

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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His Banner Over Me Is Love

A feeling of safety
Around us abides,
Which trials cannot sever
What ever betides.
A sweet feeling of safety
Wafts soft from above,
For His banner over me
Is the banner of love.
Great peace have God's children,
For surely they know
No evil can touch them
Unless God wills it so.
Nothing can come to them
Without His permission and care;
His presence goes with them—
Their burdens to share.
If you look up in faith,
Love's banner you'll see;
For ever God watches o'er you
On land or on sea.
Do not become fearful,
Discouraged and sad,
For the goodness of God
Should make us all glad.
So cast aside worry;
In trials do not fret—
Christ never forsook
His trusting ones yet.
Into His banqueting house
We shall all go;
We are washed in the fountain
And made whiter than snow.

— Goldie Finch.

“Our expectations will much more likely be granted if they are not pitched unreasonably high. The proud man cannot be contented; he is never treated either by God or man as well as he thinks he ought to be.”

Be Contented

“The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common day-light sweet
And left to heaven the rest.
Don't think your lot the worst because
Some grief your joy assails;
There aren't so very many saws
That never strike a nail.
Then, whatsoever wind doth blow,
My heart is glad to have it so;
And blow it east or blow it west,
The wind that blows, that wind is best.”

If I knew you and you knew me,
'Tis seldom we would disagree.
But as yet, we have never shaken hands,
And we oftentimes mis-understand,
That each intends to do what's right,
And trust each other's 'honor bright.'
Small reasons to complain there'd be,
If I knew you, and you knew me.
— Erle E. Forbes

The Little Things

“The law of little things is one of high significance in growth or deterioration. ‘Stop the leaks’ is a precept of wisdom. Just as small losses, continued day after day, will eat away a large fortune, and small gains will built one in time, so it is with spiritual wealth. Few realize how sensitive is the Holy Spirit, how little it takes to grieve this Spirit and prevent it best effects upon our heart. Few comprehend how easy a thing it is for love and faith and grace to ooze from us at a dozen points of carelessness until spiritual leanness or indifference has fully set

in. A few uncharitable words, a few absences from prayer-meeting, a few yieldings to the gratification of the flesh in doubtful matters, a carelessness as to Bible reading, a slighting of the closet — they seem small insignificance peccadilloes; and so they may be in one sense taken separately, but a short course of such things suffices to bring disaster. And a steady course of strict attention to these apparently slight matters is absolutely necessary to satisfactory progress.

“The improvement of every opportunity for self-sacrifice and for doing good to others will have a mighty influence. The Christian who is desperately in earnest after all attainable righteousness and holiness will be very careful to maintain good works.”

“Lord, make me quick to see
Each task awaiting me,
And quick to do;
O grant me strength, I pray,
With lowly love each day,
And purpose true.

“To go as Jesus went,
Spending and being spent,
Myself forgot;
Supplying human needs
By loving words and deeds,
O happy lot!”

A CONFIDENTIAL TALK WITH THE LORD'S DISCIPLES

It is with much pleasure and great satisfaction in Christ that we are able to write to our readers again from the printing office, having been absent from the office on a southern evangelistic tour for nearly four months. Wife and son, Lawrence, have been carrying on the printing work while I have been away and I am pleased with the work they have been doing. It has brought new experiences to them, and also acquainted them better with the burden and responsibility of keeping this pure gospel going forth. The means for the upkeep of this work has been deficient in many respects, causing the work to be hindered. It may be that some one whom God has given substance has been failing to listen for that still small voice, or perhaps some have been like the man spoken of in the Bible whose fields brought forth plentifully and he only thought and planned how to keep it for himself and never asked God what to do with the things He had given him. We find that our tract stock has run pretty low while we have been away and the work is

in need of a case of tract paper which will cost nearly thirty-five dollars. A case of paper contains twelve reams of paper which will print one hundred twenty thousand four-page tracts and the cost of postage for mailing out these tracts will cost approximately fifty dollars. Four or five cases of paper are needed each year to keep the tracts in stock ready for mailing. This is just one of the numerous expenses connected with the printing work. We mention these things not with the thought of begging any body, but that consecrated folks can know the needs of the work and can look to God as to what He would have them do. Many of our readers want to help in the printing work if they just knew what was needed.

On our trip this summer we found that the literature was doing a great work for souls. Our hearts are encouraged to strain every nerve and to use every facility to get tracts and papers to the people. Some said when the paper came they would sit down and read it through before they quit, and others said they would read it through and then re-read it again and again. Others said that it refreshed their souls so much to get the paper. It did them so much good, and their neighbors would come to get the paper. Sometimes a single paper would be passed around to a good many families in a neighborhood. The paper not only encourages, refreshes and helps saved folks to keep saved but we find often a soul is saved in the home and it prepares the unsaved hearts for getting saved in revival meetings. It is hardly possible to tell the good that the tracts are doing as many are sending for the tracts to hand out to others. Some get them and get good to their soul and then put the tract in with a letter to a friend and that friend is refreshed, and she or he will send it to another and so the good work is kept going. Yet God has some printing those silent preachers and the supply had to be kept up. We are using the means sent to the utmost advantage in the work of the Lord, as we feel keenly our stewardship over all that He places in our hands. In the last sixteen years we have had much experience in giving and using of personal substances in the Lord's work, and also much experience in receiving and giving and using again in the printing work, and God has blessed us and is blessing. The work cannot keep going on past experiences any more than a man can keep saved on past experiences; so we keep looking to Jesus day by day for wisdom, knowledge and means to keep the printed page going forth to the many needy souls. We earnestly desire that each of our readers who know God in prayer to offer up a petition to God for us here at the office that the printed gospel may have

free course to the people and that many souls may be saved through reading the printed page.

The "Path of Life", edited by Bro. C. E. Orr of Hammond, La., is being merged with the "Faith and Victory" and will go out from this office in Faith and Victory paper. Bro. Orr will use the last six pages of the paper, wherein he will have the "Sunday School Lessons" which are very instructive to all readers and will be splendid for Sunday School classes. We will send you a roll of twelve papers for \$2.00 as all Sunday Schools ought to have these papers. Order now and get them coming regularly to your Sunday School.

We believe that Bro. Orr's six pages will add greatly to the worth of this paper, as he is considered the best writer in the "Evening Light Reformation", and I am sure that you will be blessed and refreshed by his sound gospel writings.

We have been acquainted personally with Bro. Orr for the last thirteen years, have lived neighbors with him and his wife, and we have stayed in their home while holding meetings in Louisiana and find him to be a man that lives what he preaches in spite of those who, through lack of thorough knowledge, might speak otherwise. We surely expect to find him in that number that Daniel speaks of in the 11th chapter of his prophecy, which reads: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 11: 3.

In behalf of the saving of souls and in harmony with the compassion of Christ, we are kindly asking each of our readers to send us from two to five new subscribers for the "Faith and Victory" paper. You have friends or neighbors who would be glad to get the paper to read, and you can do some missionary work for the Lord; be the instrument in God's hands for the saving of some souls. Others who attend Sunday School can order a dozen papers sent to your address and give each member of your class a paper once a month. The paper will contain all the Sunday School lessons through the month. The reading of this paper will prepare souls to get saved in the revival. Let each one of us do something in the vineyard of the Lord. If you do not have the means at present to send with the subscriptions, just send the addresses in and the paper will begin to go to the subscribers and you can send the money to this office any time during the year. Have faith in God, dear ones, and let us co-operate together with God and press the battle on.

There are some who spoke to us about putting

the paper out twice a month, and we would like to do this if the Lord leads that way, as it would keep the souls of men more often refreshed with good gospel reading and inspired in the heavenly way. To do this, would mean the buying of twice as much paper to print on and make twice as much work at the office. God has done so much for us in the past and for the printing work that we know that nothing is impossible with Him. We ask the readers everywhere to pray to God about the matter, and if it is His will, to inspire our hearts for the same and to bring it about at His pleasure, as we have cast ourselves fully out like a chip on the stream of His Infinite will that our dear God His purpose may fulfill in us. His will is our will. All we have and are, He has given us, and it is not a great thing for us to take of His and give to Him. Brothers and sisters, agree with us in prayer and co-operate with Him (the Giver of all good gifts) in lifting up Christ who is "salvation from sin".

We have lived the Christian life for sixteen years, and have seen the Church of God torn to pieces and come to ruin many times in the estimation of short-sighted professors and those who would love to have the Church hid from view. But we know that the Church of God is still established on the Rock, and is the envy of all man-made churches and still others cunningly take the name to take away their reproach, which also brings confusion. In spite of all the clashing and confusion, the true Church of God is existing, and is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, and she is moving onward and will move upward when Christ breaks through the clouds with great power and glory. There are many today seeing spots and wrinkles on what is called the Church because of possessing an imperfect vision. A woman looking through her window saw her neighbor's washing hanging on the line, and declared that the clothes were dirty and remarked that the neighbor always half-washed her clothes. After the woman washed her window pane the clothes showed true, and were clean and white. Grumblers, mote-hunters and fault-finders can never see things as they are. There is a need of many who profess to be "evening light saints" of repossessing themselves of that meek, humble, separated-from-the-world spirit that actuated our pioneer reformers.

Let us hear from all of God's true believers.
Your Brother in Christ Jesus, — Fred Pruitt

To the pure all things are pure; but to the unclean nothing is pure.

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A complete religious paper printed and sent out every month in the year except August in the interest of all Christians. It teaches salvation from sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17: 21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John and Paul preached, taught and practiced, including the Divine healing of the body. Jas. 5: 14, 15

Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. Read Exodus 25: 2; 1 Chronicles 29: 9; 2 Cor. 9: 7, and Luke 6: 38.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear,
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

Bro. C. E. Orr of Hammond, La. Box 370 will edit the last six pages of Faith and Victory paper, and he writes us that he is sending *Faith and Victory* to all the subscribers to *The Path of Life* who do not get *Faith and Victory*, and whose subscription to *The Path of Life* has not expired. And to all those who have subscribed to and paid for both papers he will send a copy of "Helps to Holy Living" to *The Path of Life* subscribers by way of giving them their money's worth. He is unable to refund any money but will gladly mail them a booklet if they will write him stating that they are already receiving *Faith and Victory*.

When Jesus asked the disciples, "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." This truth was given to Peter from heaven and was not revealed to him by flesh and blood.

Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church." Not upon Peter, but upon the solid rock truth which he uttered. Christ is the Rock which the Church is built upon, and those that believe that Christ is the Son of the living God are fitted into the building, are added to the Church. Christ is the stone that the builders set at naught and now He has become the head of the corner and He has the pre-eminence over all things to the Church.

When Philip was bidden by the Spirit to join himself to the chariot with the Ethiopian he "preached unto Him Jesus" and when they came to water the eunuch said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptised?" Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." He required a heart belief, which means doing the teachings of Christ. The eunuch answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart (in your heart) that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." People get saved because they believe from the heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. If they believe from the heart they will repent and if they keep saved they will continue to do the teachings of Jesus, which will prove that they have a heart belief.

In the second chapter of Acts we read where

Peter preached a heart-pricking sermon to a multitude of people and three thousand souls received the Word and were baptised. The Church was visible then and so it is today. Wherever a bunch of saved men and women meet together, they are the visible Church in that locality. In the 17th verse we read, "And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." Those that should be saved were those that believed that Jesus Christ was the Son of the living God and the Lord added them to the Church, fitted them into the building, for He places them in the building as it pleases Him. He is adding today to His Church such as should be saved.

A sinner coming to Jesus to get saved should not come seeking justice for, "The wages of sin is death" and if God gave him justice he would have to give him death. A sinner should come to God with a humble penitent heart, pleading God to have mercy on him. He should come to God like the Publican crying, "Lord, be merciful unto me a sinner," or as the thief on the cross who declared that he was suffering justly, that he was receiving the due reward for his deeds and also declared that Jesus had done nothing amiss. He believed on Jesus. He entreated Jesus to remember him when he cometh into His Kingdom. Jesus, seeing his repentance and faith, said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

A saved person never has any thing to boast of because he is only saved through the mercies of God and he is kept saved because he keeps hid with Christ in God. He can only boast in God and not of himself. For by Christ are we saved through faith and that not of ourselves. No person can keep saved on a past experience no matter how great it might have been. Every soul must have a present experience with God to be in His favor. Doers of the Word are the ones that are blessed. Paul says, "As ye have received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in Him." Folks who let up and become indifferent about keeping the sayings of Jesus prove that they are becoming unbelievers.

After returning to Guthrie from evangelistic work in the South, Bro. A. E. Harmon held a few nights' meeting here at the Chapel and then he, his niece, Verta O'Raine, and Hope Embly bid us good-bye and left for Clovis, N. Mex. where they will meet Bro. Harmon's wife, and later they will go on to their home in Calif. We shall never forget the blessed refreshings together with them in the work of the Lord, having been together constantly for nearly four months, sharing joys and sorrows together alike and

witnessing to the lowered presences of the Lord in the meetings when many souls were resurrected to life by the Spirit.

Many things took place while we were in the meetings that will never be erased from our memory, but there is one thing that stands out in our memory that eclipses all the rest. While we were holding a meeting in the "Oak Grove" chapel and was staying at Sister Minnie Joiner's home we became afflicted with severe pains in our body. We could not rest in any position. Brother A. E. Harmon and I were sleeping together, and we asked him to pray for us, which he did, but the pains become more severe. He went down stairs and called the others to agree in prayer for me and they all went to praying. We had no let-up in suffering and we were asking God to get all the good He could to us out of this suffering. Finally the saints all came up to my bedside, anointed me and prayed for me and then they continued in prayer holding right on to God for my healing. Brother and Sister Watson, Brother Harmon and Sister Joiner and her two daughters claimed the promises in Jesus' name. At near one o'clock the devil had to let loose. God had heard their pleadings, honored their faith, sent His Word and healed me. Oh, how sweet and blessed it was to be free from that awful pain. Such peace, quietness, calmness and relief filled my entire being; not even the symptom of pain remained and the presence of God in my soul was beyond expression. I had been suffering intensely four hours. You cannot imagine the gratitude and appreciation that filled my soul for God and His saints. I went to sleep and just before awakening in the morning I was dreaming that I was talking to Brother Watson and in our talk I asked him, "How can a person keep saved?" He pointed me to the song No. 448 in the "Select Hymns". All at once the song began to sing in my soul and it was so sweet and precious. I then awoke and the song just kept singing in my soul. It was more than human; it was angels singing to me. I listened to it for some little time before it ceased. I then dressed and went down stairs, got my song book and looked up the song. The number was not given to me, only the words, and as I had not sung this song for a long time it was some little time before I found it. The third line of the first verse was the truth that vibrated in my soul as from the voice of an angel. There is no song in the book that is more dear to my soul now than number 448. Truly, I have flung myself out like a chip on the stream of His infinite will.

I pass the rough rocks with a smile and a shout, and I just let my God His dear purpose fulfill.

MEETING REPORT

We have just returned from east Missouri where we held one week's meeting at Fremont, Mo. This is where the Glass sisters live. Five souls were saved there and the saints were much encouraged. We also witnessed one case of definite healing. Bro. and Sister Willie Kerr's baby was very sick, and in answer to prayer God instantly healed it of pneumonia. Within ten minutes after prayer the child was laughing and jumping in its mother's lap, as well as ever. What a mighty God we serve!

From Fremont we went to Myrtle, Mo. to hold meeting. We had only two night's meeting when the weather got so bad that it was needful to discontinue the meeting there. One soul was saved at Myrtle. The Lord willing, we aim to return there in early spring to hold a meeting, as we believe there are honest souls who will be saved.

Bro. W. I. Miles and Bro. Darius Gibson were with us in these meetings. The Lord used them in preaching the Word. Let us keep the good work going. Yours, in defense of the clear Gospel,

— Bro. John Strech.

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Church of God will hold their annual Okla. state Assembly meeting at the Saints' Chapel in Guthrie, Oklahoma, located on the corner of West Warner and Sixth Sts. beginning on Friday evening, Dec. the 23rd and lasting through the holidays, or ten days.

There will be able ministers at this meeting from various parts of the state and from other states who will preach the old-time truth; so that souls present can hear, learn and know how to get saved from sin, how to get sanctified with an infilling of the Spirit of God. The saints will be fed from Father's table the true Bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to men. The usual good meeting is expected. All are truly invited to attend this meeting. Those who want to get saved should be here. Those who need healing of the body should come to this meeting and any who are devil-possessed. The power of God will be present to save, sanctify, heal and cast out evil spirits. Let all come with faith believing that Jesus is the same yesterday, and today and forever.

The saints here are doing all they can to arrange for this meeting to be one of the best; and they solicit your help in prayers and co-operation. Those who cannot give, can pray, and others can pray and give to help along.

Send all means for the State Assembly meeting to Fred Pruitt, 924 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. as he is treasurer of the State Assembly board. Send all provisions, eatables and other needed things to G. W. Winn, 1309 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma. Each congregation ought to get together as much funds as possible to help in this meeting, as a meeting is quite costly in the winter time. Those coming should bring bedding with them as much as possible, as many of the blankets, quilts and pillows have been stolen or misplaced which we have used in past meetings.

The meeting will be run on the free-will plan and meals will be served to all who attend the meeting.

Prepare to attend this holiday meeting and get your soul refreshed from heaven's storehouse.

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St. Paul To The Brethren

"For by one Spirit (not water) are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles." (1 Cor. 12: 13). He is speaking about the one body of Christ, of which each individual is a member in particular. This body is wholly spiritual. There is not one carnal member in it. All come into this body by a spiritual birth. It is compared to the working of a healthy natural body. All the members work in harmony. How could it be otherwise when God does it all?

He tells them of the diversity of gifts, operations, manifestations, wisdom, knowledge, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, and all operated by the same Spirit in this one body, "but it is the same God which worketh all in all". Every member in this body drink into one Spirit. Some may be in America, Europe, Africa, China, India, Isles of the Sea, yet it is just one body and Jesus Christ is the Head. When the members of this body meet one another a holy stream of fellowship flows from heart to heart. Not friendship, but real fellowship of the Spirit from the Father, Jesus and in the hearts of true brethren.

When the Prophet Isaiah got a vision of this spiritual body, he broke forth in the most beautiful language, (Isa. 52: 6-10) "The watchmen shall sing together. They shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion."

The Psalmist says of Zion, "This and that man was born in her." Oh, how blessed are the few who are "born again".

— Mrs. Ed. Wetzel.

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My counselor and guide.
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That could this volume buy;
In teaching me the way to live,
It taught me how to die!

“Blessed Bible, how I love it,
How it doeth my spirit cheer;
What hath earth like this to covet?
O what stores of wealth are here!
Yes, I’ll to my bosom press thee,
Precious word, I’ll hide thee here;
Sure, my very heart shall bless thee,
For thou ever say’st good cheer.”

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Missouri — Dear Sister and Brother Pruitt: In heavenly love I send greetings to you. I intended to write you before now to tell you how the dear Lord has been so good to me and healed my body of all its sickness and suffering but the Lord did not permit me to write until now. God’s time and way is always best, so all we can do is to just wait upon the Lord at all times and in all things.

Oh, I am so happy this morning. I feel so good both soul and body. Praise the Lord. I feel better than I have for fifteen years. For a number of years it was thought I had the consumption, and for the past two years my lungs were in a very bad condition. I had a large growth in my left side which was thought to be a tumor. It kept growing larger, pushing upward against the lungs and heart which caused great suffering. Some thought the growth in the left side pushing against the lungs was causing the T. B. I also had severe suffering through bowels and bladder which no doubt was gall stones. My stomach was in such a bad condition I could eat but very little, and other ailments too, which put my whole system out of order. I was in continual suffering night and day. For so long, prayers had kept me on my feet long enough each day to do what work just had to be done. The saints were all so good to me in what ways they could and I do thank God for His dear children. May the Lord ever bless them. The time came when I felt that I could never get well so I told the saints that I could not stand it much longer, either healing or death must come. They had prayed so much for my healing and yet it looked like I might have to leave this life,

but they never gave up, they kept on praying earnestly that I might be healed. A few days before I was healed I felt that I only had a short time to stay here on earth. I had thought of telling my kin-folks about it as they did not know how serious it was, but that day while I was thinking about it all, Jesus came very near. It seemed that He was face to face speaking to me.

A doctor and his wife, a registered nurse, owns the place we live on. They had offered to doctor me free if I would let them. I appreciated their kindness toward me but I let them know I could not expect divine healing if I took medical treatment. I have not used medicine, nor remedies for over nine years. What God does not do for His children through prayer, nothing else can do. When I began to trust God for my body I lost all faith in medicine. I saw plainly it was not needed in helping God to heal us. God needs no help. Some say faith and works goes together. The only works I find that we must have, is to believe that God heals, then faith takes hold and the work is done by God's mighty power. The day that Jesus seemed so near and was speaking to me was a day I will never forget. He showed me just what to do. I felt my need of living, and oh how I wanted to live a while longer for Jesus' sake. I was willing to do anything He had for me to do. I felt that I should go away from home to be among the saints until my faith took hold for healing. I sent word to Sister Susie and Brother Ed Whipple to come and get me. They came on Friday evening, October 7th and I stayed at their home until Sunday morning about noon. On Saturday afternoon while there I asked them to lay on hands and pray that my faith might take hold, and shortly afterwards they anointed and prayed for my healing, then the power of God came down from heaven, went through my body healing me completely and instantly. Oh praise be unto God. I cannot praise Him enough. I can eat anything I want now and as much as I want. It does not hurt me at all. I can use the sewing machine now which I could not use for sometime. All the sickness and suffering is gone. What God has done for me He can do for all who will fully trust Him. While I have many trials along the way the Lord keeps me saved and I see good from the trials that Jesus permits to come.

I forgot to tell you that I had a floating kidney also which gave me much trouble the past year. Before I was saved a doctor told me it was floating kidney also a rupture in the lower part of my right side, but I am well now. Praise the dear Lord. I fully believe I would not be here on earth now had God not reached out His mighty hand of power when He did.

Our youngest boy is six years of age and has never

taken a dose of medicine. Dear Sister and Brother, I ask your prayers that I might have wisdom and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and do His whole will.

May the Lord bless you both and family.
Lovingly, — Sister Nellie Campbell.

Our Meeting At Louin, Miss.

To our state of Mississippi came
Two girls dressed just plain,
And two brothers just the same;
They preached and prayed in Jesus' name.

They prayed, sang and talked,
And with the Savior did walk.
They preached the gospel and did not stay,
And at His work they did not play.

O how they did fast and pray
That the Lord would work some way
To save souls at the Judgment day,
Ere it found them on Satan's way.

They preached the Word straight and bold,
And none of it would they withhold.
To compromise would mean to withhold
The Word that is dearest to the soul.

They sang and prayed and took their stand
Against Satan and his mighty band.
They took the Lord at His command,
And asked Him to break sin's awful band.

O how the saints did toil and pray,
And asked the Lord to work in wondrous ways,
And save poor souls from sin today,
And put them on the heavenly way.

O how the dear Lord did save,
And He truly forgave—
Thirty-seven came to be saved,
Twenty-nine went down in the watery grave.

It is blessed to serve the Lord,
For surely you will reap a reward;
For Jesus will break every cord
That would hinder you from serving the Lord.

They are gone; O how we miss them--
We pray God's blessings upon them,
That He will guide, protect and be with them,
Till He takes them home with Him.

— Molly E. McDonald.

« Young People's Section »

Haste Thee

Haste, traveler, haste! the night comes on,
And many a shining hour is gone;
The storm is gathering in the west,
And thou art far from home and rest;
Haste, traveler, haste!

Awake, awake! pursue thy way
With steady course, while yet 'tis day;
While thou art sleeping on the ground,
Danger and darkness gather round;
Haste, traveler, haste!

The rising tempest sweeps the sky;
The rains descend, the winds are high;
The waters swell, and death and fear
Beset thy path; no refuge near!
Haste, traveler, haste!

Haste, while a shelter you may gain—
A covert from the wind and rain,
A hiding place, a rest, a home,
A refuge from the wrath to come:
Haste, traveler, haste!

Then linger not in all the plain;
Flee for thy life, the mountains gain;
Look not behind; make no delay;
O, speed thee, speed thee on thy way!
Haste, traveler, haste!

— Miss Anna Marie Hiebert

The First Christmas

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least

among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when you have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship *him* also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, to the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”

The coming of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, had been foretold many, many years before His birth by the prophets of God. Now at last He was born of the virgin Mary in the small town of Bethlehem in the country of Judea. This small town is located about six miles from Jerusalem. According to the best authorities His birth may be dated in the 26th year of the reign of Augustus Caesar, emperor of Rome. This was just four years before the date which is commonly assigned for the Christian era.

Soon after Jesus' birth we understand, according to our scripture lesson, that wise men of the east sought Jesus to worship Him as King of the Jews, for they had seen a new star in the east. They went to Jerusalem, then followed the star to Bethlehem until it stood over where the young child was born. On coming into the house they saw the infant Jesus with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. They opened their treasures, and presented unto Him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.

More than nineteen hundred years ago, on the first Christmas day or soon after, the wise men presented gifts to the infant Jesus. They did this to honor or worship Him. So today, and every day, after so many years, it is our privilege and duty to present gifts to Him. The apostle Paul tells us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. As Christ is not here in person as He was then, yet He says, “As ye have done it (do good) unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.” In doing good, or presenting gifts

to our needy brothers and sisters in the Lord, we are really doing it, in one sense, unto the Lord. Not only at Christmas time can we present our gifts unto the Lord by the act of charity to the needy, but also whenever we see God's children in need and it lies in our power to help them. Many gifts that are given at Christmas time are not given in the Spirit of worship, and therefore Christ is not worshipped in the giving. Truly, He is a Spirit, and we must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. L. D. P.

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Fremont, Mo. My dear Sister Pruitt: — Greetings of holy love in our blessed Redeemer's name. Truly He has kept us sweetly saved with a greater desire to live closer to our Lord each day. He spares our life. How much we should appreciate the opportunity the Lord gives us to serve Him, His great love, mercy and peace to us unworthy creatures, and even makes us fit subjects to spend the ceaseless ages of eternity with Jesus. What more would we want? We can never, never repay Him. No sacrifice is too great to make for the One who gave His pure innocent life for our salvation. Oh, just to think, if Jesus had not died for us, what would we have been today? Why should we hesitate to be our best for Him? By His grace and mercy I'm going to be just what He has designed we should be each fleeting moment of life.

Oh, the Lord has given us courage when all around us seemed to drag us down. Praise His dear name. Truly, this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. By faith in God we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Dear Sister Pruitt, I trust you are encouraged in the service of our Lord. Soon we'll have done all we could do. May the Lord bless and help in whatsoever your need may be. He has been over the way before us, so we need not to fear.

The Lord gave us a few nights of precious meeting. Brother Strech, Brother Miles and Brother Gibson came by our place on their way to Myrtle, Missouri to hold some meetings. They preached here seven nights. The Lord anointed for service.

With Christian love, — Ellen Glass

Homestead, Okla. Dear young people scattered abroad: — May the richest blessings rest upon you and may you all be encouraged by the Word of God which is my comfort in time of need.

I love to study the Bible, and I find it so wonderful to serve my dear Master. I cannot do enough for Him.

Dear young people, I am not writing to boast,

because this concerns me as well as others. We are here for some purpose — to do good. The Lord has spared your life for some reason, saved or unsaved. Our Master needs more helpers. You who are saved, don't stand back. Launch out and lend a helping hand. We do not want to be spiritually lazy, because time is so short. Many are going into eternity unprepared to meet God. I feel that I must step out and do my part. Each one has something the Lord wants them to do although it may be little. Let us as saved ones be a living example. Not only by praying and testifying in meetings, but let our daily life prove to the people that Christ is in us. In this way we are a blessing to others and God will bless us.

The Word of God seems plainer to me all the time, but I need your prayers. I desire to know the Scriptures better.

It is so good to know that there is only one way to be saved and only one way for Christians to travel. In order to be saved we must leave all. St. Luke 14: 33, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." This does not mean that we must sell all we have in order to get saved, but we must have it all consecrated to the Lord; not have our minds so much on things here that we will forget to pray and neglect reading the Bible. We need not be confused because there is only one God to worship, only one Bible. In St. John 10 we read: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." This doesn't mean that we can spiritually flirt with one Church, then with another, neither does it mean that we can stray from God then come back without repenting. The Bible doesn't allow us to go from church to church, neither will God's children want to do so. John 10: 27, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me." Many may call me fanatic. If I am, what was Christ? People now are trying to make the Bible fit the condition of the people instead of having the people to measure up to the Bible. I am willing to go the Bible way.

— Selma Hiebert

Charity

"A sour, cold, Pharisaic severity toward others whom we in our narrowness may regard as unholy does not resemble the Christ-like spirit of love. We should watch, not only lest our own good be needlessly spoken evil of, but also lest we without cause speak evil of other people's good. In order to be exactly right ourselves, which is well; it is not necessary to insist on setting everybody else right."

**«The Following Six Pages Containing Short Articles
And The Sunday School Lessons Are Edited By C. E.
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Faith and Victory and *The Path of Life* are now merged into one paper. Some of the readers of both papers may be a little disappointed at first, but you will soon see it to be the will of God.

One reason why it is best to merge *The Path of Life* with *Faith and Victory* is that it relieves us of a great amount of labor. With our labor lessened we are confident we can continue to labor much longer than otherwise we could have done. Then it is a saving of the Lord's money.

There is no other paper printed known to us which we could merge *The Path of Life* with. We know of no other paper that stands clear from all compromise with the world, sectarianism and politics. We have been reading *Faith and Victory* for a number of years and it has always rung true to the Word and Spirit of God. We are praying that this combined paper will do great good. We are asking our readers to unite with us in prayer and works that great good will be done by this united journal.

We believe the way will soon be opened for *Faith and Victory* to be sent out twice each month. It will cost but little more to send *Faith and Victory* out twice each month than it did to send *The Path of Life* out once a month. This is because at *Faith and Victory* office they do their own printing and we hired *The Path of Life* printed. We are praying and expecting *Faith and Victory* to be going out twice each month, beginning with April 1933. We would like to hear from our readers concerning this matter.

To have *Faith and Victory* going out twice each month would give us space to greatly improve the Sunday School lessons. You would get your lessons twice each month. We are greatly interested in this and fully believe God is moving in this matter. It will give us much greater opportunity for doing good, and to do the greatest good is the ambition of our life. We would love to write you through the medium of *Faith and Victory* twice each month.

All subscribers to *The Path of Life* who have not been getting *Faith and Victory* will get these two papers in one until the time your subscription to *The Path of Life* expires. You can then renew your sub-

scription to *Faith and Victory* office. From the time you read this, please send all subscriptions to *Faith and Victory*, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

You will continue to send your orders for picture rolls and cards to us at Hammond, La., Box 370. We prefer that you send currency or money orders. Personal checks are not convenient for us. We will thank you if you will get your order to us by December 15 for the first quarter of 1933. The lessons for the first six months of next year will be from the Gospel of Mark. Let us make a most diligent study of this Gospel.

The articles which will be given in this department of *Faith and Victory* will be from our pen as the Lord gives to us. They will consist mostly of short articles which will bring out as far as we are able the hidden meaning in simple texts as are ordinarily passed over by the ordinary reader. The most simply worded texts contain wealth of meaning that many readers of the Bible fail to get and incorporate in their life. Take one text for example; John 6: 57. How few readers go to any great depth in the meaning of these wonderful words and get the meaning written in burning letters in their heart. Too many are failing to get the rich treasures of truth in their hearts and as a result they are missing the highest joys of life. God bless our readers. We have you all on our hearts, and to help you on to higher heights in God's grace is the full purpose of our life. Pray often and earnestly for us.

SETTING GOD BEFORE US

"I have set the Lord always before me." Psalms 16: 8. These words are easy to understand so far as language is concerned, yet they contain a depth of meaning that human wisdom can not fathom. It is only in the secret depths of the human spirit where God meets man and reveals to him the meaning of these simple words. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." Proverbs 20: 27. Except the Lord lights the candle (See Psalms 18: 28), we can never see the wondrous truth in our text. Peter thought so much of this text that he quoted it in that memorable sermon at Pentecost. See Acts 2: 25. It is the secret of holy living. It is the sustaining power amid life's shadows. To have God constantly before your face is to have your expectations from Him. You look up into His face in all life's needs. It is to look to Him for guidance through life. When you know not what step to take next, look to Him. He will guide you.

We refer all things to Him. We look to Him to know if this or that is right or wrong.

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COMPLETE IN GOD'S WILL

Read Eph. 4: 12. It is your privilege to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Do you have any desire to have this standing with God? Is your desire intense? What do you desire more than this? What do these words mean? They mean that we are giving God entire satisfaction both in our inward experience and outward life. The soul is brought into the purity of heaven by the blood of Christ, and the outward life is in fullest harmony with the word and good pleasure of God. Is such a life worth any thing to you? Is it worth striving for? It can not be had without much and fervent prayer. Epaphras labored and prayed fervently that the saints may have this completeness in God's will, but to have it you must also pray. The prayers of preachers and others will help, but they will not do all. You too must pray, and pray much. There are so very few saints that pray half as much as they should and few who pray as earnestly as they should. You do not need to pray at the top of your voice to be in earnest, but you do need to have an intense feeling and a mighty force in your soul. Silent things are the most powerful. God heard the "still small voice." There can be more power in the silent voice than in thunder peals. You may be complete in God's will today, but if you do not go down into the depth of your spirit and there meet Jesus and sup with Him, and draw nourishment from Him into your soul's life you will not be complete in God's will tomorrow. You must eat in plenty if you would have your soul delight itself in fatness.

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If you would live a godly life, keep your heart filled with God.

If you would carry the Bread of Life to others you must have that Life-bread in your soul.

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CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

Christian perfection is not perfection in knowledge. It is not to be infallible. It is not to be free from temptation. It is not to be free from bodily infirmities. The word "perfect" means completeness up to all God's requirements. "That ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Col. 4:12. We, as Christians, are to give God perfect satisfaction. He does not require us to know all things, but He does require us to know what we can.

We are held responsible for what we might have known and do not know. God does not require us to be free from temptation, but He does require us to overcome temptation. If you are living to all the light God ever gave you, He is just as well pleased with you as He is with those who are farther advanced in the Christian life. Be sure to walk in what light that has been given you. Do not let Satan and the flesh make excuses for you. Do you pray as much as you can and know that you ought? If not, how can God be well pleased with you, and how can you be perfect. Do you feed on God's word as you know that you should? How can you grow as you ought if ye do not eat as you ought? To be perfect is to be doing all you can and ought to do. When you are doing all that God requires of you, then He will help you to be all that He requires you to be. You will meet His perfect satisfaction.

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AMEN

At the conclusion of your prayers you say, "amen." Do you know what it means to say "amen"? Prayer is a very great reality. If it is not real it is not prayer. Prayer is more than speaking about God. It is speaking that which God will hear. If God does not hear you when you pray, then you have not prayed. To be where God will hear you when you pray includes a number of things. Prayer, real prayer, is not a one-sided affair. We talk to God when we pray, and He talks to us. He hears us and we hear Him. When you say "amen" that means that you are assured that God hears you. This is one of the meanings of "amen." It is hearing from heaven in your heart. Otherwise your "amen" is a meaningless word. 'Amen' at the conclusion of our prayer means that we have prayed in Jesus' name. God's promises are Yea and Amen in Christ. When God makes us a promise He says "amen," but this "amen" is said in Christ. When we say "amen" we are to say it in Christ which means that our prayer is to God just the same as if it was Jesus that had prayed. When we ask in Jesus' name it is the same as if Jesus was doing the asking. This is another meaning of "amen". Here is another meaning of "amen" which we want you to understand. It is the voice of a clear, pure, Holy Spirit enlightened conscience. Conscience is the voice of God speaking in man, and the voice of man speaking in God. Study this definition of God. You cannot hear God except your conscience is tendered, softened, quickened, purified by the Holy Spirit, and God will not hear

you unless your conscience is witnessing to you that you are blameless in His sight. It means much to keep a clear and unseared conscience. Another meaning of "amen" is that of perfect dedication to God. Prayer is not the using of a form of words, but a blessed and glorious reality. Lord, teach us how to pray.

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Has God ever revealed to your soul His intense love for the prayer of your heart? You have not seen God as you ought unless you see Him as a God who finds great delight in the prayers of the upright.

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KNOWING AND TRUSTING GOD

"And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee." Psa. 9: 10. We trust in God no more fully than we know Him, and we know Him no more fully than we trust Him. We may know *about* God and yet not know *Him*. There is a price to pay that we might know the Lord. "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." Phil. 3: 8. Those who do not trust God for all He would have them trust Him for, have not suffered the loss of all things. They are not wholly consecrated—are not wholly free from self. Those who fully know God trust fully in Him. They have no need to unite with worldly fraternities and organizations that they might be cared for in life and death. Those who take money and pay it to organizations of worldly men that they might receive aid from them in a time of need, do not know God. Think of a child of God taking the money his Father has given him and giving it to a company of sinner men that he (God's child) might receive aid from them! Such is very shocking to those who know God. The most pitiful object on earth is the man who once known and trusted in God and has now forgotten what he once knew. His picture is drawn by Peter. See 2 Pet. 2: 22. We want you who have once known God and trusted in Him, but have now made flesh your arm to look long at this picture. It is your own likeness.

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"BUT THOU, O LORD"

"But thou, O Lord," Psa. 3: 3. Those "buts" make a great change in our lives. Once we made wealth, and position, and the arm of flesh our shield. Once we made the praise of men and a reputation our glory. Once we made bank accounts, connection with organizations the lifting up of our head. "But" there has come a change. God has become our shield.

He is round about us so we do not fear. We have the hedge of God's care and nothing can harm us. God has become our glory. It once was in our own accomplishments, our own ability, our position, our provisions we had made for ourselves, "but" now God is our glory. It is a great change. Once earthly advantages, the praise of men, our connection with men of wealth and position was the lifting up of our head, "but" now God is the lifter up of our head. It is vastly different. Some are making other things their shield, their glory, their encouragement, "But thou, O Lord" are all these to us. Praise God forever.

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Sunday School Lessons

Sunday, Dec. 4, 1932

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

November 28, to December 4 — John 4: 5-10; Acts 10: 30-35; 1 Kings 8: 37-43; Acts 17: 22-28; Matt. 5: 43-48; Psa 24: 1-10; Luke 10: 30-37.

In this above home study there is a scripture portion referred to that is in beautiful connection with the printed portion for the class recital on Sunday. There is a scripture portion for each day of the week. If you do not study these scriptures we have labored in vain. Please study them.

Printed Portion - John 4: 3-11

Subject - Christ's Dealings With Other Nations.

John 4: 3-11 He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And He must needs go through Samaria.

5 Then cometh He to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there, Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well; and it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For His disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto Him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto Him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; from whence then hast thou that living water?

Memory Verse — Of a truth I perceive that God

is no respecter of persons Acts 10: 41.

Central Thought — The Spirit of Christ is a unifying Spirit.

QUESTIONS

1. Who were the Samaritans?
2. Who was Jacob, and why is the well called, "Jacob's well?"
3. What was the relation between the Jews and the Samaritans?
4. What great gift did Jesus offer the woman?
5. Will you please explain what is "living water"?
6. Do you have this living water?
7. What thirst will this living water quench? Verse 14.
8. Do those who are thirsting for life's pleasures have this living water?
9. Should we go out of our way to avoid unpleasant duties?
10. What Jewish custom did Jesus disregard when He passed through Samaria?

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Who is our neighbor? Did not Jesus prove that the whole world is one great neighborhood?
2. Discuss the humanity of Jesus as taught by the words, "being wearied with His journey."
3. Discuss the Divinity of Jesus from the words, "He would have given thee living water."

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

The poorest and worst of earth can have Christ's best. The love of God knows no difference in nationalities. Jesus made a request that He might make an offering. This should be the underlying principle in every request. Little did this woman know what was going to be the result of this day's visit at the well. It was a common thing in her yet became life's turning point. "The well was deep," she said, but it was not so deep as the well of "living water". While the well of living water is deep we can all draw from it. Drawing water from the wells of salvation is the joy of life. "Ask of me", said Jesus. Prayer is the necessary link between the Divine hand that gives and the human heart that receives. "If thou knewest", said Jesus. O soul, if thou didst only know what Christ has to give thee! Jesus taken a commonplace matter and raised it to a very high plane. This is an holy art we all would do well to learn. In every conversation the commonplace things should be given a heavenly tone.

Are you enjoying this moment all the gifts that God is longing to give you?

Sunday, December 11, 1932

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

December 5 to December 11. Lev. 23: 39-43; Mark 6: 30-34; Matt. 11: 16-19; Zech. 8: 1-8; 1 Cor. 10: 23-33; Luke 22: 54-62; Phil. 4: 4-9.

Printed Portion — Neh. 8: 10-17.

Subject — The Christian's Use of Leisure Hours.

Neh. 8: 10 Then He said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold you peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make mirth, because they understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 And on the second day were gathered the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month.

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

16 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, everyone upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths; for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

Memory Verse — Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10: 41.

Central Thought — Spending life's leisure moments as God commands.

QUESTIONS

1. To whom is Nehemiah talking in verse 10?
2. What feast is here being held? See Lev. 23: 39-43.
3. What is the joy of Israel at this feast typical of?
4. Why did the children of Israel dwell in booths?

during the time of this feast? Lev. 23: 42, 43.

5 What was Israel's regard for those who had nothing prepared?

6 What was one striking difference between the habits of Jesus and those of John the Baptist? Matt. 11:18,19.

7 For what reason did Jesus wish to withdraw into a desert place with His disciples? Mark 6:31.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1 Discuss the manner of plays parents should provide for their children.

2 Discuss in what ways leisure hours can be spent to the glory of God and yet be resting hours.

3 Discuss the evils of mis-spent moments. How can God's joy be our strength?

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

The best way to enjoy eating the fat and drinking the sweets of life is to send portions of these good things to those who have none. The joy of the Lord in the soul imparts strength to the body. If you would be strong for life's work keep a merry heart. Let this merriment of heart be because of God's presence in the heart. There are many counterfeits of God's joy in the world today. Jestings and foolish talking often hide an aching heart. The joy of the Lord is independent of circumstances. Tribulations are very nourishing to the Christian's joy. True joy lives not in the gifts of God, but in God. If you do not find great joy in sending portions to others you do not have the joy of the Lord. You will never be strong in the Christian life until you learn to rejoice in God. The joy of God will not dwell in the heart along with harshness, censure, malice and pride. The joy of the Lord lies at the source of our generosity. Whatever God is to us that is what we should be to others. The joy of the Lord is a mighty defense against temptations.

Sunday, December 18, 1932

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 12 to Dec. 18. — 2 Pet. 3: 14-18; Luke 2: 40-52; Rom. 13: 1-7; Psa. 72: 7-17; 2 Thess. 3: 6-13; 1 Cor. 9: 17-23; Phil. 3: 8-14.

Printed Portion — Matt. 5: 38-48.

Subject — Christian Ideals

Matt. 5: 38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man sue thee at the law, and take

away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh of thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you:

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Memory Verse — Matt. 5: 48.

Central Thought — God is to be the center of all life's interest.

QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by "an eye for an eye"?
2. What is meant by "resisting not evil"?
3. What are we to do when we are smitten on the right cheek?
4. When we have turned the other cheek have we fulfilled all the meaning of these words?
5. If a man sues us at the law and takes our coat what are we to do?
6. What are we to do when a man compels us to go a mile with him?
7. Explain the principle contained in this.
8. Should we give everything to those who might ask of us?
9. Should we loan every thing and to every body that which they may wish to borrow?

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the question of, "let him who takes our coat have our cloak also."
2. Discuss the matter of loaning every thing to any one who may ask of us.
3. Discuss the matter of loving our enemies like we love those who love us.
4. Discuss the question of Christian perfection.

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

To be a Christian is to be like God. These words teach us that we are to be like God in disposition. They teach us that we are to do as He would do. We have here Christ's idea of holy living. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into the secret depths of this teach-

ing. There are principles contained in these words of Jesus that go far beyond the letter. These words teach far more than what is contained in the letter. This is true of the Bible throughout. It contains principles that go far beyond the letter, and happy is the man who learns these principles and gets them in his heart and life. When the principles contained in this teaching are written in the heart then the heart will be of Godlike nature. "God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God." Christian perfection does not deny increase or development. There is always growth in any perfect life. Death ensues when there is no more growth. When you find yourself loving your enemies you have a good evidence of being like God. Either these sayings are not Christ's sayings, or else we are not Christians if we do not live them. See the article on "Christian Perfection."

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Sunday, December 25, 1932

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 19 to Dec 25. - Luke 2: 1-7; Luke 2: 8-14; Luke 2: 15-20; Luke 23: 13-21; John 6: 66-71; John 3: 16-21; Isa.9: 6, 7.

Printed Portion — Luke 2: 8-16.

Subject — God's Good Will to Men.

Luke 2: 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Memory Verse — For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have ever-

lasting life. John 3: 16.

Central Thought — God's best gift to the world.

QUESTIONS

1. Was it by accident or providential that Joseph and Mary were at Bethlehem at this time?

2. Why was it that they were at Bethlehem?

3. Why was the inn so crowded that there was no room for Mary and Joseph?

4. How much room have you made for Jesus in your heart?

5. Have you reserved one small room for yourself?

6. Why did not the angel appear to King Herod or the rich men?

7. Can you think of any event that ever happened in the world that was greater than birth of Jesus?

8. How is Jesus going to come back to earth again?

9. Will there be angels with Him?

10. How many will see Him when He comes?

11. Ought we not to be ready when He comes?

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

Jesus became one with us that we may become one with Him. We live truly when we let Jesus live fully in us. Those in whom Jesus does not live are dead while they are living. The present day Christmas spirit is not the spirit of Christ. The spirit of Christ is a giving spirit every day in the year, and no one day more than another. Humility is an essential quality of Christian character. God gave His best for us, and we should give our best for Him. God will accept nothing from us but our best. God will not have your second best when you keep the best for yourself. The best gift you can give to God is yourself. If we want to go where Jesus is we must become like Him. We can have true peace and happiness only when in Christ. Jesus came to save people from their sins. Repeat this three times. Jesus lived on earth without legally owning any of it. He owned no home, no coat, His raiment was given Him, and He was buried in another's grave, His example stands as a rebuke to those who seek after earthly riches. We have heard of ministers who would not hold a revival meeting without being given a certain sum of money. Such ministers are an abomination to God.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Reasons for the incarnation.

2. The state of the world at the second coming of Christ.

3. Angel ministry in the life of Christ and the life of a Christian.

4. The knowledge angels have of God's children on earth.