

FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — 1 JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD



A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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UNFIT FOR SERVICE

One night, 'twas a Saturday evening,
I sat alone in my room,
Watching the fading daylight,
And the steadily gathering gloom.

And I longed and watched for an opening,
A word for my Master to say,
Ere the twilight gave place to darkness,
And the week had died away.

I knew that there had been moments
Afforded me through the week,
When I might have witnessed for Jesus,
But I hadn't the heart to speak.

And now, when I would have spoken,
The privilege was denied;
So I went in my sorrow to Jesus,
"And why is this?" I cried.

Ah! the Master knew all about it,
So He said, and I knew it was right:
"The tool is too blunt for service;
I cannot use 'it to-night."

Oh, Christian, learn well this lesson:
We can only be used by God,
When communion with Him has fashioned
Our mouths like a sharpened sword.

Be Ye Holy!

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

Praise God! Through the efficacy of the precious blood of Christ we can have our hearts cleansed

from sin. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1: 9.

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

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

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

We read in Dan. 2 of the kingdom that God has set up that shall never be destroyed, perfigured by a stone Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, that was cut out without hands and became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. In the seventh chapter it says the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. God set up this kingdom when Christ built the church that the gates of hell shall not prevail against. It is impregnable; for it is founded on the Rock of Ages. It is the pillar and ground of

the truth. God will have a glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. It shall be holy and without blemish. We all have the blood-bought privilege of being a member of God's church, by repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; for in Christ is plenteous redemption. He came to seek and to save that which was lost.

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

— Cedelia M. Eddy.

Talents

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his servants, and delivered unto them his goods, and unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and unto another one; to every man according to his several ability, and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents, and likewise he that had received two, he also gained another two, but he that had received one went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money." Matt. 25: 14-18.

There is a certain amount of responsibility resting upon each of the servants of the Lord. None are excused from exercising themselves in one capacity or another for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The above parable was given to show that the Lord did not want us to be idlers, but to be up and doing. The Lord knows Himself in what sphere each one can render the most beneficial service, and He has given to each one a talent, or talents according as their ability may be to work in the place He has for them. For God has placed the members in the body as it hath pleased Him, and we are to render service, not as unto man, but unto God. For He it is that shall reward us in the reckoning day. Therefore, we should be the more faithful for He is faithful that promised.

It is natural for one to feel embarrassed at times when in company with those who are more talented than themselves, and at such times, may be tempted to do nothing, or in other words, to bury their talent in the earth. Right here is where one should resist the enemy. Be attentive to the voice of God and do as He bids you. For the Word of the Lord by the mouth of the prophet has said, "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." Now this does not mean that one should be fluttering around and doing something just to busy themselves, or fighting the air, so

to speak, but whatever is done should be done in meekness and in the fear of the Lord, with the sole purpose in view to glorify God, whether it be singing, testifying, praying, preaching, exhorting, giving, or shewing mercy, or whatever it be, all should be done to the glory of God. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering, or he that teacheth, on teaching, or he that exhorteth on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth with diligence; he that sheweth mercy with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation; abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." Rom. 12: 6-9. I am satisfied that all who will proceed along these lines, when the Lord shall come again, will hear the blessed "well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful in a few things. I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," but what about the fearful, negligent, and slothful? It will not be so well with them but the sad denunciation will fall upon their ears, "Depart from Me, I know you not." Now there is one sense wherein we are blessed with the same gift or talent, and that is with the power to live the Christ-like life and to testify for Him.

The living of the saved life includes every thing for us in this life concerning the work that God would have us to do and it comes to each one just one day at the time. May the Lord encourage every one and especially those who are inclined to be timid or negligent to stir up the gift that is in them so that at the close of life's day they can say, "I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do."

— Ulysses Phillips

He Saved Others

"He saved others; Himself He could not save," or in other words, He could not save Himself and us too, as a whole sacrifice on His part was only remedy for our redemption.

Yes, He opened the eyes of the blind, healed every ailment known to man, and will do the same to-day if unconditionally surrendered to Him. He raised Lazarus from the dead after having lain in the the grave four days; raised the widow's son, but Himself He could not save, and insure us a passport to heaven, being redeemed by His precious blood. Oh! the agony endured for selfish humanity! Why not be appreciative of this incomparable sacrifice? If we sow to the flesh we shall of the flesh reap corruption; if we

sow to the spirit we will reap life everlasting. The fixed law of God will be obeyed in spite of human opinion.

Medical skill has about conquered, so they say, what used to be considered incurable diseases, such as small-pox, and scarlet-fever, and several other dreaded ailments, but death is in the land just the same. There are diseases which the doctors are unable to diagnose, which can directly be traced to sin against the body, which the Creator intended to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Look at the sallow-faced boys and girls with cigarettes in their mouth. (The advertizing, so attractive to the world, where young women are lighting the cigars for young men should be officially stopped.)

Then there is the handmaiden and forerunner of the lust demon, which is "pride" dragging the populas to eternal destruction. The divorce evil is filling our public institutions with orphans, and maniacs.

Yes, He wants to save every one who wishes to be saved. Every sin and human ailment of heart and body, when brought to Him, will be given satisfactory attention. Remember, God is a jealous God. He has a perfect right to demand undivided devotion. He saved others and will save you. Leave all earthly props; turn your back to the world, bow at the cross, unload your troubles, spiritual and physical, cry from the depths of your heart, "Lord, wash me clean and I shall be whiter than snow." Let Him be thine all in all, and in times of storm there will be nothing to fear because He says, "I will keep thee as the apple of Mine eye."

Satan will roar and try to sidetrack you. Cling to the cross. Stay on the solid foundation, purchased with the precious blood of Jesus, which will stand the severest attack of the enemy.

— Marie Pauline Sass

Auburn, Ind. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: I promised the Lord I would write my testimony for the "Faith and Vitory" paper if He would heal those sores or cancers on my forehead. They looked bad, and would have been, if the Lord had not healed them. Praise the Lord. They are all gone. I hope this will encourage some one else.

Let us trust the Lord for soul and body.

—Viola Timberlin

Glassboro, N. J. — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: In Jesus' name I send greetings to all the saints scattered abroad: It has been a long time since I have heard from any of you and now through a mistake I do not get the paper any more. I miss it very much.

I do love God with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength and I mean by His grace to be true at any cost.

I feel this affliction is for a purpose and already I feel it is working for my good so I praise Him for it and just say "amen Lord," just as long as thou dost want me to suffer for thy own honor and glory.

I need the prayers of all the saints that my faith will not fail and when the Lord sees it is enough He will bring about deliverance. Praise God for the many times He has healed my body by His mighty power. I have never known what it was to take a drop of medicine, but trusted the Lord from childhood up. I was never tested on this line before—a new test of my faith. I have been praying to be drawn closer to God, for my faith to be increased and I feel this is answering that prayer. God answers prayers. Praise His name. I would appreciate a special interest in the prayers of all the saints. Yours, — Sister Anna Gant

Hennessey, Okla. — I felt led to-night to write my testimony for the paper.

I am glad I can say I have power over the enemy — saved and sanctified, and all on the altar for the dear Lord. I mean to go all the way with the dear Lord. He is a wonderful Savior and a wonderful helper. The Lord has been wonderfully blessing and caring for me. I can't count all the blessings.

The 23rd of December my son was released. I give God the praise. His promise is sure. I mean to press my way through to glory. I am not weary nor tired of the way. Dear saints, pray that I will keep humble at the feet of Jesus. Your Sister,—Annie Wiley

Texas — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. How I do love Him. He is my all in all. How glad I am that I am one of this free and full salvation. It keeps us free from sin and gives us victory over sin and the devil. The Word says that we must be like Jesus if we expect to meet Him when He comes. I want the prayers of all you praying people that I will be like Him when He comes. Praise the dear Lord.

I do praise Him for the healing power and for the Holy Ghost. I am so glad deep down in my heart that I ever found this way. I am glad I can read the "Faith and Victory" paper. It helps me so much. I pray for the good work to go on. May God bless the readers of this paper.

I want you to pray earnestly for me that I will ever be found in the will of the Lord and ever ready to do His will.

Yours, for a home in heaven, — Marietta Lundy

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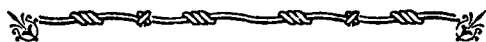
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Co-operation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. Read Exodus 25: 2; 1Chronicles 29: 9; 2 Cor. 9: 7, and Luke 6: 38.

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



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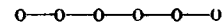
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EDITORIALS

In speaking of the Sunday School Lessons which Brother Orr has in the "*Faith and Victory*" paper, I can say that we heard from a goodly number of our readers concerning the matter of whether to leave the Lessons in the paper, or to print and send them out separately. By far the majority of them thought it best to keep the lessons in the paper as they were. This was the conviction of our own soul on the matter and we believe it to be the will of the Lord at this present time. We do not know what He may want us to do about it in the future. Several have wanted a few pages added to the paper, so as to give more room for the lessons and also more room for articles, and we have been thinking of adding four more pages, making the "*Faith and Victory*" a twenty-page paper. We can only do this as God moves upon the readers to send in free-will offerings to the work. As it is, we are having very trying times in keeping this gospel printed and sent forth. The price on the paper is far below what commercial subscription price would be, and we do not feel like raising the price at all, as we believe in sending the gospel out freely and look alone to God to supply the needs. By the grace and help of the Lord, if it is His will that four more pages be added, the subscription price will remain the same and we ask your earnest prayers and co-operation in the printing work in every way the Lord may lead.



In the last issue of the "*Faith and Victory*", we told our readers about manuscript we had written to make a book of how the Lord has been dealing with us, and how He has led us by His Spirit up to this present time. We made mention of not having means to buy paper to print the book on. Six different readers have responded to the moving of His spirit and have sent in offerings to buy the paper, amounting to \$3.05. This is not near enough with which to buy the paper, but we are not discouraged at all, as we believe that God is going to supply it. We are carefully preserving the offerings sent in for this purpose, also that with the names and addresses of all those who sent and will gladly mail each one a copy of the book when it is finished, and more copies if they want them. You who have sent offerings for the book paper will have to be patient and wait until the Lord supplies us so we can print and send it forth. In the meantime, pray much for us, as the fervent, effectual prayer availeth much. We feel assured that this book, when circulated, will do lots of good to encourage souls to take hold of God for which they need, whether it be spiritually, physically or other needs. May God

bless each one who already sent offerings for paper to print this book on.

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There has been a splendid response from our readers in behalf of Brother Jarvis and his children. The offerings have not been very large from any one source, but a large number from different parts of the country have sent in offerings for them. We immediately sent him nearly twenty dollars to relieve them of any prolonged suffering, and since that time we have received more than fifty dollars which we will soon send on to him, so those who have been praying and giving will know that their prayers have been answered and Brother Jarvis and children have gotten relief from their severe circumstances. Any one who feels led of the Lord to give to them regularly or other wise, may feel free to send your offerings here to the Office, and we will send it on to them with other offerings that come in. Also, we believe that Brother Cherian in India is a worthy missionary and we shall be glad to forward means to him if any is sent for that purpose. We want to do all we can for all of God's children and are willing to spend and be spent in any way that it pleases Him.

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The "Faith and Victory" paper stands squarely for the truth of God's Word and by His grace and help we will not compromise with the flesh, the devil or the world, but shall be plain and definite in teaching the truth, as He gives knowledge and understanding. We fear God and shall not know men after the flesh. It is not possible to please God and at the same time please all men that profess Christ. Jesus could not begin to do that, and if we possess His Spirit and let it operate freely through us, we will be hated and rejected as He was. The devil is against God as much as he ever was, and if you hate the devil and will not be afraid to let him know it, he will hate you and will get all his agents to do like-wise. God gives rejoicing when we suffer as a Christian.

Those who are imbibing a compromise spirit will use extreme notions and positions to make ridiculous the true way of God. They make me think of a sinner that looks at weak and feeble professing members of the Church or a hypocritical preacher to justify themselves in living on in sin. The sinner will not be excused from judgment and torment because of hypocrites and weak faltering members, neither will professors be excused from leading some poor souls into worldliness or earthly security, because some one professing had extreme and fanatical notions.

The spirit of God has not and does not lead us out very much in teaching against the externals of religion, as we know that the heart is the seat of affection, and if God can get full possession of the heart, it will show in the appearance of the external. Some times it is necessary to speak about external things to awaken folks to the fact that there is something radically wrong on the inside. "For out of the heart are the issues of life." Many have thought and said that, "This thing that I am wearing is not in my heart; it will not bother me at all to take it off." When they took it off or thought of really doing it, they found that the roots of the thing went pretty deep and they quit thinking about taking it off. If they took it off, it hurt so, they wanted it back on. The manifestations of the exterior of a man shows pretty well what is in his heart. Jesus says, "To make clean the inside of the platter and the outside will be clean also." A clean heart will give the possessor a clean manifestation and when you meet him you will not associate him with the world. It is not being like Chirst to adorn your body for the world to admire. Hear what the prophet Isaiah said about Jesus, "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him." Isa. 53: 2. His form was not big, flowery and showy, neither was there any special physical beauty. Men followed him because of the God that was in Him, and professors rejected Him for the same reason. Let us know no man after the flesh, neither let the saints adorn the body to try to look beautiful for the world to admire. Let us rather seek to please God by adorning a meek and quiet spirit. People, who fix up in order to appear to be more than they really are, show deceit, and if they profess to be a Christian, it makes it seem ten times more so.

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A good many new subscriptions have come in since the last "Faith and Victory" paper was mailed out. Many have taken advantage of the special offer which Brother Orr made for February. On page eleven of this paper you will find that he is making another offer to those who will subscribe for the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is a good time to do some real missionary work for the Lord in your own town or neighborhood, as you can get subscribers for the paper, and at the same time, get books sent to your address which you can read and give out to those needing spiritual encouragement. If you want the books, when you send in a subscription or subscriptions, always state in your letter to send the books; otherwise they will not be sent, as the books will only be sent

to those asking for them and sending stamps to defray postage. Brother Orr sends the books from Hammond, La. and if you send the subscription here, we will forward the postage and your address to Brother Orr. If you send direct to him, he will send the subscription price and your address to us.

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The tract work, which is connected with this publishing work, is a very important factor in the spread of the gospel, as thousands of tracts are sent to all parts of the country monthly. Tract orders are coming in every day. Many are not able to pay for them, not even able to send postage, so the poor is having the gospel preached to them by those silent preachers, and God is making the tracts a source of great blessing to thousands of people. Our tract stock had become very low and calls kept coming for tracts, and no means to buy paper to print more on. Under the pressure of the need we felt it would please the Lord for us to go ahead and purchase the paper, print the tracts and have faith in Him to supply means to pay for the paper. We did this. Just finished printing one hundred and sixteen thousand tracts, and feel good that we can now fill the orders as they come in. A sister wrote us that the wind blew a portion of a tract upon her porch, and she read it and got a great blessing from God, and sent to us for more tracts. When Jesus was coming into Jerusalem, and the people were crying out saying, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord," a Pharisee told Jesus to rebuke the disciples. Jesus said, "If these would hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." We feel sure if we get these tracts printed and circulated out to various parts of the country, and no one will carry them around to the people, that God will use the wind to get some of them to souls in need.

We send out a sample of different tracts and the paper to any address, and if you want more tracts, you will find a list of the tracts with each package, so you can order what you want for careful distribution.

Remember us, dear readers, when you pray, as we are very busy here at the office. We study and think very much as to how we can do the most good while the Lord keeps life in this mortal body. We are His "purchased possession" and all that He places in our hands shall be used in the furtherance of the gospel or to His glory as He directs and gives knowledge and understanding. We use no money to buy adornments for ourself, wife or the children, neither for any fine or expensive furniture, and the food for the family is bought with caution and care-

fulness; neither are there any fees paid to insurance companies of any kind, as all we have is His, and we know that He rules all that He has created and that there was nothing created without Him. We are fully cut loose from this old world to serve the living God. For further information, we direct you to the Book, "How the Lord led us by His Spirit", which we expect the Lord to enable us to get printed before many months. Now, may grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ be upon each reader is my earnest prayer.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Ruth Lester Joiner was born March 26, 1856; died February 6, 1933, being 76 years, 10 months and 12 days old the day of her death. She had been a widow for 54 years. She has two sons, the youngest of which was only a few months old when her husband died. She had been a sincere devoted Christian for many years and died triumphant in the faith. She was full of good works and alms deeds which she did. Her life was as near faultless as any you will find.

The little company of saints here at Hammond, La. will miss her very much, as will her family and neighbors. She had prayed many times that God would take her to Himself before she became helpless and a burden to any one. She was at her quilt, quilting when suddenly she was attacked with heart failure and was gone in a few moments. God answered her prayer.

— C. E. Orr.

Bro. F. M. White passed away on Jan. 29, 1933 at the age of 72 years. At the time of death he was staying with his son, Ray White, southeast of Guthrie, Okla. He had been ill for several months before the final end came. He professed salvation in the Church of God and held on to the Lord until the last, and really seemed anxious to make the change.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his widow, Mrs. Lula White, six children and nine grand children. The children: Mrs. S. T. Gillaspay of Albuquerque, N. Mex., Roy White, Ray White, Harry White, Mrs. Nellie Ott and Mrs. Mary Reece, all of Guthrie, Okla. Funeral services were held at the Chapel by Bro. W. H. Shoot.

"Silently, silently, sleep the peaceful dead:

Mournfully, sighingly, tears o'er them are shed.
Tho' the dust to dust returneth, yet their spirits now
have gone—

To the God of love who giveth, and their works
do follow on.

“Silently, silently they are laid to rest,
 Free from care, over there, dwelling with the blest :
 They shall bear no more life's burdens, sickness, sor-
 row, death or pain :
 In that Spirit land they're waiting, where with
 Christ their soul shall reign.”

Rachel Lillie Noreutt-Pruitt was born Sept. 22, 1906 near Exeter, Mo. and departed this life February 4, 1933. Age, 26 years, 4 months and 13 days. Mrs. Pruitt, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Noreutt, passed away near Mapleton, Kansas at the home of her mother where she was staying during her illness.

She was united in marriage to Andrew J. Pruitt, March 29, 1932, at the Life Line Orphanage, Kansas City, Kansas, where she had been employed for the past two years as a nurse. She was a great lover of children.

She was a graduate of the Fulton (Kansas) High School, class of 1928. For the past year she and her husband have resided near Mapleton, Kansas.

Her father preceded her in death, Feb. 22, 1930, also her brother, Noble E. Noreutt, Jan. 1, 1927, and a sister, Ella Noreutt, who died in infancy.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, her mother, Mrs. Addie Noreutt, five sisters and two brothers, namely: Olive, Mamie, Naomi, Forrest, Myri, all of Mapleton, Kansas, Mrs. Ora Wentworth, Elma, Wash. and Mrs. Lottie Sloan, Upton, Wyo., the last two of whom could not be with the family at the time of their sister's illness and death. Mrs. Pruitt's illness, which lasted two months and thirteen days, came to an end after much suffering. Being true to the Lord through it all, she fell asleep and passed to her Heavenly Home.

Her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pruitt, and family of Guthrie, Okla. were called to her bedside just a few days before her departure. She had won a place in their hearts, and in the hearts of all those who knew her.

She was laid to rest in the family lot beside her brother, Noble, in the cemetery at Yates Center, Kans.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. John Streech of Neosho, Mo. Scripture reading was in the 14th chapter of Rev. and the text used was the 28th verse, 15th chapter of 1 Cor.

“The Lord knows best,”

And though we cannot see
 When comes the test.

Just why it had to be,
 We pray for grace.

To bear the load of woe,
 For faith to trace
 His boundless mercy's flow,
 And through the tears
 That mark our grief's dark night
 To feel the years
 Will show He worketh right.

Mrs. Addie Crisp, the daughter of Sarah and Jake Hart, was born Sept. 23, 1888 at Aradelphia, Ark. She departed this life Jan. 27, 1933 at 9:30 a. m.

At an early age of about 14 years old she professed a hope in Christ and joined the A. M. E. Church in the year 1902. In 1910 she came to Oklahoma and in the month of Jan. she was married to Theo. Weldon. She was saved in the Church of God in the year 1913 where she remained a faithful servant until death.

Her husband, Theo. Weldon, departed this life Dec. 1, 1927. Jan. 11, 1928 she was married to De Armond Crisp, to whom she was a devoted wife until death.

She leaves to mourn their loss, a mother, husband, one son, two brothers, three sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. The saints here at Boley, Okla. were very sorry to give her up, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain. We are expecting to meet her again when Jesus comes. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. M. J. Phillips. Text used, 2 Tim. 4: 7-8.

NOTICE

To the saints scattered abroad: Greetings in holy love. At the Springfield Camp Meeting last August, after seeing the need of a larger dinning hall to accommodate the people, we spoke of digging a basement under the Chapel for that purpose. Most all thought it good to do that. Some proposed to help by sending money, and some offered to come and work free. Since we do not have the address of any, we take this opportunity to tell you we are now ready to get to work as soon as the money is sent in. Any others that have not promised, that feel like helping in this good work, may send money to H. G. Pletcher, 731 S. Missouri Ave. Springfield, Mo.

We want every body to have an interest in the Springfield Camp Meeting. We want every one to feel when they think of the Springfield Camp Meeting, as a great home gathering of God's family. Be free to send much or little, and let us have one good roomy, convenient place to eat. Those coming to work, write us before coming. We all want a part in the harvesting of souls in our State Camp Meeting. Yours for the whole truth, Mrs. L. V. Anderson

Missouri — Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Just a few lines in Jesus' dear name. I am well both soul and body. Praise the Lord. I gained about thirteen pounds in three month's time after the Lord healed me. A few days ago I had a severe earache and headache, also at the same time I had a hard fall which made bruises on my body, but the Lord was ready to heal after I had requested prayer. I do thank and praise Him for all He is to me.

Hope you are all well, and may the Lord bless you in His service. Remember us here in prayer.

Let us not get weary
Of the path our Savior trod.
Just a short while longer,
Then we'll see our Lord.
Just a short while longer,
We'll go to our reward.
Work harder brethren,
Keep our faith in God —

Your Sister, — Nellie Campbell.

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Forest City, Mo. — Dear workers at the office: This morning finds me saved and enjoying the blessings of heaven. Oh, it is so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word. It is easy for some to say they are saved but if you watch their lives it seems hard for them to live the life. I want to live so that my life will live right on in the people's minds after I am gone, and by the help of our blessed Savior I am going to. If we live the life of Jesus it will do more than any thing we can say. The Lord has been so good to us. Although times are hard, yet I find a little to give to Him, so use this wherever the Lord wills. Please pray for me that I do His will at all times. Your Sister in Christ, Mrs. Dick Stroud

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Neosho, Mo. — To all the dear saints, greeting in Jesus name: I believe it pleasing to God for me to write my testimony and an exhortation to weak saints.

Dear saints of God, in the last two weeks I have gotten so much help from reading the "More Abundant Life" written by Bro. Orr. I have been 'up and down' by accusations much of the time. Last month I ordered the little book from Bro. Orr. I saw it was very deep and I felt I was far behind it. I was led to pray and I had a great desire to move up. I read and my soul was praying at the same time for a sinking down into God. Praise God, He began pouring the sweetness of Heaven into my soul. I have read it four times and the joys of heaven filled my soul. My consecration goes all the way with Jesus. I awake at night and certain scriptures come to me. I meditate

for hours and talk with Jesus and He to my soul. Dear Saints, those who have not made the advancement that you should, get the little booklet, "More Abundant Life". Ask God to help you understand and to sink you down in the love of God and to put a real stir in your soul for more of God. My soul has been full and overflowing with praises to my Redeemer. The devil has tried two or three times to cast a shadow over my soul, but it does not last long. Praise the good Lord. Pray for me that I may ever stand and not become weak. — J. W. Sell

Question Box

Answers by C. E. ORR.

Question 1. What is the difference between the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit?

Question 2. When we receive the Holy Ghost, will it cause us to jerk and to fall prostrate like one dead?

Question 3. Should a saved young lady keep company with an unsaved young man? V. H. Ala.

Answer 1. Where the term "Holy Ghost" is used in the Bible, it means the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity, and should never be called "Holy Ghost." He should not be spoken of as "it", but as "He" and "Him".

Answer 2. When one receives the Holy Spirit he may shout, but this present day jerking and falling prostrate is a mere physical experience, and is no evidence of having received Him.

Answer 3. A courtship between a boy and girl, man and woman as a mere pastime is surely a wrong use of time. No courtship should be carried on without marriage in view, and no saved girl should marry an unsaved boy. Read 1 Cor. 7: 39. The words "in the Lord" are translated from the Greek word "Christian," and should read "if he be a Christian". Weymouth's translation says, "Provided he is a believer." Moffatt says, "It must be a Christian."

For the Bible to answer its highest intention in our life, we must study it with the intense desire to discover the purposes of God in human life, and earnestly lay hold upon all the means of grace whereby we may attain to the full purposes of God's holy Book.

I do not know why I should have to suffer so;
Nor why the storms so fierce and angry be:
It is, perhaps, that He, in love, would bring me low,
Where some rich blessing is awaiting me.

◆ « Young People's Section » ◆

COMFORT

My Lord is dear to my heart,
And I am glad I made a start
To live or die in His hand,
Where ere it be, o'er sea or land.

Though trials and tests I have to face,
God encourages my heart and gives me grace.
God wants us to live above these things
And listen to our hearts that sings.

God listens to our every call
Just like he heard the Apostle Paul,
When he, in his prison cell,
Called on God and troubles tell.

The power of God the jail began to shake,
And the heart of the jailer began to quake,
So he asked what he should do,
That he God's peace could have, too.

And if we for God will faithfully live,
Many souls to us he will give.
If we will do our duty and his law keep,
A starry crown in heaven we will reap.

— ANNA MARIE PRUITT

EDITORIALS

We wish to quote a few verses from the fifth chapter of Eph. as an exhortation and encouragement. Read slowly and carefully, and pray the Lord to give you understanding. He alone can carry the truth to your heart.

“Let no man deceive you with *vain words*: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

The command of the first verse implies that there is a possibility of our being deceived by men through their *vain words*. In all these verses the Apostle is speaking to those who are Christians, warning them of everything that would draw them

away from the one true way, in which they were traveling at that particular time. You have the privilege to *let* or not to *let* a man deceive you. When you have consented to be led by *vain words* or otherwise to disobey the teachings of God's Word and the leadings of His Spirit, you are deceived. The wrath of God abides on the children of disobedience.

At one time you were in sin and darkness (before you were saved), but now you are light in the Lord. Christ, the light, came into your heart, and this light dispels the darkness and brings light to those around you. If we obey the command to “walk as children of light,” then we will not be stumbling into any deception, for the Light that is in us will dispel the darkness on our pathway. To walk circumspectly means to walk cautiously, or to look around and choose every step wisely. It's impossible to redeem the time when we are not walking cautiously. Oh, may the Lord help each one of us to redeem the time in these evil days, which are waxing worse and worse!

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You will notice that the Question Box and answers are on the opposite page in the last column. Have a part in this, by sending in your questions.

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Let us do all we can to get this paper going to other young people, saved or unsaved. See the special offer on page eleven. Send a subscription and get this splendid book, “Gospel Manna”. No one should miss reading it. — L. D. P.

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Calif. — I believe the Lord would be pleased for me to write and tell the children about a little Catholic girl. She doesn't live very far from us, and she comes every day and some days three or four times. You might ask why does she come so often. Well, I will tell you. She comes for me to tell her about Jesus, and she wants me to sing for her. She is interested. I asked her if she could go to Sunday School with us, and she told her mother she wanted to go, so her mother lets her go every Sunday with us. She likes it so much. Her mother said she counts the days, and when it is Saturday she says, “I am so glad to-morrow is Sunday.” They have another girl. She hasn't gone yet, but I was at their home this morning and the mother told me the other girl cries to go.

So she said, "I will go myself next Sunday and take both of my girls." The mother went with us to meeting several times. She likes it and the Lord is talking to the mother about her soul. They have a milk dairy and we get our milk there.

I was out visiting and I called on an Italian family. I asked the mother if the children could come to Sunday School. She said they could. She said she would have them ready Sunday morning. I find hungry hearts every where. The harvest is great, but laborers are few. I trust all the readers of "Faith and Victory" will pray for these dear children who have never heard about Jesus like you have. How glad you ought to be for Christian fathers and mothers, and when you pray, pray for me that I will be all God wants me to be. — Sister Mullins

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Perkasie, Pa — Dear ones in Christ: With holy love we greet you in Jesus' name. It is a great privilege we have to witness for the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am truly glad I have enlisted in His service and by His help I mean to stay in it — to run with patience the race that is set before us.

In Romans 15: 3 we read, "For even Christ pleased not himself." Christ should be our example. We will not go wrong if we have Him for our example. We are some times tempted to get our eyes on some individual whose life we admire and is apparently fruitful in the Christian life. But, we will sooner or later meet with disappointment in that person. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus only. Paul says, "Follow me as I follow Christ." (1 Cor. 11: 1) We want to go deep enough to get our instruction from Christ.

Then again in Phil. 2: 5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Christ pleased not Himself, neither should we try to please ourselves. There are many ways in which we could please ourselves, which act in itself is not sin. Yet if there is a selfish purpose behind it, God would get no glory out of it and would also cause leanness in our souls. So may we ever seek the mind of the Lord in what we purpose to do. May we not seek to please the flesh, nor be men-pleasers, but ever follow that which is good. I want Christ to choose and plan my way. Our way of choosing may appear easier and look reasonable. The enemy always promises great things but never fulfills. God's promises can never fail. It pays to wait patiently upon God.

Jesus also had this testimony, "I do always the thing which pleases the Father." Oh, to have a pure heart filled with love for God and His cause, then we can say with the Psalmist David, "I delight to do

thy will, O God." Then we shall not want any good thing. But He will supply our every need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. The Lord also takes a delight in His people. Praise His name.

We are often misunderstood by our friends and neighbors. Neither did they understand Jesus. He went quietly on doing the will of the Father. So may we do that also and keep encouraged till He says, "It is enough, come higher."

Yours, and Christ's,

— Julia Cramer

"I Am The Door"

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." We see so many that try to climb up some other way, and for a while they appear like true saints. O dear young people, let us be watchful so we will not be led astray by some false prophets.

St. Matt. 7. "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." In verse 15 we read: "Beware of false prophets, which come in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Paul advises us to mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned: and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ. By good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. We can not be led astray if we live by the Word of God. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many be there which go in thereat: because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Let us build our house on the Rock while we are building so it will not fall. "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not for it was founded upon the rock." If we are on the Rock, tests and trials may come, people may speak evil of us, they can tell us this and that, but we will not be moved. We must build on the Rock if we expect to stand. That is, count the cost and dig deep until we are on the solid bottom, because we know that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. 2 Tim. 3: 12, "Yea, and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

— Selma Hiebert

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Are you keeping your New Year resolutions up to their fulness? Did you resolve to be more active in doing good this year than last year? Did you resolve to pray more? Are you keeping these good promises?

Please send in your orders for picture rolls and cards so that they will reach us by March 15. We sent out more rolls and cards last quarter than ever before. The rolls will cost \$1.00 and the cards 4 cents a set if you order them direct from the publishing house. Our price to you is 90 cents for the roll and 3 cents a set for the cards. We give you all of our commission on the cards and keep enough commission on the rolls to pay postage and money order fee. If you are late with your order, and we have to send it in separately it would be well to add a stamp for postage.

ANOTHER SPECIAL OFFER

Up to the time of this writing we have received several subscriptions to *Faith and Victory* according to our special offer for February. Now we are making an offer for March. We have a few copies yet of "Gospel Manna." This is a book of 82 pages. For every subscription to "Faith and Victory" you send us during the month of March we will mail a copy of this book. We will be thankful if you will enclose a three-cent stamp for postage on mailing the book. You will get good from the reading of this book.

Twelve little girls formed a "Do Without Band." They agreed to do without candy, ice cream, soft drinks and chewing gum for twelve months. At the expiration of three months three of the girls wished to introduce the use of chewing gum. The other nine objected. The result was a division. Who caused the division? You say that it is wrong to cause division. I agree with you, but it is a greater wrong to lay the cause of the division on the innocent.

It was recently stated that "less than trifles" such as "buttons on man's coat sleeve, eye glasses, two colors of paint on a house, men's stiff collars," had caused division among the people of God. The mentioning of these "less than trifles" is only a camouflage. There is a dangerous, compromising spirit back of this remark which is easily read by those who understand.

"THY CLOSET"

(Matt. 6: 6.)

To my closet let me hasten;
Dearest place on earth to me:
Far away earth-thoughts to chasten,
And be alone, my God, with Thee.

Most holy place, I feel thy drawing,
Wheresoe'er I chance to be;
O how sweet the overawing
In that hallowed place with Thee.

Often to my closet fleeing
As the dove doth homeward flee;
There pure love fills all my being,
As I talk, my God, with Thee.

It may be beside the river—
'Neath the arching maple tree,
Where the leaves in soft breeze quiver,
I would be alone with Thee.

Though I oftentimes may wander
Into woodland free and broad;
There my heart shall deeply ponder
On the wondrous things of God.

In the meadow where the daisy
Lifts its smiling face to me:
Ere the morning star grows hazy,
May I be out there with Thee.

Though I be in crowded places;
Thoughtless throngs surrounding me:
Let me see no human faces,
But be closeted with Thee.

Haste, my soul, to place most precious,
Where no earthly voice is heard,
Tasting of God's love so gracious,
Feasting on His righteous Word.

Nothing can bring heaven nearer—
O my soul be often there—
Life to me is sweeter, dearer
In the quiet hour of prayer.

I have learned a golden secret;
Let me tell it o'er and o'er:
Enter thou into thy closet,
And make sure to "shut thy door."

"Thy closet" is the holy of holies in the depth of thy spirit where the soul meets and communes with God. It is that hallowed place where the soul is shut in from all the distracting things of the world, and where it feels itself alone with Jesus. It is where man really prays. It is where he retires for meditation; where he sits in highest felicity and contemplates the perfections of God. It is where the door is tightly closed against all things of earth and time, and man dwells amid the invisible realities of the eternal world. The door stands open heavenward, and a glad welcome is constantly extended to every visitant from the world of glory.

Lord Jesus, come into my heart,

Come in and there abide:

For Thee, my Lord, always for Thee,

The latch-string hangs outside.

Closet prayers are the only prayers that reach the throne of God. The spirit of man is the throne-room of God. He meets man nowhere outside. We need not ascend into heaven to bring Christ down from above, nor to descend into the deep to bring Him up from the dead, for He is nigh thee, even in thy heart. Prayer is a duty, yet more than a duty, it is the highest luxury of the soul.

In all real prayer there is union and communion with God. There can be no communion without union, and if there is union there will be communion. There is no union with God save by the spirit of man uniting with the Spirit of God, and no communion with Him except in man's spirit. Man must retire into the privacy of his own spirit to find God and commune with Him. The point of union is the point of communion. Where the branch forms its union with the vine is where it holds communion with the vine. Communion is a mutual action. It is where the soul supps with Christ, and Christ supps with the soul. The spirit of man is the soul's dining-room with God. God dines nowhere with the soul outside this dining room. The spirit of man is the closet of the soul, and the secret place of the Most High. All real prayer is secret prayer, and it is prayed in the deep seclusion of the spirit. For the preacher in the pulpit to pray he must retire into the holy of holies (his closet) and, shutting the door in the face of the congregation, talks with God. In his prayer he talks to God for men; in his sermon he talks to men for God. There needs be far more time spent in talking to God for men, than talking to men for God. The

preacher who does not spend much time daily in his spirit-closet in some solitary place talking to God for men, can not talk to men for God in public. Jesus needed to be a "great while" in the solitary place with God before He met men. In retirement with God into the heart-closet we gather spiritual forces. When we meet with men we expend these forces. We can expend in thirty minutes what has taken us three hours to gather. If a man spends half the night gathering life-giving forces from the bosom of God to pour out upon men, people fear lest he will lose his mind, but if a man works long overtime to make some earthly gain, people admire him, and call him wise.

There is a transcendent glory in the life of communion with God in the inner shrine of the spirit. It is the life of our life; a heaven on earth. It is in the body that the soul meets the world of men and holds intercourse with them; it is in the spirit that the soul meets with God and walks with Him amid heavenly glories. The soul needs to be illuminated through and through with heavenly light in the spirit that it may go out and through the human body shine this light on the hearts of men.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

(Study Three)

It was on the morning of the third day after the baptism of Jesus that Philip found Nathanael and told him that they had found Jesus of Nazareth who was the Messiah which was promised by the law of Moses. There is a very ancient writing which says that Nathanael's full name was Nathanael Barthalmi, and that he is the Bartholomew that Jesus chose to be one of the twelve.

Nathanael asks if any good thing can come out of Nazareth. We are inclined to estimate people by the class, or family to which they belong. Philip says, "come and see". That was the best answer that could be given. Do not waste time in arguments or the giving of proofs, but invite folks to "come and see". God gave to man an investigating faculty, and man should make use of it. There is nothing so convincing as to find things out for yourself by investigation. We, as Christians, should be making investigations every day into the mystery of God's glories and perfections and assure ourselves of the many wonderful beauties that are in them. The mines of God's truth are very deep, and contain many nuggets of gold, but we must dig deep that we may discover them. A man wrote to another recently con-

cerning a third party. He said, "He is a deep spiritual writer." Why is this man spoken of as a deep spiritual writer? It is, no doubt, because he digs deep into spiritual truths. All would be deeper spiritually if they would spend more time investigating and inquiring into the thoughts of God.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming He said, "An Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile." These words were spoken with feeling of great delight. Jesus says, "Behold". Look upon this guileless Israelite. Such a man was of great worth to Jesus. It was not the meeting of kings that filled the heart of Jesus, but the meeting of a poor uneducated man in whom there was no guile. This man was just such as you and I can be under grace. Have we any desire to be such?

What had Nathanael been doing under the fig tree? He had been there praying, and, no doubt, like good old Simeon, was praying that he might live to see the Messiah whom he was expecting to come soon. When Jesus made mention of this man being under the fig tree, Nathanael understood that if this man could know that he was under the fig tree, He could also know of his prayer under this tree. This brought the conviction to the heart of Nathanael that this was the Christ. Very likely this fig tree was a place to which Nathanael retired many times to pray out of the fulness of a yearning soul for the coming of the Messiah. We may wonder why God waited 4000 years before He sent His Son into the world. It was because there was no one praying with intensity of soul for His coming. We move God to do things by the fervency of prayer.

When Jesus had said those words, Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." What, do you suppose, was the feeling of his heart? It was very similar to the feelings of every soul that finds Jesus in salvation. This was more than just a head knowledge; Nathanael had an inward heart knowledge that this was the Christ. He looked upon Jesus, not as mere intellectuals looked upon Him, but like old Simeon, he saw God's salvation for mankind. He saw in the Son of God the one that could meet all the cravings of the human heart. He looked upon Him as the One who could perfect man's nature, ennoble his character, and satisfy the hunger and thirst of the human soul. Do we always have such a vision, clear and unmistakable, of Jesus when we approach Him in prayer? Do we, with our spiritual eyes, see comfort in Jesus amid all the sorrows of life? Do we see healing virtue in Him that will cure our every sickness? Do we see

wisdom in Him when we need wisdom? Do we see His loving care? Do we see Jesus? We are studying His life. Go to your appointed fig tree and pray that you may see Him in all He wants to be to you.

Sunday School Lessons

Sunday, March 5, 1933.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Feb. 27 — Jesus Giving Life. Mark 5: 35- 43.
 Feb. 28 — Jesus Giving Health. Mark 5: 21- 34.
 March 1 — God the Author of Good. Psa. 103: 1- 11.
 March 2 — A Plea For Help. Matt. 15: 21- 28.
 March 3 — The Assurance of Help. Matt. 7: 7-11.
 March 4 — Christ Our Savior. Heb. 2: 9-18.
 March 5 — Deliverance from Death. Psa. 116: 1- 9.
 LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION -- Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43.

SUBJECT — Jesus Restoring Life and Health.

21. And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him; and he was nigh unto the sea.

22. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jarius by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet.

23. And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed, and she shall live.

24. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

35. While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further?

36. As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

37. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James and John, the brother of James.

38. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

40. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entered in where the damsel was lying.

41. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted,

Damsel, (I say unto thee) arise.

42. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with great astonishment.

43. And he charged them straightly that no man should know it; and commanded that something be given her to eat.

Memory Verse—"Himself took our infirmities and bare our diseases." Matt. 8: 17.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Primary—Jesus Restoring a Little Girl to Life. Read Psa. 103: 2.

Junior—Jesus The Giver of Life. Read John 10: 10.

Intermediate—Jesus Giving Help. Read Matt. 15: 21-28.

Senior—Christianity and Human Suffering.

Adults—The Use of Medicine. Does God need its aid?

QUESTIONS

1. What is sickness?
2. What is meant by the "point of death"?
3. How far are any of us from the point of death?
4. What lies beyond the point of death?
5. Can you find a pathway in life that does not finally come to the point of death?
6. Ought we not to live so that the point of death may become the point of life?

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

We have here the faith of a father, the death of a daughter, the sympathy of a Savior. The point of death separates time from eternity. Death is not the end, but only a point that separates time from eternity. Death is not the end, but only a point that separates the two periods of man's life. It is a point to which every one is coming. As soon as a child is born it starts toward this point to which it may arrive any day. Regardless of whatever path you take in life you will arrive at the point of death. It is a point that is hidden from view until the moment you reach it. Man's life after this point depends upon what it is before he reaches this point. Jesus and the ruler were interrupted on their way to the ruler's home. He made use of the interruption to the glory of God. We should value our interruptions, and make use of them. Do not get your plans so laid that an interruption will fret you.

Sunday, March 12, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

March 6 — The Twelve Sent Forth. Mark 6: 1-13.

March 7 — Death of John the Baptist. Mk. 6: 14-29.

March 8 — Feeding the Five Thousand. Mk. 6: 30-44

March 9 — Reassuring the Disciples. Mk. 6: 45-52.

March 10 — Many Persons Healed. Mark 6: 53-56.

March 11. — Jesus the Humble Servant. Phil. 2:1-11

March 12 — Devotional Reading. John 6: 35-40.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Mark 6: 32-44.

SUBJECT — Jesus Feeding the Multitude.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and out went them, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed;

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred penny-worth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, five and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

Memory verse — The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Matt. 20: 28.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Primary — How a boy can help. -See John 6: 9.

Junior — Children making sacrifices for others.

Intermediates — Jesus feeding the hungry.

Seniors — The compassion of Jesus.

Adults — Sheep needing a shepherd.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Jesus trying to get away from? ver.-31
2. What did he run into? Ver. 34.
3. What did he do for this multitude?
4. If Jesus sometimes seems to deny us, should we give up?
5. How can we help Jesus?

A little girl one wintry day, was gathering crumbs from the table to feed the birds. The servant girl said, "You do not need to do that, God will feed the birds." The child answered, "But I like to help Him."

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

Jesus knew the importance of being alone with His disciples. He would often have us alone to Himself. We need to go into the world to get knowledge of the world; we need to go alone to ourselves to get knowledge of our selves; we need to be alone with Jesus to get knowledge of God, and we must take Him with us everywhere. Do not spend too much time in active life. Take time for retirement. When we are alone with God we are fitting ourselves for usefulness in the world. To have God with you in the crowd, you must be with Him in the solitude. We need a shepherd.

Only five barley loaves, and two fishes small!

And shall I offer these poor gifts to Christ, the Lord of all?

To Him whose mighty Word can calm the stormy sea,
Can cleanse the leper, raise the dead?
What need hath He of me?

He wants me bring my little store,
Which He will bless and make it more.

Sunday, March 19, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Mar. 13 — Christ walking on the Sea. Mark 6: 45-51
 Mar. 14 — Christ Stilling the Storm Matt. 14:22-33
 Mar. 15 — The Majesty of God in Creation. Psa. 104: 1-5.
 Mar. 16 — Creation a Revelation of the Lord. Psa. 104: 6-18.
 Mar. 17 — The uses of the Seasons. Psa. 104:19-23.
 Mar. 18 — Nature Declaring God. Psa. 19: 1-6.
 Mar. 19 — Devotional Reading. Psa. 104: 23-35.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Mark 6: 45-51.

SUBJECT — Christ Controlling the Elements.

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them; and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out;

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased, and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

Memory Verse — Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Primary — The power of Christ.
 Junior — How Christ reveals Himself.
 Intermediates — Christ in prayer.
 Seniors — The Disciples afraid.
 Adults — The storms of Life.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Christ go over into this desert place?
2. What does He now do after sending the people and His disciples away?
3. What did He tell the disciples to do?
4. Do you think that storm was a mere accident?
5. Can not Jesus create a storm as well as to still one?
6. May He not create some of our life storms?
7. Why did He allow this storm to come?
8. When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, what did they think it was?
9. What did Jesus say to them to quiet their fears?
10. Does He not speak thus to us amid life's storms?

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

We will find considerable toiling and rowing in life. We do not go to heaven "on flowery beds of ease." The Christian life is a race. The Christian life is a warfare. The Christian life is a husbandry. Jesus always beholds us in our toiling and rowing. He will come to us in good time. We should listen for his voice amid the storm. Our highest duties may oftentimes lay along unpleasant paths. When we set out to do something for Christ, we are most sure to meet some contrary wind. Let us make sure that we are never responsible for the contrary wind. Contrary winds will blow us into the paths God has chosen for us. We may choose our pathway, and God may have to send a contrary wind to blow

you out of it. In the pathway that you choose may lay a subtle temptation and God has let you be blown out of its reach. Contending with contrary winds prepares us for higher service. Jesus can behold us when we are in the storm. He will whisper to us. There may be much about us that needs counteraction. Worldly influences need to be counteracted, and the experiences we have with Jesus in the storms make us strong to counteract them. It was the "fourth watch" of the night. The worst storms often comes just before the breaking of the day. It sometimes appears that Jesus is going to pass by us. He is waiting for a hearty welcome to come.

Sunday, March 26, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Mar. 20 — The traditions of men. Matt. 15: 1-9.

Mar. 21, — Heart-defilement. Matt. 15: 10-20.

Mar. 22, — Seven Rules of Christian conduct. Matt. 5: 1-9.

Mar. 23, — Seven laws of the Christian Life. Rom. 12: 1-9.

Mar. 24, — Christian Instruction. Rom. 13: 1-14.

Mar. 25, — A Picture of a Saint and of a sinner. Psa. 1: 1-6.

Mar. 26, — Devotional Reading. Psa. 15: 1-5.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Mark 7: 1-13.

SUBJECT — The Traditions of Men.

1 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

2 And when they saw the disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashed hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And when thy come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables.

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites as it is written, This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as washing of pots and cups; and many other like things ye do.

9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10 For Moses said, Honor thy father and mother, and whosoever curse his father or mother, let him die the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Memory Verse — Verse 10.

Central Thought — Keeping the Commandments of God.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Primary — Talk to children about honoring father and mother.

Junior — Emphasize the importance of obeying God.

Intermediates — Keeping the heart pure.

Seniors — The traditions of men.

Adults — Conspiring against Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by tradition?
2. Which is better, to have clean hands or a clean heart?
3. It is good to have clean hands, but better to have clean hearts.
4. It is good to worship God from the lips if we worship also with the heart.

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON

To worship God with the lips instead of the heart is a tendency of human nature. The heart should be kept pure. We honor God when we honor parents. The word, "Corban" in verse 11 signifies "a gift." The Pharisees taught that children, grown sons and daughters — could be cleared from helping their parents when parents might ask them for help by saying "Corban". That would mean that all they had was a gift to God and that they could not help their parents; because they must not take what was given to God to help parents; and thus the children were free from the support of their parents. It is a mistake to neglect parents to give to the Church. Parents come first. We can not make a better gift to God than by giving necessary support to poor parents.