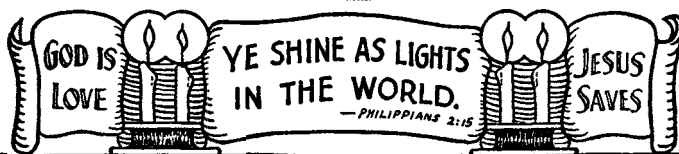


# FAITH AND VICTORY

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

HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Gratitude

O, all my hope is Jesus;  
He has done so much for me.  
I praise Him for salvation,  
From sin He sets me free.

O, all my strength is Jesus,  
He helps me every day.  
I praise Him for my healing  
And for the heavenly way.

He guides me by His Spirit,  
And keeps me by His power.  
He watches o'er my footsteps,  
And helps me every hour.

He is such a loving Jesus,  
And loves His children so!  
His dying love has reached me,  
And to His home I'll go.

I want to join the angels  
Around God's happy throne,  
And praise His name forever  
In that bright and happy home.

— Mrs. W. O. Hennings.

## Exceeding Righteousness

We read in the precious Word of God,, "Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5: 20). Who are the scribes and Pharisees? Our Bible dictionary tells us that the scribes were the scholars, or men of letters, as spoken of in John 7: 15, to whom belonged the professional study of the Mosaic law. They seem to have a righteousness of the letter, but not of the spirit. It

also teaches that the Pharisees were a sect that believed in God, and professed righteousness, but had fallen into sin and hypocrisy. Their greatest sin was rejecting the righteousness of truth and grace, being prejudiced against Christ, the Son of God. They fasted and prayed and boasted that they were not as publicans and sinners, and yet they sought to slay and kill the Son of God, and rested not until it was done.

My friends, we have them yet. And our righteousness must exceed theirs. Truly so. In the 23rd chapter of this same book, we hear the King of Kings and Lord of Lords denouncing them for their false religion and outside show to the world. "Woe unto you! because ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, and neither go in yourselves; neither suffer ye them that would enter, to go in. For a pretense, make long prayers, devour widows' houses, compass sea and land to make a member two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves." Lord, have mercy!

The Savior warns us to beware of their doctrine. Friends, we have them yet. We also read, "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15: 9. By reading the Word we also learn that our blessed Savior, while cleansing the temple, accused this same crowd of converting the house of God into a house of merchandise, and a den of thieves. Sad, but true, the whole of the inhabitants of the earth, with the exception of but a very small fraction, are in this cursed and destructive class. Only a few real saints; few sinners do not have a profession. It appears that the devil and the hypocrites are gone, gone, gone with the people. Saints bound for heaven; sinners bound for hell. But where will the devil and hypocrites land with this modern world? God pity them.

These are they of whom the Word speaks, shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived; having a form of godliness, but destitute of the power;

having a zeal for righteousness, but not according to knowledge.

Do you wonder that the Master would so emphatically warn His loved ones to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees? Leaven, you know, is that germ of decay in a potato or apple that will cause it to rot, and such a potato in a pile would cause the whole pile to rot. May God help us to prayerfully and carefully watch our hearts, that the leaven of money-getting, member-making and pre-eminence of the modern scribes and Pharisees enter not. "Except your righteousness exceed, etc." It is a sin to assemble in fine buildings and in large numbers for no other purpose than to make merchandise of the lives of our sons and daughters. But yet, thank God, it is exceeding righteousness for even two or three saints to meet under a shade tree in the name of Jesus for prayer, where bodies may get healed, sinners fully saved, and believers sanctified for service by the Holy Spirit of God.

— G. W. McMillian

## Some Things To Consider

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Mark 16: 19-20.

Dear readers, I have been thinking and meditating upon the above text, or passage for some time and I believe it would be to the glory of God to write a few lines along this line.

We want to call your special attention to the clause in the twentieth verse which says, "The Lord working with them." Also, in 2 Cor. 6: 1, "We then as workers together with him." We see here by the connection of these two passages that there is a reciprocal attitude or a harmonious blending between God and His workers. They work with God, and God works with them. I believe we can understand the need of harmony for the successful working of mechanical devices, such as clocks, sewing-machines, typewriters, automobiles, and so on. When each part works harmoniously the effect is satisfactory, but if there is a lack of harmony in the mechanism of the machine, or device the work is not satisfactory.

Harmony exists in all the works of God, in every thing God does we can see a harmonious blending. The raindrops, ripples, streams, rivers, lakes, seas, and oceans. The plants, grass, flowers, grain, vines, and

trees. The sun, moon, stars, comets, and planets. The seasons; spring, summer, autumn, and winter. These all come and go as God has designed they should, or in other words; they operate under a divine law and therefore they bring to the human family the blessings that were intended for them to bring. These being some of the channels through which blessings flow from God to man. What would be the consequences if some foreign element could come in and obstruct one or more of these channels? If such was possible, humanity would be deprived of many blessings that belong to them by a creative right.

Now just think for a moment.— Can an element of an obstructive character get among the people of God that will hinder God from working with the people of today the same as He did in ages past?

We find by reading the Holy Scriptures three things that, when complied with, brought success:

First — The Lord worked with His people. Mk 16: 20.

Second — His people worked with Him. 1 Cor. 6: 1.

Third — His people worked in harmony with each other. Matt. 18: 19-20, and 1 Cor. 3: 6.

Paul planted, Apollos watered, God gave the increase. "Can two walk (work) together except they be agreed?"

Now we want to consider three things that will hinder the working of the Spirit of God, and will keep back many blessings that belong to the people.

First, we will mention a lack of confidence. To be successful in any kind of business, the men that are engaged in that business must have confidence in each other, confidence in their business and also confidence in their patrons. When confidence fails, courage fails, and failure is the result, but when confidence stands and all members of the firm work in harmony with each other and according to the particular law that governs that business, success is certain.

Also in the spiritual world confidence is necessary. No progress can be made without it, and in case confidence begins to fail or is lost, it must be strengthened or restored. It is useless to try to climb a hill with a dead motor. It is useless to try to do the work of the Lord without confidence. James says, "Confess your faults one to another." That is a good step to take to strengthen, or restore confidence. Just try that; it works fine. Be careful not to change "to another" for "for another." Now, do you want to see some healing take place? "Pray one for another that ye may be healed."

Next we will mention a lack of faith as a reason

why God can not do any more mighty works than He does. Matt. 13:58 also Mark 6:5-6. Heb 11:6 teaches us that "without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." May God help us to have more faith in Him, for I realize that it is one thing that is needed to accomplish the work of God in the earth. My prayer is as the prayer of one of the disciples of old, "Lord, increase our faith."

There is a great lack of real living active faith among the people of God of today. Whether we are aware of the fact or not, the fact remains the same. If the Lord was here with us sometimes He would address us as He did one of old, "Oh, ye of little faith." Now, I am not finding fault in an abusive way, but am stating facts we can increase in the rich graces of God. Praise God for His love to us and for what He has bestowed upon us in the past, and is now at this present time bestowing upon us. Praise Him for the encouragement of our souls and the strengthening of our faith. Let us consider the eleventh chapter of the Hebrews. Here we find a short biographical sketch of some of the men of real faith. We see what faith did for them: stopped death, quenched the violence of fire, locked the lion's jaws, delivered from the sword, turned armies to flight, made the weak strong, brought the dead back to life and many other wonderful things. The Bible teaches us that all things are possible to them that believe. "Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore, I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Mark 11:22-24. So I pray, and we all should pray, "Lord, increase our faith."

Now we come to the third reason we would like to consider in short, which is a lack of submission. "Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder, yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Pet. 5:5.

"But He giveth more grace, wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" James 4:6-7. Where there is a lack of submission there is a lack

of humility, and where there is a lack of humility there is a lack of the grace of God, and where the grace of God is lacking His power is also lacking and of course where there is a lack of power there is a lack of accomplishing the work that is to be done. Submit yourselves one to another. Submit yourselves to God. Submit yourselves to the Holy Spirit, the result will be an abundance of the grace and favor of God with power to do His biddings. Amen. — Ulysses Phillips

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## Beauty

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Millions of dollars are spent annually for beauty. The young, the middle-aged, as well as the old grandmothers and grandfathers, want to attract the opposite sex. And what is the usual result? Broken hearts and less faith in humanity because of deception. Many a girl has squandered her mother's hard-earned money for a drug store complexion, landed some cigarette fiend in the shape of a husband, foolishly believing that all men were like dear "old dad". When the truth stared her in the face, she cried for a divorce.

Some boys with good honest mothers get their eyes fixed on what they think a real beauty. When the artificial make-up is removed, they find they have been deceived. Their future is shattered, faith in humanity just a scarecrow.

Read Isaiah 61:3. God will give you beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and a garment of praise for heaviness. You must repent of all your sin, make wrongs right as far as possible, and the above wonderful promises are yours without charge of price. David had the experience when he wrote the 103 Psalm. Caleb followed the Lord wholly, and was as young at the age of 85 as when forty. He realized that his soul and body belonged to the Lord and took care of it accordingly. Bad habits, such as tobacco, strong drink, self-abuse, and irregular hours are hinderances to real beauty.

A pure heart (Matt. 5:8) will put the real lasting sparkle into the eyes. A pure heart full of the love of God is soothing to the nerves, giving real rest, and soothing sensation to the whole soul and body. Romans 14:17 reads, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." The Giver of beauty will give wisdom if conditions are met. John 14:26, Luke 12:12. The Holy Ghost shall teach you. A Mission Worker, Haigler, Nebr.

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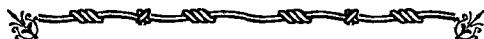
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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate're may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth not."



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## EDITORIALS

In the morning worship we read the latter part of the 14th chapter of Luke's Gospel. "If any man come unto me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." We are sure that the Lord had no reference to evil hatred but only a righteous hatred, as there is such a thing as a righteous hatred which is turning away from the worldly, carnal life manifested by the unregenerated, also a turning away from your own life that the life of Christ might be manifested in you. This scripture harmonizes exactly with the first few verses of the third chapter of Col., "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." If your life is dead and is hid with Christ in God there will not be any thing but the life of Christ manifested in and through you. You will have a righteous hatred for carnal, worldly lives all about you and they in turn will generally have evil hatred toward you, either openly or secretly, and this will be your cross to bear. So the Christian takes up his cross daily and bears it. We, as saved people, no longer follow the course of this world but are going contrary and opposite to it and thus we are a peculiar people. We do not try to follow the fads and fashions of this world but just dress to please God in modest apparel. The world will always love its own; that is the reason some preachers become so popular, they cease to bear the reproach of the cross. Their life is no longer hid with Christ in God. Jesus says, "Whosoever doeth not bear his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

In this same chapter Jesus goes on to tell about counting the cost and speaks of a man going to build a tower and he set down first to count the cost to be sure that he had sufficient to finish. It is unwise for any one to start to serve God without first counting the cost as the cost will be for you to become dead and your life hid with Christ in God. This is the only way you will be able to finish and win the prize at the end of the race.

Professors of religion are the cleverest tools in the devil's hands to discourage, accuse, crush and abuse the real followers of Christ; it was so when Jesus was here and it is so today. We have the same old devil to overcome that Jesus had and unless we keep dead and hate the lives of our unregenerated kinsman and our own life we will expose ourselves in a way to bring defeat before the end is reached. If the enemy comes against us with his twenty thou-

sands, Christ will give us the victory. Thank God. He does give us the victory again and again.

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Recently we listened to a worldly-wise preacher over the radio. He was what the world calls a big preacher, with a big following; one that used big words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. In his discourse he said, "I can tell you the benefits derived from the death of Christ, but I cannot tell you why He had to die." I thought, "What a pity for a preacher to have such a following and not be able to tell the people why Jesus had to die."

We hear Jesus saying, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matt. 5: 17- 18.

In Ezekiel, 18th chapter, 20th verse we read, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." In the third chapter of Romons, Paul declares, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." In the fifth chapter of Romans he (Paul) says again, "And so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." God's law to Adam was that if he ate of the forbidden tree he would die and so through Adam's sin death passed upon all men. The penalty of sin was death. God's law had to be fulfilled and Jesus was the only one that could fulfill it. One man could not die for another man and save him from death, but every man's blood was required for his own sin. Jesus had done no sin and His blood was innocent. God's law had to be fulfilled. Jesus took our place and fulfilled the penalty of the law that was upon we guilty sinners, therefore His innocent blood covering our souls makes us innocent before God. We escape the curse of death which was upon us through faith and belief in Christ and His atoning work. Therefore Jesus had to fulfill the law of God, else we should have all perished.

"Christ hath redeemed us up from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." Gal. 3: 13. God has done every thing possible through Christ for the salvation of man. Jesus suffered and died upon the cursed tree and paid the debt that we could not pay, by His precious blood, ransomed us back to God. God is satisfied with the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, and if guilty sinners will come to the cross and accept the sacrifice and cover under the blood of the Lamb of

God which was without spot or blemish, they can meet God and he will speak peace to their souls and they can be in harmony with Him.

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On the 12th of February, Brother Earl Laughlin and the writer began a meeting at the Oak Glade school house several miles south of Lahoma, Oklahoma. At this writing, several nights' meeting have been held and the interest has been good and we are expecting the Lord to bring souls into the fold of God before it closes. The people in that neighborhood seem to be very sober and fair-minded folks who want to make heaven their home.

We are leaving the printing work with wife, Lawrence and the others at the office and they will put out this March issue of the paper. We do not know how long it will be the pleasure of the Lord for us to be away from the office as the folks at other places are wanting meeting. We expect to serve God in His own way. We mean to be at our best for God. We may not have long to labor. The time, no doubt, is short. We must be about our Father's business. Pray for us, brethren, and for the salvation of souls in the meetings. Also pray for the printing work that the printed gospel may be kept going out to the people and that those at the office may keep courage. Ask God to supply them with free-will offerings for temporal needs, and for wisdom and knowledge in managing the printing work and in sending forth the pure, clean gospel. Many souls are languishing, ready to die. They need the truth of the gospel as live coals from the altar that it may quicken life in their souls. Let us all push the battle together and keep up the shield of faith. We shall have the victory if we count it so.

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We made mention in last issue of Sister Watson having her car stolen. She has had no trace of the car and it was necessary for her and Sisters Orr and Williamson to return to La. There has been some money given her towards the buying of another car and she found a used car that suited her need, so she has made arrangements and bought the car and is on her way home at this writing. She is trusting God to so supply that she may be able soon to meet the obligations originating from the purchasing of the car. There are surely others of God's children who have some of the Lord's money to help lift this burden from God's ministering servant. You can address your letter to Sister T. N. Watson, Rt. 1, Box 188, Loranger, La. or you can send your offering here to this office and we will see that she gets the means.

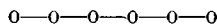
5-CENT SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

Through this March issue we are now making a SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER on the "Faith and Victory" paper in order to get the truth into as many homes as possible and perhaps save some precious souls. It will give our readers a chance to do some missionary work and get the paper going to a lot of their friends and neighbors at very little cost. The subscription price will be FIVE CENTS FOR THREE MONTHS or twelve subscriptions, three months, for 50 cents. The apostle Paul says, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." You will surely be working ill to your neighbor if you do not let him have the Gospel and give him a chance to be saved.

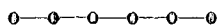
This is a good opportunity to place the truth in his hands, so act promptly while you have it in mind. This offer will only hold good until the 20th of April. We want to have a large list of these 5-cent subscribers for our April issue of Faith and Victory. If you find a "5-cent offer" subscription blank in your paper, it is for your convenience. We persuade you in Jesus' name to let His Spirit quicken you to spread the truth.

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The large shipment of "Select Hymns" song books have nearly all been sold at the special low price put on them. We shall try to keep this song book in stock and will agree to post pay these books into the fourth zone (which covers a radius of 600 miles from Guthrie) for 75 cents each. If you want them by the dozen or in larger quantities, write us about prices. If you live closer to Anderson, Ind. than you do to Guthrie, we will have them sent to you from that city. The saints every where are very anxious about this song book and many have expressed themselves as being glad that it is possible to have this song book again. We rejoice to know this, as it indicates the desire for the old-time truth in song. Those drifting very far to the world will not care so very much for this song book.



Bro. Wm. Barton, one of God's humble ministers, writes that he has moved from Collinsville, Okla. and his new address is: 400 Tom St., Webb City, Mo. He states that he is now giving all his time to gospel work.



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Obituaries

Conrad Christ was born in Germany near Frankfurt, Nov. 29, 1839. He passed away Jan. 21, 1934 near Fallis, Okla. at the home of his son, Charlie N. Christ, where he spent the last year of his life. Age, 94 years, one month and 23 days.

He came to America in the spring of 1864, lived in Rahway, New York. Then moved to Washington, Ill. and in 1876 moved to Peabody, Kansas, and in 1894 moved to Fallis, Okla. Later he lived at Guthrie, Okla. with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Rapp.

He gave his heart to God in 1869 and soon saw the Church of God and the truth on all Bible doctrines which he contended for. Accepted truth under D. S. Warner's preaching in 1892 or 3 at Wichita, Kansas. He was married to Elizabeth Muller in the spring of 1864. Six children were born to this union. Now there are 23 grand-children and 56 great grand-children.

He was very patient in his suffering and prayed the Lord to take him home. Funeral service was conducted by A. Chase. His body was laid to rest in McKinley cemetery. — C. N. Christ.



We received word that Brother F. M. Smalley of Rockford, Ohio passed on to his reward, leaving this earthly tabernacle Jan. 20, 1934.

He was 79 year old, and for the last fifty years had been walking in the straight and narrow way, and held that the way was just as strait and narrow now as it was fifty years ago, always being against any spirit of compromise.

The Lord cared for him in his sickness, relieving him of all pain and suffering. Word was sent to us by his son, W. M. Smalley.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Dan Eck of Meno, Okla. desires the saints to fast and pray for her on Sunday, 4th of March, for the complete healing of the asthma trouble. Sometime ago she was healed through the prayers of the saints, but the affliction has returned. Let's pray the Lord to touch her again.

Sister Floyd Knapp of Bigelow, Mo. requests the saints everywhere to fast and pray on the 3rd and 4th of March for her permanent healing of the T. B. She has five children and much work to do and not able to do it. She has everything on the altar and knows the Lord will heal. At 3 p. m. on the 4th day she will be anointed, so let all be agreed that the Lord will do the work.

Marshall, Mich. — Dear holy Saints of God: I am twenty-seven years of age. I have three children, and my whole desire is to bring them up for God. I am not saved, although I desire to be. The devil has a grasp on my soul that I don't seem to be able to break away from, and I want all of you to pray earnestly that God, in His unknown way to us, will remove the cause, that I can be saved and have a happy Christian home. — Mrs. Emma Unger.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Los Angeles, Calif. — Dear Saints: The Lord has been talking to me about writing my testimony for "Faith and Victory". As I want to obey Him in every thing He tells me to do, I will do His bidding.

I am so glad I ever gave my heart to Jesus, then afterwards He sanctified my soul. Just a few years ago I came out of the holiness sect church, and I am so glad the Lord soon led me into this wonderful evening light. Praise God, I never can thank Him enough for it, and by the grace of God I intend to go all the way with the Lord. He is so precious to my soul, and how precious it is to trust Him for our bodies also. He is always right along our side to help us in every time of need. I want to keep so close to Jesus that I can always hear the softest whisper of

His voice. He draws so very near to me sometimes that it seems like I could just reach out and touch Him. It surely pays to serve Jesus. I never want to go back on Him, and I never intend to do so. We read in 2 Cor. 10: 12, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." We must watch and pray, for we have our trials and tests along the way. In Dan. 12: 10, we read, "Many shall be justified and made white, and tried,"

Dear ones, it will only be a little while till we will all meet around the great white throne and sing God's praise; we know the way of the cross leads home, as the song goes:

"The way of the cross leads home,  
The way of the cross leads home,  
And 'tis sweet to know as we onward go,  
The way of the cross leads home."

Dear ones, we know also that the grace of God is sufficient to take us through if we will only trust and obey. Please pray for me that the dear Lord will keep me true to Him, and help me to be faithful in all He would have me do, for without Him I can do nothing.

Your Sister in the Lord,

— Mrs. Elsie Franklin.

Webb City, Mo. — To all the dear Saints everywhere: Greetings in the name of our dear Savior.

It has been some time since I have sent in my testimony but I am still saved, and have been for twenty years or more. I am happy this morning and determined by God's help to go all the way. Dear saints, it truly is a wonderful blessing to be able to look out on the condition of this sin-cursed world with all its perplexities and troubles and know that we are saved and free from all of its unrest and worrying. Oh, what a wonderful thing it is to be saved at this particular time. I often say this in my testimonies here in our home meetings. The worse I can see the world getting, the more I can appreciate salvation. We that are saved can shout the victory and Satan can not hinder us. Praise the name of our dear Savior. God's perfect plan of real Bible salvation is what people need to accept. I am glad it costs just what it does. I would not change it in the least if I had the power and privilege to change it.

our loved and sanctified brother, I am,

— L. M. Wood

Richland, Mo. — Dear Brothers and Sisters scattered abroad, greeting to all in Jesus' dear name: This evening I am still saved, and enjoying salvation. I want to live close to the Lord each day and be what

He would have me be and do what He would have me to do. Dear ones, it takes a close walk with God to stay upon this beautiful highway that leads from earth to heaven. We must ever watch and pray. The enemy of our souls will get every one that he can to neglect prayer and the reading of God's word or will try to get us so busy in the things of this world that we will not be as interested in the things of God and fail to take time to pray for the lost souls about us, but dear saints, let us not listen to the devil but resist him and also we should pray much one for another because the devil is seeking whom he may devour.

Dear ones, heaven will be a bright and happy place and all can have the joy of going there to live forever, but it will take a close walk with God to live the holy life that we must live to get there. We can live it by the grace of God, so we need not be discouraged.

We had a good meeting here in December. No one got saved, but some confessed it was the truth. Some raised their hands for prayer, so dear ones, pray earnestly for these dear souls. Brother Paul Gibson and Sister Pletcher preached the plain truth. The people were told just what they have to do to get salvation. The Lord answered prayer in giving us good weather. It was cold a few nights, but was not bad enough that the people could not come out to the meeting.

On the last night of the meeting Brother Ezra Gibson preached and Sister Anderson also talked some. The meeting lasted one day and night over two weeks.

Pray for the souls here. The devil has some bound, but we know the Lord can deliver the captives, heal the broken-hearted and give them peace in their hearts. God's Word tells us, "If any man loves the world the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2: 15. This great salvation that is in the heart saves from the love of the world. We have a joy that this world can not give. May God bless every reader, is my prayer.

Your sister,

— Becky Brown.

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Roanoke, W. Va. —Dear Bro. Pruitt and faithful workers at the Faith Pub. House: May victory crown your every effort is my prayer. I have been a reader of your little paper for a while. It is fine; only it is too short. I was a reader of the *Gospel Trumpet* for over 35 years. I became acquainted with it while the publishing house was at Mounds-

ville. I was at one camp-meeting while it was there, and four different times at Anderson, Ind. The last time I was there it had changed so much since the first time I was there. The preachers had put on neck-ties—the very thing they preached against when I first heard them. Also in the beginning the paper contained articles against the wearing of the tie. This and other worldliness caused some of the preachers to leave the Trumpet family. It kept getting more and more worldly, so I gave them up as they were becoming more like other sects. As a result, I haven't been reading the Trumpet for five or six years.

The Church of God pure and holy was what dear old Bro. Warner was so interested in. He and many others of the old-time Gospel Trumpet preachers were faithful to preach and write against all worldliness—the tie and sect denominations. Well, it isn't that way today, as the Trumpet people are a sect with all the other sects.

I got lost from the real Church of God people for a while until I heard of Bro. Orr. I wrote a letter to him and he answered it, sending me a few tracts. He was still holding up the Bible standards as Bro. Warner preached it. So I am still on the Rock and one in the Church of God; have past my 77th milestone, and if I live to see the 17th day of March I will be 78 years old. I am not well, but able to go all because of the goodness of God to me. Oh, his love and mercy to me has been very great. Am living for the Lord as best I know. — F. W. Spour.

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Boley Okla. — Dear Brother Pruitt, greetings in much holy love in Jesus' dear name. I'm praising my blessed Redeemer this beautiful morning for salvation that gives me victory in my soul over all of the powers of sin and evil through the mighty power and love of our God. To Him be all the praise and thanks and glory forever. Amen.

We are in a battle here against the devil. Bro. B. J. Douglass is with us. Bro. Sam Barton and Bro. Moore and Bro. Johnney Johnson and Sister Johnson came over with Bro. Douglass but went home Monday. We are expecting them back the last of the week. We would be glad if you could come over a few days. We received the song books, and also the little book you sent me, for which I praise the Lord and thank you so much.

Much holy love to you and family and to all the dear saints. Pray much for us.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus, — M. J. Phillips.



# « Young People's Section »

## Be A Friend Today

Hast thou any flowers for me?  
Wilt thou kindly let them be  
Given ere death be-dews my brow?  
Wait not, give them to me now.

While in life's eventful day  
Tired, and weary grows the way,  
When in dark and lonely hour,  
Give me then the cheering flower.

Hast thou kind words to impart.  
Words that lift the fainting heart?  
Speak ere Death's hand on me lay;  
Speak those kind words now — today.

Kind words are but empty breath  
To the heart that's still in death;  
When life's load is hard to bear  
Let me then the kind word hear.

Hast thou sunlit smiles to give.  
Smiles that make us want to live?  
Ere I cross death's sullen stream,  
On me let those bright smiles beam.

Smiles, whate'er their power to save,  
Can not penetrate the grave.  
Ere I reach life's ending mile,  
Give to me the sunlit smile.

Prayer can stay the trembling knee:  
If thou hast but one for me,  
Let it offered be today,  
Ere the life-light fades away.

When my soul ascends the air,  
I no more shall need thy prayer:  
Let now, today, thy soul travail;  
'Tis only now thy prayers avail.

— C. E. Orr.

## EDITORIALS

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isa. 55: 8, 9. God is all-wise. The Apostle says, even the foolishness of God is wiser than men. One writer, commenting on the subject, says, “God is infinitely superior to us in knowledge. We are of yesterday and know nothing; our foundation is in the dust. We have little real knowledge of present ob-

jects and events; and of the future we are entirely ignorant, except so far as God has been pleased to reveal it. But God perfectly knows all things. He has a perfect knowledge of the properties and qualities of all creatures; for He made them what they are, and upholds them. He knows everything that is now taking place in the universe; for He is everywhere present. He knows everything that ever has occurred, or that ever will occur; for we are told that He sees the end from the beginning; that He calls things that are not as though they were; and that known unto God are all his works from the beginning. At a single glance He looks through eternity and immensity, and takes into view at once, the whole circle of existence. That this perfect knowledge must cause His thoughts and ways to be infinitely above ours, it is needless to remark. Are not the thoughts and ways of man above those of the brute? Are not the thoughts and ways of the parent above the comprehension of his new born infant? Do not our own change, as we increase in wisdom and knowledge? How far then, must the thoughts and ways of the omniscient, infallible God, exceed those of ignorant, short-sighted and fallible men.” How true it is that man cannot know God's ways and thoughts to the fullest extent because His are so far above ours. We cannot see conditions as God sees them, except as He reveals it to us. One writer says, *the world by wisdom knew not God*, for the wisdom of men is foolishness with God. Many times we might question God's actions and dealings, why He did this and why He did that, because they did not harmonize with our own reasonings. Yet when we consider ourselves in comparison with God, our judgment amounts to nothing.

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Not many of the young people have ordered the booklet, *Instruction of Youth In The Christian Life*, by C. E. Orr, which we mentioned in last issue. Now you will be missing a great benefit if you do not secure one. They sell at 8 cents each or two for fifteen cents, postpaid. In order to help you get this booklet, we will postpay one to you as a premium for one yearly subscription to *Faith and Victory*. This offer is to young people only, and the order must be received during March, so be prompt. — L. D. P.

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Versailles, Ohio — To the readers of the “*Faith and Victory*” and especially the young people: Let

me greet you with the message which it pleased God to send, by Heavenly Messengers, and is recorded in the second chapter of St. Luke, where we read of the shepherds which were keeping watch over their flocks by night. Beginning at the ninth verse, "And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

This good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, is what is filling my heart with gratitude unto my God today because the tidings came to me and I believed them and acted like it, though I was very slow in doing so fully, to my sorrow, but I do now and have found, as Peter expresses it, "That it is joy unspeakable and full of glory." But why is it that so many who hear these tidings fail to find that great joy? It is because they, if they believe them at all, think that the Savior will save them in their sins. So they continue in them. But the angel said to Joseph (Matt. 1: 21), "He shall save his people from their sins." And Jesus Himself says, (Luke 13: 3) "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." And to repent we must have godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7: 10) which will cause us to confess and forsake our sins, (Prov. 28: 13). And when we believe with all our heart (Acts. 8: 37) we experience what Jesus said must happen, we are born again (St. John 3: 3), and then the joy really does flood our souls, and we begin to do those things which Jesus and His apostles tell us in the precious Word of God. Not just as a matter of duty but as acts of love for the One who has done so much for us.

So, dear reader, if you have not already found this joy, I beg you in the name of Jesus to do as He says, (Matt. 11: 28-30), "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." Also in (Ecc. 12: 1), we are told by the Spirit of God to, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

So we see that the time to prepare to meet our God is in our youth, so we may have this great joy, which is everlasting, to go with us through life, the good days as well as the evil.

There is another reason also which will add to this joy when we do these things. We will have sent our sins on to judgment and have them blotted out of the records which are kept above, and begin a new record which we will not be ashamed to meet when we are called to meet Christ in judgment. (2 Cor. 5: 10). If we give account to God here and forsake our sins, He says they shall not be mentioned to us (Ezek. 33: 16). So we can go on confident that the more we spend for Christ, the greater reward we will receive if we remain faithful. "For their works follow them." (Rev. 14: 13). This is the tidings which the dear Lord has called me to preach. So when you pray, please pray for me that the Lord will open the way and that I will be faithful unto the end.

Your brother in Christ, —Ray Key.

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Putnam, Okla. — Dear Brother Lawrence Pruitt and wife: May God's richest blessings rest and abide with you and keep you all encouraged to live for the Lord and work in His vineyard as He directs. Keep the young people's section going in the paper, too. I like to hear from the young folks. Would like to send my greetings to them through the paper.

Keep encouraged dear young Saints, and live for Him who died for us and did more than we can ever repay. This is a sinful world and Satan is sure capturing the young people. Unsaved ones say they want to have a good time as they are young but once. Remember Jesus' example when young, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." Have a good time, but don't have it at the expense of your souls, or you will regret it in after life. Salvation is for the young and old and that brings rejoicing, for Paul tells us to rejoice always in the Lord. David says in Psalms 51: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." Live for Jesus and die to live with Him who has redeemed us from our sins with His own blood. Praise His dear name.

Yours, in the Lord, — Avon T. Wiseman.

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Springfield, Mo. — Dear Saints scattered abroad: Tonight finds me saved and determined to follow Jesus all the way. I am glad that the Lord is still working and saving souls. It makes my heart rejoice to hear of it, for there are so few who are willing to take the narrow way. To be saved means to forsake. We must give up our ways, our thoughts, for His thoughts are high above our thoughts. I feel that the end of time is fast approaching. There is so little real heart service being done for the dear Lord.

My heart's desire is to do more for Him who has done so much for me. When I look over my past, I behold how His wide arms of mercy held me. They have guided me through the dark and sunny sides of life. I do not doubt His power. I feel when my prayer is not answered that the trouble is in me, and that His power is as strong as ever. Then it pays to begin to search and see what is the matter. "Without faith it is impossible to please God. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead being alone." James 2: 17. I am seeking God for more faith, for I realize there is but little faith in God in this evil time. It really stirs my heart when I see how the world is going. I pray that God will stir His people to be on their guard against sin and wickedness and to keep unspotted from the world. We cannot hold the world by one hand and God with the other. We must be the servant of one or the other. I want to do His will in every thing.

May God bless each and every one of His saints is the prayer of one who loves the saints and His cause,  
 — Evelyn Gibson.

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Neosho, Mo. — Dear Young People: Today finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied with this good old Bible way. I feel impressed to tell a few incidents of my young life, in hopes that it will help some young folks to stop and consider themselves.

My mother was taken away from me when I was ten years of age. I hardly know what a mother's care and love is, so you young folks who have praying mothers and fathers should appreciate them above all.

My father was a good Christian man. He taught us children this true way all of our lives. He had a hard life to live as he had to be mother and father of seven children for twenty one years. I really appreciate my praying father, and for the way he taught me. Many times, when I was young, I thought my father was too strict, but I now see that it was for my good. The children nowadays seem to think their parents are too strict, but if time lasts they will some day find out that it was for their own good, and will wish they had listened to mother and father. Dear young people, your mothers and fathers will not make you do anything that will hurt you. They only do these things for your own good.

My advice to the young folks is to get saved and live for the Lord, for He is a present help in every time of need. I surely praise the dear Lord for the way He heals our bodies when we get sick. We can never praise Him enough, for He has done so

much for every one of us.

I need your prayers that I will be the mother I should be and rear my children in the right way.

Your Sister in Christ, — Alpha Daniels.

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Los Angeles, Calif. — Dear Young Folks and readers of "Faith and Victory": I feel so blessed and encouraged in my soul that I feel like telling it through the paper.

Because of not having the time to study the Word and pray as I would like, the enemy at times accuses me of not even being saved. I immediately rebuke him and he has to flee. This morning Satan was trying to molest my peace in this way, so I went to my Father for help and for a blessing to my soul. He filled me to overflowing and gave such a witness to my soul that I was His child that Satan had to retreat. I do praise the Lord for these blessings to our souls.

I also thank the Lord for healing power. He is the only physician I have had in my life and He has healed me of every affliction. Our little baby was real sick last week and the Physician healed her, too.

The new year has begun and we do not know what afflictions, trials, hardships, and sorrows it may bring, but by the help and grace of God I am determined to be faithful to the end and, if possible, be found nearer my Savior.

The writings in the Young People's Section have been encouraging to me. There is nothing that does my soul more good than to see young people getting saved and then living a sweet Christian life — not a professed life, but a real Christian life. Always remember me as your Sister in Christ,

— Mrs. Myrtis Flynn.

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Fremont, Mo. — Dear Young Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in our precious Savior's name. I am glad for the privilege of knowing our Savior. Truly He is all we need in this present evil world and the one to come to. Dear Young People, the dear Lord has been so precious to each of us. Even good to those who are unthankful and unholy. How much we should honor Him all the days of our life. No sacrifice is too great to make. When we are hedged on every side with the devil, the dear Lord looks down on us with mercy and grace and sends us help thus enabling us to stand true. Just like a rock in the billows. It is wonderful we've found Him, the One the prophets of old through inspiration prophesied would come. Truly, as we do His holy will we are blessed above all mankind. He is ever

our burden-bearer. The Lord is pleased when we come to Him casting all of our cares upon Him. What better friend could we wish for? Truly, the plan of salvation is perfect. The Lord in His word says not to be carried about with every wind of doctrine. But He wants us to be so settled on the Word that no theory of men can ever change us.

Before the Lord saved me I was in the Pentecostal tongue movement for about three years. Truly, it was marvelous how God delivered me out of that awful deception and gave me the real joys of Salvation and brought me into the oneness of God's dear people just as his Word teaches. I mean to serve Him all the days of my life. It has been about six years since God saved me. I've not been tired of the way, but truly it grows brighter and Jesus is more real and heaven more near. It is more than tongue can tell. Oh, I can never repay Him for all of His goodness, mercy and consideration to me. I ever want to be a person He can trust at all times. This old sinful world holds no charms for a Child of God. Our treasures are up in heaven.

I enjoy reading the testimonies of the young people so much. It does my soul so much good to know that God has a few young Saints that are loving and serving Him as He has desired. It is so wonderful we can walk to please the Lord. We live in a lonely, isolated place. We have no meeting, only as God sends some of His saints here to have meeting. Pray for us that we will ever fill the place He has for us. Would be glad to hear from any of the young saints. Yours, in defence of the gospel,  
— Ellen Glass.

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## Commotion

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O, what is this noise and commotion;  
O what is this strife at N—— that I hear?  
It is the on-coming storm of the Devil,  
It is plain to my sight and my ear.

O what are these cross words, looks and actions;  
O what are these dark clouds that are near?  
It is the works of the Devil, dear loved ones,  
Trying to scatter God's children, I fear.

O who are these, who profess to be sanctified wholly,  
To be living above sin each hour in this life?  
We are taught that by their deeds we shall know them  
Yet some are sowing discord, envy and strife.

O who are these that profess to be sanctified wholly,  
Yet in their homes they have quarrelings and strife,  
At church they try to act very pious,  
But they are known by their every-day life.

They think they are deceiving the people,  
But there is One they can never deceive—  
The Judge before whom they will have to give  
An account for the way in this world they have lived.

Then let us not profess higher, dear loved ones,  
Than the life that we actually live.  
But see that our hearts are filled with God's love,  
Then some soul to Him we may win.

O what are these sharp flashes of lightning;  
These loud peals of thunder that rolls?  
O, be watchful and prayerful, my brother,  
It is 'termites' eating the sill through at the door.

These 'termites' are 'Achans' that among us remain,  
Their hearts are full of envy and sin,  
That is why, when we go up to take Ai,  
That the children of Israel are slain.

Unless these 'termites' are stopped in God's way,  
Our efforts will all be in vain,  
And some souls will be lost then forever,  
Because we let the 'Achans' among us remain.  
— James M. Whiting.

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Neosho, Mo. —Dear saints, I am glad that I can report victory over sin as I look back over the past from my boyhood and see the difference in life since I got saved and walking in the light of the gospel. This way is getting brighter and brighter and more precious day by day. I spent about five years in a denomination. My name was in a church book, but it never brought me joy or relief when a stormcloud came, nor did it bring peace when a so-called brother beat me in a trade, neither was there a person that prayed for me when I was sick. Just think of the poor souls wandering in darkness! When Jesus spoke peace to my soul and showed me the beautiful Church and the oneness among the saints or His people, how I do rejoice for the dear Savior who led me out of such confusion.

Oh, Dear Saints, how thankful should we be for the opportunity we have to be in the body of Christ. Praise His holy name! Dear Saints, it will take much watching and praying as we are facing harder trials and battles and self-denials. Dear brother and sister, be prepared to stand by yourself or you will fall!

be faithful, watch and pray. We will have trials and tests, we will be evil spoken of, even of those we took to be saints, or of those that shew great wonders. It is not the great noise or motion. Jesus has been warning the saints to watch. I have it settled to stand the test. The devil may rage or come as an angel of light, yet he is a liar anyhow. Dear Saints, do not let the little evil thoughts lodge in your heart, nor the little words that are so easy turned loose by a smooth tongue. Dear Saints, let not your heart deceive you by wanting a little extra about your dress or hair to look more like the world. Be not afraid that Jesus will find you too plain, too humble or submissive. Let us stop and think how would Jesus talk. Have you ever heard Jesus speak evil of His Saints? Did you thank the Lord for how you were led to speak about your brother or sister or wife or husband? Did you thank Him for your fancy dress? Whatsoever we do, we should do all to the glory of God. Dear Saints, I need your prayers.

Your Brother in the one Body, — A. J. Hiebert.

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Neosho, Mo. — To all the saints scattered abroad, greetings: We feel it good to let you know we are still in the battle for the Lord, fighting the good fight of faith. The saints here are moving along nicely. There are thirty-five of us in sweet fellowship and unity of the Spirit. The Lord has been doing some wonderful healings in answer to prayer. We feel so grateful to Him for it all.

On the first Sunday of November we started revival services which continued four weeks. The meeting proved a great blessing to the saints, and some souls were saved. It was a time of rejoicing. Saints from other places attended part or all the meeting. Some of those present were: Bro. Wm. Barton of Collinsville, Okla. who now lives at Webb City, Mo.; Bro. Earl Laughlin, Bro. and Sister Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla.; Bro. H. P. Huskey and wife who now live at Clovis, New Mexico; Bro. L. D. Foster of Hutchinson, Kansas; several of the Webb City saints and a few others. The Lord blessed in the preaching, and the saints moved at the sound of the Word.

Some souls have been saved since the November meeting, so the good work is going on at the sound of the voice of the Master. We desire all to pray for us that the Lord will continue His blessings as He sees we need. Praying the Lord to bless and encourage all your hearts and make you a blessing in the earth for His name's sake, we remain yours in the truth,

— Bro. J. Strech.

## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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**Sunday, March 4, 1934**

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 26 — Jesus' Testimony Concerning Himself.  
Matthew 11: 2- 6.

Feb. 27 — A Gracious Invitation. Matt. 11: 25- 30.

Feb. 28 — Lord of the Sabbath. Matt. 12: 1- 8.

March 1 — A Withered Hand. Matt. 12: 9- 21

March 2 — A House Divided. Luke y1: 14- 23.

March 3 — A Man of Sorrows. Isaiah 53: 1- 6.

March 4 — Devotional Reading. Revelation 1: 12- 18

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Matt. 11: 2- 6,  
16- 19, 25 -30.*

SUBJECT — Jesus Testimony Concerning Himself.

Verse 2. Now when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples.

3. And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4. Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

16. But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17. And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

25. At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because

thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Memory Verse — Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Matthew 11: 28.

Central Thought — Jesus the one fully able to meet all the needs of the human soul. O the soul rest found in Jesus!

Practical Truth — God's willingness to reveal His loving will to His dear trusting children. The reward is rest.

#### Suggestions to Teachers

The information received from God concerning His Son and the Son of the Father. God tells who His Son is, and Jesus reveals who God is to His own or to whomsoever He will.

#### EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

Jesus is doing what He said—giving sight, strength, health, hearing, life, the gospel, understanding, knowledge of God, responsibility and reward.

1st. Jesus gives sight. He is still restoring physical sight. He is also saving men and women from the blindness sin gets them into.

2nd. He gives strength—starts the one made to walk on the "heavenly highway," walking in the light of God.

3rd. He gives health. He heals the sin-sick soul. The leprosy of sin is the worst malady man has to deal with. It is humanly incurable. But, praise God, when Bible conditions are met, spiritual health comes.

4th. He gives hearing. Oh how dull of hearing precious souls become when they partake of the deafening sounds of this sinful world. How happy when we listen to Christ's precious words, "Be opened."

5th. He gives life. Those raised from death physically typified those dead in trespasses and in sin, and Jesus speaks the spiritual life today.

6th. He gives the gospel. The good news of salvation, which cannot be purchased by the richest, is enjoyed by the poor, for it is such as have the gospel preached to them.

7th. He gives understanding. To only the teachable, humble soul can Jesus give understanding.

8th. Jesus gives knowledge. The highest knowledge in this world is to know God, whom to know aright is *life* and *peace*.

9th. He gives responsibility. Come, take and learn. You, dear one, must decide for thyself. We are responsible for what we do.

10th. Jesus gives reward. "Ye shall find rest." O weary one, "cast thy burden on the Lord and leave it there."

#### Sunday, March 11, 1934.

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

March 5 — Parables of the Kingdom. Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52.

March 6 — The Reason for Parables. Matt. 13: 10-17

March 7 — The Seed and the Soil. Matt. 13: 1-9.

March 8 — The Parable Explained. Matt. 13: 18-23

March 9 — The Parable of the Tares. Matt. 13: 24-30

March 10 — The Final Harvest. Matt. 13: 34-43.

March 11 — Devotional Reading. Prov. 3: 13-24.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion* — Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52.

#### SUBJECT — Parables of the Kingdom.

Vers 31. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48. Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

52. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

Memory Verse — Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Isaiah 9: 7.

Central Thought — God's method by parables teaches the separation to take place in the end of the world.

Practical Truth — The cost to be paid for Bible salvation— "selleseth all."

#### Suggestions to Teachers

Beginners—Stories told by Jesus in parables.  
Juniors—A story picture of the kingdom's success.  
Young People and Adults—What Christianity means to us individually, and pictures of the kingdom by Jesus in parables.

#### EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

1st and 2nd. The vitality of God's kingdom—pure like the mustard seed, as it is *Divine*. Dear souls who are hungry or need shelter, when weary find rest. Nothing bestows so great a benefit to souls as citizenship in the kingdom of God.

3rd. Leaven works. So Christianity works and brings individuals in the Church by contact with the truth or saving knowledge of the truth. Oh, that all humanity would place themselves in touch with the gospel of Jesus Christ so they could be leavened by it.

4th. The treasure—it is greater than all other riches. Those possessing this treasure makes the world better by their having lived in it. It is an exclusive treasure obtained no where only from an exclusive Christ Jesus. Those obtaining and retaining this priceless treasure will be separate from the world.

5th. Jesus said, "Have ye understood?" No other understanding is so essential. This knowledge is to know God in salvation and makes the separation from the vile here. We must do all we can to get

others to seek for this hidden treasure.

#### Sunday, March 18, 1934

#### HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

March 12 — The Woman of Canaan. Matt. 15: 21-31

March 13 — Four Thousand Fed. Matt. 15: 32-39.

March 14 — Jesus Among Friends. Luke 10: 38-42.

March 15 — Jesus Among Foes. Matt. 13: 54-58.

March 16 — Friends of Jesus. John 15: 8-16.

March 17 — Friendship Tested. John 6: 60-71

March 18 — Devotional Reading. Psalm 4: 1-8

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion — Matt. 15: 21-31.*

#### SUBJECT — Jesus Responds To Faith

Verse 21. Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away, for she crieth after us.

24. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs.

27. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

29. And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30. And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus feet; and he healed them:

31. Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Memory Verse — Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7: 7.

Central Thought — Jesus honoring faith.

Practical Truth — God honored by His children exercising faith in Jesus.

## Suggestions to Teachers

As this is a lesson on faith, we can only suggest that all teachers impress on their pupils, that all needed things obtained from God is received by faith in Jesus.

## EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

We have it on record that the mother who had "great faith" was not a "lost sheep of the house of Israel"—only Jews were, but the faith which she possessed brought the desire of her heart. Such humility, willing to take her place as a dog and glad to get the crumbs, touched Jesus' sympathetic heart and caused Him to grant her healing for her daughter. Jesus is just the same yesterday, today and forever. Oh, it was the faith of this Gentile woman that Jesus honored, and He still honors "great faith." May this lesson help all who study it to learn that faith is the victory. Faith in God through Jesus will bring the reward and the rejoicing. He healed all manner of diseases and is the same today. Let us rejoice evermore for such a wonderful Savior, healer and keeper!

## Sunday March 25, 1934

## HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

March 19 — Birth and Infancy of Jesus. Matthew 2: 1- 12.

March 20 — Jesus Calls the Four. Matt. 4: 18- 25.

March 21 — The Golden Rule. Luke 6: 27- 38.

March 22 — Jesus' Power to Help. Matt. 9: 1- 13.

March 23 — The Cost of Discipleship. Matt. 10: 34-39.

March 24 — Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath. Matthew 12: 1- 8.

March 25 — Devotional Reading. John 10: 7- 16.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion — Matt. 16: 13- 26.*

SUBJECT — Review or Look at the Life of Christ.

Verse 13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church? and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

21. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23. But he turned, and said unto Peter. Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Memory Verse — Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa. 9: 6.

Central Thought — The wonderful character of Jesus the Christ.

Practical Truth — We as God's little ones may have the precious character and life of Christ formed in us to live out on this dying world.

## Suggestions to Teachers

1st. Review—Jesus as a Friend and Helper. 2nd. Review—The kingdom of heaven. 3rd. Jesus' example as He went about doing good. 4th. Review the meaning of Christian discipleship.

## EXPLANATION AND COMMENTS

We find in our study of this quarter's lessons the fulfillment of prophecy concerning Jesus—His childhood, His baptism and temptation. His ministry, especially His sermon on the Mount setting forth the conditions of citizenship in the kingdom of God. He teaches about Himself, the parables of the kingdom, His response to faith, etc. and the building of the Church on the Rock, He the eternal Rock of Ages.