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God Spoke And It Was Done

When all space was filled with darkness, Ere the light began to shine; God spoke the earth into existence By His mighty power divine.

While the darkness still prevailing
Far more dense than shades of night;
God moving on the waters;
Spoke and said: "Let there be light."

Light sprang forth at His commandment In a most mysterious way: God divided light from darkness — And the light, He called it day.

Then God did divide the waters,
With a firmament so fine
And the evening and the morning
Were the second day of time.

God taught the waters by His Word And brought them into seas, And told the earth to bring forth grass, And herbs, and fruitful trees.

The fourth day God did make the sun.

The moon and stars for lights;

The sun to shine throughout the day;

The moon to shine by night.

God spoke unto the waters then,
And gave them a command
To bring forth fish and flying fowl
To fill the sea and land.

And when the sixth day did appear, God spoke and it was so That beast, cattle and creeping things Upon the earth should go.

God said also, "Let us make man."
"In our likeness let him be."
And let him have dominion
Over the air, the earth, and sea.

So God ended the creation
All was finished 'neath the sun;
Every thing as He commanded,
For God spoke and it was done.

— Ulysses Phillips.

A Remarkable Experience

While rounding up some cattle late on Wednesday evening, J. C. Sterrett, a young man, was thrown from his horse and into the creek. The fall injured his spine, paralyzing his body below the waist. He fell on his knees in such a way that he could keep his head above the water only by supporting himself with his elbows on the side of the bank as long as he had strength to do so.

Hour after hour he lay in the icy water, suffering agony from his injury, calling for help and vainly trying to extricate himself with his hands, which closed again and again in the soft mud that defied his grip. His only companion was his faithful shepherd dog, Ring, who remained near, barking and whining, could not help his master.

Lying in this painful position, the brave young fellow managed to take from his pocket a memorandum book and by the aid of his flashlight, write a farewell message to each of his brothers and sister, his sweetheart, and his mother. He speaks of fainting away two or three times while writing, and finally, as the dawn began to break in the east, he became exhausted and sank beneath the surface of the stream.

The body was found by a searching party. His dog was standing watch over him. The bundle of notes, tied with a twine, was found on the ground. The letter to his mother, Mrs. Boyd Sterret of Des Moines, follows:

The Letter

"Dear Mother: If you were only here tonight.

"I am lying in the creek in Bracewell's pasture and can't get out.

"The water isn't very deep and I will try and but we believe his desire has been fulfilled in a manner fight it out until somebody hears me. he never conceived of. Like Samson, he has accomp-

"Oh, if I had only listened to you and not rode the grey until I got a saddle blanket! God bless you, mother, I would be better off if I had always listened to your advice.

"Don't worry about me, for I sure feel that God is with me tonight. Oh, mother, I am so thankful that I was brought up in a Christian home. Dear brothers and sisters, live so you can always be prepared to die when you get in a place like this and think maybe you can't get out.

"All of your sins come up before you, but if you pray for God to blot them out they will leave and peace and happiness comes in their place.

"I'm feeling better now; the water don't seem so cold as it did, only my head gets so dizzy sometimes I forget everything and seem to fall asleep awhile. Oh, if I could only get out of here I would do more toward bringing others to Christ.

"My legs are paralyzed and I can't reach anything with my hands.

"Maybe somebody will see my flashlight and come. I'm going to keep up as long as I have strength. I do want to see you all so much. There is a verse keeps running through my head and it is so beautiful. "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

"I suppose this writing will all be useless if I get out, but somehow I don't feel like I will.

"The roads are so bad and it looks so stormy and I have yelled until I can't make a sound above a whisper.

"I'm cramping awfully bad again. I'm getting so tired holding myself up to write. Imust rest again.

"My back is hurt some way. I can't write much more.

"I want to bid you all goodby. God bless you all. Goodby. It is getting light in the east and old Ring has come to me. He is barking on the bank and tries to reach me and lick my hands. He knows I am in trouble.

"Well, mother dear, it will soon be over. I'm in a hurry to go now. My suffering will be over forever. "Joy."

Sterrett often expressed a desire to lead others to the Lord Jesus. When he returned from the Army at the close of the war, he told his mother he felt like he should go out in the world and work to bring souls to Christ. Whether he ever had the joy of seeing a friend won for the Lord we cannot say,

but we believe his desire has been fulfilled in a manner he never conceived of. Like Samson, he has accomplished more for God in his death than in his life. His testimony, given in the hour of weakness and dissolution, has reached more persons and with greater effectiveness than most Christians influence in a life time. His bereaved mother is still receiving letters from far and near, expressing sympathy and showing the influence that the reading of this account in the newspapers has had upon them.

"God moves in a mysterious way. His wonders to perform." He gave Joy Sterrett the strength and the very means he required to leave a message, not only for the comfort of those dear to him, but as a voice from God to the people of the state and the nation, under circumstances calculated to stir the hearts of all and render the message effective. Who can fail to see in all circumstances, that God has spoken? It is another evidence of the fact that He is "long suffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3: 9).

My reader, God is speaking to you. He has controlled all the chain of events that have worked together to bring this message to you at this moment. Then "hear, and your soul shall live" (Isa. 55: 3).

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Are You Ready?

In the parable found in the 22nd chapter of Matthew, Jesus says,"that the kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants......But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm. another to his merchandise. And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. The King was wroth.... and destroyed those murderers. Then saith he to his servents, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ve therefore into the highways and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage And the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment; and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless."

There are many good truths in this parable. The wedding feast was prepared. On the cross Jesus said in His last breath, "It is finished," — the plan of

salvation had been completed. It gives an account of the kingdom of heaven in the past, present and future. In the beginning of this gospel dispensation and since that time His servants have been sent to call people to the wedding. The gospel of glad tidings is preached and sinners are invited to come and get salvation. The parable says, "They would not come." How true in these days - many will not come. However, other servants are sent forth. We read that those who were called made light of it, and went their way, one to his farm, another to his merchandise, and also entreated the servants spitefully and slew them. See those who make light of the gospel and go their way — not regarding God's ways. They are taken up with the temporal, material things of the world. Many of the servants have been martyred for Jesus' sake. The king was wroth and said they were not worthy, so sent his servants to call those in the highways (honest ones in out-of-way places). The wedding was furnished with guests. The king came and found a man without a wedding garment. In some future day the Lord will come to see the guests. Some will be without a wedding garment, and all such will be speechless before the Judge. To be ready in that day we will need to answer the call and get on the wedding garment of salvation which is a passport to the wedding feast or heaven. Those without the garment will be cast into outer darkness. In conclusion of the parable Jesus says, "For many are called, but few are chosen." Those who are chosen are those who continue faithful and keep clothed with the wedding garment which is a robe of righteousness. Read Rev. 19: 7 to 9 about the marriage of the Lamb. — L. D. Pruitt.

"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED"

(John 14th chapter)

"Let not your heart be troubled." What a wonderful privilege! "Rejoice over persecutions," that is another. Praise the Lord! Brothers and sisters scattered abroad, isn't it wonderful that we have some one who can give us power and grace to rejoice over persecutions and to keep our hearts from Also He says, "In my Father's being troubled. house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself: that where I am there ye may be also." He says, "I will," (1st person denotes determination) so Jesus will come again no matter what happens, and receive His chosen Bride that where He is, there we may be also. You see beyond a doubt that Jesus is coming back again. Praise His name. I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Saints, you who have a determination to go all the way with Jesus, let me exhort you by the authority of God's word that one of these days we are going to have the most historical day the world has ever known and ever will know. That day is coming fast. Each day that passes brings us 24 hours closer to that great historical day. I say to the children of God, "let not your heart be troubled," but rejoice over persecutions, as these are trying times.

A Sister in Christ, —Louise Wilson.

"Call Them In"

"Call them in"—the poor, the wretched, Sin-stained wanderers from the fold; Peace and pardon freely offer:
Can you weigh their worth with gold?
"Call them in"—the weak, the weary Laden with the doom of sin; Bid them come and rest in Jesus; He is waiting—"Call them in."

"Call them in"—the Jew, the Gentile;
Bid the stranger to the feast;
"Call them in"—the rich, the noble,
From the highest to the least:
Forth the Father runs to meet them;
He has all their sorrows seen;
Robe and ring, and royal sandals
Wait the lost ones—"Call them in."

"Call them in"—the mere professors,
Slumbering, sleeping on death's brink;
Naught of life are they possessors.
Yet of safety vainly think;
Bring them in, the careless scoffers,
Pleasure-seekers of the earth;
Tell of God's most gracious offers,
And of Jesus' priceless worth.

"Call them in"—the broken-hearted,
Cowering 'neath the brand of shame;
Speak Love's message low and tender,
'Twas for sinners Jesus came.
See, the shadows lengthen round us,
Soon the day-dawn will begin;
Can you leave them lost and lonely?
Christ is coming—"Call them in."

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EDITORIALS

We have been blessed with some good meetings here at Guthrie, since the January paper was put in the mail. Our souls are greatly rejoicing in His love and tender care and because of the newly born children of God. Truly men will have to be born the second time in order to see the Kingdom of God.

The Assembly Meeting which began on the 22nd of December was better attended than usual; there being thirty or forty ministers present. Ministers were present from New York, Ind., Mo., and La. besides a large number from Oklahoma. Saints came to this meeting from all over the country. Some were here from California and other states. Chapel was crowded night after night and the preach. ing was generally with much heavenly anointing and power of the Spirit. Conviction was heavy upon the unsaved and the altar of prayer was crowded with seekers night after night and some getting saved through the day services; a good number were sanctified and much divine healing was done by the Lord. The meeting started out with victory and much rejoicing of the saints. There was a little confusion started near the middle of the meeting, but God soon lifted up a standard against it and the meeting went on with greater force and power than before. The last night of the meeting was greatly blessed and owned of God. Several were at the altar and got the blessings desired and the meeting closed with the saints praising God with a loud voice and giving glory to the Lamb which was slain and has washed us from our sins in His own blood. On every side you could hear saints saying, "This is the best Assembly meeting we have ever had." Truly God was with us in power of the Spirit and in much rich anointing. All of the expences were taken care of nicely by freewill offerings.

The ministers present from distant states were: Brothers Tharrett and Hawley of New York State, Brother Hill of Ind. and Sister Kathrine Watson of La.

Brother Hill and family returned to Ind. after the meeting. Brother J. W. Hawley went to Shawnee, where he is in the midst of a successful revival and Brother Tharrett and Sister Watson stayed here at Guthrie and continued the revival meeting at the Chapel. They have been having meeting every night now for two weeks and the Lord has continued to bless and souls are getting saved every night.

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In the January "Faith and Victory" paper we wrote a few lines on Christmas, the Gift of God, the

revelry, the dancing, the drinking and carousing that many do and call it celebrating the birth of Jesus which is more like blasphemy. We spoke of the wisemen of the East and said that some translated it as, "Magi" and others translate it as, "Magicians". Perhaps we did not make ourselves very plain on the subject. We did not mean to teach that God had nothing to do with the wise men following the star and finding Jesus and worshipping Him, as we believe that they were fulfilling prophecy. Jesus came as a Savior to all nations and the wise men represented the Gentile nations. The shepherds abiding in the fields was informed of the Child, Jesus by a company of angels and they went to see the child, and the shepherds returned praising and glorifying God. So we find that both Jews and Gentiles visited the child, Jesus, when He was a babe.

We have searched in seven different translations and have several different commentaries on the Bible in our library and we cannot find in summing them all up any clear knowledge as to the standing of these wise men with God. There is one thing sure, if God had not permitted them they could have never seen the star nor found the little babe in the manger. In the Old Testament we often find the name of "wise men" connected up with magicians, astrologers and sorcerers. Yet, we know that no men are more wise than those that believe in, and serve God who created heaven and earth.

In Clark's Commentary on the subject we find him teaching that it was a custom in that country for the people approaching a king to have presents in their hands to honor kings in this way. He also says, that is is very probable that the wise men mentioned were a sort of astrologers.

Weymouth's translation of wise men is, "Magi," and Webster says that "magi" means "wise men of the East, or philosophers." Another translation has it as magian which Webster says means, "Pertaining to the magi; a sect of philosophers in Persia."

Moffatt translates the word, 'wise men' as 'magicians' which Webster says means, "One skilled in magic; one that practices the black art; an enchanter; necromancer; a sorcerer."

Webster says that magic means, "A Philosopher among the Persians; the art of science of putting into action the power of Spirits of the science of producing wonderful effects by the aid of super-human beings; or of departed spirits."

We did not mean to teach that God was not doing any miracles in these days, for the Lord is performing miracles. We hardly ever put out an issue of Faith and Victory except there be related some miracle wrought by the mighty power of the true and living God. We mean to say that not all of the miracles, visions, wonders and signs reported were of God, for Satan is doing mighty signs and wonders and giving visions and dreams to his subjects which are all arrayed under the cloak of religion. All this is a sign of the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the devil is now loose, deceiving the nations. Every saint needs to keep girded about with the truth, having on the whole armour of God and keep holding out the shield of faith that he may be able to ward off all the fiery darts of the enemy.

The Lord has been blessing us here at the office very much of late; not only in the sending forth of tracts, papers and booklets, but with the association and fellowship of many saints. During the Assembly Meeting we cared for nearly thirty-five saints in our dwelling house and office building, as we put four or five beds in the office. After the Assembly Meeting we continued a meeting in the chapel and have had the pleasure of keeping eight or ten saints besides our own family. The saints of God are more dear to us than flesh and blood relation and we love to hear from them and love to have them in our home. The Lord has been working and saving souls and this rejoices our hearts.

One afternoon last week a man called at our door and said he was faint from hunger and wanted something to eat. We invited him in and set food before him and as he began to eat we talked to him about the Lord. He said he was saved at one time but was overcome and had done bad, had acted mean. He said that he had done so wicked that he thought he had crossed the dead line, said he was in torment and if he did not get relief he would either die or go crazy. We told him that God would forgive him if he repented. He broke down and cried and as we talked to him about the love and mercy of God and of how he ought to repent and make his wrongs right, he broke down and began to cry and got down on his knees and began to ask God for mercy. We laid hands on him and implored the mercies of God for him and he repented and promised God that he would make his wrongs right. God forgave him and he arose with the shine of glory on his face. He certainly was a new man and he finished his meal rejoicing and praising God. He told me that he did not know why he came over to this part of town. He said that he came to the house and heard us praying on the inside and he passed on, not wanting to disturb us and came back when he thought we were through. He stayed all night with us and the next day he said he was going back to Leavensworth, Kan. and confess his wrongs and make them right as far as he could and was decided to live for God. Thus, another soul was snatched from the burning. Dear readers, let us watch and pray and be on the look out for all saints. When we entertain strangers we sometimes entertain angels unawares.

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Sister Essie McDonald, pastor of the Oklahoma City congregation, has a testimony in this paper in which she speaks of Bro. Toney who is saved and is very desirous that his wife be supplied with means to come to him from Italy. Let each one do what they can to help get his wife here. He is a good brother and worthy of your aid.

Any one having shoes and other clothing which they want to give to the poor and destitute, may send them to this office as we have many calls for such articles. Many of these requests are very pitiful to read. We have been supplying many folks by sending them used clothing, buying much of it at the second hand stores with money sent in for this purpose. Please see what you can give and mail it to us. We shall make good use of it in service to Him.

Now Is The Time To Purchase Your "Select Hymn" Song Books

In the January "Faith and Victory" we advertised the "Select Hymn" song book for 621/2 cents each. The purchaser was to pay the transportation charges to their respective addresses. This special offer was to last until January 10th. A good many ordered song books, but some hesitated about it as they did not know how much to send, not knowing what the postage would be. We are going to extend this offer to February the 10th so all the saints every where can get their song books at this special price. You can just send the 62½ cents for each book with your order ond then send the amount of postage in to us after you receive the books and know what the transportation charges are. The publishers have the books printed and we have ordered the books to be shipped to us at Guthrie and will have them here for sale. If you live closer to Anderson, Ind. than Guthrie, Okla. we will have the books shipped to you from there which would make the cost of transportation less for you.

The "Select Hymn" song book is cloth bound, containing 630 songs in shaped notes only. We believe this song book is the best all around song book ever published. Every saint ought to own one or more of these books and every congregation ought to be supplied with this song book.

We will fill all orders for one dozen or more at the lower rate of sixty cents each. Order these song books now for this special offer ends February 10th.

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AUTOMOBILE STOLEN!

Sister Kathrine (Gubser) Watson (who is here at present holding meetings and will, with Sister Sadie E. Orr and Alta Williamson, begin meeting at Oklahoma City as soon as they are through here) has suffered the loss of her auto. On New Year's day they went to Oklahoma City for all day meeting and while the night service was going on some evilhearted man stole her car. It has been twenty days or more now since the ear was stolen and with all the prayers and searching that has been done, no trace of her car has been found. These dear saints are over 'eight hundred miles from home and they need a car to get back home, and Sister Watson needs a car very badly after reaching home, to till her appointments for the preaching of the gospel. She has no way of getting another car unless the Spirit of God will touch the saints' hearts and cause them to offer free ly for the buying of another car for her. The saints here are already making up money to replace this loss and we ask our readers to see what the Lord will have you to do to help make up the cost of a car for her. We can get her a good used car for a sum between three and four hundred dollars. This is a good opportunity to help bear your sister's burden. Sister Watson has been preaching this truth for many years. She was editor of the "Herald of Truth" paper at Carthage, Mo. after Brother Walker's death. She is a true and tried minister and is worthy any help the Lord would have you do.

You can send your free-will offerings to her to this office and we will see that it is used in buying her a car or return it to you. If you want to write to her personally, address your letter to this office and we will forward it to her. Please do not think lightly of this need as it is very necessary that she have a car to use in the Lord's service. Her car that was stolen, was a 1931 model Chevrolet, had only been run twelve thousand miles. It will be laying up treadures in heaven to help replace this car.

Oklahema City, Okla. — Dear saints scattered abroal: In Jesus' dear name I greet you. Praise the Lord. I can report victory in my soul. This strait and narrow way just suits me. I can truly say I have a very deep love for God's children.

The saints here, at Oklahoma City, are pressing on. The Lord is working here. Many are testifying that they are determined to get closer to God.

Dear ones I feel impressed to endeavor to stir up your pure minds in regards to Brother Antomo Estello. He is known among the saints as, Brother Tony. Many of the dear saints know about his wife being across the sea, in Italy and he is not able to send for her. Brother Tony was saved out of the Catholic church about three years ago and he does crasy love the Lord and the saints.

Last August this was brought up in camp-meeting here at Oklahoma City, and many of the ministers said they would ask the congregations where they were, to do what they could to get Brother Tony's wife over here. Of course he took courage and wrote to his wife that the saints were going to send for her. She wrote back that it made her heart so glad, but as time went on and nothing done she elt disappointed and wrote to him that her heart was glad when he wrote that she would get to come, but now her heart was sad as she thought they were not going to do it. Dear saints, let us not disappoint her. Brother Tony has been writing to her and telling her about the true church and how the saints love each other. Let us prove that we really do love each other. Dear saints, let us act in this matter just as we would like to have the saints do if it was our companion across the sea and we were not able to send for her or him. The Word says, "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these, my bretnren, ye did it unto Me."

Brother Tony has been living in dur home over a year and he is a worthy brother. The home congregation was slow, but did well when they did start. They sent in some over \$27.00. There was an offering made in the Assembly meeting at Guthrie and a few dollars have been sent in from others, so there is a start toward this. I feel sure that if every congregation will try and send in an offering and each isolated saint will send in a little if they can, it will help some. We can soon make our brother very happy and God will bless every one who lends a

helping hand.

It has been suggested that some one in each congregation take the name and how much each one gives so in case there was not enough gotten to send for her, your money could be returned to you. We believe the good Lord will provide enough through His children.

, We, the saints here, are looking forward to a good meeting soon, as some ministers from other places are still near here holding meetings. Some of the ministers are holding meetings at Guthrie and some at Shawnee. All of them have promised to come here and hold a meeting for us after the meetings close which they are now in. We are praying and looking for a wonderful meeting.

God bless the dear saints every where. Let us stand true to God and ever be ready for that real wonderful meeting that will never end. It will mean much to make it in, but truly heaven is cheap at any cost.

Send your offering to Brother Pruitt at Guthrie Oklahoma and when he has enough she will be sent for.

Your blood-washed sister, for the old-time truth,

— Essie McDonald

Your Treasure, Where Is It?

Jesus says, (Matt. 6: 21) that your heart is wherever your treasure is. You know exactly what you value most. Some people price their appearance above all else. When their beauty is faded and wrinkles and sallow skin can't be successfully covered with cosmetics, they are miserable thinking of the past when they were admired for their physical appearance. On the other hand, those who spent their youthful years doing good, laying up treasures in heaven, have no regrets because the future holds the reward of their self-denial.

Those who live for self and in luxury, like the rich man in hell, live in the past when they enjoyed the good things which our kind, heavenly Father intended for them to use for His glory in winning souls.

Let us now (before remorse would compell us) so live that our ungodly relatives and neighbors can see by our daily walk that Jesus rules our hearts and lives, and that He is our treasure, and that it is a pleasure to please Him. "He is the fairest among ten thousand, the one altogether lovely."

- Marie Pauline Sass.

My Determination

I truly gave my heart over to God the thirty-first day of December, Nineteen thirty-three.

I came to Guthrie, Oklahoma to the Assembly meeting, which was held during the holidays, not knowing that I would get saved. I thought that my doom was sealed in the sight of God, but praise His holy name, He had mercy on me and saved my soul once more.

I have been saved two or three times before but never did I have such a determination to follow Christ all the way. I am determined and willing to do any thing He wants me to do; and go any where He wants me to go.

I had a terrible tobacco habit, but praise the Lord He has taken it from me and all the worldly habits and lusts. A Testament has taken the place of an old filthy can of tobacco in my hip-pocket. Praise His holy name forever and forever.

Now you dear young people, boys and girls, that have the habit of sucking on the end of a cigarette, eigar or pipe, may God work on your soul until you get so sick of doing wrong that you will come to Christ and repent of your sins and make your wrongs right.

Dear young people, and the older ones as well, it behooves us to give our hearts to God and live for Him unto the end. The end is right at hand. This earth will not stand much longer and where will you spend eternity? The Bible says that it you are lost, hell is your doom, but if you are saved you will have a crown in heaven. Dear people, just which way are you going to choose? Do you want to live in sin here on earth and have a burning hell awaiting you, or are you willing to give up sin here and live right the little while you are here and then have everlasting life after Christ comes to gather His own? Whatever you sow here in this life that shall you also reap. Now see that you sow good things that your reaping be the same.

God says in His Word, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away."

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28). Yes the dear Lord is merciful to us and wants to forgive us of our sins if we are only willing to heed and submit to His calling.

May all that want to go to heaven and are willing to go the narrow way come before it is everlastingly too late, is my prayer. Your brother in Christ,

- Ruben Hiebert.

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Freed From Prison

In a cold dark prison all bound with chains
That dear disciple lay,When suddenly a light shone round
As bright as if 'twas day.

The heavy chain fell off his arms,
He lifted up his eyes —
And lo, a shining angel stood
And said to him, "Arise!"

The heavy prison door swung back As of its own accord, And Peter then become aware, He walked beside the Lord.

Some cry in wonder as they read
And say, "How could this be"?
But the same angel swung aside
The prison doors for me.

He freed my soul from sin's domain
And led me to the gate,
And saved me from a devil's hell
Which for the sinners wait.

— Grace Ann Myers.

EDITORIALS

Here are two true sayings written by a very wise man. Read them carefully. "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death." Pro. 14: 26, 27. Let us read these verses again. The fear of the Lord is not natural terror, but it is holy reverence or love toward the Lord. Those who fear the Lord love Him. Perfect love toward God casts out the fear of death or torment. Those who live in the fear of the Lord have strong confidence or assurance of safety. To God's children it is truly a place of refuge. We notice also that the fear of the Lord is a fountain of life. Yes, it is a source of life. As we fear the Lord, we escape the snares of death.

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The Lord greatly blessed in the Assembly meeting held here during the past holiday season. More

saints attended this meeting than in previous years. The Lord honored His Word and saved many souls and sanctified believers. A large company of young saints were present and it was a blessed privilege to be in their meetings and feel the Lord's presence. God is leading the young saints forward in His work. The Holy Spirit did His office work in convicting many souls of sin. Every need of the meeting was supplied and the devil was defeated.

The Assembly meeting was followed by a revival meeting conducted by Sister Watson of La. and Bro. Tharrett of New York. Several persons, young and old, were saved in this meeting which closes this Sunday night (Jan. 21st).

Sister Verta Embly (O'Raine) and Sister Hope Embly, two young saints, drove through from California to attend the Assembly and revival meetings. They testified that they were well repaid for coming.

We have a splendid booklet of 32 pages for sale, entitled, "The Instruction of Youth in the Christian Life," written by Bro. C. E. Orr. As the title expresses, it is written directly to the young people and instructs them how to be overcomers in the Christian life. The price of this booklet is eight cents each or two for fifteen cents postpaid. One booklet will be postpaid to you for two yearly subscriptions to "Faith and Victory" paper. It is the desire of the editor of this section for every young reader to secure this booklet and read it. No doubt several have read it already and been blessed. However, we want every one to have a copy for their own spirituat benefit. Send NOW to this office the eight cents or two subscriptions with your order and receive this booklet. — L. D. P.

Fleeing Youthful Lusts

Timothy was a young man. Paul knew th danger of young men being overcome by youthful lusts, therefore exhorts Timothy to "flee also youthful lusts" 2 Tim. 2:22. We, in much earnestness of heart, likewise exhort you, young reader, flee from youthful lusts. Keep away from the things that have any power to allure away from God and spiritual exercise. We could tell you of scores of boys and

girls that once were blessedly saved who have gone back into the ways of sin all because they did not keep aloof from those things that tempt to mind fleshly things. We will speak of a few of the many alluring things that are calculated to lead the feet of the young Christian away from the true path of life.

EVIL COMPANIONS. Many a young Christian has gone down to defeat because of too much association with sinful young people. This does not mean that we cannot go among them at all, but it does mean that we are to be guarded and never to come down out of our sacred spiritual realm and strike a line or fellowship or affiliation with them. You should go among them as God leads that you might win them to Christ, but you will need to keep yourself surrounded by an heavenly atmosphere that no spirit of world-liness can penetrate. You are to lift them up. Beware, lest they drag you down.

READING GOOD BOOKS. There is much soul-destroying literature in the world today. That is one reason why we need wholesome literature. Do not read fiction. The cheap, trashy novel is deadly poison to mind and soul. Be sparing even of the reading of the every day newspaper. It is proper that we know something of what is transpiring in this world in which we live, but there is very much in the newspapers that you should not read. It dwarfs the mind and degenerates the soul. Be very sparing, therefore, of newspaper reading. Too much is a waste of time. Beyond that which is worthy and honorable, present-day history is profitless.

AMUSEMENTS. Perhaps more souls have been allured away from right paths by present-day amusements than in any other. There is such a thing as getting such love for God, His Word, and communion with Him that we care but little for any other way in which to spend our time. We willingly admit that there are some recreations and ansusements that are harmless and innocent in themselves. but we should have a care lest there be an over-indulgence in, and fondness for them. A young lady speaking of a certain amusement said. "I am passion. ately fond of it." Such is too great of fondness. We should be passionately fond of nothing but God and matters that pertain to His worship and service. No one can have a passionate fondness for any amusement and keep the passion of Christ in his soul. We cannot name to you just what amusements are innocent and what are not. Circumstances and conditions have much to do with it. I would advise, however, never to attend anything where the rabble of the world are gathered. You are to learn some things from God yourself. Live much in prayer, whenever you find that any amusement in which you may have some participation betimes is lessening your relish for secret prayer and reading of the Bible, then cease to have any part in such recreation.

THE ASSOCIATIONS OF CHRISTIANS. God has made us social creatures and we should associate together. Our constitution calls for it. But young and old should be careful of the spirit of your associations. Christians can associate together and lose spirituality by the manner or spirit in which they have associated. They can associate together in such a manner as to be greatly benefitted in a spiritual way by the association. It is very easy for young people to gain a greater love for the association of each other than they have for communion with God. The religious meetings of young people can very easily become a mere social gathering rather than a religious spiritual service. If they are a little watchful they can determine which they enjoy the most, the chaiting together after the religious service is dismissed or the service itself.

COVERED SINS. We are told in the Book that they that cover their sins shall not prosper. are some sins of youth that are done in secret. These secret sins have great power over the youth of today. Flee, young man and woman, in horror, from the first suggestions of the tempter. Keep clean. The Psalm writer in old age prayed, "Lord, remember not the sins of my youth." He referred to these secret sins of his life. He looked back, in his declining years, with regret upon those sins of his youth. Save your selves, young people, of those regrets that will mar the peace of those days when your sun of life is sinking low. Keep your thoughts pure, your acts holy in the days of your youth. Follow after temperance, faith, meekness, purity, and righteousness. close with God that you may have power over the flesh. We beseech you to heed this advice.

— C. E. Orr.

Fallis, Okla. — Dear Brother Pruitt and Young Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I want to testify through the "Faith and Victory" paper. I think it is wonderful that the young people have a section in this paper. We should not be backward about sending in our testimonies. There are many young saints who need encouragement, and there are many unsaved young people who need salvation. I feel the time is near at hand when we shall pass from labor to reward. The wheat is

ripe to harvest but the laborers are few. We need to pray that God will send more laborers into His vineyard. I thank God that He has so wonderfully saved my soul. I also thank God for His keeping power. 1 find that many people do not believe that we can live free from sin in this present world, but according to the Word of God we can. The scripture says that it we have the faith nothing shall be impossible to us. "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove and nothing shall be impossible unto you." See Matthew 17: 20. Also I find that God gives us all we hunger and thirst after. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they snall be filled." (Matt. 5:6.)

One man, in speaking of me, said that all I study and all of my work is to save souls. Jesus is my example and all of His work was to save souls. Read Titus 2: 4-8, also 2 Timothy 2: 1-3. I desire the prayers of all the saints, that God will keep me strong in the spirit and that I may spend all of my time to the glory and honor of God. God has done wonderful things for me. Time will not permit me to tell all He has done for me. I will praise His name as long as I live. I am a young man, twenty-one years of age. Yours, for the salvation of souls, — Isaac Chandler.

Dear Young Saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This writing finds me yet saved and very much encouraged to stay on the highway of Holiness. I mean to go through at any cost. It may cost my life but I mean to stand true to God.

I take pleasure in reporting for God's glory His presence in the meeting at Okeene, Oklahoma. We begin meeting December 13th, 1933 and closed on the 17th. While no one got saved, we feel the saints were settled deeper in the Lord. The ministers present were: — Brothers Sanders of Watonga, Okla., Preston Davis of Hennessy, Okla., and Sister Velma S. Carter of Boley, Okla.

Tuesday night after the meeting closed we felt led to begin cottage prayer-meeting. All were young saints, but we felt the Lord was with us. The Lord so graciously blessed that one got saved. Some seemed to be under deep conviction, and at the close of the meeting six souls were saved, one sanctified. Praise the dear Lord.

Young saints, be encouraged. The Lord will never leave us, neither will He forsake us, when the Lord tells us to do any thing, whether it be great or small, let us do it with all our heart.

Yours, in His service,
— Velma S. Carter and L. S. Droke.

Boley, Okla. — Dear Young Saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel impressed to send in my testimony to the glory of the Lord. Today finds me saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord. Praise His dear name!

Young saints, be encouraged, because all we need is in the dear Lord. I couldn't be in the Assembly Meeting on account of sickness, but praise God, my prayers were sent up in behalf of the meeting.

Pray for me that I will continue to live like His Word demands so my community can testify for me, in which I live. I don't have one desire to live in sin. My highest aim is to do God's will. Pray for me, also pray that the Lord will heal mother's body.

Your saved sister in the one faith, — Ora Allen

El Reno. Okla. — To-day finds me still saved and praising God for the privilege of shining in a dark place. The Lord impressed me to go see a certain woman and I put it off day after day until I felt God was grieved. I arose immediately and went to her house. She was very glad to see me and after prayer she said, "Certainly God has sent you to give me a word of cheer." She was a true child of God but had grown discouraged. The visit taught me a dear lesson — to obey immediately when God speaks. I am determined to do His will. Pray for me, saints.

A little member in God's building,
— Grace Ann Myers.

Armageddon

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Ar-ma-ged'don." (Rev. 16: 16). ARMAGEDDON (Mountain of Megiddo) a place mentioned in the text. Megiddo is a city in the great plain, at the foot of mount Carmel, which had been the scene of much slaughter. Under this character it is referred to in the above text, as the place in which God will collect together His enemies for destruction. (See Joshua 17: 11) and (Judges 1: 27) also (2 Kings 23: 30). Who are gathered there and for what purpose are they gathered? "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, (Paganism) and out of the mouth of the beast, (Romanism) and out of the mouth of the false prophet (Protestantism)." All these powers are now uniting against the saints or the most high God. For they are the spirits of devils,

working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. There may be religious war and torrents of blood shed, but this is not the way the saints are commanded to engage in battle. Even at the destruction of Jerusalem, the Christians left the city while the wicked slaughtered each other. The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the same now that It was then. One time He rebuked the disciples because they desired to destroy men's lives, and said the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. (Luke 9: 5). We are now living under the sixth seal, this is the last great spiritual conflict. When the seventh is opened then time shall be no longer. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called faithful and true, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." (Rev. "For he is King of Kings and Lord of 19:11). And the armies that followed him were lords. clothed in fine linen white and clean, and the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Oh, glory to Jesus! we hail the bright day, when the mist of confussion has passed away, and the beast be given to the burning flames,

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." (Eph. 6:10). Put on the whole armour of God, (what for) that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Many people are now looking for the great Armageddon to begin among the nations in a literal sense which they will never see. They probably will see great wars among the nations and all these against the truth and the saints of the Most High God, but the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. Read 2 Cor. 10:4-5. "Thou shalt not kill. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. " (Eph. 6:12). "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,.....stand therefore, having your loins gird about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." The Christian soldier has the truth and the breastplate of righteousness and peace, and above all, the shield of faith, wherewith he may quench all the fiery darts of the wicked: and the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. For the Word of God is quick, and powerflu! and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb. 4: 12). So with the weapons of our warfare we fight the good fight of faith, (see Eph. 6: 12) and lay hold on eternal life. Glory be to God.

While it is true, the devil in now uniting his armies against God's church, for where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Wicked spirits of every kind are against the White Horse and his Rider, but these shall be overthrown by the sword that proceeded out of His mouth and by the brightness of His coming. This battle will end with the coming of the Lord and the resurrection of the dead and the consuming of this earth by fire. It will pass away and be no more. The saints will then reign with Christ in heaven, and the wicked with the devil in the lake of fire forever and forever.

— F. M. Fowler.

CORRESPONDENCE

El Reno, Okla. — Dear Brother Pruitt: Once Jesus was an alien to me and a figure talked of in so many different ways that I hardly knew just what He did stand for, but now, thank God, He is a personal friend — one who sticketh closer than a brother. He enters the sick chamber where I lie and touches my body. He fills my mouth to testify, and is a constant companion. One who will never leave or forsake me.

Once heaven was a far away land and a haven for those who died; something not thought much about in an earthly way, but now it is deep in the infinite breast, a hope, and a promise which makes me strive harder. I am only one breath from that beautiful place, for should God see fit to stop my heart beating, it would only be a glorious exchange, a step into a new house for which we groan and long to be free and truly I can say with David, "Oh, for the wings of a dove that I might fly away and be at rest." This finds us saved and determined to fight the good fight of faith.

I am very poorly in body and failing badly. 1 desire your earnest prayers.

Your Brother in Christ, — E. Myers & family.

Colony, Okla. —Faith Pub. House. Dear Bro. and Sister: We have been readers of the Faith and Victory paper for one year. We have been richly blessed, so will renew it for another year.

Please send us fifty different tracts. Have read several; it is a great work. May God bless you

in your work.

Am glad to say we are saved through Jesus' blood. Your friend in Christ, —Mr. & Mrs. Moritz.

Hoffman, Okla. — Dear Saints: I feel like the dear Lord wants me to send in my testimony through the little paper, so that you will still know that I am on the dear Lord's side.

I have been saved for seventeen years and will be eighteen years this coming March. I have been trusting Him for healing ever since I was saved. He has healed me so many times and has kept me saved, and I had so much to learn. I haven't had the victory all the time, but since He saved me from my sins I mean to live for Him while in the world I stay. Thank the dear Lord. I can now say that I have the victory because I am saved and sanctified and healed. Praise His dear name. He is blessing me day by day and dear ones, I mean to make it to heaven at any cost. I am willing to do the little things He has for me to do. You that know the worth of prayer, pray much for me. Also that the dear Lord will save my unsaved husband. Your saved Sister,

— L. C. Chiles.

Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: I am able to report victory this morning over all the things that have come against my life this summer and fall. I found the God of whom our Bible teaches can bring us out, and we can be well again.

I am almost well, feel fine most of the time. This is God's work. Nothing could have reached my case only the love and favor of God. I am in hopes that this will be a great encouragement to some poor suffering ones to stay true to God at any cost.

With much Christian love, - Annie B. Tacker

Neosho, Mo. —To the dear saints scattered abroad: I felt led of the Lord to write a few lines through this paper.

I suppose that every one knows that Bro. Strech resigned the pastorship at this place a few weeks ago, but the saints didn't receive his resignation at the time. They prayed earnestly for the Lord to show them in this matter, so the Lord just pictured a little bunch of sheep without a shepherd, and we prayed that if the Lord still wanted him here that He would give him back the burden of the work. The Lord gave Bro. Streeth the burden of the church again and showed him more work that he could do. He is our pastor again.

Bro. Streeth is never idle. He is always doing something for the Lord. By the help of the Lord he has kept up the work here. The saints are all of one heart and one mind. Praise God.

Pray for us. We need your prayers. Yours m the one body, — Sister W. J. Allen

Calif. — Dear Friends: The little book "God's Gracious Dealings" reached me safely, and I enjoyed the contents so much. I have just finished reading it for the second time. I expect to read it again. Truly, God leads His own in "green pastures, and beside the still waters," and even in stress of storm, "when the waves rise, we rise with them."

May God continue to bless you in your noble and unselfish efforts for His kingdom in the hearts of men. Your sister in Christ, — Mrs. E. R. Kelly.

Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

Sunday, Feb. 4, 1934

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 29 — True Prayer. Matthew 6: 5-15.

Jan. 30 — True Treasures. Matthew 6: 19-23.

Jan. 31 — Our Father's Care. Matthew 6: 24-34.

Feb. 1 — God's Kingdom First. Mark 10: 23-31.

Feb. 2 — Dependence Upon Christ. John 15: 1-8.

Feb. 3 — A Very Present Help. Psalms 46: 1-11.

Feb. 4 — Devotional Reading. Psalms 19: 7-14.

SUBJECT — Putting God's Kingdom First. LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Matt. 6: 19-33.

Verse 19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

- 26. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
- 27. Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- 28. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
- 29. And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 30. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- 31. Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32. (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Memory Verse—But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6: 33.

Central Thought—Riches in the Kingdom of heaven.

Practical Truth — Such an implicit trust in Father's care that there is no room for anxiety.

EXPLANATIONS AND COMMENTS

The way we reckon treasures on earth is: (1) how much personal property you have, (2) how much real estate you have, (3) how much you have in bonds and stocks, (4) how much you have of ready cash in the bank, etc. These things imply laying up for yourselves treasures on earth where you are liable to loss by thieves etc. But the true riches are obtained by salvation through Christ and laying up treasures in heaven by a fully consecrated life expressed by the poet in the following lines:

"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my moments and days, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee."

One so consecrated is able to put God's kingdom first and have their treasures laid up in heaven where moth or rust cannot corrupt, nor thieves break through nor steal.

Sunday, Feb. 11, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 5 — Warning Against Hypocrisy, Matt. 7: 12-20 Feb. 6—Warning Against Insecurity, Matt. 7: 21-29. Feb. 7—Warning Against Indulgence, Daniel 1: 8: 21 Feb. 8—Warning Against Drunkenness, Isa. 28: 1-19. Feb. 9—Warning Against Lawlessness, Isa. 42: 18-25. Feb. 10—Warning Against Evil Influence, Rom. 14: 13-23

Feb. 11—Devotional Reading. Proverbs 2: 1-8.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — Matthew 7: 12-27.

SUBJECT — Timely Warnings (Temperance Lesson)

Verse 12. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

- 13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
- 14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
- 15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- 16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?
- 17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- 18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, netther can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
 - 20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
 - 21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,

shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

- 22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
- 23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
- 24. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- 25. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and n fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- 26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
- 27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Memory Verse — Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Matt. 7: 19.

Central Thought — Obedience to God through repentance brings one in at the 'strait gate.'

Practical Truth — Wisdom in building on the sure foundation will save from destruction.

Suggestions For Teachers

Beginners — Jesus' rule of kindness. Juniors—Keeping Jesus' law. Intermediate — The truth about alcoholic beverages. Young People and Adults —Drastic methods for a deadly evil.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Verse 12, The Golden Rule; verses 13- 14, The Two Ways; verse 15, The False Prophets; verses 16- 20, The Two Trees; verses 21- 23, The Two Professors; verses 24- 27, The Two Foundations.

Bringing this lesson into a temperance lesson, we give the lesson that application.

A friend of the flesh may be an enemy of the soul. What is worse than to deliver a friend to the drink demon? We have false prophets these days arguing that there are revenues to be gained by the liquor traific. They come in a false garb or 'sheep clothing,' also a corrupt tree. The liquor traffic is evil and its fruit is evil continually. The good deeds of liquor traffic are corrupt and dishonest, hence its foundation is 'false and insecure.

Sunday, Feb. 18, 1934

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 12 — Jesus' Power to Help. Matt. 9: 1-13.

Feb 13 — Jesus Helps a Centurion's Servant. Matt. 8: 5 - 13.

Feb. 14 — Jesus Helps Demoniacs. Matt. 8: 28-34.

Feb. 15 — Prayer and Power. Mark 1: 35-45.

Feb. 16 — Helping in the Name of Jesus. Acts 16: 14 - 18.

Feb. 17 — The Son of God Supreme. Heb. 1: 1-9. Feb. 18 — Devotional Reading. Isa. 35: 1-10.

Jesus' Power to Help.

LESSON TEXT, PRINTED PORTION — Matt. 9: 1-13.

- 1. And he entered into a ship, and passed over and came into his own city.
- 2. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee.
- 3. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.
- 4. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?
- 5. For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?
- 6. But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed and go unto thine house.
 - 7. And he arose and departed to his house.
- 8. But when the multitude saw it, they marveled and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.
- 9. And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.
- 10. And it came to pass as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.
- 11. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your master with publicans and sinners?
- 12. But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
- 13. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Memory Verse — I will have mercy and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Central Thought - Jesus saves only the Who-

so-ever-will and we cannot accept Him as Christ our Savior without obeying Him as Lord.

Practical Truth — Jesus came to call men from the depths of sin to the heights of holiness and as their Savior, Lord, He calls them to a good life here and the better life here after.

Suggestions to Teachers

Beginners — Jesus forgives and helps the sick man. Juniors and Intermediate — How Jesus meets our needs through forgiveness. Young People and Adults — How we can trust Jesus to meet all human needs.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

In the Home reading for Feb. 13th our attention is called to Jesus' power to help the Roman military officer's servant. Feb. 14th. Home Reading records Him meeting the Demoniacs and showing His power. Oh, the power of our precious Jesus. Matt. 28: 18. "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth." Any one needing help should not despair because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 13: 8.

While He came to help all, He says himself, that He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. He is our exclusive Christ Jesus and no other name given that can save; and in His dear name there is power to cure every ill the human family is heir to.

Sunday Feb. 25, 1934

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Feb. 19 The Twelve Sent Forth. Matt. 9: 35-38; 10: 1-8.
- Feb. 20 The Twelve Encouraged. Matt. 10: 24-33.
- Feb. 21 A Prophet's Call. Jer. 1: 1-10.
- Feb. 22 The Missionary Spirit. Isa. 42: 1-9.
- Feb. 23 Progress Through Persecution. Acts 8: 1-8.
- Feb. 24 The Need of Laborers. John 4: 31-38.
- Feb. 25 Devotional Reading. Rom. 10: 8-15.

SUBJECT — The Twelve Sent Forth.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — Matt. 9: 35-38; 10: 1-8. 32, 33.

- 35. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
- 36. But when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd.
 - 37. Then saith he unto his disciples. The harvest

truly is plenteous but the laborers are few;

- 38. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.
- 10: 1. And when he had called unto him his disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.
- 2. The names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother:
- 3. Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alpheus, and Lebbæus whose surname was Thaddæus;
- 4. Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.
- 5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
- 6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 8. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
- 32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
- 33. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Memory Verse — The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Matt. 9: 37, 38.

Central Thought — The greatness of the harvest and the scarcity of laborers.

Practical Truth — Our part in consecrating our selves to God so He will have lives to call into His vineyard as laborers.

Suggestions To Teachers

Beginners — Jesus sends forth twelve workers into his vineyard. Junior and Intermediate — How helpers can win others to Christ. Young People and Adults — We should as helpers together with Him win others to Christ.

EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

These scriptures remind us of the need of much teaching of the necessity of the forgiving spirit. If precious souls hold an unforgiving attitude toward any one they cannot be forgiven of God. God bless and help all His dear children to be helpers together with God in the salvation of souls.