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Life's Fleeting Day

(Ethel Meadows)

Just one short day, then cometh the night. Are we gleaning while yet we have strength and light?

Are we walking the pathway of duty and right, And beckoning others, come?

Just one short day — it will soon be gone, If we work or play, — it is hastening on. Soon we'll awake in the boundless beyond. This day, with its conflicts done.

Just one little day to bless those whom we meet. To glean from the highway, the home and the street. One fleeting day, "as we sow we shall reap."

What will the reaping be?

Just one short day, it will soon be o'er. Too late to change it — too late evermore When we awake on eternity's shore

With the doomed, or the blest and free.

Just one short day, as we watch and wait Can't we point some soul to the way called "strait," Can't we lead someone to the Golden Gate?

What is your answer, friend?

As a cloud that is tossed on a wind-swept sky, Life's day is fleeting, the end is nigh. Oh, what will it mean in the "by and by," When we meet the Judge in the end?

"For what is your life; it is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, then vanisheth away." James 4: 14.

Avenge Not Thyself

How terrible, dreadful and innumberable are the contests that have arisen about religion; not only among the children of the world but also among the children of God; those who had experienced the "Kingdom of God within them:" who had tastedof "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." How many of these in all ages, instead of joining together against the common enemy, have turned their weapons against each other, and not only wasted their precious time but hurt one another's spirits, weakened each other's hands, and so hindered the great work of their common Master: how many of the weak have hereby been offended; how many of the lame turned out of the way; - how many sinners confirmed in their disregard for all religion, and their contempt of those that profess it, and how many of the "excellent ones upon the earth" have been constrained to weep in secret places.

What would every lover of God and his neighbor do, what would be not suffer, to remedy this sore evil; to remove contention from the children of God: to restore or preserve peace among them? What but a good conscience would he think too dear to part with in order to promote this valuable end? And suppose we cannot "make (these) wars to cease in all the world," suppose we cannot reconcile all the children of God to each other, however let each do what he can, let him contribute, if it be but two mites toward it. Happy are they who are able with any degree, to promote "peace and good-will among men;" especially among good men; among those that are all listed under the banner of "the Prince of Peace," and are therefore, peculiarly engaged, "as much as lieth in them, to live peaceably with all men."

It would be a considerable step toward this glorious end, if we could bring good men to understand one another. Abundance of disputes arise purely from the want of this; from mere misapprehension. Frequently neither of the contending parties understands what his opponent means; whence it follows, that each violently attacks the other, while there is no real difference between them. And yet it is not always an easy matter to convince them of this; particularly when their passions are moved: it is then attended with the utmost difficulty. However, it is not impossible; especially when we attempt it not trusting in ourselves, but having all our dependence upon Him, with whom all things are possible. How soon is He able to disperse the cloud, to shine upon their hearts, and to enable them both to understand each other, and "the truth as it is in Jesus!" — John Wesley.

The Jew's Passover

In the twelveth chapter of Exdous we find the "Lord's passover" instituted for the Jews as an ordinance. The supper was to be composed of a lamb without blemish, a type of Christ who was without fault; who was the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Luke 1:29. The blood from this lamb (type) sprinkled on the lintel and on the two side posts of the door would cause the death angel to passover that family and not destroy the first born. When we cover our soul with the blood of Christ today, God will passover us and we go free of condemnation and guilt because of the Blood. The passover feast was also a type of the "Communion Table" which we observe today that Christ instituted and said, "Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." John 26: 27, 28. Paul in 1 Cor. 11th chapter and 26th verse says: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." The Jews eat the bread and lamb and drink the wine which pointed forward to the death of Christ as a sacrific for sins and we eat the bread and drink the wine which points back to Christ as a sacrifice for our sins. How wonderful and marvelous this is to know that God had all these things in His mind from the beginning, and it has all worked out as He had spoken through His prophets. Our God is great and far past man's comprehension.

Just recently I had the privilege of watching a Jewish family eat their Passover Feast, and while watching them I took down notes so as to give the truth of the Jewish passover supper to our readers.

The Jew is to eat this Passover lamb until he accepts Christ, and when they accept Christ they do

not kill a lamb any more as Christ takes its place and becomes their Passover Lamb. All of the Orthodox Jews today in every country and place keep this feast, as very few of them have accepted-Christ. "They have eyes to see with and cannot see; ears to hear with and cannot hear."

The Jewish mother prepares the table, using new dishes. They keep this feast in April of each year. She comes in first and blesses the Passover and lights seven candles which represent the seven covenants made with Abraham. Seven is a number which 18 used very much in the Bible. The wine points to the blood that would be shed, the bitter herbs points to the "gall and vinegar" given Christ as He was dying on the cross. They have a plate with three pieces of unleaven bread upon it. One piece represents God the Father, the other, God the Son, and the other, God the Holy Ghost. The father of the house takes the middle piece which represents Jesus' body, breaks it in two and puts half of it on an empty chair placed to the table for Christ. This half represents His earthly body in the tomb. After rising from the table they eat the lamb which symbolizes Christ, and who is the true Bread which we, who are hungry, eat and live, for Christ is now our true Passover. The little girl of the family takes from the chair the bread which represents the body of Christ while the Father is not looking. The father soon discovers that the body is gone-"He is risen." He has great compassion on the little girl, folds her in his arms and kisses her three times on the forehead and promises her u gift. They close the Passover by rising from the table and the father says, "This year we celebrate our Passover here; next year we hope to celebrate it in Jerusalem.'

As we sat and watched this Jewish family eat the Passover, I thought of the Scripture which says, "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints." Col. 1: 26. The Jews are blind as to what their Passover points to, but it is all plain and clear to the saints in light. You ask them why they keep the Passover and they will say, in memorial of the night that God delivered them from Egypt. That is true, but when asked about the eating of the unleaven bread, the drinking of the wine, the bread representing the body of Christ in the tomb, and His resurrection, they know nothing about it and say they do it because of tradition. How great is the darkness of these people and it is upon them because, as Jesus said, "Ye would not." Many at present who were in the light are in darkness because they would

not keep Jesus' words, and the light that was in them become darkness and how great is this darkness. Brethren, if we follow Christ we shall have the light of life and we shall be free in deed. We who are saved through Christ, both Jew and Gentile, become the Israel of God, and are free from the bondage of sin.

— Fred Pruitt.

Obey His Word

In the first chapter of Jonah we read, "Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah, saying, arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is came up before me."

Jonah was one of God's prophets. "The word of the Lord came unto Jonah," telling him to go and preach to a very wicked city. God said that the wickedness of this city had came up before Him. The people had became so sinful that He was going to destroy the city and all who lived therein. Now we can apply this thought to the world and its present day conditions. Every law of God is violated without the slightest regard; the world is exceedingly sinful and waxing worse and worse. By their actions millions of people are defying God to punish them, while they seemingly trample the blood of Christ in the dust. What a sad picture, yet it is true. Certainly God is now saying as then, "Their wickedness is come up before me." Therefore He is sending His Word unto His ministers, directing them, "cry against" this sinful world and warn the people of the eternal punishment which awaits those who will not repent and believe the gospel. Just as Nineveh was given a chance to repent through the preaching of Jonah, so today the opportunity is presented to "whosoever will" to be saved.

When the Word of the Lord came unto Jonah, he rose up to flee from the presence of the Lord. He boarded a ship bound for Tarshish. However, the Lord knew all about him, and sent a great wind upon the sea, insomuch that the mariners were afraid. At this time Jonah lay fast asleep in the ship. The shipmaster came unto him and said, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God * * that we perish not." Most everyone knows of Jonah's experience, how the lot fell on him and he was cast into the sea: swallowed by a fish, then vomited out upon the land; he finally preached to Nineveh and the people repented.

How many today are doing as Jonah did! When the Lord sends word for them to do a certain thing,

they are ready to go to Tarshish, as it were, instead of the place the Lord planned, thinking to get out of His presence. Those who play "Jonah" will, no doubt, encounter storms also. God sent the "great wind" upon the sea in Jonah's time. Do not think always when you get into adversity that it's just the devil oppressing you, because it may be the Lord sending the storm in order to get your attention. He works in wondrous ways. In your escape from His presence, you may, like Jonah, become at ease and go to sleep. How fearful to do such a thing! Then it becomes necessary for the Lord to say unto you as the shipmaster did to Jonah; "What meanest thou O sleeper? arise!" There is work for you to do. Nineveh needs to be warned. Just because you think the task is too much for you, you need not lay down, go to sleep and do nothing.

Dear reader, do the things that He bids you. It may be that the people will repent of their sins. At any rate, we will have cleared our souls of their blood.

— L. D. Pruitt

A BROTHER WANTS HIS WIFE

Bro. Toney Accetella is an Italian man who lives at Oklahoma City, Okla. and he has been saved two years, bearing the fruits of the Spirit and has the confidence of the congregation of saints at Okla. City. His wife is in Italy and he has not seen her for 18 years. Bro. Toney is very anxious to have his wife with him that she might embrace Christ and they could be "heirs of the grace of God together." He does manual work, and because of the unusual hard times he has not been able to secure much work to have means to send for his wife.

Some of the brethren at the camp-meeting at Okla. City this year took up the matter and asked every congregation to do all they could toward getting money together to be used in getting his wife over here. The decision was that each congregation would get together all they could for this purpose and send it to us here at the Office. When the amount of \$150.00 is raised, his wife could be sent for. We should consider our brother as our self and help get his wife to him. Deeds of love like this would be sowing to the Spirit and laying up treasures in heaven. All who send money for this purpose will be receipted for the same and your money returned if we should not get enough to bring his wife over. If your wife or husband was away from you as his is, think how glad you would be for some one to help you. Let each of us live and walk in the Spirit.

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EDITORIALS

In the editorials of the July issue of "Faith and Victory' we made mention of beginning a meeting at Pomona, Calif. After this meeting closed, we held a meeting at San Bernardino, Calif., and previous to coming to San Bernardino we accompanied some of the brethren up to Fresno, Calif. which is located over two hundred miles north of Los Angeles. We held meeting there over Sunday in the saint's chapel. The Lord blessed in the services and we were much refreshed with the fellow-ship of the saints. In the after-noon there was one that wished to obey the Lord's command in baptism and this ordinance was attended to. Brother and Sister Herfurth live at Fresno and are very much alive for the cause of God. There are also a number of other devoted saints who live there near around in the country. We were truly glad and rejoiced in Spirit for the opportunity to meet with them. We also visited Brother Robert Longley and wife who live at Visalia, Calif. and our minds and hearts were refreshed as we talked of old times together in the service of the Lord.

On Monday the 26th of June we bade farewell to the saints and loved ones in California and begun our journey home-ward. The burden of our heart was lifted as far as doing the will of God in the State. For nearly three months we had been continually in meeting, in fasting, in much prayer and supplications, in preaching the truths, in exhorting and pleading, both in private homes and in public places. We witnessed to some getting gloriously saved, others sealed with the "Holy Spirit of promise" unto the day of redemption. Often we were made sad at heart to see souls turn away from the Holy commandment, hardening their hearts against the favored mercy of God, choosing to fulfill the lusts of the flesh and reap corruption rather than bear the reproach of the cross in this sinful world and reap eternal life. These are truly perilous times and the coming of the Lord must be near at hand. Even the hard financial conditions and perplexing times which should soften men's hearts toward God are failing in a large measure of God's purpose and many are drifting to the world rather than separating themselves farther from it. There are not so many these days who are getting a real Bible experience of salvation. It seems to me that these perplexing times are only a preparation for worse conditions. The only sure way for any man to prepare for the tribulation ahead is to prepare to meet his God. There is no more happier or contented state for man than to know that he is right with

his Creator. To know that you are clear before God brings happiness, joy, contentment and full assurance in the soul; this is worth more than the millions of earth, as such things fade into insignificance when Christ is revealed.

As we traveled along home-ward there was a clearness in our souls that we had fullfilled His pleasure in our going, and that we were clear from the blood of all men, as we had not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God in the Spirit of meekness and love, together with firmness in the Spirit.

After making several visits with saints along the way we arrived at Clovis, New Mexico on Saturday, having meeting there with the saints that night and Sunday morning which was refreshing and nelpful to both them and us.

We arrived home on the fourth of July and thanked God to be at home again with our loved ones and the saints at Guthrie, and also to resume the office work which we are burdened to keep going for the interests of His Kingdom.

The Neosho Mo. Camp-meeting was to begin on the sixth of July, and when we arrived home Lawrence was preparing to take some folks in the car to the Neosho meeting. I felt pretty well worn in body, and being anxious to be at home with the family, I did not feel that I could attend this meeting. Later on in the week after they had gone, the Lord burdened me to go to that meeting, and I told the Lord if He would open up the way I would go. On Sunday Brother Porter and wife came up from Oklahoma City, and he spoke of going to the meeting and asked me to go along. We were in the meeting at Neosho for the last three days and our hearts rejoiced to see souls getting saved, and to meet with and to enjoy the fellow-ship of the earnest, devoted saints who had gathered there to worship the Lord.

Man, who has divine love may die without the knowledge of many truths and be carried into Abraham's bosom. On the other hand, he may have a great knowledge of truths and, being void of divine love, die and be cast into outter darkness.

The understanding of much truth and practicing the same with divine love in the heart, brings the greatest joy to man.

It has been the good will and pleasure of God for us to attend a number of the camp-meetings this summer. Besides the meeting we attended at Neosho. Mo. we were permitted to be a few days in the Tulsa, Okla. camp-meeting. Bro and Sister G. W. Winn of

Guthrie desired to attend the Tulsa meeting, so we took them to the meeting. This meeting was well attended and the Lord truly did bless, giving real heavenly messages which came with the power of the Holy Ghost and brought conviction on the unsaved. Quite a number found peace with God and were baptised. The saints were much encouraged in the meeting.

We also attended a few days at the Shawnee, Okla. camp-meeting which proved to be a blessing to our souls. The sweet peace and harmony that was felt on the grounds was an inspiration and encouragement to all. The Lord also blessed in the preaching of the word and some souls were saved.

The Oklahoma City camp-meeting was blessed and owned of God by the saving of souls, healing bodies and sanctifying believers. A greater number of people attended this meeting than usual, and some declared that it was the best meeting in five years. Bros. G. E. and A. E. Harmon, and E. M. Zinn were ministers from Calif. who attended the meeting. Bro. and Sister C. E. Orr, and Sister Alta Williamson of Hammond, La. also came to the meeting. The ordinance meeting of feet-washing and the Lord's supper was attended by 125 saints. Great joy and happiness attended this service, as it brings a blessing to those who do the Word. Jesus says, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13: 17.

We also had the pleasure of attending the Boley, Okla. camp-meeting and meet with the the dear saints at that place. The comfort of the Holy Spirit was there to bless and inspire for hearing and teaching. Our souls have been much encouraged by attending these camp-meetings and enjoying the fellowship of the true saints of God. The decisions and purposes of all to go on with God was everywhere in evidence, as the testimonies of many rang clear and definite. May God bless the dear ones we met at the camp-meetings.

"For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6: S.

In this scripture we see that man has power to sow to the flesh or the Spirit and that the doing of one or the other will determine his future. We need not be deceived for God is not mocked, as our sowing is, so shall our reaping be.

"The creature was made subject to vanity, not willing, but by reason of him who has subjected the same in hope." Rom. 8: 20. The hope of God is that men will believe in Christ His Son and be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glor-

ious liberty of the children of God, that eternal life may be their portion.

"For we know, that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1.

A man is a two-fold being. He has an outter man and an inner man. Paul says, "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." Cor. 4: 16.

We are instructed in the Word to "live in the Spirit," and to "walk in the Spirit" that we obey not the lusts of the flesh. When Jacob was born it is said that, "The elder should serve the younger." Jacob is referred to by the prophets as representing the children of God and he was the younger, so the elder was to serve the younger as a means to a good ending. Paul said the "Law was a school master to bring us to Christ."

The law was so strong and so clear that honest men would soon know that they were unable within themselves to keep the law and they came under condemnation and guilt before God as all transgression in sin. Man being honest and realizing his failure to keep the law beginn to look for help that God might be pleased and in looking for help it gave God's Spirit an opportunity to lead the penitent man to the cross and point him to Christ who atones for our sins, clears us from all guilt, purging our conscience from dead works to serve the living God, and we begin to worship Him in spirit and in truth, for God being a Spirit seeketh such to worship Him. We shall receive power after the Comforter has come so that we can boldly witness for Him in word, deed and truth.

When God formed man out of the clay of the earth he was a man before there was any life in his body. "God breathed in his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul." The outter man was made and the inner man was the younger. The elder should serve the younger. If we sow to the Spirit which is housed by the elder, the elder will be serving the younger; but if we sow to the flesh which represents the elder we will reap corruption. God has ordained that man shoul believe in Christ which would give him power to sow to the Spirit, the inner man; and the elder, the outter man, would be only a tabernacle, an house of clay to serve the younger—the inner man as a house in this present world and in the world to come be changed and fashioned like unto His glorious body, for if we are children, "then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also giorified together." It is needful that the inner man be ative in God if we put on immortality. "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption." I Cor. 15:

Unless we are yielding to the spirit and life of the inner man and letting Him rule over the outter man we will reap corruption as it is the life of the inner man that puts on incorruption. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8: 14. Sowing to the flesh is what's going to damn and ruin a large majority of professors of Christ. Paul says, "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." 1 Tim. 6:6. According to this scripture, the majority of people walking about on the earth are dead while they live, as they are living to the pleasure of the outter man. qualification of being a joint heir with Christ is, "If we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together." Rom. 8: 17. Most people that are suffering in the world are suffering for their own faults, sins and other evil works and not for righteousness' sake; therefore they have no eternal profit.

Just as soon as this September Faith and Victory is mailed out to dur readers we are expecting to start setting up the manuscript of our little book on personal experiences which we mentioned in the paper some time ago. Some means have been sent in for the printing of this book but not near enough to complete it. We shall go ahead with it and will expect the Lord to supply what is needed, and ask our readers to pray for us as we feel certain that this little book, when completed, will be a blessing and inspiration to many precious souls. You will surely want some of these books to give to your friends to read that God may be revealed to them.

The free tracts are being sent out from this office all the time. Very much good is being done by these 'silent preachers', and only the Judgment will reveal the whole story. Let all of our readers and consecrated saints every where do all you can to keep these tracts supplied for needy souls. Dear ones, we are doing all we can with what means there is at hand to keep people supplied with literature. At the best we can do, many have to do without the amount which they call for, so pray and look to God for us.

We are asking God to make this issue of Faith and Victory a warm blessing to every reader. Subscribe for your friend, so he may know the way to Christ. You may know a Christian who needs this truth to strengthen, enlighten and encourage his

heart. We shall all be rewarded according to the deeds done in the body (Rev. 21: 12). "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 12: 3. May power, might and dominion be unto our God forever. Amen.

OBITUARY

Naomi Ruth Chrisman, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chrisman of Enid, Okla., was born May 8, 1933 and departed this life June 19, 1933 at the age of six weeks. She leaves to mourn her passing her father and mother, Sam and Carolina Chrisman, both grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Chrisman of Enid, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Eck of Menc, Okla. and a number of aunts, uncles and relatives who appreciated and loved her so much.

This darling baby came into this world well and strong, and was a cheer and comfort to the young mother while on her bed of suffering near death's door. The Lord saw best to raise the mother, but He has taken our sweet baby out of this singul world of troubles and gave it a home where troubles of any kind will never come.

The baby was ill with a bad cold for more than a week. The Lord was sought earnestly for her healing if it was His will. Our hearts say as Job said, "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. R. Johnson of Mannford, Okla. — Mrs. Sam Chrisman

Saints, Take Notice! A NEW SONG BOOK

As the camp-meetings began this summer there was found a demand for more song books. The large song book, Select Hymns, containing 630 songs, has been used almost wholly among the saints for years. However, this book is out of stock and is not published any more. The majority of the saints believe that the Select Hymns is far the best book to have reproduced, yet most agree that several of the songs could be left out, then add some songs from the Reformation Glory song book, and also a few of our later songs in words only.

We have been corresponding with the publishers who hold the copyrights on these books and the songs referred to, and they have agreed to print us a book of our own selection from these books. This book will contain about sixty hymns composed by D. S. Warner, and many by the pioneer ministers and writers of this last Reformation, also older and later songs—a variety of songs for all occasions. It will be constructed practically the same as the *Select Hymns*. Shaped notes only.

The publishers suggested that we have five thousand or at least 2500 books printed. Now, in placing such a large order we can get the cost reduced to about fifty cents per book. You can readily see that it will take several hundred dollars to get this done. In order to get this deal through it will be necessary for every saint or reader to order as many books as you are able to purchase; then you would have books to sell to others as time goes on. We ask each saint to please not shirk your responsibility in this matter, as these books cannot be printed unless the money is advanced for the printing. Every one will need to take hold and do all they can. Send at once to this Office the number of books you want, and enclose the price of fifty cents for each book ordered. will record your name, number of books, and amount received, then send you a receipt. When the books are printed and received, you will be notified. We do not know exactly how soon enough books will be ordered to justify the printing. It depends on how soon the saints as a whole respond to this proposition. If not enough books are subscribed for, so that they cannot be printed, or for any other reason the books are not printed, your money will then be refunded to you. If there is a saint or reader who has money on hands that they would be willing to advance to have these books printed and then get their money back as the books are sold, it would very soon bring about the printing of the new song book. Anyone interested, write us for details. A new, standard song book is indeed necessary and in demand. We pray that God will stir each of your hearts to do all you can in this matter.

Fifty cents per book is the estimated cost of printing the song books; although the cost may be a few cents more or a few cents less, and there will be the transportation charges or postage in mailing the books to you which will be extra. Those wanting books can send the fifty cents each now so we can go ahead and have the books printed. The postage extra can be sent when the books are ready to ship.

Our God is sound and solvent. Mercy flows From out His throne as it has ever done. He heeds and knows the needs of everyone, Hartsville, S. Car. — To the dear saints everywhere: I greet you all in the name of Jesus.

I am so thankful to be able to testify this morning to the saving and keeping power of our blessed Lord. My trials and tests are many and great, but the dear Lord has never failed to come to my rescue. There is more pleasure in one year of service to the Lord than there is in a whole I fe-time spent in serving Satan.

Now dear ones as you read these lines will you send up an earnest prayer to the dear Lord that He will heal us (my child and I) and give us perfect health and strength, and give us real victory over oppositions which we have to contend with, and that we will get stronger in the Lord every day.

Your sister, all on the altar, — Mary J. Jones

Follow Christ

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place to wrath, for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." There is something peculiarly benefiting, soul-invigorating, and restful about the obedience unto full possession of the first clause of the above text, "Avenge not yourselves." It is addressed unto "dearly beloved." Its implication is, "We are not our own." There is another, even God, who possesses us soul and body if we fit in this text. The healthful soul hungers for the humility of Christ in its fulness. It is a grace for the Christ-like, and Christlikeness begets it. Isa. 66: 2, To this "man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." There is a realization of nothingness as we meditate of God's greatness. David said, "I am a worm and no man." It isn't the vastness alone, but also the Divine love implanted in the heart that humbles it to be Christ-like, to be conscious of the Fatherhood of God, and we His children. All vengence belongs to God. "We love Him because He first loved aus." His love was exemplified by His suffering. "The chastisement of our peace was upon him." Peace comes through following in His footsteps. "By his stripes we are healed." If we suffer with and for Him, we lead others to Him. "Charity never faileth." There is a melting effect about it that softens the heart. "A soft answer turneth away wrath." It has nothing to feed on. God in His love maketh the heart soft. The price of a soul has no comparison, therefore 'he that winneth souls is wise.'

Paul said, "Why do ye not suffer wrong?" "It is better if the will of God be so, to suffer for the good than the evil." By so doing we commit ourselves into God's hands to be fashioned into a pleasing vessel, "whose praise is not of men but of God." The carnal mind is enmity against God. The one avenging self removes his gift from the altar, breaks over God's law, gets on the enemy's territory, opens his heart for every evil work. God is a law of rightdusness toward others, as though all men were rightcous; not looking at their unrighteousness. must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Love brings peace, joy, forgiveness in an enlarged heart, which is the fruit of the Spirit. The enemy's kingdom contains the elements of the carnal mind. Their effect on the heart is contraction, allowing only bitterness and death. The contracted heart excludes love, patience and forgiveness. It is better to lose for the sake of Christ than to strive for gain. Jesus said, if one take away thy goods, ask them not again. Love your enemies; do good to them that hate you; pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you. This is a good law, and one worth labouring to possess. The value of the Divine nature cannot be calculated. It is an entrance ticket to heaven. Man must be a new creature, for the old heaven and earth (former things) have passed away, and behold (He saith) I create all things new. Let us conform our lives to that new place. We read of the former things in Gal. 5: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, adultery, fornidation, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like." Look about you. So many at each other's throats, divisions of peoples, religions, and families. Sin is the cause. First love is gone. Fightings with tongue and pen, debates, backbitings, tumults are all covered with a cloak of religion with the name of Christ attached, yet true religion is without all these. I am reminded of Isaiah saying, 'Shake thyself from the dust, arise and sit down, O Jerusalem." The Lord desires righteousness dut of thec. Cast off the works of darkness, lest the Lord come and find unfaithful servants. Arise, shine and bear the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5: 22, 23). James says, from whence came wars and fightings among you? Came they not hence even of your lusts that war in your members?—the works of the flesh and not of the Spirit. He called them adulterers and adulteresses. Whosoever is a friend of the world is an enemy of God. He said again, cleanse your hands, ye sinners.

purify your hearts, ve double-minded. Humble vourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Follow peace with all men, and holiness in order to see the Lord. Resist the devil and he will flee. He is aiming at your heart with his vile darts. Raise the shield of faith. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Look at the character of Christ—a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. Paul said, be ve followers of God as dear children. Walk in love, even as Christ loved us. David said. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?" Answer: "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor."

Brethren, let us cry to the Lord for salvation to come out of Zion; as Isaiah said, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found." It may be that the Lord our God will grant us the latter rain in abundance, and a bright sunset. Even so, Lord Jesus, grant it thus.

"Brighter days are sweetly dawning, O the glory looms in sight.

For the cloudy day is waning, and the evening shall be light.

Oh, what golden glory streaming, purer light is coming fast.

Now in Christ we've found a freedom which eternally shall last."— A. E. Harmon

The Value Of Salvation

"Ye are bought with a price; ye are not your own." The cost of your salvation is far greater than gold and silver can buy. We have not been redeemed by corruptable things. "But with the precious blood of Christ, as with a Lamb without blemish and without spot." 1 Peter 1: 19. Money could never have purchased the will of Christ to shed His precious, innocent blood, but because we had sinned and were doomed for eternal punishment the great heart of our heavenly Father was touched and Jesus, the Lamb of God, was willing to suffer, bleed and die on the cross, willing to be made sin for us, He who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousnes of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21). Knowing the great cost of our redemption, we should not trifle with God and put small value on the salvation which we possess. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." Jesus asked the question, "For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

All the things which are counted of value in this

world will soon come to naught and be no more, but eternal things will be forever. If a man should gain wealth, honor and fame in this world and in a few short years his soul would go down in darkness to languish and suffer in the flames of torment, where, I say, would his profit be? Oh, vain man, where is thy hope? Is it in perishable things or is in eternal things? Are you really valuing salvation or are you just pretending! A man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things which he possesses, but it consists in obeying every word which proceeds out of the mouth of God. Your deeds and life are according to what is in your heart. We are exhorted to "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. If selfishness, greed and gain is in our hearts, we will manifest it in our acts. If the love of God is there, it will manifest itself in always seeking to please God by denying self and freely giving to the poor and to the cause of God of all that He puts into our hands. We will be watching for every opportunity to lay our treasures up in heaven; will sow to the Spirit and not to the flesh.

Our giving to be acceptable to God should always be done freely and cheerfully and never grudgingly because you feel compelled. "For God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9: 7. "He that gives sparingly shall also receive sparingly." God has always taught His people to give freely of their substance with a promise of supplying them again plentifully. He has promised to make all grace abound that we may have all sufficiency in the work of the Lord. Jesus says in Luke 6th chapter and 38th verse, "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom."

Under the law that God made to govern literal Israel He commanded them to give a tenth and they were to give free-will offerings above the tenth. God blessed them when they gave liberally and they were cursed when they withheld. David was a man after God's own heart and he offered all things willingly and God blessed him, and also he says concerning the people that they also gave willingly the things in preparing for the building of the temple. Read the 29th chapter of 1 Chron.

There is no man that can expect to prosper in his soul when he withholds from giving to God of the things which God has given him. We do no great thing when we give to God's cause or to the poor, as we are only taking of His and giving to Him, but when we withhold from giving we wrong God and wrong our own souls. God promised the Israelites

that if they would give freely of their substance He would open the windows of heaven and pour them out a blessing that they would not have room enough to receive it. Many souls today are shriveled and dried up spiritually because they withhold from God's cause. They prove by their deeds that they do not value souls and that they think lightly of God's ways and thoughts which are higher than our ways as the heaven are above the earth. Isa. 55: 8. There is no need of souls being down spiritually and bemoaning their lack of heavenly life in the soul when God has given us so many good instructions in the word of God of how to please Him and receive blessings. Read the first chapter of 2nd Peter, beginning at the 6th verse. Also read the 58th chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the 6th verse.

Every soul can be like a "tree planted by the rivers of water" if they will hearken unto His words and show by their daily acts that they value the salvation that Jesus has brought to us through His blood.

It seems that so many esteem it so lightly that they can stay away from meeting with most any flimsy excluse. They do not seem to think it matters if they do partake in revelings. Have very little concern whether the gospel is sent to lost souls or not, holding on to the things they have and working and striving for more to use selfishly. They are not very much in prayer secretly or otherwise, and have plenty of time to pick and find fault with others, thinking all others are like them. Many of them look upon the kingdom of God as though it was an institution of the world. To them gain is godliness and they show no mercy, long-suffering or forbearance, but measure others by their own shriveled souls, using like strength as Peter did when he cut off the servant's ear, itching to appear strong before men to be honored of them.

When Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your king," they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him; crucify Him!" Many by their deeds today are saying the same thing. They do not want to hear the gospel of Christ which teaches us to deny self, to crucify and put to death the deeds of the body. They love a life here and thereby hate eternal life, the crucified way.

The Apostle Paul would not be moved from the truth by things of time and sense, and he could truthfully say: "I am crucified unto the world and the world is crucified unto me." He called his sufferings "light afflictions" and said that they would work our a far greater weight of glory. "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in

us." Rom. 8:18.

Dear readers, those who have named the name of Christ, let us value the salvation of our God and walk the crucified way, having our affections above and our life hid with Christ in God. Col. 3: 1-4, 5.

- Fred Pruitt

Question Box

Ques. 1. What is meant by the word "unction" in 1 John 2: 20. R. C. D.

Answer. The word "unction" is from the word "chrism". It is the Holy Spirit distilling, like the morning dew, heavenly life upon the soul refreshing, reviving it, and raising its emotions and devotions. It gives the soul a knowledge of heavenly things, and enables it to distinguish the voice of Jesus from all other voices.

Ques. 2. How can we get God's word in our heart? And how can we tell the difference between it being in the head only, and in the heart. M. S.

Answer—Take any promise or commandment. To get them in the heart is to receive them by the faith of the heart. The Holy Spirit writes them as living characters in the heart when they are believed by the heart. Meat and bread may be on the table, and you can see them and talk about them, but it's only when they are taken into the stomach and into the blood that they impart life and strength. — C. E. Orr.

Natchitoches, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings of holy love to all of the dear saints at the Office and elsewhere. Today finds me still reporting victory over sin and seeking more of Christ. Praise His dear name.

As I read Faith and Victory I do enjoy the blessed little paper so much. It strengthens my faith so much.

Dear saints, please pray for me that I may be more and more like Jesus, that I may have more love which truly casts out fear. I mean to go on as never before. The greatest burden on me now is to lead my children to the Savior's waiting arms. Remember me in this matter because my soul is truly burdened. I have eleven children for whom I pray to be saved while their hearts are yet tender. Pray that I may stay meek and humble. My face is ever set upward, beating my way through the rough storm of life.

May God ever keep and bless all of you in the printing work, and move out everything that would hinder. Yours, truly set apart for the Master's use.

— Sidonia Benjamin



« Young People's Section »



"The Way That Works Best"

If good words never come your way, Remember not what people say: Just speak some kind words today. They may go many miles away, And help some other to cheer In finding the Savior here.

Jesus is watching you and me, Everything we do He can see; So why not let your actions be The way that pleases Him, not thee! First Thessalonians, five twenty-two Tells you exactly what to do!

Your life can be bright and sunny, Your life can be righteous, not funny. Your soul can be happy and free In the things God has given thee. If you use them for His glory, You can partake of heavenly joy.

- Bessie Rogers

EDITORIALS

With a prayer of thanks to the Lord, I write these lines to the young people. I am pleased to have this opportunity again, and to witness that I am still on the Lord's side with a settled decision to follow Jesus all the way by His grace. Since the July paper was mailed out it seems that the battle has been more fierce, yet my trust and faith is anchored in the Lord who has never lost a battle. Long ago I found that we would utterly falter and fail along the way if we tried to stand in our own strength. This is a fight of faith, and not of sight or feelings. By faith we can see the things that are not seen. The things which are not seen are eternal.

During the summer we attended several good camp-meetings. The Lord sent His word unto victory and the ones who were saved were mostly young people. The young people's meetings were some of the best I ever attended. The Spirit of God was present to bless our souls. It was a real inspiration to my soul to meet those young people who were so fully consecrated and devoted to the Lord and His cause. I pray the Lord to bless all the young people whom I met

In the 2nd chapter of Titus the Apostle Paul is here instructing Titus how to exhort the young people. In the 4th verse he says to teach the young women to be sober, and in the 6th verse it says, "Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded." It is clearly known that we are living in an age when there is a great lack of soberness and seriousness among the people, both young and old. The foolishness of the world is especially affecting the young people. Yet in order to please God the above texts exhorts the young people to be sober-minded. God deals seriously with people, and He demands that His people be sober and serious before Him. It is true that no one can get along well in their spiritual life without living soberly before the Lord. The devil is real and there is no time to play in his hands. How sad to see the many souls who have lost out with God through the lack of soberness and watching unto prayer. Their minds wandered back to the pleasures and frivolity of the world. They forgot God when engaged in useless talk and laughter. Worldly associates were admitted into their fellowship.

Some might say that they want to have a good time while they are young. Remember this, that these 'good times' are only the webs of Satan to bind you in sin, and when you get older it will be hard to break away from them.

Some one might say that the Lord does not require young people to be just like older people. No, young people cannot be old people, but saints are saints whether they are young or old. When a young person is saved and sanctified, the Holy Spirit will teach him of many things which are not conducive to spirituality. The commandments of God are not grievous if we really love Him and His ways. He says He will "purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

May the Lord encourage all the young saints is my prayer. Hold on to God by faith in these perilous times. Be free to send in your testimony or writing to the paper whenever the Lord leads. Let us be workers together with Him in spreading, this glorious truth. Salvation is the "pearl of great price." Let us guard it carefully every moment, lest the devil steal it away when we are not watching.

Pray earnestly for us here at the Office that we remain faithful in the work He has called us to do.

Owasso, Okla. — Dear young saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' precious name: To-night finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied in this holy way. I find that the Lord has wonderful blessings in store for us if we only trust and obey Him. Dear saints, I want to live worthy of all His blessings. I want to live a good example before the world. Continue to pray for me that I ever be faithful.

Your Sister in Christ, — Jessella Hardmon

Flint, Mich. —Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me still praising God, and with a mind to go right on.

I wrote you about our little girl being healed of T. B. of the bone. She is real well now, and can run and play just like any other child. She is getting real fat. People who know her look at her and marvel. The doctors had said she would have to wear a brace all her life, but she hasn't wore it since last October. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Pray for me and my family that we be just what God would have us to be. May God bless and supply all your needs is my prayer.

Yours in Christ, — Claria Carter

Indiana. —Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ: The Lord impressed me to give my testimony to His marvelous power to heal both soul and body. I praise Him this afternoon for the earnest desire that I have to serve and trust Him.

Over a year ago I had an afflicton that was impossible for man to cure. At the time my spiritual eyes were blinded. Praise God, He opened them and now I can see. The Lord touched my body and the evidence came, "It's done, claim it." Since that night I have claimed the promise. God's word cannot fail. Pray for us that we may ever prove faithful through every trial and temptation.

We certainly do enjoy "Faith and Victory".

It is food for the soul.

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Bentonville, Ark. —Bro. Pruitt and saints: Greeting in Jesus' name. I will say by way of testimony that I am well satisfied with the Lord and His ways, and have been for more than 35 years. I have been trusting Him for my soul and body, and through all these years He has proved Himself to be the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother, and able to do exceeding abundantly more than we can ask or think. I am this very morning on the increase for God and His cause, and feel like traveling on.

At present my dear wife is in poor health; can't get her breath very well at times, which case we are

taking to the Lord. We request that all of you agree with us in prayer at your earliest opportunity, for we certainly need help now. In Jesus' name we find and have found Him a present help in time of need. May God bless and prosper all of you. Amen.

Your Bro. in the one church, -Geo. W. Hanson

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Indiana. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Today I will answer your welcome letter received some time ago. I know you are busy working for the Lord. I often think I would like to live close enough to you so as to talk about the Bible and the Lord. I know it would do my soul good to be around some true Christian people.

My family and I drove down to the New Castle, Indiana camp-meeting. We were there a part of two days. To me there seemed a lacking of the Spirit, and some of the ministers were dressed like the rest of the world. It did not seem as good as two years ago when I was there. If the Lord spares my life and time lasts, I am going to try and make arrangements to go to some good camp-meetings next year.

Bro. Pruitt, I have my hands full watching myself. I know the time is short at the longest and what a person wants to do must not be put off. There is only one real satisfaction in this world, and that is to know that you are right with God.

My wife's niece died this afternoon—just a young girl of fourteen. She was not sick long. Life is uncertain but death is sure. If we are ready, it is easy. Please pray for us that we will please God. Write when you can. Your Bro. in Christ,

-A reader.

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Campo, Colo. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and workers at Faith Pub House: We are still praising the Lord for His mercy and goodness to us, and that He hears His true children and answers their faintest ery.

I was afflicted with an unnatural growth or gristle bone in the flesh in a dangerous place. I wrote Bro. Pruitt and Bro. Forbes for prayer. The bone has vanished. Praise the Lord.

On the 10th of June my wife was at her daughter's home. She caught her foot on the top step of the cave, fell and hurt her leg, turned two fingers backwards, and the two first joints of her middle finger were out of joint. The second joint tore the flesh to the bone at the second joint. She pulled one finger in place. On the morning of the 11th we wired Faith Pub. House for prayer. At 11 o'clock wife said, "They are praying for me." I looked at her hand. Her fingers were all filled with flesh and the

skin had begun to grow over the wounds. Pains had stopped. The dear Lord heals the old as well as the young. We are 72 and 77 years old, and we still have no other desire but to trust the dear Lord who is our only Physician. Praise His name!

— G. E. and E. E. Ingham Our God has wealth untold of grace and peace;

Depressions hold no sway in Heavenly things;
As Christ once bid the storm tossed waves to cease

Astounding Facts About Tobacco

Our annual tobacco expense would build four Panama Canals.

A leech is instantly killed by sucking the blood of an habitual smoker.

Insurance companies estimate one-third of all loss by fire to be due to tobacco.

The tobacco habit was begun in America and has extended to practically every nation on earth.

Two thousand American boys begin the habit every day.

Our annual tobacco bill amounts to about twenty dollars per capita in America.

One million nine hundred and one thousand acres of American land are used to produce tobacco.

Our tobacco bill is twice what it costs to maintain the government.

In Russia, Turkey, and Persia, the use of tobacco has been at times punishable by death.

Babies have been killed by breathing the tobacco smoke with which a smoker filled an unventilated room.

Prussic acid is the only substance more poisonous than nicotine.

Tobacco has been known to produce a nervous condition similar to delirium tremens. Physicians call it tobacco tremens.

Six Canadian insurance companies find the mortality rate of smokers to increase about the same proportion as that of drinkers.

One person working steadily for one hundred years could not count enough silver dollars to pay America's tobacco bill for one year.

The Indians used to poison their arrows by dipping them into nicotine, thereby causing convulsions and often death from arrow wounds.

During nine years' study of students at Yale it was found that the lung capacity of non-smokers developed seventy-seven per cent more than that of

smokers.

Statistics give the ratio of the number of smoking students having poor memory to those having poor memory who do not smoke as 38 to 1; lack of will power, 32 to 1.

The results of try-out for football squads in a number of American colleges selected at random showed thirty-three per cent of tobacco users and sixty per cent of non-users.

About one-seventeenth of the people of the world are addicted to the use of tobaco. What the effect of this is to be upon the generation unborn needs no emphasis. The outlook, to thinking people is appalling.

— Sel.

The Good Old Way

(Isa. 6: 16).

There are some folks who seek to hide,
Who change God's Word to suit their "side";
To ease their conscience — thus their aim,
Whose end will be eternal shame.

If TRUTH was truth in days gone by,
The same is TRUTH, for God don't lie.
To change OUR views — invites His rod,
For "I change NOT!" — thus saith God.

When God saved us, we died to sin; "Unconditionally, Lord, I give in." The work was done—the job complete; We found sweet rest at Jesus' feet.

Now, new conditions come to light;
"Lord, bless us still!" we know we're right
"Let brotherly love continue," we pray
"The old-time saints have gone astray."

"As ye receive Me, thus walk in,
For no allowance I give sin."
The way, though straight and narrow be;
We've all agreed, "It just suits me."

"I would not change it if I could,"

For God who made it knows what's good.

If we continue in God's love,

There's waiting us a home above.

Our hearts are sad—it grieves God, too,
When any one seeks ways that's new.
Man's trust in man will burn as chaff;
God's heavenly way is the 'old path'.
— Erle E. Forbes

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The 26th annual camp-meeting of the Church of God at Hammond, La. closed on the evening of July 6th. It was a glorious meeting. Many said it was the best meeting held on the ground for years. All lovers of the truth are well-pleased with the meeting. The presence of the Lord was consciously felt on the ground before the meeting began. The attendance was as large or larger than usual. The order and attention was excellent. The large crowds at night listened attentively to the preaching of the Gospel.

There were more saved, we believe, than there has been for the few past years. Five were baptised and more to be baptised later. About fifty saints observed the ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper. A heavenly spirit of unity prevailed among the saints from kitchen to pulpit. In former years there were some who were not in harmony with the spirit of the meeting, but this did not exist this year which, no doubt, was one reason for having a better meeting. The saints were greatly edified and are looking forward to greater things in the work of God.

At this writing we are in Oklahoma City, Okla. We came here to attend the camp-meeting. We are now stopping in the home of Bro. and Sr. McDonald. Sister McDonald is the pastor of the congregation in this city. She has been called to New Jersey and east Pennsylvainia to pray for the sick and hold some meetings. We will likely remain here until her return. Our address during September will be Box E, 4th and Missouri, Oklahoma City, Okla. in care of J. W. Brittian.

We are pleased to note a growing interest in Sunday Schools. We sent out more picture rolls and cards for this past quarter than any time before. Our study for the first six months of this year was the life of Christ as given in the Gospel of Mark. For this third quarter it has been the study of some of the characters of ancient Israel. Our Bible studies for the last quarter of the year are the study of a life of a Christian as revealed in the life of Paul.

Please send al! orders for picture rolls and cards for the last quarter to C. E. Orr, Box E, 4th and Mo., Okla. City, Okla., in care of J. W. Brittian. Please get your order to us by September 15. Do not send checks but Postal money order. Remember the address and remember not to send checks. Thank you.

The burden of our heart is for more Bible study among the saints. There should be some studying of the Bible every day. We should not study it as a history only, but also as a Book that contains food for the soul. We would like to exhort all to do more Bible study.

DELICACY OF CONSCIENCE

Oh, man, beware of your dealing with your conscience. It is a delicate instrument God has placed in your hand to guide you rightly through life. It is very delicate and can be easily impaired. Be sure to be true. Keep your conscience tender and susceptible to the voice of God. It is dangerous to trifle with the conscience. Many a saint would be living much closer to God today if they had not hushed the voice of conscience in the little things of daily life. I have read of a renowned artist who had a very delicate hand. He took care that its suppleness was not impaired. That it may retain its sensitiveness and masterliness he had it shampooed every day, and in driving always were thick gloves. If a man would take all this care that his hand might be kept so pliable and feeling, how careful we ought to be of that God-given faculty inside of us by which we are to know the right and wrong things in life. The conscience is very delicate. A little neglect, a little carelessness, a looseness in life and our conscience loses its sensitiveness. We can soon come to the doing of things that is unbecoming the life of a saint, and think we have done no wrong. This is getting to be a careless world.

I have seen in towns a large clock called a "regulator." It was by this clock that the townsfolk regulated their clocks and watches. The mind of God is the regulator for the human conscience. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

The Rule of a Saintly Life

(Article Three)

Deep thoughts are filling my mind. God has a plan for the remaining days of my life. The thought that lies on my mind now is the working out of this plan, so when the last hour is reached I can say, "I have done perfectly the work which thou gavest me to do." I am deeply conscious that I cannot work out this plan in my own strength. God who has formed the plan for me must needs come into my life and live

in me and through me that this plan may be worked out. Letting God come into my life in all His strength and work in me to will and do of His own pleasure is the only way I can do the work God has given me to do. To let God come into my human life, and work in me and through me so that it is not I that lives but God that liveth in me, is a great and deep thought to me.

Dear soul, God has a definite life-plan for you. He has an exact work for you to acomplish in life. To work out this plan is saintly living. Every act that is done in accordance with this plan, and under God's direction is saintly, and all that is done that is not in accordance with this plan is not saintly. For your life to be holy, saintly, the Divine life must be in every word and deed. This is what the apostle means when he says, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Col. 3: 14. To do things in His name is not to do them in our own human effort, but in His life and power.

Christianity is a distinct life. It is a life that can be lived by no human will-power or human effort. Christian life is Christ-life and can be lived by none other than Christ. You can live a Christian life only when Christ liveth in you. If you will let Christ dwell in you, and let Him live in and through you, all your life will be in perfect harmony with the Divine character. When Christ is living in you and through you, your life will read like the Bible reads. God has a place for you to fill; a service for you to perform. What a great thing is life when we look upon it as something that can work out that which God cherishes in His heart! What are the trials of life when we look upon them as aids in working out God's life-plan for us!

One rule in all saintly living is that of growth. To live saintly we must grow to be more saintly. In our last article we told you that we would give you some of our experience. We do so only for the purpose of helping you to a thorough understanding of what we have said before. We asked you to patiently hear us to the end and we would make all clear. We hope you have done this. Remember our object in writing these articles is not to give any one occassion to serve the flesh, or make any compromises with the world, but to help you to a certain feeling of responsibility to God for your own life. We are certain that there is too much doing of things because others do them. There is a taking of license from others to do things that God does not want us to do. We want you to have liberty, but liberty is not license. We want you to have the liberty to serve God to all the light and understanding you have. You are responsible to

God for your own life. It is good to be teachable and take advice and counsel from others, but not to the extent that you do not get things from God for yourself.

We stated in a former article that God does not want us to walk in the same paths we walked in thirty years ago. What we say after this statement explains what we mean. We must walk on much higher ground than thirty years ago. I have not gone back to a single thing that God saved me from forty three years ago. I am fairly well acquainted with the teaching of the pioneer preachers of this last reformation, and I am living in obedience to all they taught. I do say, however, that God has been pleased to reveal some things to me that I should practice in my life that I never heard any one teach. Now I hope you will understand me. God has a plan for my life, and He may plan some things for my life that He will never plan for another. You should not try to plan my life for me. I shall not try to plan your life for you. This is what I mean by giving you liberty. Forty years ago I was planning to go 100 miles to preach to some poor saints. I had money to pay my way only about 60 miles, thus leaving me 40 miles to walk. One of the old pioneers said to me: "Bro. Orr, I advise you not to do that. I would not go if they did not send me the money to come on." His remark troubled me. I went in prayer to God, and He said to me, "I am planning your life for you; obey Me." It is often good to get advice from others, but I want to warn all to not do this to the exclusion of not letting God plan your life.

If we will let God plan our lives we will all live holy lives and yet not live just alike in all of life's details. We will live alike so far as holy living is concerned. We should not copy from each other. We should be benefitted by the godly example of others, but not copy in a mechanical way. No two robins build a nest just alike in every particular, but in general appearance they are much alike. No two things in nature are alike, yet in general they appear to be so. The young robin does not copy from an older robin in the building of its nest. It builds from a principle or instinct in its life. They build nests alike on the whole because they build from the same principle of life. We should let God work in us and through us, What we do should be done from a principle of life in us. If we all build from a godly principle in us, we will build alike, and yet not alike. God would have this so to keep us from copying after one another. Read Rom. 12: 1-8.

There were things in my life forty years ago and

thirty years ago that I could not have them there now and keep saved. There were useless expressions, unkind words, frets, anxieties and worries, and idle thoughts that I could not have now and keep in favor with God. I do not doubt but that there are things in my life yet that I must get rid of as God gives me light and draws me into a closer walk with Him. God has led me into a life of prayer and meditation that I do not think of binding on others. If I judged others by my life in these respects, not very many would be saved in my estimation, but I do not so Then as concerning the spending of money I do not bind God's rule for me on others. have not spent five cents for candy in ten years. do not spend a penny for ice-cream, soft drinks, chewing gum or any other thing as a luxury. things at any time are a food and a positive necessity, then I could use them, but not as a luxury. Saintly living and luxurious living do not harmonize. There are a number of things that I see others doing that I know God does not want me to do. The Bible says, "Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God." Rom, 14: 2. The 20th Cent, translation says, "Keep this faith of yours to yourself as in the presence of God." Moffatt says, "Keep your own conviction between yourself and God." God has shown me some things that I am to live to that I have not divulged to any one, and I believe He will have you do the same if you allow Him to live His life in you. He will have some acts of your life in His eternal temple that has never been found in the life of another.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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Sunday, Sept. 3, 1933.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Aug. 28 — David Anointed King. 1 Sam. 16: 4-13.

Aug. 29 — David Chosen of God. Psa. 78: 70-72.

Aug. 30—David Conquerors Goliath. 1 Sam. 17: 41-49

Aug. 31 — David's Sin. 2 Sam. 13: 1-7.

Sept. 1 — David's Repentance. Psa. 51: 1-13.

Sept. 2 — A Psalm of David. Psa. 23.

Sept. 3 — Devotional Reading Psa. 101: 1-8

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — 1 Sam. 16: 4-13; also Psa. 78: 70- 72.

SUBJECT — David.

4. And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trem- your heart for your children. Keep in mind that

bled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

- 5. And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.
- 6. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.
- 7. But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.
- 8. Then Jesse called Abinadad, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.
- 9. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by, And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.
- 10. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel, and Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.
- 11. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse. Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he come hither.
- 12. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.
- 13. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Psa. 78: 70. He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds.

- 71. From following the ewes great with young He brought him to feed Jacob IIis people, and Israel His inheritance.
- 72. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Memory Verse — Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7

Central Thought — The measurement of days is not the true measurement of life, but the measurement of deeds.

Practical Truth — If you would live a pure life, you must have a pure heart.

Suggestion To Teachers

Primary and Junior — Do not fail to keep on

you are training souls for eternity. Be sure to set a godly example. Every teacher should be sanctified wholly.

Intermediate — Tell the story of David killing the lion, the bear and the giant. Teach how God will help us to overcome temptation. God will help us slav our foes.

Senior and Adults — Why did David try on Saul's armor? Would he have worn it if it had fit him? Discuss the question of the Christian's armor.

Introduction

The prophet Samuel is directed by God to go to Bethlehem to anoint a king to succeed Saul. Saul has failed in his administration, and must be rejected. Samuel is directed to the house of Jesse. The people feared and trembled at the coming of Samuel to anoint a king. A few hundred years afterward some shepherds on this same ground were "sore afraid" when an angel came to announce the coming of the King of kings.

Explanation and Comments

External beauty is no guarantee of internal worth. Do not be carried away by appearances. The Lord seeth not as man seeth. Man can see as God sees, but he must get in God's light, and see light in His light. To think that a man is a possessor of moral worth because he has great gifts of intellect and person is as unwise to think a man is wealthy because he wears fine clothes. God always forms right estimates of man. He knows what you are worth. He weighs your character. His balances are true. If we are worth crowning, God will see that we are crowned. Our cornation day is coming; if not in this life it wi!l be in heaven. It very often happens that people do not value a man until after he is dead. Some men who stood high in the world while living were forgotten very soon after they died, while others come into remembrance only after they pass away. Let God have His way with you because He knows what you are best fitted for. Moral worth is the true beauty. We should not select men for positions in the work of the Lord. Let God set the members in as pleases Him. This matter of being voted in and voted out is man-rule. It was not the hour that made David what he was, but it was what he was that made him ready for the hour. For years David had been fashioning his character for this anointing. He trusted God to help him in caring for the sheep. He had a deep sense of responsibility in caring for that which was not his own. A servant feeling was born in his soul. A feeling of sympathy was cultivated in his heart.

Psa. 78: 70- 72. David was not sent to wise men for training for his reign as king. He was sent to his flock. Nothing could train him more perfectly than that aloneness with God. We are here taught that there is a Divine Shepherd for every sheep. There is a Divine vocation for every man. There is a Divine plan for every life.

Sunday, Sept. 10; 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 4 — Johnathan's Faith, 1 Sam. 14: 6-15.

Sept. 5 — Johnathan Loves David. 1 Sam. 18: 1-5.

Sept. 6 — Johnathan's Self-sacrifice. 1 Sam. 19: 1-7.

Sept. 7 — Johnathan's Covenant. 1 Sam. 20: 12-23.

Sept. 8 — Johnathan's undying Friendship. 1 Sam. 20: 35-42.

Sept. 9 — Paul's Friends. Rom. 16: 1. 6.

Sept. 10 — Devotional Reading. Rom. 12: 1-10.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — 1 Sam. 16: 1-4; 20: 35-42.

SUBJECT — Johnathan.

- 1. And it came to pass when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Johnathan was knit with the soul of David, and Johnathan loved him as his own soul.
- 2. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.
- 3. Then Johnathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.
- 4. And Johnathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.
- 20: 35. And it came to pass in the morning that Johnathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.
- 36. And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
- 37. And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Johnathan had shot, Johnathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?
- 38. And Johnathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Johnathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.
- 39. But the lad knew not any thing: only Johnathan and David knew the matter.
- 40. And Johnathan gave his artillery unto the lad, and said unto him, Go carry them to the city.
- 41. And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face

to the ground, and bowed himself three times; and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42. And Johnathan said to David, Go in peace, for-asmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord be betwen me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed forever. And he arose and departed; and Johnathan went into the city.

Memory Verse — A friend loveth at all times. Prov. 17: 17.

Central Truth — The love of a friend is constant.

Practical Truth — If we would be loved, we must love.

Suggestion To Teachers

Primary and Junior — A good lesson from which to impress the minds of the children with the true nature of love. Show them what is not true love, and what is true love.

Intermediate — True love loves in joy and sorrow, in adversity and prosperity, in poverty and wealth, in health and in sickness, in bright days and in dark days. True love is constant.

Senior and Adult — Discuss the matter of loving in tongue and in deed and in truth.

Introduction

Johnathan was a man of courage. This was shown when he made an attack on the Philistine garrison, he and his armor-bearer (1 Sam. 14). The love of Johnathan for David began on the battlefield where a defeat of the Philistines followed the killing of Goliath. This love continued unbroken despite the ten attempts of Saul to kill David.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Mutual love is based on an agreement of moral qualities. Christians are to love their enemies in the sense of wishing them well, and doing them good as opportunity affords, but they can not love them in the sense of making bosom companions of them. Closest companionships are founded on despest mutuality. Material substances have an affinity for each other because there are elements in each which are mutually attractive. The steel filings are attracted by the magnet with great force. There are substances when placed together so unite into one as to lose their identity. Johnathan and David were possessed of kindred characteristics, and consequently became close friends. Faith in God unites hearts, however, among Christians there are those who are attracted to each other in a deeper attachment than they are to others. Like meets like in agreement. There was much in the heart of David that met an agreement in the heart of Johnathan.

Love based on affinity of soul is often very strong. Johnathan loved David as his own soul. There is a love which rises higher than self-love. Johnathan sacrificed the kingdom of Israel for David's sake. Johnathan braved death at the hands of his own father for the love he had to David. The tie between Johnathan and David was closer than that of blood relation. It represents the love of Christian hearts. There are superficial friendships which change with the changng of circumstances. How many of us have found this to be true.

Friendship stands the test of deepest sacrifice. In true friendship there is sacrifice. Separation does not lessen friendship. Persecutions do not destroy friendship. The lad that gathered the arrows did a far higher work than of which he was aware. So it is in life. What we might call a trifle may be far more than we know.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 11 — Solomon's Wise Choice. 1 Kings 3: 4-9.

Sept. 12 — Solomon a Wise Judge. 1 Kings 3: 16-28.

Sept. 13 — Solomon's Knowledge. 1 Kings 4: 29-34.

Sept. 14 — Solomon Builds The Temple. 1 Kings 6: 1-10.

Sept. 15 — The Ark in the Temple. 1 Kings 8: 1-11.

Sept. 16 — Solomon's Dedicatory Prayer. 1 Kings 8: 22-26.

Sept. 17 — Devotional Reading. Psa. 100.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — 1 Kings 8: 1-11.

SUBJECT — Solomon.

- 1. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.
- 2. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.
- 3. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
- 4. And they brought up the ark of the Lord, and the tabernacle of the congregation and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and Levites bring up.
- 5. And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him

before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

- 6. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.
- 7. For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.
- 8. And they drew out the staves, that the end of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not without; and there they are unto this day.
- 9. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.
- 10. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord.
- 11. So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.

Memory Verse — Enter into His gates with thanks-giving, and into His courts with praise. Psa. 100: 4.

Central Thought — The house of God on earth is the gate to heaven.

Practical Truth — Keep the covenant of God and the glory of God will fill the house.

Suggestion To Teachers

Primary and Junior — Teach the children the true spirit of worship.

Intermediate — Teach the children the true spirit of thanksgiving.

Senior and Adults — Deepen your worship of God. Discuss the true manner of worship.

Introduction

The erection of the Temple at Jerusalem in the early part of Solomon's reign was the greatest event in the history of Solomon, or in the Hebrew government. Most impressive was the dedication exercises. The influence of that occassion has gone out through all the world.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENT

The tabernacle in the wilderness was consecrated to the worship of God. This new temple of God was to be even in a greater solemnity devoted to God's worship. "Worship" is the key word in this lesson. This temple, however, is typical of a greater temple. Solomon was great, but a greater than Solomon is here. God filled and hallowed that temple in Jeru-

salem with the glory of His presence; so He will fill the soul of man with His glory. Do you have that glory? Is your religion too cold and formal.

As the ark contained the tables of stone on which were written the ten commandments, so the Christian heart is the depository of the Word of God. The word of God is the directory of all true worship. No worship can be acceptable to God except it be in harmony with the Divine word. No worship can be acceptable to God apart from sacrifice. Every act of true worship involves sacrifice. Our whole self and all we possess must be sacrificed to God in our acts of worship. They offered sacrifices of animals in that day that their number could not be numbered. Except there be a sacrifice of all, God will not accept our worship.

The word of God in the ark was overshadowed by the cherubims. The word of God in our hearts is overshadowed and protected by the Divine shadow. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. When in the temple of our hearts we are keeping true covenant with God, He will overshadow us with His presence. He upholds His word. If you have it in your heart He will uphold you for His word's sake.

The word of God should be fervently loved. The word of God should be diligently studied. The word of God should be jealously guarded in the heart. The word of God should be faithfully obeyed.

Sunday, Sept. 24, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 18 — Joshua Succeeds Moses. Josh. 1: 1-9.

Sept. 19 — Caleb's Inheritance. Josh. 14: 6-14.

Sept. 20 — Deborah's Victory. Judges 4: 11-16.

Sept. 21 — Samuel's Vision. 1 Sam. 3: 1-10.

Sept. 22 — David Chosen King. 1 Sam. 16: 4-13.

Sept. 23 — Solomon, the Wise King. 1 Kings 3:1-9.

Sept. 24 — Devotional Reading. Heb. 11: 32 to 12: 2.

This is a review lesson. For three months we have been studying about some of the leaders of Israel from the time they crossed into Canaan until the dedication of the temple built by Solomon. In the review today we believe it good to recall to mind a few points in each lesson, giving to each a subject.

1. Be Strong

Joshua is chosen as leader of Israel now that Moses is dead. He is exhorted to be strong. We would expect this of a leader. If the leader be not strong, what could we expect of the followers. A strong leader helps others to be strong.

2. Be Faithful

Caleb was the faithful man. Faithfulness is always rewarded. Caleb is rewarded for his faithfulness by getting into full possession of his appointed territory. God will bring all the faithful into their true possessions. Be thou faithful unto death and thou shalt receive a crown of life.

3. Honor True Womanhood

This is a lesson about Deborah, the first woman judge of Israel. She dealt out justice to the people. This was honored of God by giving her victory in the day of battle. Her patriotism inspired courage in Israel and God gave her and her general victory over Israel's oppressors.

4. - Denounce Wrong

Isaiah seeing the corruptness of the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel denounces their wickledness. They had become greedy and idolatrous. The prophet proclaims the judgments of God against them. Here we see the proneness of humanity to turn away from God. We need to guard against the spirit of this world, and the indifference of the flesh. It takes decided effort to keep spiritual in these days when iniquity is abounding on every hand.

5. Fight The Good Fight

Gideon raised an army of 32,000 men. This was quite a respectable army as to size or numbers, but they lacked courage. This is what God told Joshua to have. It is what we must all have to triumph over our spiritual foes. Out of the 32,000 God could make use of only 300. Remember that it is not the number that counts with God—it is faithfulness. God can use a few faithful men to win a victory, but with the unfaithful, however many there may be, defeat is certain.

6. Be Loyal

This lesson is concerning Ruth. This was the young Moabitish woman who returned from the land of Moab with her mother-in-law to the land of the Israelites. She was loyal to her mother-in-law and to God, and became one of the ancestors of the Son of God. She made the wise choice. Her sister-in-law drops out of history. It always pays to be loyal to God. The ways of the world may be inviting to the flesh, but it has a sad ending. Take the way of God, trust in Him, and you will triumph.

7. Motherhood

Hannah praying for a child. She had the instinct of motherhood in her soul. It was God-given. She prays from the fulness of her heart that God would give her a son. This is typical of the burden

of the Church for souls. There is a God-given longing in the soul of the Church for offspring. She cries to God in her bitterness and moves God on His throne. The Church of God can not bear to be barren.

8. Listen To God

This is a lesson about the child, Hannah prayed God to give her. She gave him back to God. He was a boy that could hear God when He spoke. This was true all through his life. It is a great thing to always live where we can hear God when He speaks to us. This secret of being quick to hear the voice of God is being prompt to obey Him when He speaks.

9. Obey God

This lesson is about a man that did not obey God. It shows the sad consequences of disobedience to God. Saul was chosen of God to be Israel's first king, and was rejected of God from being king because of his disobedience.

10. Get A Right Start

Much of our success in life depends on getting a right start. David trusted in God from boyhood. He trusted God to help him care for the sheep given into his charge. Our children should be diligently taught to have faith in God and rely upon Him for all needed help.

11. A True Friend

This was Johnathan. Johnathan was David's friend. It is good to have a true friend. There is a true Friend. Jesus will be our Friend at all times. A Friend to help us. He gave His life for us, and will He not help us through life? Trust Him and fear not. We can do all things through Him.

12. The Greatness Of Wisdom

Solomon is known as the wise man. What made Solomon such a wise man? It was because he chose wisdom above all else. We can have wisdom if we will ask of God in true faith. He is as willing to give every child of His wisdom as He was to give Solomon wisdom. God made Solomon wise as pertaining to the affairs of this life and world. God will make us wise as pertains to eternal things. Seek Him for that wisdom which comes down from heaven.

Our studies for the fourth and last quarter of this year will be concerning the Christian life as seen in the life of Paul. Our first lesson in October will be "Saul In Tarsus". The printed Scriptures will be Acts 21: 39. Acts 22: 3, 27, 28. Acts 26: 4-7. Phil. 3: 3-6. These Scriptures tell us something about Saul as he was in Tarsus. Let us give these lessons for this last quarter a thorough study.