lived, and loved, and answered prayer; and so under all circumstances they kept in touch with Him. “Ask, and ye shall receive,” came from the heart of one who invited us to cast our cares on Him—All our cares.

A writer in one of our magazines tells that one time he had the privilege of riding from New York to Albany on the engine of the Empire State Express. The engineer was a little, bronzed, weather-beaten man of fifty years. He ran around his engine with oil can in hand, then climbed to his cab and waited for the conductor’s signal to start. When it came, he made a quick motion, seized the lever, and the train was off. The writer said: “For exactly three hours the telegraph poles sped past; and we rolled and thundered onward through towns, villages, and cities over switches, across bridges and culverts, and through tunnels and viaducts, at the terrific rate of a mile a minute. The little man at the throttle looked straight out ahead at the two lines of glistening steel, one hand on the throttle, and the other ready to grasp the air brake. I was not afraid, for I saw that he was not. He spoke not a word, nor looked at me nor at the fireman who worked like a Titan. But I saw that his lips kept moving as he forced the flying monster forward. At last we reached Albany. What a relief it was! My nerves were unstrung. I had enough for a lifetime. The little engineer left the cab and was tenderly feeling the bearings, when I turned to the fireman, and asked, “Bill, why does he keep moving his lips while at the lever?” “Who—the little old man? Why, don’t you know? He always prays on a fast run. Twenty years he has run on this road with never an accident.” The faster he ran the more he prayed.”

Jesus is our example. The greater the pressure, the more He prayed. I have sometimes thought that He went to mountain tops to be nearer the Father *Who Cared*. GOD LIVES, AND LOVES, AND CARES, AND ANSWERS PRAYER!

“I know not by what methods rare,  
But this I know, God answers prayer.  
I know that He has given His word,  
Which tells me prayer is always heard.  
And will be answered soon or late;  
And so I pray and calmly wait.  
I know not if the blessing sought,  
Will come in just the way I thought;  
But leave the prayers with Him alone,  
Whose will is wiser than my own,  
Assured that He will grant my quest,  
Or send some answer that is best.”

— G. B. K.



# ◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

## ARE WE READY?

When we are at our daily work,  
 Would we be ready if God came,  
 Would He have a welcome smile on his face  
 Or sadly leave us and others claim?

Now young people, we will be left  
 After the older ones are gone;  
 We can also reach the other shore  
 If we will ever faithfully press on.

We can hear the sounds of eternity,  
 Yes, it is coming in sight.

Young people, are we ready?  
 Let Jesus be your light.

— Polly E. Davis

## EDITORIAL

The Word of God teaches us to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We can grow in grace by giving heed to His Word and letting His will be fulfilled in our lives. Our Christian life is sustained and increased by being doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving our own selves. We must also increase in knowledge of Christ, that is, let the Spirit teach or impress us with a knowledge of Himself through meditation on His word or conversing with those who have a knowledge of Him. However, a knowledge of Him is not sufficient, unless we profit thereby. Many years ago one writer said: "It is not profound speculations, but a holy life that proves a man righteous and good. I had rather feel compunction than be able to give the most accurate definition of it. If thy memory could retain the whole Bible, and the precepts of all the philosophers, what would it profit thee without charity and the grace of God! 'Vanity of vanities! and all is vanity,' except only the love of God, and an entire devotedness to His service."

In the concluding portion of the 4th chapter of Ephesians, the writer gives us exhortation as to our speech and conduct in this world while passing from time to eternity, and a few verses read thus: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." When we measure to this standard set forth, we will be that much more like our Example or Pattern, and

a conformity to His life is the ultimate aim of the Scriptures. I know of nothing that costs so little to give and is so valuable to receive as kind words, sunny smiles and thoughtful deeds; all of which makes life's road smoother for those around us. It cost so little to be kind, thoughtful and considerate, yet it means so much to those who are disheartened, down-and-out, and seem to have so little sunshine in their lives. The little kindnesses sometimes helps the most. Some one said, "Politeness is kindness kindly expressed," so let us be kind and express it kindly in little deeds as well as larger ones. Jesus is our example in kindness. He helped the poor and needy, and finally gave His life for those who were unkind to Him. —L. D. P.

## A Word To The Boys

For a long time we have felt the need of a message for the boys, as the boys are among the most interesting and important classes. I will tell you why, boys, because you are to become the future men of tomorrow.

We older people should be very much concerned about the boys—and we are; that is why this message is written. There are many snares to entrap the feet of the young. One of the worst is the public pool hall.

There are hundreds of these "open doors" in our Christian America. Consider for a moment, boys, what this means. These places are practically hotbeds for hatching out criminal plots, etc. If you will notice it is generally the idle, non-working class that infest these places, and you will never find a fellow too low to patronize such resorts. Therefore, the old adage is true: "An idle mind is the devil's workshop," so we see when these idlers congregate in these places, it is generally with no good intent.

Then there are broken-hearted parents who go down to the grave in sorrow because of a dear boy who drinks etc. Perhaps he is the only stay of their old age. Another instead of being a stay to his widowed mother, tramples on her heart which is already crushed with deep sorrow.

Boys, consider. Could you see the great army of criminals and "down-and-outers" all together, with the broken-hearted wives, mothers and children! My God, what a picture! Do you know, boys, that these bloated-faced, red eyed, half-crazed men who are the cause of all this suffering, were once as innocent as you perhaps are now? You have no

thought of becoming like them. Not one of them reached this place at a single bound.

The first downward step of many a boy was disobedience to parents. For his associates he chose wicked boys who used tobacco and swore. He thought it was manly to do these things and followed them right in their steps, — down, down, down. Soon he goes with them into an "open door," and if they have no money with which to buy, then a dive-keeper would not want him around. When he finds himself without money, God, or friends, with the exception of his broken-hearted mother, he is unable to help himself, except through prayers.

Boys! Boys!! Beware!! Do not take the first step in this downward course, for the end thereof are the ways of death. If you have commenced this way, STOP NOW! — BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!! Don't let Satan entrap you any further. Ask God to help you and have the courage to say "no." God will help you if you ask Him to do so.

Dear boys, will you give this earnest thought? Look around you and notice the people who drink. Then look until you find a young man with a strong body, clean clothes, clean lips and teeth and rosy cheeks. His very actions say "no" to all bad habits. It is said that if a bell should toll every eight minutes, it would toll the death of a drunkard. Boys, get Christ in your hearts. He will fit you for life and fit you for heaven. — From an interested mother.

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#### ROUGE SPEAKS

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Rouge speaks— it tells a story

Not so pleasant to the ear,  
But listen to it, daughters,  
It is one you need to hear.

It says you are not satisfied

With what the Lord has made,  
Your cheeks should be more rosy—  
They're not the proper shade.

It tells of hours late at night,

Oft' hides the mark of sin;  
It tries to catch the passing eye  
Of women?— no, of men.

It tells there's something hidden

In a pleasure loving heart;  
Of pride, deceit and too, with these  
You do not care to part.

It bids to look how fair I am,

Attraction is its goal,  
And it reveals the secret—

Something's lacking in the soul.

Girls, rouge is a flame from the devil's pit,  
Just a brand to mark his own;  
Then daughters of Zion, for Jesus' sake,  
Leave the devil's belongings alone.

—Ethel Meadows

## The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

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We are going to write about a tree that is of great importance to every man and woman in the world. This tree is the tree of knowledge of good and evil, first planted in the garden of Eden, by God. It was planted for a test and for a type. It stands in the "midst" today and every man, woman and child who has come to the years of accountability know this tree. Listen to the conversation of the serpent with the woman. (Gen. 3). Many people have had similar conversations with the devil before they entered into knowledge of sin, crime and shame. God does not tell us to converse with the devil. He tells us to resist the devil and he will flee from us. If we are a Christian we must walk in the light that God has given us—that light is Jesus Christ, the light of the world. He is the light. (John 1:9).

When I was a child many preachers used tobacco. God sent light on the filthy evil habit. Today most every one who uses it knows they are under condemnation. God sent light on tea and coffee. It was not hard for the true Christian to give it up. Dr. W. J. Hardy says, that tea contains six grains of theine to the ounce; coffee six grains of caffeine to the ounce. He says, five grains of either theine or caffeine will kill a cat or rabbit in a few minutes if injected into the blood. Then came another conversation with the devil about the neck-tie, and with it came all sorts of compromise and worldiness— cold, formal, dead meetings, making merchandise of the gospel. God's Word says, it would be so in the last days.

Thank God for the "elect"; those chosen in Christ Jesus. Like Him, they are in the world, but not of the world. Through the spirit they are eating of the tree of life—the words of Jesus. They have in them that well of water springing up into everlasting life, that Jesus offered to the woman at Jacob's well in Samaria. —Bro. and Sis. J. E. Wetzell

Guthrie, Okla.— Dear Young People: I feel like writing my little testimony through the Young People's Section this month. I sure do enjoy read-

ing the testimonies and articles of the young people, and also the other part of the paper.

I surely am thankful for this Bible way, and that there are a few honest souls that are still clinging to the old time gospel. It sure takes a close walk with Jesus in these days as they are so evil. The old devil is after every one he can get, and he is after the young people too; really more so than the older saints, because he wants to get the young folks so when the older ones are gone there will be no one to preach the gospel, but let us be on the guard against the enemy of our soul.

We have many temptations and trials to go through but don't give up, but count it as joy. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;" (James 1: 2). Some have given up when going through a strong temptation. Let us not do this, but look to the Lord for help. He will help you, if you will only ask Him to do so. Don't be afraid to ask. He says in His Word to ask and ye shall receive.

Jesus says in His Word, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." I am sure we all want eternal life but still there are many that go on in sin and they seem not to care, but when they come to the judgment bar of God they will wish they could have eternal life. This does not mean we will always live on this earth, but it means we shall live up in heaven with God eternally.

I am certainly glad that Jesus came to this world and gave himself for us. I am glad that Jesus saves, heals, and keeps us each day. Let us work and do all we can for the Lord in every way possible. Pray for me.

Your Brother in Christ, — B. Carl Miles

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Kunnamkulam, India — Dear Bros. and Sisters: Greetings to you in His precious name. I am glad to testify for our Lord through this paper, and tell you what He has done for me. Even from my birth my parents had consecrated me for the Lord. Though I had all along been brought up in a Christian home under Christian influences, it pains me to recollect the times I had sometimes yielded to Satan and his ways. God was speaking to me all those days to give up myself for Him. He led me through different channels to teach me that the material side of life is not to be coveted, and that complete success in life can only be achieved by giving up my ways for His ways, and entirely submitting myself to His will, and allowing myself to be guided and led by Him.

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33). How true this is. He

has supplied my needs wonderfully, and protected me from dangers. I have tasted the Lord and found Him good.

As a baby I was baptised, according to the custom of the Syrian Church, (my parents were members of the Syrian Church at that time), and when I began to know more and more about the Bible truths, I understood the meaninglessness of the infant baptism, and felt the need for a second baptism. On Feb. 14, 1932, I was baptised by my father, who is the elder of our Church here. Praise His wonderful name.

Most of the Christians here are Syrian Christians, who do not believe in the necessity of a believer's baptism. They are satisfied with the infant baptism they have received and mock at those who go in for a second baptism. A huge gathering of my friends and acquaintances were present at the pond where I was baptised. I wish and pray that they might look up to the cross of Christ, where they can find forgiveness for the guilt of their sins, believe in Him, get saved and baptised, and work in this land, to earn souls for our Lord.

I have consecrated my life for His work, and am working in His Vineyard. Pray that I might be a shining light to lead many to Christ.

Yours, in Christian service,

— Abraham, (son of Bro. Cherian in India).

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## Wholesome Advice

"My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not." You are in danger if you do not be careful to stay inside the walls of Jerusalem, as there are wild beasts and especially lions outside, who are seeking whom they may devour, and there are numerous wolves who go about in sheep's clothing. The lion roars to get you confused, the wolves deceive. These are not inside the walls of Jerusalem, because it is lighted by the glory of the Son. Beasts love darkness because their deeds are evil neither cometh to the light lest their deeds be known (John 3:19-20). Evil men and seducers are what we mean by beasts. The Kingdom of God is Jerusalem, salvation is the wall around her. These are an allegory to represent your Christian experience. The beasts have the spirit of their father, (John 8:44) that old serpent called the devil (Rev. 12:9). He is very cunning (2 Cor. 11:3). Opposer of God (2 Thes. 2:4). Remember how he enticed Eve, even so he is enticing you out of your safe habitation. Wolves destroy sheep without any regard to appetite. Lions bind by their mighty roar, and eat at their will (2 Tim. 2:26). A certain stroy

tells of a lion, having satisfied his appetite, found a man lying down. He would neither kill him, or give him a chance for his life, but kept him in bondage until he should become hungry. Another lion came along to oppose him. The battle liberated the man. Now, if you have been enticed outside the walls, or if you have never been inside, and want liberty, there is another lion, the champion, the lion of the tribe of Judah who shall set you free. He saith with a loud roar out of Zion, "Call on me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee," and will break the power of the paw of any lion. If you are children of this city, do not stray away from its walls, for the howlings of the wolves, and the roaring of lions are to be heard continually.

"If thine eye offend thee pluck it out, if thy foot, cut it off." These are figurative sentences showing that if there are any affections, love, to look upon any thing, or go any place, using our eyes, feet, hands, to the satisfying the spirit of the world, cut it off, pluck it out, cease from it, with the heart. You may not understand it all at once, let the Holy spirit direct you. Add to faith virtue. This is pureness of spirit, which takes in what you love, of the body, which takes in how you act, where you go, what you say. Let your conversation be in heaven. It also means hold to God in adverse circumstances. Add knowledge, temperance, patience, Godliness. This latter means a close observance of God's laws. Brotherly kindness charity the last and greatest of all will keep you from straying. Now in these last days, out of the many who were set on the walls as watchmen, some are turning traitor and letting down the bars, or leaving the gates open. Some of the children are staying out, becoming an easy prey to beasts. Oh, watchmen, lift up thy voice together and stand in the breaches. While traveling last summer our attention was forcibly drawn to the fact that it took much more labour now, than a few years ago to get young and old alike saved. The spirit of world is hardening their hearts. Many of them after getting saved, are becoming an easy prey to the spirit of indifference through lack of the preached word and are easily discouraged by the spirit of compromise, but remember this, God never changes, and as ye received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in Him, and to you who are troubled, keep yourself pure, have no fellowship with darkness, abstain from all appearance of evil. Let the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and pray God your whole spirit, soul and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it

Yours in Him,

— A. E. Harmon.

## Extracts From Our Mail

A Sister living in Calif. sends in an article to be put in tract form. She is interested in getting the truth to the souls of men and willing to use her means with this end in view. We printed four thousand tracts for her, sending her five hundred at her request and will circulate the rest of them out to those who call for tracts. She sent means to pay for the tract printing and some over for the needs of the work or for Grandma Spradling if needed. It rejoices our hearts to hear from those who have a real burden for the work of the Lord and are standing true and pressing the battle on against sin and evil of every kind.

The printing work has and is being hindered by a lack of means to properly keep every phrase of the work up as it should be. We are not discouraged at all as we mean to keep right on printing and sending forth the real truth, whether the Lord permits little or much to be printed and sent forth. We have confidence in the saints that they will listen for and obey that "Still Small Voice" so that the work will move right on and souls will be saved and God glorified. Saints of God are peculiar people and have faith in God and do not hoard their earnings as the worldly minded folks. They know that the same God who has given can give again as He has promised to give good measure, running over and they believe God's word. The worldly minded measure their strength by their bank account or property they hold. The strength of the saints is from the Lord. Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthenth me."

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A Brother in Missouri writes and asks us to pray for him as he is weak in body and the enemy tries him. He is interested in the spread of the gospel and enclosed a little means for the needs at the office, also asks us to send him some tracts to use in his work for the Lord. He said that he was splitting some wood that was very hard to split and as he was not strong it was very hard on him. The Holy Spirit spoke to him and said, "Holiness or Hell," which encouraged his heart and strengthened him with patience and reconciliation. The Word of God is still true to believers. "When the enemy comes in like a flood the Lord will lift up a standard against him." Praise God for victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I remember one time when I was under a great strain and very much oppressed by Satan; could not think of any thing that the Lord had ever done for

me much and the Spirit of God spoke to my soul and quoted some scripture to me, saying, "Let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord." Satan had not succeeded in pressing the breath out of me so I began to praise the Lord and the burden lifted. Satan had to flee and I could think of an abundance of things that God had and was doing for me. Brethren the Lord will lift up a standard against Satan and all of his evil working power. Let us not be afraid but go forward in His name. We will get through if we follow our captain.

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A Brother from Calif. sends greetings and says in part; "This finds me saved and encouraged to press on and live true as the Word of God teaches us. Still standing for the old time truth; living to all I know and the faith that was once delivered to the saints."

He sends two dollars to help care for the aged Sister who has lost her mind.

If a number of the saints would set apart one, two or three dollars each month for Grandma Spradling she could easily be cared for without us having extra burden in this way. The offerings for the printing work is insufficient to keep every phrase of the work up as it should be. It is rather discouraging to the young workers when much of the time we have nothing to give them. Each of our readers who are interested in the cause of God ought to lay aside each week or month something for the "Lord's Print Shop." It is the truth that makes men free and God has laid it upon us, and all who are willing to cooperate, to get this truth to the people. We have near seventy tracts printed on different subjects. It is necessary to continually keep them reprinted to have them in stock for the many calls received for tracts, and the paper in going out each month at less than half the cost that it should be were we to put it out on a commercial basis. We just felt impressed of the Lord to give our readers some knowledge of the work, as we know that there are many who like to help the cause along if they just knew they were giving it where it was really needed. We can not formulate any plan or set rule for God to work, but each one must work and do as God gives them knowledge. He is a law to each member. We continue to be lively members by obedience.

I recall to mind many years ago when I lived on the farm, and a certain religious paper gave notice of the need of thirty-five dollars to print a booklet. When I read this notice, the Lord laid it upon me to send the money. I have never doubted about God laying it upon the publisher to send out that infor-

mation. I was only too glad to do something real in the service of the Lord.

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Ohio — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: I want to say that I enjoy reading *Faith and Victory* paper.

Sixty-eight years ago, when I was a boy of ten years, was the first time I remember the Lord dealing with me. I had been sick with the ague. One day my mother and I went to the village to do some shopping. While I was in the store I taken sick with ague chills; they would come every other day, then follow with fever. I had the chills and fever for three or four months. I had taken so much teas and quinine that I could not bear the thought of having this ague to come back on me. I had tried everything without any help. After coming home from shopping I had gone to bed until chore time. I went to throw down some hay. While in the mow I was about to kneel and pray when God spoke to me and said, "You are not serving me, you cannot expect me to heal you." but I said, "Take this ague away and never let it come back and I will serve you in the future." I did not know that I could accept Him right there, but He understood my childish mind. He also knew that I meant what I said. He answered my prayer and that was the last of the ague. I never had it since.

As the years passed by I drifted into sin of all kinds; playing cards, thinking the saloon and dance hall was the place to have a good time. In order to get money to go to these places we got chickens, and turkeys, making riffing matches. The leader of this kind of work was a young man some older than myself. His given name was Ben. We started out one night to steal some chickens. We had gone about one half mile from my home when God spoke to me and I stopped suddenly and said, "Ben, I have gone in this work as far as I am going. I am going to stop right here." He began to swear and call me coward and sissy and other taunting names. I said, "You can call me what you will but I am going back home." This was my second dealing with God. I did not know anything about the New Birth, but I was glad that I obeyed. I have never stolen any thing since.

Five years later there came a local minister into our neighborhood and started a meeting, and quite a few were saved. Among those who were saved were three of my sisters. The following winter I went to the meetings and when I heard the story of how Jesus left His wonderful home that He had with the Father and came down to this sinful world, suffered and died that awful death upon the cross that all might come to Him and be saved, even me, so what else could I do but

say, I will not let Thee die in vain, and also I must pay my vow which I made ten years before when He healed me of ague. I gave my heart to Him, and I was made a new creature and all things became new. Old things passed away, and the things I once loved I now hate, and things I hated I now love. This took place 58 years ago and I am not tired of the way yet, and I want to say right here that I have never had any desire to go back in the world. I have never been inside of a saloon but once through mistake. Cursing and swearing was one of my worst sins, but I have never taken His name in vain since. I'm also clean from that filthy habit of tobacco. I have many more things to tell of what God through Christ has done for me, but I must not give too long a testimony.

Before I close I want to tell what He did for me five years ago. I had a cancer on both cheeks. It had been coming for years, and my wife and children often said, papa, you ought to see a doctor, but I let it go until five years ago. It got so bad I could not shave over it, so I went to see two different doctors and they told me I would have to go to a specialist. On my way home I talked to the Lord about it. Told Him I had trusted Him for healing for many years, and I was going to trust Him for the healing of my face. When I got home I told my wife I had been to see the doctor and he advised me to go to a specialist. She says, are you going? I told her I had gone already, and she knew what and who I meant. Well, six days later that itching and crawling sensation was gone and in ten days I shaved right over it and there has not been a sign of it since. Thanks be to God who will heal our diseases, and who has said, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."

"When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Without faith it is impossible to please God, and he that cometh to God must believe that He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. My desire and prayer are expressed in the following poem. May God bless the true Church of God.

Lord, fill my heart with truth and grace,  
So I with joy may fill my place.  
Without this grace I sure will fail,  
But with this gift I can prevail.

I also do more faith desire.  
And fill my heart with holy fire;  
Then I can surely win the race,  
And then behold my Savior's face.

O, may my lips speak naught but good,  
So I may love the brotherhood.

And say nothing bad of even those  
Who desert and the truth oppose.

Make me humble, meek and mild,  
Trusting like a little child;  
Not desiring my own way,  
But always ready to obey.

— John Royer.

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Anthony, Kansas —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt:  
In Jesus' name I greet you. I know today I am saved, pressing on to Glory-land. Praise God. We're having real good meetings. Lord is blessing, encouraging and caring for His precious Word. Am glad we are settled on the Word, for we know it's the only thing that will stand when this old world is in flames. We can rejoice we have been true.

I read in the paper concerning the care of our aged Sister who is left here for a purpose. It seems strange sometimes when young useful ones are taken, and ones who can't care for themselves are left. Some ask, why? The only answer I can give is: "God's ways are past finding out," and "he that doeth the will of my Father, the same is my mother," etc. So we are a tried and tested people. Sometimes, it seems these things have been neglected or overlooked. Now the light is shining and the test has come. Who will rally to their duty and do what they can. I believe Grandma is a mother in Israel, and I know the burden has become somewhat grievous because of lack of duty on all different congregations. I pray God to stir up our pure minds in the way of remembrance. If every congregation would obey 1 Cor. 16: 2 there would be plenty of means to support the poor in the Church; no need of insurance or burial policies. May the dear Lord bless, encourage and help us to do His blessed will.

Bro. Pruitt, we are praying for you and yours. Enclosed you will find \$5.43 from the Church and S. S. to be used for the needs of our dear afflicted Sister.

Your saved Sister for the whole truth,  
— Allie McAdams

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Neosho, Mo. —Dear saints: I write in Jesus' dear name. I have living faith in our real God, for He certainly answers prayer. In James the 5th chapter, He tells us just what to do when we get sick.

I will just tell you what He did for me. I was very sick. Almost at the last my husband and children and saints were around my bed, looking for the last. My son said, mama, you will never be any cold-

er when you do die. I did not know anybody. The neighbors and friends were here. They were so sure I was going that they called for sheets, and the men fixed the road for the hearse to come over, but the prayer of faith was prayed about three o'clock in the morning, and the good faithful God of heaven answered prayer and I was healed. Glory to His precious name. What our God can do for one, He can do for all that have their trust in Him. Praise His name.

I hope this will encourage somebody to put their trust in a faithful God.

Your Sister,  
— Mrs. W. B. Reece.

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Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Holy love. This morning finds me saved and determined to stand by the truth as I first learned it when the saints were all so filled with the real love of God and standing clear from the compromise. Some feared I would go with the compromise, but now since some are broadening out and letting down, they say I am fanatic. I am glad there is a place in Jesus where we can enjoy the sweets of heaven without leaning to the right or to the left. By the grace of God I have been able to keep balanced on the Bible and know His grace is sufficient to keep me to the end.

We want all the saints everywhere to begin to make ready for the camp meeting which will begin here in Springfield, Mo. this year, Aug. the 18th, Lord willing. Let's begin to pray for the camp-meetings everywhere. Remember the date here is Aug. the 18th.

Yours, saved today. — Mrs. L. V. Anderson  
731 S. Missouri Ave. Springfield, Mo.

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Richland, Mo. —Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me still in the strait and narrow way, determined to go all the way at any cost. O, what a mighty God we serve: one we can depend upon in all troubles and sickness. I can praise the Lord for health. It pays to live for the Lord even in the very hardest trials. O, what is it in this world for me to want to go back in sin. It makes our heart sad to see precious souls going on in sin. Don't seem to even stop to think one moment of where they are going to spend eternity or how soon they will be called away.

I pray God's richest blessings upon the workers there and that every need will be supplied. May God bless each and every one and keep them in His humble service.

A Sister. — Fannie Brown.

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Phila, Pa.—Greetings in Jesus name: Received the nice lot of tracts, also the sample copy of your

paper called *Faith and Victory*. Received much blessing in reading your paper and will distribute it, as I send many tracts and Christian literature out, also give them out. I write to the sick and shut-ins and give instructions of Divine Healing (free). We also have a prayer meeting every Thursday night where we take up the requests and pray for the sick. God has and is marvelously answering prayer.

Enclosed find stamps for the Lord's work. I am very happy in the service of the Lord. Nearly 23 yrs. ago I accepted the Lord as my physician, being then a woman of many ailments but Jesus healed me and has been our physician in our home ever since. The Lord bless you and your work.

With Christian love, — Mrs. A. Woehr

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Richland, Mo.—Dear Readers of the *Faith and Victory* paper: I am thanking the dear Lord for salvation. The Lord truly has been good to me, for which I am praising Him. I am glad He remembered me when I was out in sin, and never gave me up, but pleaded with me until I gave my heart to Him, although I have not always been true since the Lord saved me. Over 5 years ago I backslid and wandered away from God for over a year before I found the way back to the Lord. There was one thing that stood between myself and God that I was not willing to confess to the one whom I had wronged. I would promise the Lord time and again I would do it, but the devil would say, "If you do it they will never have real confidence in you any more." So I just kept listening to the devil and going farther away, even to reading the "foolish stories" and "funny papers." (This seems to be a small thing with some people, even professed saints) but I know I would not go back to the things the Lord saved me from and keep clear before God. When I came to God and repented with all my heart and promised to make everything right and obey His voice, He freely forgave me and thank the dear Lord I do not have to obey the enemy any more, but Jesus gives me victory and keeps me each day in His love.

He will forgive and help all who will return to Him. "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psa. 34:8).

—Mary Glover

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Bloomsburg, Pa. — Dear Saints at Faith Pub. House: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. Today I feel the love of God so warm in my heart that I want to testify to the world of His goodness to me. I am thanking my dear Lord Jesus Christ for keeping me in

this straight and narrow way that I may still get closer to Him. Praise His dear name. I can not express my joy for the good that I received out of the *Faith and Victory* paper. It has stirred up my soul and renewed my determination to live this holy way. I am trying to get these tracts and papers in every needed home, that the people may learn of Jesus Christ in the same way that I have learned of Him. I am going to ask all the saints in Jesus' name to pray for me that I may get closer to Jesus than I have ever been before.

I love the Lord because He first loved me, that is my testimony. I will close with Christian love, asking the Lord to bless all of you and comfort you in soul and body.

Your Sister in Christ, — Mrs. Samuel Turner

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## An Exhortation

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To the Saints scattered abroad greeting: As there has been considerable said for and against life insurance I feel the Lord will be pleased for me to write a few lines for the little paper in regard to it.

Insurance is not once named in the Bible and neither is tobacco, yet tobacco is condemned by the word *filthiness*; so insurance is condemned by the Word of God as it does not show "trust" in God. Let us turn to Jeremiah 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." Insurance certainly has been gotten up by the arm of flesh and has no part in the Church of God as it shows distrust in God and trust in man. Jer. 49: 11, "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me." To not trust in God, as this verse says, means we certainly tell the world by our actions in taking out life insurance that God is not able to take care of our loved ones that are left. We find in Phil. 4: 19, "But my God shall supply *all* your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We see the word "all" leaves no room for us having to trust in the arm of flesh to have our needs supplied. To trust in anything else when God promises to supply all our needs would be unbelief. Read Romans 3: 3.

I heard one of the older ministers say that Bro. Warner wrote through a paper and said: "If the sick did not have faith to trust in God, they could take medicine." But soon God let him see his mistake and he wrote another piece saying: "If you haven't faith, get faith." Even so we feel like saying, if we haven't

faith to believe God will take care of things after we are gone, also our wives and children, then in the name of Jesus let us get faith and prove to the world we do not need insurance but that God can supply our needs without looking to the arm of flesh.

We are commanded to labor with our hands, but what for? Eph. 4: 28, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Also let us read 1 John 3: 17, "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth us his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

People may stock up with insurance, houses and lands and see poor saints in need, but this cannot be the love of God in them.

We feel that enough has been said to convince any sincere soul that it is wrong to distrust God.

Your Brother in Christ, — Paul Gibson

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Many come to the border of Canaan and turn to the wilderness again. They cannot eat the flesh and drink the blood of the sacrifice of Calvary.

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## Free

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I think of the cross where Jesus died,  
Where God's own Son was crucified,  
Where Jesus died to set us free—  
Yes, shed His blood for you and me.

Yes, pardon is flowing full and free;  
There is cleansing in the Blood for thee.  
It reaches even unto me,  
That crimson flow from Calvary.

It's free, free—there is no price;  
Faith in that Blood will quite suffice.  
Turn from your sins, leave them behind,  
And peace and comfort thou shalt find.

Nearer, yet nearer I long to be,  
Nearer that flow from Calvary—  
Where Jesus shed His Blood for all  
To ransom us from Adam's fall.

More of God's love I gladly choose;  
All of earth's dross O let me lose.  
On heavenly things I have fixed my mind,  
All of earth's follies I have left behind.

— Goldie Finch.