

FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

WE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.

— PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS
SAVES

A PAPER
FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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Give

Give, and it shall be given you,
So saith our blessed Lord;
Good measure, pressed and running o'er
Shall be your sure reward.

It is more blessed, too, He said,
To give than to receive;
And He will bless each sacrifice
The needy to relieve.

For he that giveth to the poor,
Doth truly lend to God;
And that which he hath given Him
Shall bring a sure reward.

The liberal soul shall be made fat,
So grudge not when you give;
But let your deeds of charity
In the minds of others live.

And he that soweth bountifully
Shall reap also the same;
But he that soweth sparingly
Shall no doubt reap with shame.

So open up your hands and heart,
And close them tight—no! never!
For this one thing I truly know—
God loves a cheerful giver.

— Ulysses Phillips

Where Are Your Treasures?

(By John Wesley)

To trust in riches for happiness, is the greatest folly of all that are under the sun! Are you convinced of this? Is it possible you should still expect to find happiness in money, or all it can procure?

What? Can silver and gold, and eating and drinking, and horses and servants and glittering apparel, and diversions and pleasures, (as they are called) make thee happy? They can as soon make thee immortal!

These are all dead show. Regard them not. Trust thou in the living God; so shalt thou be safe under the shadow of the Almighty; present help in time of trouble: such a help as can never fail. Then shalt thou say, if all thy other friends die, "The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper!" He shall remember thee when thou liest sick upon thy bed; when vain is the help of man. When all the things of the earth can give no support, He will "make all thy bed in thy sickness." He will sweeten thy pain: the consolations of God shall cause thee to clap thy hands in the flames. And even when this house of earth is well nigh shaken down, when it is just ready to drop into the dust, He will teach thee to say, "Oh, death! where is thy sting? Oh grave! where is thy victory? Thanks be unto God, which giveth (me) the victory, through (my) Lord Jesus Christ."

Oh trust in Him for happiness as well as for help. All the springs of happiness are in Him. Trust "in him who giveth us all things richly to enjoy,"—who, of his own rich and free mercy, holds them out to us, as in his own hands, that receiving them as his gifts and as pledges of his love, we may enjoy all that we possess. It is his love which gives a relish to all we taste,—puts life and sweetness into all: while every creature leads up to the great Creator, and all earth is a scale to heaven. He transfuses the joys that are at his own right hand into all he bestows on his thankful children; who, having fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, enjoy Him in all, and above all.

Seek not to increase in goods. "Lay not up for (thyself) treasures upon earth." This is a flat, positive command, fully as clear as "Thou shalt not commit adultery." How then is it possible for a rich man to grow richer without denying the Lord that

bought him? Yea, how can any man, who has already the necessaries of life, gain or aim at more, and be guiltless? "Lay not up," saith our Lord, "treasures upon earth." If, in spite of this, you do, and will lay up money or goods, which "moth or rust may corrupt, or thieves break through and steal;" if you will add house to house or field to field, —why do you call yourself a Christian? You do not obey Jesus Christ. You do not design it. Why do you name yourself by his name? "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord," saith he himself, "and do not the things which I say?"

If you ask, "but what must we do with our goods, seeing we have more than we have occasion to use, if we must not lay them up; must we throw them away?" I answer, if you threw them into the sea, if you were to cast them into the fire and consume them, they would be better bestowed than they are now. You cannot find so mischievous a manner of throwing them away, as either the laying them up for your posterity, or the laying them out upon yourselves in folly and superfluity. Of all possible methods of throwing them away, these two are the very worst; the most opposite to the gospel of Christ, and the most pernicious to your own soul.

How pernicious to your own soul the latter of these is, has been excellently shown by a late writer:

"If we waste our money, we are not only guilty of wasting a talent which God has given us, but we do ourselves this farther harm—we turn this useful talent into a powerful means of corrupting ourselves; because so far as it is spent wrong so far it is spent in the support of some wrong temper, in gratifying some vain and unreasonable desire, which, as Christians, we are obliged to renounce.

"As wit and fine parts cannot be only trifled away, but will expose those that have them to greater follies; so money cannot be only trifled away, but, if it is not used according to reason and religion, will make people live a more silly and extravagant life, than they would have done without it; if therefore you do not spend your money in doing good to others you must spend it to the hurt of yourself. You act like one that refuses the cordial to his sick friend, which he cannot drink himself without inflaming his blood. For this is the case of superfluous money; if you give it to those that want it, it is a cordial; if you spend it upon yourself in something that you do not want, it only inflames and disorders your mind.

"In using riches where they have no real use, nor we any real want, we only use them to our great hurt, in creating unreasonable desires, in nourishing ill

tempers, in indulging foolish passions, and supporting a vain turn of mind. For high eating and drinking, fine clothes and fine houses, state and equipage, gay pleasures and diversions, do all of them naturally hurt and disorder our heart. They are the food and nourishment of all the folly and weakness of our nature. They are all of them the support of something that ought not to be supported. They are contrary to that sobriety and piety of heart which relishes divine things. They are so many weights upon our mind, that makes us less able and less inclined to raise our thoughts and affections to things above.

"So that money thus spent is not merely wasted or lost, but it is spent to bad purposes and miserable effects; to the corruption and disorder of our hearts; to the making us unable to follow the sublime doctrines of the gospel. It is but like keeping money from the poor to buy poison for ourselves."

Equally inexcusable are those who lay up what they do not need for any reasonable purposes:—

"If a man had hands, and eyes, and feet, that he could give to those that wanted them; if he should lock them up in a chest, instead of giving them to his brethren that were blind and lame, should we not justly reckon him an inhuman wretch? If he should rather choose to amuse himself with hoarding them up, than entitle himself to an eternal reward, by giving them to those that wanted eyes and hands, might we not justly reckon him mad?

"Now money has very much the nature of eyes and feet. If therefore we lock it up in chests, while the poor and distressed want it for their necessary uses, we are not far from the cruelty of him who chooses rather to hoard up the hands and eyes than to give them to those that want them. If we choose to lay it up rather than to entitle ourselves to an eternal reward by disposing of our money well, we are guilty of his madness that rather chooses to lock up eyes and hands than to make himself for ever blessed by giving them to those that need them."

May not this be another reason why rich men shall so hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven? A vast majority of them are under a curse, under the peculiar curse of God; inasmuch as, in the general tenor of their lives, they are not only robbing God, continually embezzling and wasting their Lord's goods, and by that very means, corrupting their own souls, but also robbing the poor, the hungry, the naked; wronging the widow and the fatherless; and making themselves accountable for all the want, affliction, and distress, which they may, but do not remove. Yea, doth not the blood of all those who perish

for want of what they either lay up, or lay out needlessly, cry against them from the earth? Oh what account will they give to Him who is ready to judge both the quick and the dead!

The true way of employing what you do not want yourselves, you may, fourthly, learn from those words of our Lord, which are the counterpart of what went before, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven: where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." Put out whatever thou canst spare upon better security than this world can afford. Lay up thy treasures in the bank of heaven; and God shall restore them in that day. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again." "Place that," said he, "unto my account. Howbeit, thou owest me thine own self besides!"

Give to the poor with a single eye, with an upright heart, and write, "'So much given to God.'" For "inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

This is the part of a faithful and wise steward. Not to sell either his houses or lands, or principal stock, be it more or less, unless some peculiar circumstance should require it; and not to desire or endeavor to increase it, any more than to squander it away in vanity; but to employ it wholly to those wise and reasonable purposes, for which his Lord has lodged it in his hands. The wise steward, after having provided his own household with what is needful for life and godliness, makes himself friends with all that remains, from time to time, of the "mammon of unrighteousness; that when he fails, they may receive him into everlasting habitations;"—that whensoever his earthly tabernacle is dissolved, they, who were before carried into Abraham's bosom, after having eaten his bread, and worn the fleece of his flock, and praised God for the consolation, may welcome him into Paradise, and into "the house of God, eternal in the heavens."

We "charge" you, therefore, "who are rich in this world," as having authority from our great Lord and Master, to be habitually doing good, to live in a course of good works. "Be ye merciful, as your Father who is in heaven is merciful," who doeth good and ceaseth not. "Be ye merciful,"—how far? After your power; with all the ability which God giveth. Make this your only measure of doing good, not as beggarly mazzims or customs of the world. We "charge you to be rich in good works;" as you have much, to give plenteously, "freely ye have received,

freely give;" so as to lay up no treasure but in heaven. Be ye "ready to distribute" to every one according to his necessity. Disperse abroad; give to the poor; deal your bread to the hungry. Cover the naked with a garment; entertain the stranger; carry or send relief to them that are in prison. Heal the sick; not by miracle, but through the blessing of God upon your seasonable support. Let the blessing of him that was ready to perish through pining want, come upon thee. Defend the oppressed, plead the cause of the fatherless, and make the widow's heart sing for joy.

We exhort you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be willing to communicate; to be of the same spirit (though not in the same outward state) with those believers of ancient times who remained steadfast in that blessed and holy fellowship, wherem "none said that any thing was his own, but they had all things common." Be a steward, a faithful and wise steward, of God and of the poor; differing from them in these two circumstances only, that your wants are first supplied, out of the portion of your Lord's goods which remains in your hands, and, that you have the blessedness of giving. Thus "lay up for yourselves a good foundation," not in the world which now is, but rather, "for the time to come, that ye may hold on eternal life." The great foundation indeed of all the blessings of God, whether temporal or eternal, is the Lord Jesus Christ, His righteousness and blood, what he hath done, and what he hath suffered for us. And "other foundation," in this sense, "can no man lay;" no, not an apostle, no, not an angel from heaven. But through his merits, whatever we do in his name, is a foundation for a good reward, in the day when "every man shall receive his own reward, according to his labour." Therefore "labor" thou, "not for the meat that perisheth, but for that which endureth unto everlasting life." Therefore "whatsoever thy hand (now) findeth to do, do it with thy might." Therefore let

"No fair occasion pass unheeded by;
Snatching the golden moments as they fly,
Thou by few fleeting years ensure eternity!"

By patient continuance in well doing, seek thou for glory, and honor and immortality. In a constant, zealous performance of all good works, wait thou for that happy hour, when the King shall say, "I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Come, ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!"

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More About The New Song Book

We have been writing in the paper about the new song book which we hoped to get printed. The "Select Hymn" book is not obtainable any more, and we planned that this new book would include selections taken largely from the *Select Hymns* and a few of the best ones in the *Reformation Glory*, also some of the later songs in word form. The exact number of songs has not been determined, but possibly there will be 450 or 500. The cost of the book from the publishers is expected to be fifty cents each ordered in a large quantity. Now the orders are not coming in for this book as we had hoped they would, and unless the saints everywhere begin to stir themselves and send in many orders, it will not be possible to get it printed. Every one ordering books will be receipted for the amount sent, and should for any reason we fail to get the books printed your money will be returned to you. If some one had some of the Lord's money that they could advance in getting the books printed and then receive their money back as the books sold, it would hurry up the printing and then those who are not able to buy and pay now could get their books as they needed them. We would be glad to sell the books from this office for any one who would advance the money. If we could get half the original number suggested, we might be able to get the books printed at a reasonable price. Let each reader do their best in this matter and if all will do that, I feel certain that we will soon have the book printed. This new song book is needed badly.

We hope to be able to announce in the next issue of Faith and Victory that the new song book is being arranged for the printing.

EDITORIALS

With joy and comfort in the Spirit we again are permitted to send forth the *Faith and Victory* paper, and once more send greetings to all of our readers. Truly God has been good to us since the last paper went out and our souls have been filled with praises to Him many times to overflowing.

The little book entitled, *God's Gracious Dealings*, has been printed and is now ready to be mailed to all who can use it. It is not a large book, only 102 pages, but we feel that God's blessing was upon the work and that He will make it an encouragement to many precious souls. We have not printed this book for earthly profit, hence the small price. You will find the book and price listed on another page. We reserved the right to give away as many as it was pleasing to Him, so we expect that more will be given away than sold. Those who are not able to send a few stamps for the book, just feel free to let us know and we will send the book to you without charge. Send us two yearly subscriptions for the *Faith and Victory* at 25 cents per year and we will mail you a book free.

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The spiritual condition of the world at this present time is very discouraging to those who are saved and have a sincere desire to please God, especially if they get their eyes off of Jesus and begin to look around at others.

There are fanatics who will harp and harp and fuss and boil, trying to get all others to 'wear their shirt' and to 'look through their eyes,' and if they do not move into line swiftly they will brand them as heretics or something verging on that.

Then we have others who claim to hold up the Bible standard and at the same time will endorse and fellowship compromising elements. Such actions will darken their souls and mean ruin to them. There are some who endorse wrong teaching of the Bible and then they want to teach unity and oneness to those standing true. Such teaching comes from a source which produces a sound like a "tinkling cymbal and sounding brass" to the true child of God.

Oneness and Bible unity comes by each person embracing and teaching all the Word of God and standing against every schismatic spirit. When those who know the truth begin to teach things contrary to the truth or endorse others that do, they then make division and the only way for them to have unity with the true children of God is to renounce the wrong step taken and return with a humble heart. Real heart unity can never be brought about only as souls line up with the truth of God's word. Connecting

yourself up to the world in life insurance and worldly adornment will separate you from the real body of Christ, as the real children of God are dead and their life is hid with Christ in God. They are not conforming to this world and neither do they endorse those that favor such things. God is their support, life and strength. Their life, words and deeds are a reproof to all worldly minded professors. We are in the world but not of the world. Dear child of God, "get your eye on Jesus and keep it there."

There is much confusion caused by ignorance of what the truth is, and then there are spirits at work that use men to lead others into darkness. "If the blind lead the blind, they both fall into the ditch together," so says Jesus, the Son of God. Let each of us follow Jesus and keep clear of blind leaders.

Some writers and teachers are crying, "Lo, here is Christ and lo, there is Christ." Go not after them but ever keep separated from this old world and keep following in the way that Jesus trod, the crucified, self-denying way that leads to heaven and to God.

"Look at self to be miserable,
Look at others to be perplexed,
Look to Jesus to be happy."

If our dear readers will obey the above lines, they will keep saved and happy under all the conditions and circumstances of life.

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In the last issue of Faith and Victory we sent out the obituary of our beloved Bro. C. E. Orr who went to join the heavenly host. Truly, he was a man of God and his counsel and advice was generally a little better than others could give, hence he will be greatly missed by the children of God. Many times his teaching was so deep and rich that it was hard for some to clearly understand his teachings and they would often misconstrue it to their own hurt. In this issue we will have a few of the many letters which we have received from those who were touched with sympathy and felt keenly the loss of our dear brother.

Sister Orr has the comfort of God and the sympathy and love of all the saints. She has returned to Hammond, La. where she will take up the duties laid aside by her husband in getting the Sunday School lessons ready for each month's issue. She needs your prayers as she labors for Him and the many needy souls.

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There are some among us who have had the respect and confidence of the saints and who are now reaching out after great things and making quite a big show, endorsing worldly ways and things that

darken souls and then they wonder why the saints do not have fellowship with them. The Christ spirit in the saint will not blend with the spirit of the world. Fellowship is not made by human effort, but by each one being a possessor of Christ's Spirit. The true saints "know the joyful sound" and the world loves its own. The carnal-minded professors in the world will co-operate with those who love them, even though they may go by the name, "Church of God." There are many like the women spoken of in the 4th chapter of Isaiah, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach."

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The burden of our heart is to get the clear, plain and simple gospel of Christ to the people that they might be saved and ready for that last great day. Jesus says, "Be ye also ready, for in a day ye think not the Son of man cometh." Those who are saved need to be taught how to walk in the narrow way, for broad is the way that leads to destruction and many go in thereat. In the 28th chapter of Matt. Jesus commands the disciples to "teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: *teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Our purpose is to teach people to do and observe all the things which He taught. Jesus told the disciples that they were not of the world, even as He was not of the world. He left them in the world and prayed the Father to keep them from the evil. Brethren and sisters, let us follow in His steps "who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; when he was reviled, he reviled not again, but committed himself to him who judgeth righteously."

ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

This meeting will begin November 26th to continue ten days or longer as the Lord leads, at Chilli-cothe, Ohio. This is our annual gathering of the "old time saints" and a hearty welcome is extended to all.

The Saints' Chapel is four miles southwest of the city and just across the road from our house. When you get to the Court House, come one mile south on Paint St. (that is Route 23.) When you cross the bridge over Paint Creek, turn to the right around the Puroil Gas Station. You are then on Huntington Pike. Follow creek road two miles and turn left around a little cottage with white picket fence around it, and then just one mile up the hill and you are at

our door. This neighborhood is called Liberty Hill.

We will be glad to meet any one coming by train if you write us. Your Bro. and Sister under the Blood,

— John and Lula Strong,
R. R. 7, Chillicothe, Ohio.

MEETING REPORT

The camp-meeting at Salt Creek, Okla. began Sept. 15 and closed Sept. 23. The truth was preached in its fulness and the saints were much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. Souls were under conviction but no one would move out. Twelve sisters and fourteen brothers took part in the ordinances. A number of ministers were present—Father Robinson of Okmulgee, Okla.; Father Winn and others. We had an old time camp-meeting. Yours for the faith,

— B. J. Douglas and J. T. Johnson.

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Requests For Prayer

Tulsa, Okla. —To all the saints of the Church of God: I greet you this morning in Jesus' precious name. I'm thanking the dear Lord for victory in my soul over sin.

I have a burden on my heart and I want to ask all the saints to help in bearing this to Jesus' feet. If we all get this on our hearts just like we should, it will mean strength, and God will hear our cries and deliver our dear Sister. If she isn't delivered we will soon be short a laborer in God's vineyard. Oh dear saints, we need her, also her family needs her. She is badly needed in her part of Oklahoma to help carry the gospel to lost souls.

This dear Sister has been a sufferer of asthma for 8 long years. She is so weak and frail that the disease is affecting her heart. Just stop and think, dear saints, of the hours at night while we are enjoying our sleep, this dear saint is laboring for breath. Let us as her dear sisters and brothers in this great body of Christ get so under this burden till we will lose sleep and stop eating till God rewards us by healing our Sister. Now dear saints, don't take 'No' for your answer, for the Word says He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11: 6.

On November 4th and 5th, also 11th and 12th, we will all have special prayer and fasting for this dear Sister. Just think of this as if it was yourself suffering year after year, and be just as interested as if you were suffering. The Word teaches us to suffer with those who suffer.

If any saints or ministers feel led to visit this

home during these days of prayer, feel free to do so as God leads. You will find a hearty welcome and some dear soldiers for Christ. I know you will greatly encourage those dear saints and you will get much encouragement by visiting in their home. I want all the saints from every where to write this dear Sister a letter of encouragement. Her name is Sister Dan Eck, Meno, Okla.

Pray for me and my husband and children that we live the life God's Word demands. Also stop and visit us. Yours for the Gospel, —Mrs. Sam Barton, 223 S. Florence St., Phone 6-3357, Tulsa, Okla.

While we are fasting and praying for the healing of Sister Dan Eck, let each and every one remember Sister Anna Gant of New Jersey who is sick with cancer. She is a dear child of God and has been in bed suffering for several months. She trusts fully in God. Let us seek God earnestly for her recovery.

—(Ed.)

Helpful Books At Reduced Prices

"Select Songs" is a neatly bound book containing one hundred and fifty one songs in word form. They are mostly old familiar songs and a large variety from which to find your favorite ones. The price is reduced from 25 cents to 15 cents, postpaid. Or we will postpay to you one of these song books for two subscriptions to *Faith and Victory* paper.

A very interesting book of eighty pages, entitled "A True Story of Jinks Harris, Former Hobo, Motion Picture Actor, Cowboy and Stunt Man, Ex-bank Robber and Convict," giving in detail of his conversion in the penitentiary and then his call to the ministry, will be postpaid to you for 15 cents or two for a quarter. We will postpay to you one of these books for two subscriptions to the paper, *Faith and Victory*.

The book just off the press entitled, "God's Gracious Dealings," containing 102 pages with neat paper binding, will be sent to you postpaid for 15 cents, two for a quarter or ten for a dollar. Every reader should have this book. It gives a sketch of my life and experiences, and of how the Lord has brought us up to this present time. You should send for ten or more of these books to give to your friends. It will awaken their interest to know that God is real and that He means business with every soul that means business with Him. This book will be postpaid to you for two subscriptions to *Faith and Victory* paper.

Let each reader become active in the Lord's cause and spread the truth all you can in your respective neighborhood. If you get one soul saved, you will

have done more than if you should gain the whole world.

Send all subscriptions and orders for books to Faith Pub. House, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. Subscription price is only 25 cents per year.

A Message To Isolated Saints

Dear ones in Christ: May I send a message to you in the fear of God in regard to the publishing work. What is *Faith and Victory* worth to us who are isolated?

We live in a town. Electrical cars bring many people here from rural districts to work in factories. Some years ago the fare was raised which brought complaint from the working people. I noticed this in the cars: "What would electric car service be worth to you if you had to walk to work every morning?" Should we be without *Faith and Victory*, what would we give or what could we give to have it back again?

Our brothers and sisters located in congregations have expenses that we do not have. There are widows to be taken care of, also the poor. If one has a loss, all share in the burden. There is the expense of the meeting house to be met. So I feel the Lord would make an appeal to the isolated saints especially to get under the burden for the publishing work, while those who are located in congregations know also they are not excused entirely, for we *must* so live that Jesus can say of us, "She (or he) hath done what she (or he) could."

We who are isolated do good to those about us who are out of Christ, but let us not forget God's Word says, "Do good . . . especially unto those who are of the household of faith."

While living over 2,000 miles from the publishing house, I feel the dear ones there are in need and have been waiting before the Lord in prayer that the needs shall be supplied. I had the privilege of staying in Bro. and Sister Pruitt's home a few weeks over a year ago and found them bearing the cross of self-denial. Is that cross not for us also? The Lord knows all about our affairs and His Word stands in Judgment against us if we are found to be failing miserably right now—letting the work of God suffer when it could be taken care of so much better by perhaps just a little sacrifice on our part.

Bro. Pruitt told us some time ago of his leadings to print a book of the Lord's dealings with him. I feel the book in circulation will be a great blessing to humanity. Shall we deny ourselves of some new garment or of that which we perhaps planned to get

to add to the ease and comfort of our flesh, and help in the good work? I want to confess I am one who has failed to a certain extent in the past to do my duty. I am truly sorry and have sought the Lord's forgiveness and by His help shall amend my doings. Could we make any sacrifice for Jesus right now were He here and in need? "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Let us all ask ourselves, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" — In much love from one isolated, having the publishing work at heart.

Blessed Are They That Do

The cry of the world is depression and woe;
We see trouble and sorrow wherever we go.
They starve for the gospel as well as for bread,
And reader, these starving ones need to be fed.

He who will give of his lunch
Will be blessed in his deed,
And those little loaves given
The many will feed.

Think not, my dear reader,
That your gifts are so small—
If I can't do some great thing,
I'll not give at all.

There are tracts to be printed,
Then to be scattered afar.
The workers need cheering—
Do not stand where you are.

Come, give of your handful;
It's to those who will *do*
That the blessing is promised—
Say, will it be you? —Goldie Finch.

Saves To The Uttermost

Heb. 7: 25 reads, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

We are glad and thankful for the sacrifice of Jesus' own blood by which He is able to save to the *uttermost*. I love that word, 'uttermost.' It is quite outstanding above all the other words. I shall give the dictionary definition for the word, *uttermost*.

It means of the highest degree or the largest amount. Being at the farthest limit, most remote; last; the greatest possible extent; the extreme boundary. In the Bible marginal it reads, *evermore*. If we could realize more fully to what extent His saving power reaches, we must declare what a wonderful Savior we have. He saves to the *uttermost* all that come unto God by Him (Jesus), to Him be praise and honor.

Again in Heb. 10: 19 we read, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, (also first clause of verse 20) by a new and living way." Thank God we do not come with the blood of bulls and of goats, but with love and respect in our hearts for the shed blood of Christ; giving our heart to Him. By the blood we claim that sacrifice to cover our sin. By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name. (Heb. 13: 15). Surely we have much to thank and praise Him for. We should continually have praise in our heart to Him. "Who ever *liveth* to make intercession for us." Yes, we are serving a true and living God. He hears and answers prayer. Bless His name. This is the new and living way.

May we who have been enlightened and tasted of the good word of God live so to prove that He is the power and joy of our life. Yours, ever to live for Him.
— Julia, Cramer.

Have Ye Ask?

Jesus said, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send Him unto you.

"And when He is come he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment. Of sin because they believe not on me."

If your life, words and deeds are not a reproof to sinners and ungodly professors it is because you are not possessing the true Holy Spirit.

He says, "Of righteousness because I go to my Father and ye see me no more." While Jesus was in the world in person He reproved the professors of their self-righteousness but when He sends the Comforter or Holy Spirit into our hearts He will manifest Himself through us and will reprove self-righteousness in men and point them to the righteousness of Christ as their only hope.

Jesus teaches us, except our righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees we can in no wise enter into heaven (Matt. 5:20). "Of

judgment, because the Prince of this world is judged." Satan is the "Prince of this world". He is called a Prince because nearly all people are living in sin and obeying him. But when the Holy Spirit comes into your heart He dethrones Satau and he is judged as unrighteous and wicked. Becoming subject to the one possessing the Holy Spirit he is shown or judged as being an enemy to all souls. Jesus said to His disciples, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10: 18. This was after He had given them power to heal the sick and cast out devils. By the power of Christ he fell from his heavenly exalted place in the hearts of men and they were given power to tread on serpents (poison spirits) and scorpions (stinging spirits) and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt them. Luke 10: 19. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." The children of God who have received the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, have power over Satan. Truly, "The seed of the woman has bruised the serpent's head." Gen. 3: 15.

Every soul that has peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ should consecrate to God to be sanctified wholly, to receive the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11: 9.

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Luke 11: 13. — Fred Pruitt.

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Havana, Ark. —Dear friends: Please send me 50 different tracts and paper, *Faith and Victory*. I certainly do like to read the little tracts, and I always pass them on to others. I get so much encouragement and help from them. I will thank you so very, very much.
—Mrs. Elsie Haney

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Roaring Spring, Pa. —Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I was so shocked by hearing of the death of dear Bro. Orr. I always loved to read his spiritual literature. It was real soul food. I could hardly read the little notice you sent me of his death—it was so sad to think he writes no more! If we prove faithful to our God, sometime we will meet where parting is no more and be with Jesus in that heavenly home where sorrow and death never enters. You dear ones, and dear Sister Orr, have my sympathy. — Mary L. Baker

« Young People's Section »

The Bible

We have a very precious Book—
Upon its pages I love to look.
I like to read it every day,
It teaches me the right all the way.

This Book contains the richest food
For soul, and oh, it is so good.
As we eat, then meditate and pray,
We never think of foolish words to say.

We read of the prophets of old,
How they were tried, came forth as gold;
Also of the apostles who were true,
Although they suffered their way through.

His blessed promises for us did leave,
And not one can we fail to believe.
By faith we step out on His promise true,
Get under the Blood which cleanses us thru.

In this Book we've found many things
Which comforts, and joy to our heart brings.
One thing is salvation, —we value high,
And to it we'll hold fast till we die.
—Mae Belle Miles.

EDITORIALS

The Lord is blessing us in the work and we are encouraged to live right on for Him, though it seems that some here and there are turning away and turning back to the world and its ways. If they would get the experience that enabled the poet to say of the world, "It has no charms for me," then they could have victory over it. God's grace is sufficient for everyone who is sincere in pleasing the Lord.

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Many more young people need to be reached by the gospel, and those who are saved need to be encouraged. The devil is busy at his work, so we need to be busy at our work in upbuilding God's cause. Criticizing and condemning the world in its present day financial, social and spiritual conditions will not help much. All these facts are well known to most every one. Jesus says, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the

world through Him might be saved." John 3: 17. We know that the world is lost and needs to be saved. The question is, how can it be saved? The answer is found in this verse: "For I am not ashamed of the *gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.*" Rom. 1: 16. Yes, every one who believes in the gospel of Christ is set free from the world and all its evils by the power of God. John 3: 16 is glad tidings to a soul who is seeking a way of escape.

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With others I must add a word regarding the departure of our dear Bro. Orr. Many gratifying remarks have been made of his saintly life and the untold spiritual benefit derived from his writings. His passing is a heartfelt loss to the saints far and near. I can say for myself that his godly life and works have inspired and influenced my life for the glory of God. Never will I forget the words of advice and warning he gave to me during his last few days. The responsibility of living this one short life should make us tremble before the Lord.

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May the Lord encourage all the dear young saints to be faithful, that they in turn might influence others to a life of faithfulness to God. —L. D. P.

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Guthrie, Okla. —Dear young people: I am truly thanking and praising the Lord for salvation and for the many blessings which come to me. I am glad to see in the last paper more testimonies from young people who are yet on the Lord's side, for at best they are very few these days. There are so many young people who are getting discouraged and giving up that at times it seems there are very few left, but thank God for the few. Let us press the battle on, live close to the Lord and let Jesus shine forth in our lives. Although things look dark and the devil roars about us as though he were about to capture us, we can keep hid away in God and nothing can harm us. Let us keep a hold on God and then we *can* go through, but if we let go of the Lord we can't. If we stand true, then it will encourage someone else to stand true, but if we falter and fall it will be a great discouragement to someone and to many who we think are not noticing us. Dear young people, don't get discouraged when things look dark and you see no way out, but just keep your eyes on Jesus and

your trust and faith in Him and "He will carry you through."

Your Sister in Christ, — Evelyn Janes.

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Richland, Mo. —Dear ones at Faith Pub. House: This day finds me still saved and living for the Lord. It truly means much to live a Christian life in these evil days when there are so many false churches and so many different beliefs. I am glad there isn't but one way. Straight is the way that leads unto life everlasting and few there be that find it, but broad is the way that leadeth unto destruction and many there be that go in thereat. Many try to go to heaven some easy way—a way which pleases people. It seems they take no thought where they will be in eternity; all they think about is having a good time here.

I am decided to live the Bible way. It is better to live for God and gain heaven than to live for the devil and go to hell. We returned from the camp-meeting at Springfield with new victory in our souls to fight the devil and new faith to live for the Lord. It was one of the best meetings I ever attended.

I live out here in a dark place. We have been trying to get some of the saints to come here and hold a meeting, as there seems to be a few who will accept the truth. All the readers please pray that the Lord will make the way for some one to come here and hold a meeting.

Be encouraged to press on and live for the Lord. Pray for me that I be found faithful and a bright and shining light in this dark place.

Your Brother, — Raymond Brown.

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Maysville, Ark. —Kindred in Christ: As I read the testimonies from young folks in the last issue of your wonderful paper, I thought I would write one as I feel led to give my testimony to the readers of the paper.

I was indeed sorry to hear of the departure of Bro. C. E. Orr, but the Bible, that blessed Book, says "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God *and the dead in Christ shall rise first.*" Praise the Lord! 1 Thess. 4: 16, also read 17, 18. And we which are alive shall meet the Lord in the air. Isn't that blessed to know we will all meet our loved ones who have gone on before, and just think, Bro. Orr and Jesus will be there too! Listen, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21: 4. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that

man is peace." Psal. 37: 37. Glory to God! I don't see why we can't be as happy as any one could be with this blessed hope! Sometimes I get homesick when I read the promises that God has promised His faithful children who hold out until the end. Brothers and sisters, we can't praise Him enough for what he has done for us. Read John 3: 16. You don't know how glad I am that I have given my life to Jesus.

O young saints, let me plead with you, don't backslide. You would be so miserable without Jesus, our loving Friend. For myself I have a determination to go all the way with Him no matter what it takes. I can say with all my heart that I am enjoying life, living for my Savior. My heart goes out to those who backslide.

Pray for me. Yours, in the faith, —Louise Wilson

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SUMMARY OF BRO. ORR'S LAST MESSAGE

It was Sunday morning service at Oklahoma City, August 20, 1933. Bro. Orr, being feeble and weak in body, sat in a chair on the rostrum and asked the congregation to gather close around so that all might hear. The chapel was not crowded, possibly thirty present—just the usual number of saints. In his quiet way he talked about forty minutes. "Precious articles come in small packages." It seemed only twenty minutes. His text was the parable of the sower as found (if I make no mistake) in Mark's Gospel. Mark 4: 1- 8.

Some of us wondered what he was going to find "new" in that part of the old, old story, but scarcely had he finished reading until Father's table was spread with good things, edibles fit for Kings and Priests of righteousness, something to enjoy in this world and in the world to come. Bro. Orr spoke of the privilege we have of taking the seed of the word of God and yielding fruit. "It delights the great heart of God," says he; "it is God's desire perfected in man."

"There was a lady," said he, "who had a large flower garden. The garden contained almost every plant that would grow in this country. About the center of the garden she had a lovely flower—the most beautiful in all the garden. She gave this flower special care. It was imported from Germany."

"I once knew a girl," he went on, "about twelve years of age. The girl sought and found the Lord precious to her soul. Her father was an infidel and had turned her out from home. She had accepted a welcome to take refuge with a neighbor. She went by her father's home one day. Her father came out

and struck her on the cheek. Without making a reply, she turned the other cheek. (Bro. Orr said he saw the incident, but didn't say whether her father struck her a second time.) "This girl's life was a flower," he explained, "a beautiful flower, a rare flower. It had been given special care. It was transplanted from heaven. It was yielding much fruit."

We feasted—still feasting on the thought of the opportunities we have of bearing fruit unto God. Truly we are blessed above many people. "The angels desired to look into this, but were not able."

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Those who were acquainted with Bro. Orr knew he enjoyed life, —diligently going about doing good, and was ready for death. While conversing with some one during the Oklahoma City campmeeting, Bro. Orr said in part: "When I was young I was able to walk and did walk almost everywhere I went to preach, but now I am feeble in body and God in His goodness has provided this car." (One in which they were sitting—an almost new Model A Ford coupe.) He also related a number of the comforts of life they had in their little home at Hammond, La. It would make your heart leap with joy to see and hear Bro. Orr enjoy and rejoice in the God of his salvation. Tears of joy freely flow as pen is put to paper. Bro. Orr had the testimony of Joshua of old: "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things God has promised, all are come to pass, not one thing has failed thereof."

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A number of the saints were thoughtful in giving some means toward defraying expenses and sending several sprays of flowers for the funeral. On one spray was a ribbon on which was written in large, golden letters: "HIS WORKS DO FOLLOW HIM." This Scripture was used in the sermon text which shows "the saints are still of one mind." —T. D. H.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Forest City, Mo. —Dear Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear holy name. May the Lord ever bless and guide you all the days of your life and help you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

Today finds me still pressing on in the narrow way, determined to never turn back to this world of sin but to press the battle on until the victory is won and heaven is reached.

Certainly was glad to get your good encouraging letter. It did my soul good. And dear Bro. Orr is gone. I have gotten so much good from the books he has written. It is true that his works will follow on.

blessing and encouraging souls here and adding to his reward. Life is so short. I desire to spend my life to the glory of God, doing all I know to do for the advancement of God's cause in the earth.

Sister Campbell spent the day with us today. We had a real nice visit. Always enjoy being with the saints. How sweet it will be to meet with them in heaven!

As I meditate on my past life and how good the dear Lord has been to me, the words of the poet come to my mind so forcibly, "I ought to love my Savior, He found me long ago."

Pray for us. Your blood-bought Sister,
— Susie Whipple.

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Hoffman, Okla. —Dear saints in the Lord, for a long time I have been longing to send in my testimony.

Saints, I am glad Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him," and today I am glad I opened my heart's door and Jesus came in and His cleansing blood by faith I know has made me whiter than the snow. I thank God today for being saved, free from sin of every kind and have all my trust in God who is able to heal all manner of diseases. Dear ones, He is my all and all; He is all we need here in this world. He has healed me and my family so many times. I could not afford to turn back. He is a present help to us in time of trouble. This is such a happy, beautiful life to live. I find it sweeter and sweeter every day and I mean heaven at any cost regardless of what might come up against me in this life. I mean to hold to God's unchanging hand.

Dear ones, at this writing I am not feeling so well in my body—a pain runs up my back, but I know God can heal. He tells us if we abide in Him and He in us, we shall ask what we will and it shall be done unto us. His Word is true and I have found it so many times. I'm looking for Him to heal me, dear ones, and if He doesn't I mean to go to heaven without a drop of medicine of any kind. I mean to trust Him to the end and I need your prayers.

May the rich blessings of our heavenly Father be bestowed upon all of you is my prayer. Your Sister in the body of Christ,
—Mrs. Daisy Payne.

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Natchitoches, La. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Holy greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me still praising God for salvation, and I yet have a mind to press my claim. The dear Lord has done so much for us. We can't do too much for Him. I thank the dear Lord who enabled me to

send this small offering to be used to His glory. Please pray for me that my life may ever be hid with Christ.

You know I wrote to you about a girl who had chills a certain hour. Just about the time the letter reached you the chills stopped and she did not have any more. It was wonderful. My husband marveled at such power. I am yet praising God for His greatness.

Pray much for me. Yours, set apart for the Master's use,
— Sidonia Benjamin.

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Rock Creek, Ohio. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name. I have settled it in my heart to follow Jesus all the way.

Dear Bro., your little paper, *Faith and Victory*, is very good and it has been a great help to me, and I know it will be a blessing to all them that are walking in the light of God's Word. Please renew my subscription. You will find enclosed 25 cents in stamps.

Yours for all the truth and lost souls,
— George W. Frye.

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I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the saints and friends for their assistance during husband's illness and death, for the beautiful floral offerings from every one, and for the offerings to supply the need otherwise. God has made us with a love for the beautiful and then made so many beautiful things for us to enjoy. Husband loved flowers.

— Mrs. Sadie E. Orr.

The Divine Workman

“Can not I do with you as this potter?” Jer. 18: 6. Can He? Can God do with you as the potter can with the clay? Are you sure He can?

The potter has a lump of clay in his hand and an ideal in his mind. In his mind he sees a vessel which he plans on forming out of the lump of clay. You are the lump of clay. God is the Potter. You

are in His hand. He has an ideal life in His mind concerning you. He wants to make a certain sort of vessel of you. He knows you. He knows your natural abilities. He plans to make of you just what He sees can be made of you, and what you are best fitted for. His ideal is not the same for all. His ideal is not the same for any two people. He has an especial place for you in His great plan of human life. There is no one in all the world just like you, therefore God does not plan to make you just like He makes another. You will be a little different from any other vessel God has formed. A great mistake some men have made is that they want to shape every man's life by the pattern God has shown them. They say, “God has showed me.” But they want to make this the pattern for the life of all. This is a serious mistake.

The Holy Spirit will set before every man the same ideal that God has in mind for him. The picture that God has in mind He will set before each one. He will not set before your mind the ideal to which He expects another to attain. But somewhere in your life God has given you a vision of what He wanted you to be. You may have lost it long ago. You can attain to the ideal. Our life can be the best that God can make of it. If there will be a full and complete yielding of our entire being to God He will make the best possible out of our life. We can stand out on the great sea of human life as a perfect Divine production. Each of us can be the perfect embodiment of the thought of the heart of God; we can be the fullest development of the work of His hands.

In the great plan God has for our life we are workers together with Him. We are not as the lump of clay having no choice of what we shall be. God will set the ideal before our mind, and if we will work with God we can be all that God intends us to be.

“Oh, make of me what thou wilt have me to be,

As clay is, so I am to thee;

Just fashion me to thine own pleasure,

Till thou shalt thine own image (ideal) see.”

But we must work with God to the attaining of this ideal. It is useless to pray if we do not work. We must throw the whole force of our being into the work of making ourselves what God plans us to be. This is what is meant by “working out our own salvation.”

— C. E. Orr.

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There will come into the life of every one some dull, gloomy and unfavorable circumstances. Instead of pining and wishing them to be removed we should be praying for strength and grace to be contented in them. We should not seek so much to have

our circumstances altered as to seek for grace to rejoice in them. Instead of seeking to get out of the furnace, seek to have the Son of God come walk with you in it. If we would learn to recognize the presence of the Son of God in the sunny days of life we would have less dark ones.

THE LISTENING SIDE

Prayer is something more than talking to God. It is also listening to God as He talks to us. This is, by far, the most important part of prayer. Is it not true that the prayers of some are made up mostly in asking God for things they hope to receive? It is the soul that can lie all hushed and still and listen to the whisperings of God that come to know Him. Asking God to make you more like Him is far from being all that is needful in becoming like Him. You may pray in this manner all your life and never become any more like Him. Multitudes are asking God to make them more like Him, and they know but little what He is like. Get quiet and listen while God tells us what He is like. It is when He tells in the secret depths of your soul what His holiness is like that you can become like Him. You must first come to see and know holiness as it is in God before you can become holy like Him.

Prayer is communion with God. In communion there is an intermingling of life with life. God takes pleasure in setting His holy qualities before the vision of the soul. His meekness, His love, His compassion, His separateness from the world, His holiness He will set before you, and if you will but listen He will define and describe each one to the understanding of your heart. There the soul can absorb, drink in, the virtues of these qualities, as the flower drinks in the sunlight, and become like Him. It is there the soul is transfigured. His voice mingles with the human voice and it becomes sweeter, gentler. His eye looks out through the human eye which sees things as He sees them. His hand takes up the human hand and gives it a gentleness of action like His own. His soul mingles with the human soul until its thoughts and feelings are His thoughts and feelings.

It is a serious mistake to be so busy praying to God and working for Him that we have no time to listen to Him. Do not set out to do work for God until you have listened to Him tell you what work He wants you to do. Do not ask God to help you do His will until you have listened to hear what is His will. Listen to the voice of God in the impulses of your own soul. You can never hear God, and consequently become like Him, except you come fully

and deeply into the hallowed sacredness of His presence that you become wholly unconscious of any other presence.

— C. E. Orr.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1933.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 30—The Council at Jerusalem. Acts 25: 1- 6.
Oct. 31—The Decision of the Council. Acts 15: 22-29.
Nov. 1—Spiritual Aspirations. Phil. 3: 13- 21.
Nov. 2—The Lord's Supper. 1 Cor. 11: 23- 34.
Nov. 3—Paul's Charge to Timothy 2 Tim. 4: 1- 8.
Nov. 4—Church Officials. 1 Tim. 3: 1- 13.
Nov. 5—Devotional Reading. Romans 8: 1- 11.
LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION—Acts 15: 1, 2, 22-31.

SUBJECT — Paul in Jerusalem

1. And certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

22. Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas chief men among the brethren:

23. And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greetings unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia;

24. Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, ye must be circumcised and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment.

25. It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26. Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29. That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30. So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31. Which, when they read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

Memory Verse — Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. 2 Cor. 3: 17.

Central Thought — Unity of doctrine and Spirit.

Practical Truth — Salvation through Jesus to Jew and Gentile alike; not by works.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Verse 1. Judaism desired salvation by works while Paul and Barnabas knew by experience it was obtained by faith in, and obedience to Jesus' teaching. They, not desiring their own way, were sent by the church at Antioch up to Jerusalem to council with those who were apostles and elders before them. God wonderfully unified them as they heard how God gave the Gentiles the Holy Spirit as He had given the Holy Spirit to them in the beginning. Great joy followed this unity.

Certain Pharisees then did not know that the Law of Moses was until Christ, that He, the Lord Jesus Christ, was to redeem from under the Law, or that those who are led by the Spirit are not under the law, etc. Jesus alone can break the bands of sin and give true liberty. "Whom the Son makes free is free indeed."

Sunday, Nov. 12, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 6—Paul Begins His Macedonian Ministry. Acts 16: 9- 15.

Nov. 7—The Phillipian Jailer Converted. Acts 16: 25- 31.

Nov. 8—The Macedonians. 2 Cor. 8: 1- 8.

Nov. 9—Paul's Prayer for the Phillipians. Phil. 1: 1- 11.

Nov. 10—The Phillipians' Care for Paul. Phil. 4: 10- 20.

Nov. 11—The Gospel and World Peace. Isa. 55: 6-13.

Nov. 12—Devotional Reading. Matthew 5: 10- 16.

SUBJECT — Paul in Macedonia.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 16: 9- 15, 25- 31.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him say-

ing, Come over into Macedonia and help us.

10. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11. Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

12. And from thence to Phillippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14. And a certain woman named Lydia a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15. And when she was baptized and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there, and she constrained us.

25. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, Do thyself no harm; for we are all here.

29. Then he called for a light and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30. And brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Memory Verse — Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16: 31.

Central Thought — Closed doors, also opened doors. Acts 16: 6, 7, 9.

Practical Truth — Practicing silence when doors are closed and obeying by entering Divinely opened doors brings victory and success.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Being forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach

the gospel in Asia, and then again the Spirit suffered them not as they desired to go into Bithynia, they no doubt waited in some suspense. But God did not allow them to wait too long. Paul had a vision. Oh dear laborers, be as obedient to the Macedonian call as Paul was. Open doors are equal to the Macedonian call of Paul.

Paul felt his duty was divinely made clear and went immediately to the place shown him.

As soon as they set foot on European soil, history tells us they journeyed 10 miles inland which brought them to Phillippi, and our printed lesson tells us of the first convert in Europe, and a church established at Phillippi. The jailor and his household were converted, and Paul and Silas, though shamefully treated, felt the joy of loving and prompt obedience by entering Divinely opened doors.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1933

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 13—Paul in Athens. Acts 17: 22-34.

Nov. 14—The Invisible God. Job 23: 1-10.

Nov. 15—God's Greatness. Isaiah 40: 25-31.

Nov. 16—God Preeminent. Jeremiah 10: 6-11.

Nov. 17—Acceptable Worship. John 4: 19-26.

Nov. 18—Seeking and Finding God. Psalms 34: 1-8.

Nov. 19—Devotional Reading John 1: 1-14.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 17: 16-34.

SUBJECT — Paul in Athens

16. Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection.

19. And they took him and brought him unto Areopagus saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20. For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears; we would know therefore what these things mean.

21. For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.

22. Then Paul stood in the midst of Mar's hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands:

25. Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life and breath and all things.

26. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitations:

27. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.

28. For in him we live, and move and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30. And the times of this ignorance God winked at: But now commandeth all men every where to repent.

31. Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33. So Paul departed from among them.

34. Howbeit certain men clave unto him and believed, among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Memory Verse — For in him we live and move, and have our being. Acts 17: 28.

Central Thought — Life and to whom we are indebted for it. Physical, intellectual and spiritual.

Practical Truth — The resurrected Jesus is the light of this world. If He is accepted here, we shall live with Him hereafter.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

After Paul's experience at Phillippi, the conversion of the jailor, etc. Paul went 100 miles overland to Thessalonica (now Salonika) by the sea, then up in the mountains 60 miles to Berea where he found "the more noble." Having founded churches in these three cities, Phillippi, Thessalonica and Berea, amid all the persecution, he returned to the coast and over-

sea 200 miles to Athens. While waiting there for his company, Paul's "spirit was stirred" because "the whole city was given to idolatry."

The reading of Acts 17: 18-34 will need no comment.

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HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 20—Paul in Corinth. Acts 18: 1- 11.

Nov. 21—Factions in Corinth. 1 Cor. 1: 10- 18.

Nov. 22—Service in Weakness. 1 Cor. 2: 1- 9.

Nov. 23—Foundations and Buildings 1 Cor. 3: 1- 9.

Nov. 24—Apostolic Liberty. 1 Cor. 9: 16- 27.

Nov. 25—Unity in Christ 1 Cor. 12: 12- 20.

Nov. 26—Devotional Reading. 1 Cor. 13: 1- 13.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Acts 18: 1- 17; 1 Cor. 1: 1.

SUBJECT — Paul in Corinth

1. After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2. And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them and wrought, for by their occupation they were tent makers.

4. And he reasoned in the synagogues every sabbath and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5. And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6. And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook his raiment and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads: I am clean: From henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7. And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized.

9. Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10. For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee; for I have much people in this city.

11. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the Word of God among them.

12. And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul

and brought him to the judgment seat.

13. Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

14. And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you,

15. But if it be a question of words and names and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

16. And he drave them from the judgment seat.

17. Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

1 Cor. 1: 1. Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God and Sosthenes our brother.

Memory Verse — For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Cor. 2: 2.

Central Thought — Give Christ a place in every walk of life.

Practical Truth — The power of God through faith in the atoning death of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Paul leaving Athens, the city of learning, went 40 miles westward to Corinth, the city of commerce and capital of this province of Achaia, where he spent eighteen months in a fruitful ministry. Having found Aquila and his wife Priscilla, he labored with them as they were all tent makers. Paul supported himself by this manual labor, and spent every sabbath in the synagogue, speaking convincingly to both Jews and Greeks on his favorite theme that Jesus is the Christ. Amid the difficulties Paul encountered, Silas and Timothy rejoined him, bringing good news from the churches in Macedonia where they had gone on a "special mission." But Paul's earnestness in holding that Jesus was the Christ in the synagogue met with much abuse and blasphemy, insomuch he shaking his raiment told them he had cleared his skirts and he would turn to the Gentiles. When one door was closed God opened another, and a man named Justus, who worshipped God, opened his house to Paul and God encouraged him by telling him He was with him and that He had much people in that wicked city. It was a hard matter in this city of 400,000 and mixed nationalities. God surely did help Paul and his co-laborers, and dear ones, be encouraged for He is the same God and will help honest laborers for Him and souls.