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IN GOD



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FOR ALL
CHRISTIANS

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THE MODERN CHURCH

“Cry aloud, spare not,” Thus saith the Word,
“Show where my people sinned” or erred.
And “turned to cisterns,” they have laid,
Leaving the “Fountain,” God has made—
Their “greedy pastors” preach for hire,
And have a godless, worldly choir,
Where saints and sinners, yoked in one,
Are joined in worldliness and fun.

The Bible says Christ “saves from sin,”
(No other way to enter in;’)
Yet now they claim we can’t attain,
But must this life, in sin remain;
And that this standard is so high,
No one can gain it ’till they die—
’Tis false religion in disguise,
Where souls are sought for merchandize.

These rival churches of to-day,
Turn from the Cross, to ‘Stage,’ and ‘play,’
With forms and Creeds, they sub-divide,
And try “Christ’s Body” to divide;—
The Virgin birth has been denied,
His Resurrection set aside,
The Blood has come into “distaste,”
And Jesus’ Name has been disgraced.

“Lovers of pleasure more than God,”
They’ve turned away from Jesus’ blood:
A “form of godliness,” they have,
Denying Jesus’ power to save;
On types and shadows they depend,
When on the Cross they had their end;
So now, they turn from Christ away,
And take the “Broad” and easy way.

— Arthur L. Johnson

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The Gospel

The gospel is the most important and interesting thing in the life of a Christian. In the gospel by St. Mark we read, beginning at the fourteenth verse of the first chapter: “Now after that John was put in prison Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the gospel.”

The gospel is for all. It’s first message is to repent and the next is to believe. There are some things about the gospel that make it so important to us. Let us call your attention to a few of them by the Word.

The gospel is the Word of God (St. John 14: 24). It is true (John 17: 17). It is the spirit and life of the Christian, yea, eternal life (John 6: 63 and 68). And without this spirit and life we are none of His. That is to say that if the gospel is not the ruling factor in our lives working through our love for God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we are not Christians no matter what we call ourselves (Rom. 8: 9).

It is even more than that; it is the food for the soul to keep it alive unto God. After bringing life it sustains it (Matt. 4: 4). This gospel is also the water of Life spoken of by our Lord Jesus in the fourth chapter of St. John. Now some of the things it teaches may be found in Titus 2: 1- 14 where Paul summed up a few of them, “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

This is the word which Paul told both Timothy and Titus to preach, and the gospel which Jesus commanded to preach to every creature (Mark 16: 15). That takes in high, low, rich and poor of every race of men, and I am not ashamed of it, for it is the power of God to my salvation, and will be to every one that believes and obeys it. — Ray Key.

DIE OUT TO SELF

“The spirit of self, whether it take a material or a moral shape, has ever the same result, that of utterly blinding us. We fancy that we see and know ourselves truly, but nothing can be a greater delusion: we will not let our eyes be opened, and are vexed with those who attempt the task. All suggestions and remonstrances are attributed either to unkindness or error; no matter how justly fault is found, wounded self-love is irritable and intolerant of the slightest touch. On the same principle we feel perfectly competent to judge and direct ourselves, and even those whose office it is to direct us. Self love thinks no director wise who will not soothe and flatter it: and he who requires the submission of our own opinion and will, stands a chance of being forsaken as depriving the conscience of liberty. Tell us when under the influence of this dangerous enemy, self, that we must resist it, and conquer our dislikes, try to open our eyes to our pet faults, point out the serious result and wrong influence, ask any sacrifice of us and we start away at once from the intolerant yoke. Excuses without end are at hand; we are misunderstood, it is all exaggeration or mistake, in short every body is wrong save ourselves. Yet, there can be no real holiness without the destruction of odious self; all Christian doctrine, all the workings of grace aim at this point. The love of God and of self are as the two opposing scales of the spiritual balance, and if one rises the other must inevitably sink.”

Johannes Seitz, Mighty In Prayer

“When I was in East Prussia at one time a young fellow came to me who was the son of a landed proprietor. He said he was in such a fearful condition that he intended to shoot himself, but an acquaintance had said to him, ‘Don’t do that. I was in the same misery, but I went to Brothers Blaich and Seitz in Bahnau, and the Lord delivered me. You go

thither and you also will get relief.’

“So he came to us. He was honest and straightforward, but confessed to so many and such horrible misdeeds as to give one a clear idea of what abysses of sin well-to-do people sometimes throw themselves into. He was following hard on his evil course when one night satanic powers overpowered him. He told us very much of that night in which these hellish beings took possession of him. From day to day his sufferings became greater. Twice he had attempted suicide. In this terrible condition he came to us. He bowed honestly before the Word of God, but could not find in himself a trace of faith. No single word of promise or comfort touched him in the least. He asserted that there was no rescue for him, no more forgiveness. He had sinned too greatly.

“I said to my wife, ‘If he leaves us without being helped he will surely take his life. He is really plagued by the enemy and his sufferings are great. We must be determined to pray again and continuously.’ We prayed therefore hours at a time in the day, and my wife, with a friend of hers, deep into the night. When we had continued for a long time there came from himself a fearful beating upon the breast. This caused him so to cry out that the whole neighborhood collected before the house, and I feared that they would call the police. He was also cast about the room so violently that chairs were upset.

“This led us to cease praying, for every time we stopped praying the outcries stopped. I determined the next evening to move him from the ground floor to a higher story and to pray below, but only after he had gone to sleep. In this way he would not be conscious of the fact that we were praying for him. But when we had continued for a little we began to hear the same fearful outcries and noise as on the preceding evening. We ceased not, however, and held on until midnight. All at once the cries suddenly ceased, and instead we heard a kind of very loud talking. I slipped up to his door and listened. I heard him crying to God out of the depths of his soul. ‘Ah, dear God, I have acted as no beast would act, but thou hast had pity on me, and hast freed me from the power of the Devil.’

“It was an alternate cry and thanksgiving to God for freedom. I went into his room to quiet him out of regard to the neighbors. He continued a long time praying, and on the next morning came to us overflowing with joy, saying that he was now free. The attendant who slept in his room said that, before the possessed was liberated, demons had cried from with-

in him, 'We must go! We cannot hold out against this eternal praying!' This shows what power there really is in persistent prayer.

"One other thing was wonderful. Now he could really believe. It was as if the Spirit of God had indeed come over him. The working of the Spirit showed itself in our prayer-meetings. He ever prayed first, and in such a spirit of joy and with such power that old and experienced Christians had the greatest blessing from his prayers. When he reached home he worked among his associates with blessed results. This is but one example of how the powers of evil prevent belief, which comes, however, in answer to the priestly intercession of the believer."

"I have found," said this experienced Christian, "that one can accomplish nothing against satanic powers unless one stands on the site of Golgotha and the blood of Christ. And if one cannot cast out a single evil spirit without the help of Christ's blood, how can all mankind be converted and brought out of the power of sin and Satan if Golgotha be evaded? In our time nothing can help but primitive Biblical Christianity. All Christians should see to it that there be no rest until we get back to the power of the primitive church, that the same mighty things may happen which occurred through Christ and his apostles."

Seitz often faced the terrible satanic depressions, which held others in bondage, and overcame them by prayer. He tells the following striking story:

"About this time I came into Silesia to a colony of Moravians. In the family where I lodged the mother of the house was tortured with the most fearful depressions. She battled for life until she was quite worn out. But when she came to God and was cured her joy was such that she could only cry to him, 'Tell me only how I can thank Thee and please Thee.' Then she received an indubitable command to go after the most deeply sunken women and girls of the city and to say to them, 'The Saviour has loved and sought and redeemed you, too. His whole redemptive work is for you also.' Thereat in great joy she went to these outcasts and was able to rescue a number of them. She brought them to her house and I held various meetings for them.

"One day she came from a funeral, saying, 'Bro. Seitz, the depths of God's grace have been manifested in her whom we buried today. She was a second Rahab, and God did for her what he did for Rahab. She was among the lowest street-women, and because of her evil life had for some years been on a bed of

sickness. I visited her often, but she was so hardened that no word of Scripture had any effect. When I saw that death was approaching I went home, took my Bible into my prayer room, and said, 'Heavenly Father, it is written in the Bible, "Is not my word . . . like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jer. 23: 29.) I have not found the word that can crush this stony heart. If there is in Scripture that which can melt or break it show it to me.'

"Her attention was called to Isaiah 43: 1- 4, 'Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine,' and so on. When she read the lines she was startled and felt that there was some mistake. Such words were surely too good for so depraved a person. But the Spirit of God insisted: 'These are the words I have given thee: thou must bring them to her.'

"So she put her Bible under her arm and went to see the dying woman, saying, 'I have brought you something beautiful. The Saviour sent me to say to you, "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."' When the woman heard these words she sank back on the pillow, drew the bedclothes over her head, and, after a little, began sobbing. Finally she broke out with, 'Is it true? Can he love me? I have been too wicked. But it must be true, otherwise he would not have sent it to me.' Her heart was broken. On the days following she asked that this text be read again and again." — Sel.

THE OLD AND THE NEW WAY THE WAY OF THE LAW AND THE WAY OF LOVE

Hatred of enemies is often expressed in the Old Testament. For a bit of the revenge suffered in the heart of the poor captives, read Psa. 137.

In contrast to this, read Matt. 5: 21; 6: 14, 15; 31- 33; 7; 21. This is not like the old law, but more like advice from an elder brother who is very wise and noble, and good—telling us how to live happy lives, abiding in His grace. He wants the best for His people, and to obey is better than sacrifice. He referred to these teachings as, "Sayings of mine." Matt. 7: 24.
— Jessie B. Warmack

A seal will not make impression in wax if it becomes like wax. The Christian can never impress the world with a holy and separate life by becoming like the world.
— C. E. Orr,

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



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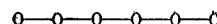
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EDITORIALS

The writer had the pleasure of attending part of the Shawnee, Okla. camp-meeting held in July, and we can say that it was a precious meeting. The attendance, singing and preaching were good. Unity, harmony and peace prevailed. Some were saved and some sanctified. All were rejoicing in the Spirit and felt it was good to be there.

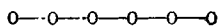
We also attended the last five days of the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting and found a large gathering of people at this meeting. About 24 camp tents were on the grounds. Crowds came in to the night services from all around the country. The large tent was packed and many standing all around. The preaching was with power and authority and much holy anointing, and the altar of prayer was filled with seekers night after night; many getting saved and others taking their places, praying through to victory. Many voices of the "newly born" were heard in the meeting as God forgave and sent peace. Quite a number were sanctified wholly and a great many were healed of bodily afflictions and shouted the victory for his wonderful power of healing. The ordinance service was an impressive scene with much joy and comfort in the Spirit. Some 115 happy saints took part in these services, showing humility, love for Jesus, our sacrifice and holy love to one another. It was a melting time in the Spirit to long be remembered by those in attendance. All praises be to God who gives us the victory again and again.

The Oklahoma City camp-meeting was very well attended, even though the weather was extremely hot and dry. A large body of ministers were present, including five from Calif. and some from Missouri. The first part of the meeting was somewhat in a deadlock, spiritually speaking, on account of conflicting forces. The saints kept in earnest prayer and God worked. There was a giving up, a melting down, confessing and repenting done and a running together which brought liberty and unity with freedom, and the meeting continued with much shouting and praising God with quite a number of souls saved. Twelve or fourteen were at the altar the last night of the meeting and the Lord lifted the burden from souls and set the captives free.

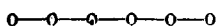


In the *Gospel Trumpet* paper of 1908 the question was asked, "Why do not saints (men) wear neckties?" The answer was: "For the reason that they are for adornment only and as such are not needful nor useful." This answer is fully in harmony with the New

Testament teaching of the apostles on the dress question. "Be not conformed to this world," found in Rom. 12: 2, which should be sufficient scripture to cause those who love the Lord to refrain from dressing in the fads and fashion of the world. "That women adorn themselves in modest apparel," recorded in 1 Tim. 2: 9, should be all the scripture that would be needed to cause an humble saint to put on dress enough to cover their limbs and other portions of their body which vulgar, worldly-minded women expose.



The editor of the *Faith and Victory* was never more determined than now to stand for the old time truths taught by Jesus Christ, voiced and witnessed by Peter, James, Paul and John and the other apostles; uncovered and taught by D. S. Warner and later "Evening Light" ministers. When we see Satan's cunning, crafty ways of deceiving and blinding preachers and others who walked in the true light for many years, it makes us strong to steer clear of all worldly rubbish and all other things which would have a tendency to undermine our faith in God. It is true, brethren, if we are not aggressive against Satan, he will be aggressive against us and will overcome us and bring us into bondage to the elements of this world. The saint of God should always remember that his weapons are not carnal, but mighty to the pulling down of strong holds. They should stand firm for the right, yet in the meekness and humility of Christ, showing mercy and compassion where needed and sounding forth the judgments of God with warnings and admonitions according as the Spirit of God leads. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Those using the Word of God without the Spirit mess up things and get messed up. There are many more preachers and others who suffer for their own faults than there are those who suffer for Jesus' sake. If we suffer for Jesus' sake and take it patiently, this is thankworthy.

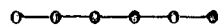


As the *Faith and Victory* paper goes forth this month in the name of the Lord Jesus, we are praying that God will make the contents a great blessing to the many readers. Although times are hard and there seems to be a general drought in the land, yet we have faith in God that He will supply means to keep this printing work going on, for there is truly much need of the pure, unadulterated gospel going forth by the printed page. While some have drifted and others are drifting, letting down and preaching smooth things to have a following, the *Faith and Vic-*

tory has and is standing solid for the old time truth, encouraging all to have implicit faith in God. To trust in the arm of flesh is disastrous and blinding to any soul.

We ask our readers every where to especially pray for us and the printing work that our courage and faith may always rise above naturally impossible circumstances that the gospel may not be hindered from being printed and sent forth from month to month, and that the many different tracts may continue to be sent forth daily. Quite often we receive word by letter that some soul has been saved by reading the tracts or the paper. One soul is worth more than the whole world and all those who co-operate with us in getting the gospel out will share in the reward. Let each one of us be wiser than the children of this world. They labor to lay up their treasures here, and we as the children of light should be zealous to lay up treasures in heaven. Let none of us be at ease in Zion, for if we find a life here, we will lose eternal life. Our whole aim should be to do and say to His glory.

When Moses was building the temple after the pattern shown him in the Mount, he said unto the people, "Let every one bring in of his substance freely as he was willing in his heart," and so they brought in as they were willing and the house of the Lord was abundantly supplied. This was the tabernacle which man pitched, and which was a shadow of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched. We as saved people are the true tabernacle of the Lord (Heb. 8: 2; Heb. 3: 6). We are a habitation of God through the Spirit (Eph. 2: 22) and we have better promises than they (Heb. 8: 6). We are looking forward for a crown that fadeth not away (1 Peter 1: 4; 5: 4).



Those who want their writings to appear in any certain issue of the paper, must have their manuscript at this Office by the 15th of the month preceding the month to be published. —Editor

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Campmeeting Report

The Southern California camp-meeting at Whittier closed with victory and success. The saints have been much benefited. The Lord worked from the start. The old-time truth of 30 years ago rang out clear, plain and definite. Our vision of the "old paths" (Jer. 6: 16) has been brightened. We thank God for brighter days sweetly dawning. The power of the Lord was present in preaching, saving and heal-

ing. About sixteen sought the Lord. Many shouted the praises of God. About 45 took part in the ordinances, 13 followed the Lord in baptism. This was the most impressive to our hearts for many years. We did not want to part to go home, as our affections were so attached to the services of the Lord, neither do we want to stay home for the same reason. God's blessings were no less on the financial end. All expenses were met and some left over by free-will offerings. God supplied every need. We are grateful to Him, for He can give above what we can ask or think.

— A. E. Harmon

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Oklahoma City camp-meeting, Aug. 9, 1934. To the dear saints, greetings: The trouble which had been bothering us for the past three years was entirely removed, so that unity was restored as it was years ago before we had any trouble on that line.

Signed: W. H. Shoot, E. M. Zinn, A. E. Harmon, S. T. Walker and E. Turner.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Emma Ritchie of Carthage, Mo. requests the saints to pray for her that the Lord will heal a sore place below her eye. It has spread and covered her nose. She is trusting and believing that the Lord will heal her, as He has healed her of different troubles in the past.

OBITUARIES

Della Boston was born in Cohoma County, Miss., April 19, 1861.

In 1876 she was married to Gar Honey Spraings. To this union were born fourteen children (six girls and eight boys).

She came to Oklahoma from Memphis, Tenn. in February, 1889.

She was saved in 1910 and has lived a faithful, consistent Christian life for 24 years. She died at Meridian, Oklahoma, Friday morning, June 29, 1934. Age, 73 years. She leaves to mourn her passing, two daughters, four sons, one sister, eleven grandchildren and four great grand children, also other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held in the Saints' chapel at Guthrie, Oklahoma on the 5th of July. There was not room in the building for all who attended. Bro. Ulysses Phillips of Dover, Okla. delivered the funeral message. Text, John 14: 1. Sister Spraings was a very devoted disciple of the Lord's and her entrance into Glory is not questioned.

Sister Francis Oliver was born in South Carolina in the year of 1863 in the month of August. She departed this life June 14, 1934 at Bristow, Okla. She was 70 years of age.

She was united in marriage to Jake Harris in the year of 1881. To this union were born 12 children. Three preceded her in death. Also her husband preceded her in death, April 28, 1933. Besides her children she leaves a host of relatives, saints and friends.

She heard the truth preached in its fullness in the year of 1921. She gladly accepted it, and said several times during her sickness that she had lived faithful to all she knew and said she was willing and ready to go. She seemed to be very patient dur-

ing her sickness. We believe our loss was heaven's gain. Funeral by Bro. Z. E. Francisco.

Anna Gant, a consecrated young sister in Christ, passed on to eternity June 26, 1934 from her home at Glassboro, N. Jersey where she had been confined to a bed of suffering for 18 months. The Lord saw fit to test and try her severely by allowing a cancer to attack her body. She never murmured against the Lord but rejoiced much because of being His purchased possession and said many times, "It is lawful for Him to do what He wills with His own." "Have Thy way, Lord," and "The Lord's will be done," were words that fell from her lips many, many times.

She looked to the Lord for the supply of temporal needs as well as spiritual, during her illness. When the Lord saw fit to test her in regard to the temporal she could quietly commit it all to Him and say, "The Lord knows just what we need." Our every need was supplied in wonderful and miraculous ways. Anna praised the Lord much from her bed—sang many songs of praise until her breathing became too short and her strength failed. "The Sun Behind the Cloud," No. 304 in *Select Hymns*, brought cheer to her in many an hour when the enemy tried to discourage.

When told her time was very, very short, she smiled and whispered, "Praise the Lord." She was also told to attend to anything that she wished to attend to, at once, but all things were ready and a deep settled peace and quietness settled upon her body and spirit. She bid me come close to her and whispered, "I think everything has worked out so nice." As friends called later in the day she requested that I tell each one the good news that her departure was near at hand.

Many people thought she would take morphine to alleviate her suffering before her end would come, but the Lord was faithful to give relief from unbearable pains through prayer. Many times did she ask the Lord to grant that she might endure unto the end, and truly that prayer was heard and answered.

Truly the death of a saint is precious. The Lord's gracious dealings with Anna caused me to love Him so much more and increased my confidence in prayer and the love of God and all things Divine.

The following is a message she wrote to those attending her funeral. She wrote it during last winter with great difficulty, as her arms were in a sore, painful condition:

"Dear ones: Thank God for the blood of Jesus that covers every stain. Though I may be separated from you in body, my spirit has only gone back to the One who gave it. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." How blessed to be one of them—"a child of a King." I'm only going to inherit that place which my Father has been preparing for a long, long time—"a beautiful mansion." No more sickness, sorrow, pain nor death, but all will be sunshine and happiness.

My loved ones and friends have been so good to me during my illness, but He is better still. Many times my Jesus has healed me and, at times, when near death's door. He raised me up for the honor and glory of God, but there comes a time when He does not see fit to heal—wants to take us to a better place than this old world. Whatever He does is right, for He knows what is best for our good. "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord," etc.

Please do not accuse Him for not healing me this time. He can see further than we can and His way is best. I'm rejoicing because of this, and have resigned fully to His will. All I ask is that all who have not accepted this great Savior will do so, and meet me in that beautiful land where we'll see Jesus face to face—never to part no more.

Farewell until we meet again, Anna Gant."

(I had the privilege of caring for Anna during nine months of her illness and I feel that precious memories of her life of love and faith and trust in God will always be a source of strength to me in coming days.)

— Rosella Slifer.

HOW FAR TO HELL?

"Can you tell me how far it is to hell?" The question was asked one Lord's day by a young man on horseback, as he dashed past a child of God. At the next turning the horse threw the scoffing rider, and he was dead. He found out, more quickly and suddenly than he expected, how far it was to hell. Reader, are you a scoffer? If so, beware! God may answer your sneering questions in the thunders of judgment. We know that this is a scoffing age; for it is written, "There shall come in the last days scoffers" (2 Peter 3: 3). See that you are not among them.

— Sel.

All people make mistakes, that's why erasers are put on lead pencils.

The Victory Is Mine

For a long time I tried to gain the victory over sin, but I failed. Instead of doing the part which God expects me to do, and which I can do, I was trying to do God's part, which He does not expect me to do, and which I cannot do. My part primarily is not to win the victory, but to receive the victory which has already been won for me by Jesus Christ.

"But," you will ask, "does not the Bible speak about soldiers, and a warfare, and a fight?" Yes, it certainly does. Are we not told that we must strive to enter in? We surely are. Well, what then? Only this, that we should be sure for what we are fighting, and for what we are to strive.

Christ as a man fought the battle of life, and conquered. As my personal representative He won this victory for me, and so His word to me is, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." I can therefore say with deep gratitude, "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." My difficulty was due to this, that I did not give heed to the fact that victory is a gift, already won, and ready to be bestowed upon all who are willing to receive it. I assumed the responsibility of trying to win what He had already won for me. This led me into failure.

This victory is inseparable from Christ Himself, and when I learned how to receive Christ as my victory through union with Him, I entered upon a new experience. I do not mean to say that I have not had any conflicts, and that I have not made any mistakes. Far from it. But my conflicts have been when influences were brought to bear upon me to induce me to lose my confidence in Christ as my personal Saviour, and to separate from Him. My mistakes have been made when I have allowed something to come in between me and Him to prevent me from looking into His blessed face with the look of faith. When I fix my eyes upon the enemy, or upon the difficulties, or upon myself and my past failures, I lose heart, and fail to receive the victory. Therefore, "Looking unto Jesus," is my motto.

The fight which I am to fight is "the good fight of faith," but the weapons of this warfare are not of the flesh. I do not believe in myself, and therefore I have no confidence in my own power to overcome evil. I hear Him saying to me, "My power is made perfect in weakness," and so I surrender my whole being to be under His control, allowing Him to work in me "both to will and to work," and when I act upon the faith that He will do this in the way of

victory, He does not disappoint me. By living His life of victory in me, He gives me the victory. This means that I offer my body a living sacrifice; that I must not wilfully choose the way of disobedience; and that I will not consent to any known sin. Such a course, which is the life of faith, makes it possible for Him to impart to me the victory which He has won for me.

His victory is my victory. Have you taken Him as your victory? "O glorious victory, that overcomes the world." — Sel.

Faith And Victory

A substance sure of things hoped for,
A key that unlocks Heaven's door;
Evidence ye care not to see,
But feel and know with victory.

It is a thing that even brings
Servants on equal rank with kings.
It never shirks, lurks nor irks,
But dead when practiced without works.

By it 'tis said the heavens were made,
The earth's foundations firmly laid.
By it therefore one may be sure
Of all creation has in store.

Mountains must flee, and yonder tree
Would cast itself in yonder sea:
Now this is what the Saviour taught—
Of them that ask it, doubting not.

By' it "old doubt" may be cast out,
To never know his whereabouts,
Lost in the sea of destiny—
The power of "faith and victory."
— G. W. McMillan.

It is not what we say, but what we are that counts with God. We can say many nice things about love and be growing more selfish all the time. We can preach against loving the world and be drifting toward the world at the same time. — C. E. Orr

It is not within the dignity of souls born from above to be seeking things below.

« Young People's Section »

Habits

Habits are something to be had,
By every one on earth.
By nature, either good or bad,
Commencing right with birth.

Habits in youthful days become
Part of your natural life,
Your soul's companion in the home,
Like married man and wife.

Good habits pay, and make you glad,
Healthy, and wealthy too.
But you're a slave, when habit's bad,
Have filed a claim on you.

Habits may be just what will put
You on the road to fame;
Yet they may bind you, hand and foot,
And let you down in shame.

Habits may be your greatest friends,
Or else your biggest foe.
Will follow to your journey's end,
No matter where you go.

May Providence on every youth,
Rain blessings from above:
With habits formed of heaven's truth,
Which sweetens life with love.

— G. W. McMillan.

EDITORIALS

No doubt many missed the paper which was not issued for the month of August. However, with this September issue we again extend holy greetings to our many young readers.

We are very thankful to God that we can say we still have victory in our souls over sin and the devil, and determined by the grace of God to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. Our life here will determine our future, never-ending destiny. It means more than one might think to really live the Bible way.

It's a pleasure to give a report of the campmeetings which we attended, because the results of them

were successful and far-reaching for the cause of God in general. At the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting we met some very zealous young saints who had a real burden for souls upon their hearts. (The Lord has recently called some of them to the ministry, and it is our earnest prayer that God will make them vessels of honor to Him in rescuing souls from sin. They need the prayers of all the saints.) Our young peoples' meetings on that campground were a source of spiritual growth and strength, for the Lord was present in mighty power. As a result, souls were "born again."

As the saints met at the Oklahoma City camp-meeting, the existing conditions brought a call to prayer. The Lord miraculously worked upon the hearts of men and women, insomuch that the immediate distress was relieved. Some innovations were checked, which were threatening the work of God. Souls were saved, sanctified and baptized. We young people had our meetings as usual, and the Lord gave victory and blessed our souls abundantly.

True Love

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." Rom. 12: 9. Dear ones, let us have a love for each other that is without deceit or guile. Let it be a love that is true. And when we express or show our love to our fellow-men, let it be from a heart that is full of real, true Bible love. Some people do things for another, not as unto the Lord, but for personal gain. But God wants us to have and manifest a love without dissimulation.

"Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." When God saved our souls, he made us see sin exceedingly sinful. He put a resistance in our souls against that evil. And when we begin to see the things that we used to see as sin not so sinful, we are losing God out of our souls. We must *always* "abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."

Dear souls, when we see good in our fellow-men, let us acknowledge it. Don't always be looking for mistakes and the short-comings in our fellow-men. Don't just remember the bad qualities in a person, but see the good.

The story is told of a woman who was noted in

her community of never saying anything bad about anyone. One day a very wicked man died and some of her neighbors came over to see what she had to say that was good about this wicked man. They couldn't see anything good in him. But this woman said, "I have always noticed that he keeps plenty of wood cut for his wife to use to cook with." Of course, the neighbors never noticed this as being good because they were not looking for any good.

If we will always try to see and acknowledge the good in others, we will have a better experience and will be in more of a condition to help others. If people know you are trying to help them and not down them, you can get good to their souls. You can prove this to them by acknowledging the good in them and gently, yet firmly, tell them of their wrong.

— A. Marie Pruitt

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Chino, Calif. —Dear young people: I feel like I should send my testimony, telling young friends what God is able to do, and what He did do for me. Praise His name.

I am nineteen years of age and was saved by God's grace at the recent camp-meeting at Whittier, Calif. A month or so before camp-meeting my sister-in-law and I were talking and decided to go for the whole meeting. She wanted to go to get deeper into God's truths, while I was merely going to be doing something. The morning after I arrived I woke up feeling miserable. My heart hurt and my chest seemed so hard. It was misery to breathe. (Some laid it to a scare I had during the night, but I don't think so.) I had to lay down; standing up was awful. I couldn't eat. About noon mother came, but no one seemed to see how badly I felt. During dinner I was alone in the tent and suddenly started gasping for breath. I would start to a sitting posture and then throw myself down. Oh, I was in misery. My sister, Hope, came out then and saw the condition I was in. She ran in and got mother and Sister Fingerle. They came out and prayed for me. I was relieved but not healed. Up to this time I was hardened against salvation, but at the same time enjoyed being with the saints. I would talk against it at times also. While in the world I went in for every thing I could get out of it and always said, that should I ever get saved I would give my all in God's hands.

I never got any better, and at night I would suffer terribly. Mother would get up time and again to see how I was. I would call for water every few minutes. The next day the saints again prayed for

me. My fever at times would be so high that it worried mother. Some one would sit and fan me during the hottest part of the day. That night mother asked me if I wanted to go home. I said, "No, I came down here with the intention of staying, and I am." The next morning arrangements were being made to take me home. How glad the devil must have been, but thank God, he was over-ruled. Some of the saints objected—Sister Zinn and Bro. Gene Harmon. I stayed and mother said I was out of my head, mumbling and talking the greatest part of the night. She said my fever was the highest she had ever seen. Oh, how I praise God for sparing my life through that crisis. The saints had been praying for me, too. Oh, the power of a true saint's prayer! I tell you I got to thinking seriously of my lost condition. It's an awful feeling to know one can come so near going into eternity without salvation. I got up that day but that night I had a back-set. I purposely wouldn't go into services that day. The Lord Jesus was having mercy on me. I had to sit up until 3:30 because I couldn't breathe otherwise. But after that, I lay down and slept some. My lungs bled, and spit mouthfuls out that morning.

The next night I was saved. Glory be to God! Words can't express the happiness in one's heart and soul when they know their sins are forgiven. O dear young friends, the Lord saved a terrible sinner when He saved me. Though I was reared in a Christian atmosphere, I didn't heed the warnings of those who loved me. I left home and went to work in March of 1933 and soon fell into bad company. The set I went with thought nothing of smoking, and drinking and I wouldn't be out of it. I drank, smoked, danced, attended every show and places of amusement that I could get to. Oh, dear unsaved friend, I knew what was right, but paid no heed and went my sinful way. The Lord indeed snatched me from the burning. We never know at what moment we shall be cut off from this world, but oh the thought that anyone should be cut off from heaven. I've wondered why God saw fit to spare my life until I gave my heart and life to Him, and by walking closer each day I mean to find out.

If someone would only heed the warning that God gives them before it is *too late!* How awful those words, "Too late!" Dear unsaved friend, give your heart to God. You will never be sorry and it is so sweet to know that heaven, not hell, is your future home.

I want every one to pray for me that I will ever

be nearer to God and sink deeper in His promises. I want to be willing to do anything God wills for me to do. Your saved Sister, — Esther Embly.

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Pomona, Calif. —Dear ones: I have been reading some of the wonderful and encouraging articles in the *Faith and Victory*. It certainly is a wonderful privilege to have papers to read which holds up for all the precious Bible.

Oh, how I love Jesus to-night! Praise His name forever. I'm so glad He picked me up out of the mire of sin. I lived in a backslidden condition for about six years. O dear friends, my life was miserable all the time. After one has tasted the joys of salvation and then go back, there is no peace for them. But I praise God now for absolute deliverance through Jesus' blood.

I have been afflicted now for some time, but praise God there's healing at the fountain if we put in for it and trust God fully. I have learned some good lessons since my sickness. Praise His holy name. The saints here at Pomona have been good to me in helping and encouraging me, and above all, remembering me in their prayers. Praise God for a few saints who are going through on the Bible line. I wish the saints everywhere would remember me in their prayers for complete healing.

I have two babies and I wish to raise them up for the Lord and I truly need wisdom from above to help me, and I also need my strength. May I ask again that the saints remember my husband who is unsaved and away from me.

I want to express my thanks to the one who sent me the *Faith and Victory*. May God bless them and prosper those who are obeying God. May the dear Lord bless all the saints and encourage them to press on. Your Sister in Christ, — Mrs. Viola Perry.

Nashville, Tenn. —I praise the Lord this morning for His goodness to me.

For two years and five months I was very sick. Neighbors would not come in to see me for they feared T. B., but now they are coming and are surprised at my sudden recovery. It is all the work of the Lord. Praise His name. When I was at the worst stage of my affliction the doctor came to see me and said there would have to be an operation if I ever got well. I told him I would rather trust God and I was not going to the hospital.

He came to see my little girl who was suffering with sinus trouble, and I trusted the Lord for her and she was healed of the trouble.

I was also addicted to the use of tobacco and coffee, but the Lord has delivered me from these habits. I can never praise Him enough!

I want to ask that all the dear saints pray for me that I keep true to God. Also pray for my unsaved husband, and that God will give me wisdom to rear my children for Him. I want to be kept in the way the Lord is leading me now. He is keeping me every day and hour. —Mrs. Daisy May Farley

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Los Angeles, Calif. —Dear saints: I feel like the Lord would have me to write my testimony.

Oh, there is so much in God's Word to encourage us along in this Christian walk, and if we only trust and obey His Word we will be a happy people and the Lord will surely do much for us. He will help us to rejoice in Him at all times, even when we lay on our bed of affliction. This promise will be found in Psa. 41: 3, "The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Now dear ones, I have recently proved this to be true. Recently I was sick in bed with blood poison in my foot. I know the Lord did make my bed in my sickness. I suffered much pain at times, both night and day, but our dear heavenly Father was right there, and O how He did comfort my soul and He answered prayer and healed me so wonderfully. I trusted the Lord fully and I feel certain if I had had a doctor I would have been in my grave. I am glad we have such a wonderful Saviour, and I do praise God too for the dear saints of God for they are the best people on earth, and may God bless every one of them.

God's Word says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." So let us all live so we may always please Him in every thing we do, and every where we go, and in everything we say. I am so glad I ever found this wonderful Saviour, and I just could not get along without Him and be happy. I do not mean to ever let go of Him, but I mean to keep right on in this straight and narrow way, for it just suits me. If we trust and obey Him He will take us thru.

I praise God for ever saving and sanctifying my soul, and when I am sick He is ever near to heal my body. Praise His holy name forever. Please pray for me. Yours, in the love of God,

— Elsie Franklin.

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Seminole, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings to all in the holy name of Jesus. This leaves me saved and holding on to the good Lord who

has helped me so much. I feel so much better in my body. I want you to remember me in your prayers that the Lord will give me complete healing of my body and eyes.

Please send Faith and Victory paper to these two addresssss

Your saved Sister, —Annie Miller.

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Alma, Mich. —Dear Sister Pruitt: Praise the Lord, once again I send greetings across the miles. May His blessings be upon the work there, is my prayer. Am glad I can yet say I am saved and walking in all the precious light of the gospel, knowing there is a reward for all the faithful, so let us keep pressing on by His grace. Sometimes the road seems steep and thorny, but if we keep hid away in Jesus and walk in the Word of God I'm sure we will come out more than conquerors. Praise His dear name.

The sin and continual wickedness of those about us grieve our hearts much these days, insomuch we have to keep a stern rebuke against it continually, and that continual pressure tells on the body so that one feels the need of getting away from it all for a little rest. However, which ever way God leads I know His promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee," is true and will not fail in my case. How I would love to be with the old time saints in the Missouri and Oklahoma camp-meetings, but guess I can't this year. As the song says, "Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there." Amen.

Am so thankful for the effort you people are putting forth in enlightening the darkened hearts through the "five cent offer" of *Faith and Victory*. May this paper and the truth it puts forth be a blessing to many hungry, seeking souls. I like to keep a few copies of this paper lying on the stand table, so when any one calls or an agent comes to sell his goods or a begger comes for something to eat, I can hand them the "bread of life." Truth is what people need today, not vain philosophy.

Well, praise the Lord, I'm going through the dear old Bible way. May the Lord bless all of you there at the office and bless the truth that is published, is my prayer.

In Christian love, — Hazel Mann.

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Bristow, Okla. —Dear young saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: Today finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied, and determined to follow Jesus all the way. Truly, He is all I need in this present evil world. I am a young saint; have not been saved very long, but I mean to go right on until the crown is

won. I mean to fight the fight of faith till life on earth is done.

I am truly glad for the dear saints of God. I am encouraged more and more every time I read the many testimonies of the dear saints. I have a deeper desire in my heart to do more for our blessed Savior. I want to live close to the Lord each day and be what He would have me to be, and do what He would have me to do. Truly, dear ones, as we do His holy will we are blessed above all mankind. He is ever our Burden-bearer. Pray much for me.

Your Sister in the one way, — Elizabeth Foster.

Give God Your Best

How precious are the days of youth,
When life is gold inlaid with truth.

Foundations made for building then,
Will stand for God when given Him.

For out across epanse of time
A turning point will mark the line—

To bring to God a checkered life,
Where gains must all be sacrificed.

Then girls, and boys, let's reason out,
And start for God as we start out.
Avoid this loss, and minds employ,
In being Gods' own girl and boy.

—Jessie B. Warmack.

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Sunday Sept. 2, 1934

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Aug. 27—Micah Companions the Oppressed. Micah 6: 1- 12.

Aug. 28—Oppression Denounced. Zech. 7: 8- 14.

Aug. 29—Oppression Forbidden. Lev. 25: 13- 17,

Aug. 30—Oppression Punished. Job 27: 13- 23.

Aug. 31—Oppression Judged. Isaiah 5: 1- 10

Sept. 1—Saving the Oppressed. Psalms 72: 8- 14.

Sept. 2—Devotional Reading. James 1: 22- 27.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — Micah 6: 1- 12.

SUBJECT — Micah Champions the Oppressed

6: 1. Hear ye now what the Lord saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2. Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

3. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4. For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5. O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

6. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8. He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9. The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name; hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

10. Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?

11. Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

12. For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

Memory Verse — He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. (Micah 6: 8)

Central Thought — Companionship with the oppressed.

Practical Truth — Courage in champion the oppressed or defending the right.

Suggestions To Teachers

1. A man who pleased God, and tells others how to please Him, and what God requires of us; also a religion which can be put in practice.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The prophet Micah declared judgment, national guilt and the blessings of Christ. Israel needed to hear. If literal Israel needed to hear the denunciations of the prophet, what does spiritual Israel need today? "O my people." They came before God, but not in the right way. They offered burnt offerings of standard quality (calves of a year old), but failed to surrender themselves to God. Evil in heart, in mind, in act against God and man was the cause. It is not enough to sacrifice as did Israel, even to "thousands of rams and rivers of oil." What does God require? Micah 6: 8. Live the obedient life. God is our God. We are His servants. He has something for us to do. He expects us to do it, and grow in the righteous principles. Live the humble life. Pride disables, debases and destroys. But God comes to walk with us in the vale of humility.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 3—Hezekiah's Good Reign. 2 Chron. 29: 1- 11

Sept. 4—Hezekiah Leads His People Back to God. 2 Chron. 30: 1- 9.

Sept. 5—Hezekiah Keeps the Feast. 2 Chron. 30: 13- 27.

Sept. 6—Hezekiah Overthrows Idolatry. 2 Chron. 31: 1- 4.

Sept. 7—Josiah's Good Reign. 2 Chron. 34: 1- 7.

Sept. 8—Ezra Instructs the People. Neh. 8: 1- 8

Sept. 9—Devotional Reading. Psalms 72: 1- 6.

SUBJECT—Hezekiah Leads His People Back to God
Lesson Text, Printed Portion—2 Chron. 30: 1- 9, 13.

30: 1. And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel.

2. For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.

3. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4. And the thing pleased the king and all the con-

gregation.

5. So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

6. So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers, who therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

8. Now ye be not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

9. For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

30: 13. And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

Memory Verse — For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful. 2 Chron. 30: 9.

Central Thought — Encouraging Israel to renew their covenant with Jehovah.

Practical Truth — Hezekiah urging a full turnout to the house of God at Jerusalem in repentance of their backslidings.

Suggestions To Teachers

A great leader sends letters through Israel to call all to the worship of God at the place where He was pleased to place His name (Jerusalem). The need of *godly leaders*.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Hezekiah's good leadership was due in a great measure to his mother's "sterling moral qualities" and the teaching he received from Isaiah. His father, Ahaa, was one of the most ignoble of all the princes of the house of David, yet through the in-

fluence of right teaching from his mother, Abijah, and God's hand upon him, his was a righteous reign of 29 years. He re-opened the temple, re-organized the services, and summoned the Israelites from Dan to Beersheba for the observance of the greatest pass-over in the history of the "Hebrew monarchy." Through the Passover observances a great revival was on. O precious leaders in spiritual Israel, take courage; urge a revival in church-going, in Bible observances, in repentance, in reconsecration, in vital godliness and in love unfeigned. God is gracious. Praise His dear name. He will not always chide.

While Hezekiah was king over the southern kingdom, he included the northern kingdom in this invitation to assemble at Jerusalem where God was pleased to record His name.

Sunday Sept. 16, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 10—Isaiah Contrasts False and True Worship. Isaiah 1: 10- 20.

Sept. 11—Preparation for Worship. Ex. 19: 7- 18.

Sept. 12—Reverence in Worship. Eccl. 5: 1- 7.

Sept. 13—Thanksgiving in Worship. Psa. 100: 1- 4.

Sept. 14—Blessedness of Worship. Psa. 84: 1- 12.

Sept. 15—Worship in Heaven. Rev. 5: 8- 14

Sept. 16—Devotional Reading. John 4: 20- 24

SUBJECT—Isaiah Contrasts False and True Worship.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion — Isaiah 1: 10- 20.

1: 10. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood

16. Wash ye, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Memory Verse —Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart. *Psa.* 24: 3, 4.

Central Thought—Contrasting false and true worship.

Practical Truth — True worship is spiritual. God requires those who worship Him to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Suggestions To Teachers

When sin separates from God as Israel was, repentance is the only way back. True worship is humble submission to God and spiritual worship, recognizing by faith the blood that shelters or covers.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

“The book of Isaiah has been called the gospel of the Old Testament.” Many quotations are found in the New Testament from this book.

Worship God sincerely. Assemble for worship. “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is.” Sacrifices in worship, burnt offerings, oblations, incense and all external things became an abomination to God. Our sacrifices must be spiritual first of all. Then, of course, we will make our external sacrifices in the right way and God will accept them. Penitence in worship—“wash you, cease to do evil.” “If we regard iniquity in our hearts the Lord will not hear us.” But O how precious to know the waters of cleansing are free. The penitent heart is pleasing to God. Knowledge thru worship—“Learn to do well.” Let us get our lesson. The Divine Teacher set the example. “I do always those things pleasing to Him.” Right worship includes so much. “Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, the fatherless, the widow.” The best workers are the best worshippers. They who find spiritual relief at the throne of grace will be very apt to

relieve those in need. Worship is intelligent. “Let us reason together.” No one is forced to be good. If ye be willing God accepts the “whosoever-will,” if ye be obedient. Praise God, there are blessings in worship. It is all obtained at the “mercy seat.”

Sunday, Sept. 23, 1934.

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 17—Isaiah Counsels Rulers. *Isa.* 31: 1- 9.

Sept. 18—Hezekiah's Prayer. *Isa.* 37: 14- 20

Sept. 19—David's Prayer. *Psa.* 51: 1- 13

Sept. 20—Solomon's Prayer. *1 Kings* 8: 22- 30.

Sept. 21—Counsel Rejected. *Proverbs* 1: 24- 33.

Sept. 22—Kings Subject to God. *Psa.* 72: 10- 20.

Sept. 23—Devotional Reading. *Psa.* 21: 1- 7.

SUBJECT—Isaiah Counsels Rulers.

Lesson Text, Printed Portion —Isaiah 31: 1- 9: 37: 36, 37.

31: 1. Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!

2. Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words; but will arise against the house of the evil doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

3. Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

4. For thus hath the Lord spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

5. As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

6. Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

7. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.

8. Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.

9. And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

37: 36. Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

37. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

Memory Verse —Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Isa. 26: 3.

Central Thought —God the only source of help at all times.

Practical Truth —The folly of trusting in the arm of flesh—horses, chariots, when God is the only source of power.

Suggestions To Teachers

1. God a prayer-answering God. He answered a king's prayer. How God directs and rules nations.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

From the darkest prison of distress there is a way to happy deliverance thru faith and trust in God. Let it be known that God is stronger and wiser than Egypt or Assyria, or any foe that can assail spiritual Israel. All these assailments (horses, chariots, and horsemen) are flesh and not spirit. The Egyptians and Assyrians are men and not God. What triumph through the Lord even in literal Israel! Isa. 37: 36, 37.

What greater triumph in this Holy Spirit dispensation! Yet triumph through God is always conditional. Repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is certain triumph. Isaiah's prophecy did not fail, nor did Hezekiah and his people rely in vain upon the "word of the Lord." God sent His angel to the camp of the Assyrians and smote 185,000 soldiers in one night. The king of Assyria made a swift retreat to Nineveh. He sat upon the Assyrian throne 20 more long years, but did not dare again to defy the people of the living God. We have a precious example of national victory when God was sought through repentance and trust in God. "Happy is that nation whose God is the Lord." O spiritual Israel, take courage and rely on God. Peace is always desirable—peace with God, peace with others, peace in perplexity. God's mercy and grace are always available as we surrender to Him. Isa. 26: 3.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 1934

HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK

- Sept. 24—Ahijah's Prophecy. 1 Kings 11: 29-39.
 Sept. 25—Elijah Hears God's Voice. 1 Kings 19: 9-18
 Sept. 26—Asa Relies on God. 2 Chron. 15: 8-15.
 Sept. 27—Micaiah Speaks the Truth. 1 Kings 22: 13 to 23.
 Sept. 28—Amos Pleads for Justice. Amos 5: 10-15.
 Sept. 29—Isaiah Teaches True Worship. Isaiah 1: 10-20.
 Sept. 30—Devotional Reading. Hebrews 11: 32-40.

SUBJECT—Review: God in Hebrew History

Memory Verse —Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Psalms 145: 13.

Lesson 1. The Divided Kingdom. 1 Kings 11: 29-39. Memory Verse—Proverbs 16: 18.

Lesson 2. Asa Relies on God. 2 Chron. 15: 1-12. Memory Verse—Hebrews 13: 6.

Lesson 3. God Cares For Elijah. 1 Kings 17: 1-7; 19: 1-8. Memory Verse—Matt. 6: 32.

Lesson 4. Elijah Hears God's Voice. 1 Kings 19: 9-18. Memory Verse—1 Samuel 3: 9.

Lesson 5. Micaiah Speaks The Truth. 1 Kings 22: 1-14. Memory Verse—1 Kings 22: 14.

Lesson 6. Elisha Helps the Needy. 2 Kings 4: 1-7, 42-44. Memory Verse—Matthew 25: 40.

Lesson 7. Amos Pleads for Justice. Amos 5: 1, 10-15, 21-24. Memory Verse—Romans 13: 10.

Lesson 8. Amos Denounces Self-Indulgence. Amos 6: 1-7, 11-14. Memory Verse—Amos 5: 14.

Lesson 9. Hosea Preaches God's Love. Hosea 11: 1-4, 8, 9; 14: 4-9. Memory Verse—John 3: 16.

Lesson 10. Micah Champions the Oppressed. Micah 6: 1-12. Memory Verse—Micah 6: 8.

Lesson 11. Hezekiah Leads His People Back to God. 2 Chron. 30: 1-9, 13. Memory Verse—2 Chron. 30: 9.

Lesson 12. Isaiah Contrasts False and True Worship. Isaiah 1: 10-20. Memory Verse—Psalms 24: 3, 4.

Lesson 13. Isaiah Counsels Rulers. Isaiah 31: 1-9; 37: 36, 37. Memory Verse—Isaiah 26: 3.

Lesson 14. Review: God in Hebrew History.

In the three months we have studied several prophets and kings of Israel—from Ahijah to Isaiah. Our lesson texts have been taken from seven Bible books. These lessons have covered about two centuries from the division of the monarchy under Rehoboam until after the fall of the northern kingdom in 721 B. C. The review gives us one aspect of it in each lesson with the memory verse, "Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom." Psalms 145: 13.