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## “THERE THEY DWELT WITH THE KING FOR HIS WORK”

(1 Chronicles 4: 23)

Where the paths sometimes were thorny and the service lowly, too,  
Amid surroundings uncongenial, THERE He gave them work to do;  
But they with the King were dwelling, and it was His voice they heard,  
Bidding them to labor for Him, so they gladly kept His Word.

It was joy to have His presence, it was fellowship most true,  
'Twas an honor and a privilege that He gave them aught to do;  
'Twas His work, not theirs, therefore they had only to abide,  
Listening to Him, ever keeping closely by their Master's side.

May we ever, Lord, remember that we, too, work for a King;  
Teach us how to dwell close by Thee, seeing Thee in everything;  
Teach us, since the work is Thine, Lord, that we need not fret, but rest;  
Letting Thee accomplish through us what Thou seest is best.

We will make the saddest bungle if we strive to work alone,  
So we seek for Thy direction, asking that Thy way be shown:  
May the plan and the performance be according to Thy will,  
May we be entirely subject, and our hearts be very still.

Thou art King; all power and riches are Thine own, Thou blessed Lord;  
If we work as Thou directest, we are sure Thou wilt reward:  
Burn not Thou like wood, hay, stubble, that which we have wrought, we pray,  
But like gold untouched, enduring, may it all appear some day.

Then when evening shadows lengthen at the setting of the sun,  
Thou wilt say to us, Thy children, “Come, ye faithful ones, well done;”  
I've a throne and rest remaining, and a bright crown for thy brow;  
Come, I will reward thy service: to My palace enter thou.

— A. E. R.

## A WARNING

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” So God created man in his own image. “In the image of God created he him.” (Gen. 1: 26- 28).

The foregoing text shows us plainly that the great, true, and living God is our Creator, and in chapter 2 verse 7, of what we were created. “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul, and God saw every thing that he had made was very good.”

God then gave man his heritage—what should be

his, also the heritage of the other creatures as their meat, followed by a strict command what he should do, and what he should not do. The penalty of disobedience was death. We all know that man disobeyed God's command and did die. He lost the image and likeness of God and is sold under sin, a slave to sin, and became a servant of the devil because he obeyed the devil rather than God. He lost the holiness, purity, fellowship, and Spirit of God and became possessed by a spirit of disobedience.

So there was need of reconciliation between God and man, which need God promised to supply, “The seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, and be the redeemer of all that would obey him, being reconciled to God by the death of his only begotten son.” “And he that hath the son hath life and he

that hath not the son shall not see life but abideth in death."

We read that after Adam's disobedience (Gen. 6: 57), God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the tho'ts of his heart was only evil continually and it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. He decided to destroy man and other creatures from the earth, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. So God commanded Noah to build an ark for the saving of himself and family. Noah obeyed God and prepared the ark for the saving of themselves. (Notice only a few saved of all the multitude then living).

Now we know that the salvation of Noah and family was a wonderful type of Christ and His prepared place—His Church built on the Rock that the gates of hell should not prevail against. Noah obeyed God's directions in everything that was commanded him and was saved. Jesus came saying, "Of mine own self I can do nothing, but I received a commandment of my Father what I should say and what I should speak."

The first thing He preached was, "Repent, for the kindgom of heaven is at hand." What is repentance? Godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation not to be repented of. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13: 1- 4. Jesus also told the people that, "If you do not from the heart forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you your trespasses." Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor 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 in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Why should I get saved? Because: "For from within out of the hearts of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile the man." Mark 7: 21- 23. God is holy, just and righteous altogether. It is necessary for man to be purged from all these hateful things. The blood of Jesus will wash them all away in the day we seek him with our whole heart, and seek Him until He comes and rains righteousness upon us. This is needful because the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it? "I, the Lord, search the heart. I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings." Jer. 17: 8- 10.

These scriptures describe the hearts of unsaved people. We will add a list of the things called the fruits or works of the flesh. Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, (he that hateth his brother is a murderer) drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of which I tell you now as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5: 19- 21. What then does the Lord require of us? Hear Him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength and thy neighbor (or brother) as thyself."

Now the Word says, "Examine *yourselves* (not your brother) whether ye be in the faith." Know your own selves. Prove your own selves by His word that shall judge you in the last day. Man cannot, by his own reformation, become a Christian. "Can the leopard change his spots or the Ethiopian his skin?" Bible. "Though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord." Jer. 2: 22. It isn't reformation that the people need, but salvation. And since salvation is of the Lord, we must seek it His way. For there is none other name given in heaven or earth whereby we must be saved, except the name of Jesus. Dear sinner, seek Him while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near. Lest there come a time when you call and there will be none to hear. And you professors, get the living Christ in you that you may be able to see that your time and talent may be used for His glory and service instead of backbiting, whispering, tale-bearing, busy-bodding in other men's matters.

Watch unto prayer, and hold fast the beginning of your confidence steadfast unto the end. When you were first saved you loved everybody, did you not? If so, continue in His love, lest He say, "I have somewhat against you because you have lost your first love." and He say unto you, "repent and do the first work."

— Elihu Key.

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## ARE YOU USING YOUR TALENTS?

My heart has been burdened for sometime, as I see the great need of every child of God using the talents God has given them. It is evident that if every one of us, both young and old, would use the talents God has bestowed upon us, there would be more workers in God's great harvest field. There would be more calls answered, and there would be more given to the cause of Christ; there would be more souls saved, and there would be more bodies healed. There is so few real consecrated ones to work for God, but if every one would use the talent God has given them, the lack indeed would be supplied. Some are using the talents that Christ has given them, and the world is being benefited by them. On the other hand, many are covering up their talents. We see boys and girls with wonderful talents, but they fold them up in a handkerchief, so to speak.

Talents given to us are not for our benefit alone, but are gifts to the world that others may share benefits from them. We each have a mission in life, and no one knows better what that mission is than God and ourselves. God respectively requires every one of us to use our talents, and unless exercised they will be lost. How awful that would be! Each one of us is endowed with at least one gift. And all around us are many opportunities of using that gift. Within us lie the possibilities of being a blessing to the world, and enriching God's kingdom. The Master Hand may use us in cheering lonely hearts, causing despondent souls to rejoice, or kindle hope in some discouraged life. Oh, the good we might do if we would only submit our time and talents to God!

No one can take our place or exercise your talent; nor can you take some other's place or improve some other's talent. It lies within our power to use them or not to use them. There is no excuse. We have the Word of God to instruct us, the Spirit of God to guide us, and the saints to encourage us. Perhaps some may say, "Yes, but I don't believe God has given me any talents or abilities—I can't do anything." How do you know you have no talent? Do you give God an opportunity to show you your talents? Perhaps you are too interested in something else. If we want to enjoy life and the service of God we must be interested in God's business. We must say, "What wilt Thou have me do, Lord?" Faithfulness to God in little things, and carefulness in our words, thoughts and actions develops the talents entrusted to our care. Great usefulness in this life always has a small, unnoticed beginning. But if we are faithful, God will in time reveal our life's work and talents to us. You may think that because others are more gifted than you that you have nothing to do. Better beware! you are hiding your talent. It might be taken from you and be given to some one else.

A responsibility lies upon us of winning souls to Christ. Talents used are talents increased; talents unused are talents lost. May God encourage your hearts, and no matter how small your talents may be, be willing to do what you can in this great, sinful, proud world for the sake of Him who died for you. —Mrs. Artie Bowers

## Meeting Report

Dear saints of God: I am praising our mighty God this morning for His wonderful power and goodness. I feel like relating some of His wonderful dealings with us. Just last night the Lord sent some of us out to Bro. and Sister Walker's near McCloud, Oklahoma. What a glorious meeting the dear Lord gave us! He began to work at the beginning and the Word went forth with power. Two precious souls sought and found the Lord, arose and witnessed for Jesus, asking forgiveness of those whom they had wronged. The other unsaved persons in the house raised their hands for prayer. Bro. and Sister Walker are leaving that place soon, but the remembrance of their true example of Christ will not leave.

I also want to tell how the Lord made ways and led in having the meeting at Bartlesville, Okla. not long ago. It is wonderful how the Lord can plan and work with so many at the same time. The Lord was talking to me about going to Bartlesville. I told Him I would go if He would make a way and provide the means. He talked to a Sister about it and told her to pay my way. I talked to the Lord about Bro. and Sister LaFavor going and the Lord made it plain to me that they would go. I was telling Sister Br'ttain about it and Bro. and Sister LaFavor walked in, and said that they came to tell us that the Lord wanted them to take Sister McDonald to Bartlesville and hold a meeting and that He would provide a car to go in.

There were only a very few saints at Bartlesville, and they were poor in this world's goods and had consecrated to live on bread and water and sleep on the floor if necessary. We would go anyway as we did not intend to eat or sleep much. The saints there did not have seats for the building. While the Lord was talking to us here, He was also working with the saints there and told them to begin a meeting and He would send help, and also seats. He filled the building with seats and two unsaved men paid for them. The Lord provided the car and we went to Bartlesville, for He has said, "Certainly, I will go with thee." The saints began fasting and praying for a revival, staying up often until three or four o'clock in the morning. The devil did not like that, but the Lord worked and six precious souls were saved in the meeting. One old lady 80 years old got saved, and how she did rejoice and glorify God—had never felt better in her life. The saints were encouraged and the sick were healed; many others under conviction. The ordinances of the Bible were observed on the last evening of the meeting, though only a few were present, yet there was much rejoicing. It was raining that day and kept folks away.

Bro. Charles Smith, who has been out in the truth only a short time, is faithfully preaching the Word and holding up Christ while making many sacrifices to keep the work going. No one had to sleep on the floor and the Lord provided enough to eat. The few saints there need our prayers.

I am encouraged and determined to work for Jesus until He calls us from labor to reward.

Yours, in the truth, —Essie McDonald, Okla. City

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## EDITORIALS

In meditating upon the many readers of the *Faith and Victory* paper and considering the various locations and circumstances, the many intricate problems confronting each, the wide variation in training and rearing under a multiplicity of environments, it broadens our comprehension of the great work that pure, clean literature will do to enlighten, to edify and to aid the Spirit of God to draw to Christ every honest, conscientious soul. Knowing this work is upon us, our heart is enlarged toward God and toward our fellow-men and we take hold of God (so to speak) with one hand and reach the other to men that we might bring them to Christ who, through His death, reconciles them to God. Our heart goes out to every reader, and we pray that God may make this paper or rather the contents therein as light from heaven to your souls, believing the truth is what makes men free. If we really believe the truth from the heart, we will practice it and that brings freedom to the soul. Every saved man and woman ought to be much interested in getting this truth to people through the printed page. It is not a work for one, but it is a work for all of us, for the whole body of Christ, the family of saved people that constitutes His Church; each member in the body is a particular member and has a particular work to perform in the support of the whole body. If some members are fainting and failing, it makes it hard on the rest of the body. Let each member do his or her best for the furtherance of the true riches to souls of our fellow-travelers.

In the ninth chapter of 1 Cor. Paul exhorts the brethren very strongly as to their duty in giving of their carnal or earthly things to support the gospel and to supply the need of those who are especially called to labor in word and in doctrine. He says, "It is written, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the grain." Paul was anxious that they would abound in this grace that the life of Christ would have opportunity to grow in their souls. God gives in as we give out, and it is life to the soul. It compares as breath to our body. Jesus says, "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Let each one of us believe, practice and live.

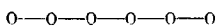
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The congregation here has been much edified, strengthened, encouraged and enlarged by the late Assembly meeting. He is enriching our souls from time to time as we meet together. Besides the regular services at the chapel, we have cottage prayer-meetings at different homes, and if not in meeting we are gen-

erally at work late in the office.

About a month ago a company of us went to the County Farm and held services for the aged inmates there. It was precious how the Lord blessed in the services and the Holy Spirit worked and brought conviction on a number of souls. One poor old man came weeping to the altar, seeking God for forgiveness, pleading guilty. God heard his cries and saved his soul. Last Sunday (Jan. 13) a company of us went there again and they informed us that the man who had gotten saved had passed on to Glory. Our hearts rejoiced to think that he got saved just before God took him. The Lord greatly blessed in the services again and another old man came to the altar all broken up because he saw himself as a sinner before God. He wept and called upon God, and we prayed with him. The Lord forgave, and he testified that he felt good—the burden of sin was gone. Our souls rejoiced with him and magnified the Lord who gave His Son that men might live. O glory to His name.

A company of us have also been going to Crescent, Oklahoma, a town about fifteen miles from Guthrie, and holding cottage prayer-meetings. Three souls have gotten saved and several bodies healed. God is working there, and we expect Him to open up things there for a continued meeting. Dear ones, pray for us as we mean by His grace to do all we can to get souls to Christ. We can only do as He gives strength and makes ways.

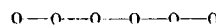


The Lord is blessing and encouraging our hearts in the printing work and tracts and papers, booklets and pamphlets are continually going out, the larger portion of which is going out without any direct financial returns as we like to send them to all who ask. The Spirit of God is truly making it a blessing to a host of souls.

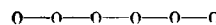
Lawrence, my son who operates the linotype machine, has been asking me about getting a magazine for the linotype. We have three sets of matrices and only one magazine and another magazine is needed very badly, also about thirty dollars' worth of other repairs. The magazine will cost \$100.00. I told Lawrence that we would seek the Lord for these things and so we have been praying God to supply us with these needed items, and also for means to buy two cases of paper to print tracts which need to be re-stocked. The paper would cost at least \$70.00. Just this morning a letter came from a distant state containing five dollars, the writer saying it was for the Lord's work. I told Lawrence that the Lord was beginning to hear our prayers and our hearts are

encouraged that He will give us this greatly needed help. We are certain that God is not poverty-stricken, neither does financial depressions affect him. We are asking God to equip us better for the producing of clean gospel literature. We know that He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. The earth and the fullness thereof belongs to Him. Our Father is rich.

A Brother was testifying the other night in prayer-meeting and he told of a time when he was a long way from home and wanted to get home. He started to walk and he thought about how that God owned all the railroads and that Jesus had said in His Word that our heavenly Father was more willing to give to us than we were to give to our children. He told the Lord that he knew that if his earthly father owned all the roads that he knew that he would not let him walk but would give him a ride. He came to a railroad station feeling assured that God would let him ride. The train pulled in while he stood on the platform, and the conductor jumped off, came up to him and said, "Preacher, where are you going?" He told him and he said, "Come, ride with me." He did not know how the conductor knew anything about him, but His heavenly Father gave him a free ride home. It is true, dear readers, that God's power is above all the powers of men and He is able to bring things about that seems in a natural sense to be impossible. We are exhorted to have faith in God.



The devil hates any soul that is well-balanced in the Lord and letting the light of heaven shine steadily out. He works to either get them to compromise or to become fanatic, carnal and fighty. Both of these elements are combating and grieving the true saints of God. The devil works hard on those who have influence and often gets them to cease to love the crucified way, and they begin to love the praise of men and seek honor of them—all the time keeping covered under a cloke of religion. Many are led astray this way. Children, we need not be deceived; keep in the clean, humble, separated-from-the-world way. Keep your eye on Jesus. He did not tie up to the world in any way.



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**OBITUARY**

John Milhorn Clinton was born in Sevier County, Tennessee, March 9, 1876 and departed this life, January 4, 1935 at the age of 58 years, 9 months and 26 days.

He was united in marriage with Matilda Marinda Keeble, October 23, 1898. To this union were born three children. He moved with his family to Anthony, Kansas in 1903 where they lived until 1927, when they moved to California.

He was always a most devoted and considerate husband and father, a patient sufferer, accepting life as it came, a friend and neighbor to all who knew him. If he had an enemy, he is unknown. His recent life has been one of close communion with the Lord.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his widow, Mrs. Marinda Clinton of Pomona, Calif.; one son, William, of Wichita, Kansas; two daughters, Mrs. John Miller Jr., Bell, Calif., Mrs. Ward Munger, San Luis Obispo, Calif. and five grand children. Also three brothers and two sisters of Tennessee and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by G. E. Harmon. Texts: Job 14: 14; 14: 7; Heb. 9: 27; 1 Cor. 15: 51- 56.

**In Memory of Bro. John Clinton**

By J. M. Whiting

Our Brother Clinton was so sick,  
His life was in despair,  
But then the Lord did raise him up  
In answer to our prayer.

He laid aside those deadly drugs  
With which he had been bound,  
And praised the Lord for saving grace—  
A treasure he had found,

He said, "I'll trust God 'til the last,"  
Praise Him for healing power—  
His happy soul was on the wing,  
Each day and every hour.

He was getting ready to go  
To Whiting's for song and prayer,  
But before he could start God took  
Him to heaven to sing up there.

Weep not, dear ones, though it is hard  
For us with him to part,  
To think we'll see his face no more—  
'Most bursts our aching hearts.

Rejoice, dear ones, his pains have ceased,  
His suffering now is o'er,  
He's resting sweet in Jesus' arms,  
Safe on the golden shore.

It won't be long 'till me may go,  
To him, in heaven to dwell,  
And clasp no more the parting hand,  
And never say farewell.

**TO ALL IN TROUBLE**

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Are you, dear friend, in trouble? Are you sad and discouraged? Is there a burden on your heart? Is it filled with pain and unrest? Are you dissatisfied and feel you have nothing to live for? Is there troubles in your life that no one else knows? Does everything seem to go against you? Do your friends slight you and fail you? Do you feel that no one cares for you? Perhaps you may have committed some sin even though it may have not been your desire to sin, but perhaps you have been led into or forced into some sin and you feel that everyone is against you because they feel you are a greater sinner than they. Oh dear souls, if these things are true in your life and you are filled with sadness and have no peace and rest, let me tell you the great remedy It is JESUS! Turn to Him; He will be your friend and your comfort. He will give you peace and joy. Ask Him to save your soul. He will, if you repent, turn from sin, yield yourself to God. Jesus says, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt. 5: 6. Seek God earnestly in prayer and when you come to the place where you want salvation more than anything in this world, the Lord will come to your rescue. He longs to help every soul.

This world is full of sad, troubled souls. Unrest, sin and trouble is abroad in the world. Many commit suicide, but that is an awful thing to do and only brings them down to an eternity of darkness and torment with no chance to ever repent. Christ is the remedy for all ills.

The devil will try to discourage every one. He may tell you that you are too great a sinner, or that if you get saved you could not live right, or that some one may make you do wrong. But, dear souls, do not fear, for when you get saved the Lord will deliver you from all the power of the devil. As long as you are in sin the devil can make you sin against your will because you are his servant and he can drive you and make you do his bidding. Romans 6: 16. Jesus will keep you when you become His child. The devil can have no power to make you sin as long as you abide in Christ and trust your soul to His keeping. So look to Christ all ye who are sad and discouraged. He can help you. He came to heal the broken-hearted (Luke 4: 18) and set the captives free. The devil has many souls captured, but Jesus has set many free and will set free all others who will come to Him. Listen to all the invitations of the dear Saviour. He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11: 28, 29, 30. Oh, it is blessed to have this rest. I know the Lord can give you peace for He has saved and given me peace. I, too, was sad and lonely and discouraged, but I came to Jesus and He forgave me, taking away my burden of sin—gave me joy and peace that this world or nothing of this world can give, and neither can it take away, but it will ever remain in the hearts of all who live true to God and trust Him to keep them from all sinful things of this world. Don't think you are so sinful that you cannot get saved. Listen to another great invitation in Isaiah 1: 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." Yes, one may be in the very depths of sin but Jesus will save and remove all the stains of sin and set them free. Dear ones, do not put off salvation; do not live in unrest and dissatisfaction here and be lost forever, but come to Jesus, be made happy and contented here and gain a home in heaven where all trials are over and rest with Christ and His children forever.

From one who is interested in the salvation of all,  
— Miss Becky Brown.

### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHRISTIAN

"Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." Mal. 3: 18. You ask a great many people why they don't go to church, and they will answer, "I don't see much or any difference between those that go and those who do not."

There is a marked difference between a churchmember and a real Christian. In the social sense, most any one can be received as a member of a church by those who were never called or sent by God to preach the gospel, and who have lowered the standard of truth to suit the world.

They who serve the Lord are much unlike the unsaved, for they are a peculiar people zealous of good works, so declares the gospel truth. They have experienced a new sense of life by a new and spiritual birth, being restored to the spiritual image of our Creator. By their fruits (works of righteousness) ye shall know them, for they daily live a devoted, holy life and appear the one and same person to all people without respect of persons.

The most outstanding and foremost definition of the characteristics of a spirit-born and filled person is recorded in two different places, one in the 13th chapter of 1 Cor. and the other in Romans 12: 9 to 21 verses. These are classics and masterpieces of the inspired Word of God, and I earnestly urge and ask you to be sure to read these, for they will give you light and knowledge richly valuable to every seeker of light on Christian living.

They that serve God have a definite, conscious sense of inward peace and happiness of the soul wholly unknown to the unsaved. Since salvation is a happy experience, the saved are interested in the salvation of the lost and the welfare of all mankind.

They are not fault-finders and busybodies in other people's affairs, and are sympathetic, kind-hearted, unselfish, forgiving one another's faults and mistakes, even loving their enemies.

The Christian character is the richest and most valuable possession of mortal life, indeed it is priceless and should find a response and life in the heart of the unregenerated. The self-righteous person who contends they need no repentance are badly deceived, for they are under condemnation with a sense of a guilty conscience which will torment them when death is apparent. Such a person lives in an uncertainty as to the future life.

Having a conscience void of offence toward God and mankind, being rewarded with eternal life and glory for service to God, how wonderful and unspeakable. On the authority of 2 Cor. 7: 11 a righteous person is cleansed

from all filthiness of the flesh, and the use of tobacco in all its forms is one, and the use of intoxicants or taking sides with the booze traffic, is another abomination to God.

A holy or sanctified life (absolute surrender of self) gives one a power to control or master every evil passion or temper; and in no wise can Satan break into our house which is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and bind and rob us; hence the injunction of Jesus, "Whatsoever is bound on earth is also bound in heaven."

The redeemed do not conform to the ungodly fashions of the worldly, nor do they decorate themselves with unnecessary costly array, gold, silver, expensive jewels or pearls which the inspired Word of God prohibits. See 1 Tim. 2: 9 and 1 Peter 3: 3. The Lord God looks on the heart as the source of loveliness and everlasting beauty; not on the outward appearance whatsoever. To become lovely and attractive they have gone to the beauty shoppe of Jesus and had an operation performed upon the heart.

They walk exclusively where Jesus would go—not to worldly carnivals, picture shows, dancing halls, horse racing meets and other questionable places; neither would you find them joking and entertaining with jesting or humorous sayings of untruth.

Are these things strange or repulsive to you? If so, then it is evident you do not prayerfully study your Bible. It's a very poor reflection upon you as a professed Christian, and also your minister who is supposed to be a teacher of these very essentials of the principles of a Christian life. "How shall they preach (or teach) except they be sent," that is, called of God, anointed and baptized with the Holy Spirit? Romans 10: 15.

How stupid for one to appear pious and so nice before men and neglect to appear before God as perfectly reconciled, for He knows one's heart and entire life even better than mortal minds, for one's very mortal life is read by God as one reads an open book.

The redeemed do not oppose or resist more light on Godly living, but gladly accept any truth that will help them to live closer with Jesus. God is not going to lower the standard of truth to suit selfish, worldly-minded people or even those who by observing a part of the gospel requirements think they are reconciled to God.

May the Lord help and inspire us to reveal light and truth to our fellow-being, and set them on the right highway to glory, and when we meet over there, may you say I rejoice in the Lord that you helped me find the true way of happiness and eternal glory. Amen.

— John H. Griffith.

### LABOR

Labor is the root of all things being. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, creeping things, then He made man and woman, which signifies labor.

Labor is a necessary element of nature. Every living creature possesses this element, therefore we should not falter by the way side and shrink from our duty, but to the reverse, labor honestly and steadily. We may grow weary and become discouraged some times when it seems as though we can't make

much by steady labor, but we should try to keep courage to go on and make the best we can with what we have.

We have two kinds of labor in this world—evil and righteous. Righteous labor wins the crown. "Your labor is not in vain." 1 Cor. 15: 58. We may be poor in this world, but if we labor right we will be rich at the end. Praise the Lord.

Evil labor, how enormous, but sad! "In all labor is profit." They (evil) labor in vain, and yet make a profit. But it is a worldly profit. For instance, a person who is deceitful will tell you anything to get the best in the trade and profit by it for a while, but in the end "Sin will find them out." Num. 32: 23.

How sad to labor  
And profit by false,  
For in the final end,  
'Twill be nothing but loss.

Now dear ones, are you going to labor for Jesus or Satan? Let me warn you as one who loves you, labor for Jesus. He will give you rest. Matt. 11: 28. Besides that, He will also give you a beautiful mansion in the sky where we may dwell with Him thru out eternity. If we labor for Satan we will end in torment and destruction. Jno. 14; Rev. 20: 13- 15; 21: 7- 9. A Sister in Christ Jesus, —Louise Wilson

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"FOLLOW ME"

"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." Matt. 16: 24.

Every Christian is supposed to be a follower or disciple of Jesus. A disciple is one that learns from another. Now if we are a disciple of Jesus, we are learning from Him. So the first thing that we must do is to fully give ourselves into His hands and be guided by His Spirit. His first lesson then is one of self-denial. We do not need to deny ourselves any more or any less than Jesus did. When Jesus was here on earth He never did anything for a selfish purpose. He would always say, "Not my will, but Thine be done," speaking of His Father. So then we too must always say, "Not my will, but Thine be done," and mean it. Now self will continually try to impose on us if he can, so we must watch the old man and keep him under. About the first thing most people think of when called upon to do something is, "Can I do this to an advantage to MYSELF?" Let us never have that thought in mind. But rather say, "Will it be to the glory of God?"

The next lesson that we must learn is to take up our cross. Every Christian must bear a cross. Some seem to bear heavier crosses than others, but all must bear his own. Possibly we can help another bear his cross but cannot bear it for him. Now a cross is something very unpleasant and does not gratify the flesh or self. It means suf-

fering, but not just any kind of suffering. To suffer for our own mistakes or faults would not be bearing a cross for Jesus. Jesus never suffered for doing wrong, because He never did wrong. Yet He bore His cross and suffered for doing right. When the just suffer for the unjust, that is bearing a cross. When we suffer for doing right, then we are following our Master.

The next thing to learn is how to follow Jesus. A certain scribe came and said unto Jesus, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, the foxes have holes, and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head. Matt. 8: 19, 20. This did not seem to be a very encouraging reply to one that sought to be a disciple of Christ. But let us remember that Jesus never made Himself of any reputation by accumulating this world's goods. He rather chose the sacrificial way. Now let us follow Him in the wilderness of temptation, of fasting and prayer; when He was by the sick bed; feeding the multitudes on heavenly and earthly bread; on the stormy sea; in the presence of blasphemous Pharisees; mocked and scoffed at by those He was trying to save; praying for those that despitefully used Him; rebuked by His own disciples; hungry and thirsty, weary and worn, yet ever kind and gentle and compassionate, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; in the garden of Gethsemane without earthly companions, agonizing in prayer to gain the victory for the next battle; betrayed by one of His own disciples; brought to judgment and forsaken by those who had promised to go with Him even unto death; mocked and crowned with thorns; spit upon and lashed; exchanged places with a murderer; led to Mount Calvary bleeding and weary; nailed to the cruel cross and died with a broken heart for those who hated Him. But wait, that does not end the story. Let us follow Him into the grave, resurrected and ascended to heaven with His Father. Oh glory! let us bear a cross and wear a crown.

"One day I walked along a country road,  
And there a stranger journeyed too,  
Bent low beneath the burden of His load—  
It was a cross, a cross I knew.

(Chorus)

"Take up thy cross and follow me,  
I hear the blessed Savior call.  
How can I make a lesser sacrifice,  
When Jesus gave His all?"

"I cried, 'Lord Jesus,' and He spoke my name;  
I saw His hands all bruised and torn.  
I stooped to kiss away the marks of shame,  
The shame for me that He had borne.

"O let me bear Thy cross, dear Lord,' I cried,  
And lo, a cross for me appeared—  
The one, forgotten, I had cast aside,  
The one so long that I had feared.

"My cross I'll carry till the crown appears;  
The way I journey soon will end  
Where God Himself shall wipe away all tears,  
And friend hold fellowship with friend."

— W. Earl Laughlin.



# « Young People's Section »

## HUMILITY

There is a grace few mortals find,  
A star all heaven loves to see—  
It is a meek and lowly mind,  
The gem of pure humility.

No ornament on earth so rare,  
No jewel in all heavens' mart,  
Can beautify a soul so fair  
As deep humility of heart.

O God, hath e'er thy balance weighed  
A jewel so sublimely sweet  
As that pure life that's ever laid  
All humbly down at Jesus' feet?

All earthly crowns shall turn to mold,  
All glittering pride and vanity;  
But meekness decks the soul with gold  
That shines through all eternity.

Within my hidden man, dear Lord,  
That priceless ornament bestow,  
The sweetest gift in all the world,  
O Jesus, keep me meek and low.

— D. S. Warner.

## EDITORIALS

Several have taken advantage of the special offer on the 32-page booklet, "*The Instructions of Youth in The Christian Life*," by C. E. Orr. Five cents in stamps or coin will bring you this helpful booklet. Remember this offer expires the 1st of March.

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Since the beginning of time, God has always used the humble, the lowly, the contrite and unlearned in worldly wisdom as instruments to carry on His great work and to bring about the fulfillment of prophecies. As a result, many people have failed to be useful in His service because they did not recognize this fact. God has chosen the weak of this world, but strong in faith, to serve Him that all the honor, glory and praise might be ascribed to His name and not to the one who serves. The proud are not employed by the Lord. When King Saul was lifted up with pride, he was dethroned and David, the young shepherd

boy, was anointed king over Israel in his place. Pride goes before a fall.

Jesus, the Savior, came in a lowly way, and set the example of meekness and humbleness throughout His ministry. Several of His chosen disciples were unlearned fishermen, whom He called to become fishers of men. To them were committed the spreading of the gospel of the kingdom. After learning of Jesus (which is the only profitable learning) they went to their work without the aid of a theological seminary or conference. The many honorary titles and degrees ascribed to theological teachers are recognized by God as only a brand or pass-word to the "dump pile" as worthless, so far as service to Him is concerned. If the world could have been won to Christ through classical singing and eloquent oratory, it would have been evangelized by these highly educated scholars several decades ago. The Apostles did not preach with the words of men's wisdom, *but with the power and authority of the Holy Ghost*. The truth that they proclaimed "pricked the heart" instead of "tickling the ears." I would much rather hear the testimony of an uneducated saint of God filled with the Holy Ghost, than a lengthy discourse from the lips of any theologian of our day.

In Matt. 11: 29 Jesus says, "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." Those who are proud have not really learned of Jesus. He alone teaches meekness and lowliness of heart.

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In the 13th chapter of Matthew we find the parable of the sower who sowed the seed which is the Word of God. Some fell on good ground and bro't forth fruit to perfection. Others fell on poor ground and did not bring forth fruit. The seed which was sown was all good, but the ground on which it fell was the cause of its failing to bring forth fruit. The Word of God is all right, but when it is not received into an honest heart, the fruit is lacking. In the 22nd verse He says, "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; *and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches*, choke the word and he becometh unfruitful." The devil brings up many devices to choke the Word when it is received in the heart. The device most successful for the devil is "the cares of this world." By being over-

anxious to supply the temporal needs from day to day, the soul gradually becomes more neglectful to watch and pray. Hence, the Word is choked. Also, riches are deceitful and deceive the one who endeavors to gain them. Love for worldly gain kills the love for the unseen, heavenly treasures which fade not a way.

— L. D. P.

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### THE FAMILY OF GOD

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Some beautiful and encouraging thoughts came to my mind concerning the family of God. In Eph. 3: 14 we read, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." We, the saints, have been born of God, therefore we are His children, united into one family by Divine love, our mother being the beautiful Church of God, so pure and undefiled, without spot or wrinkle; from the last stain of sin she is free.

How wonderful it is to be a child of God, washed and redeemed by the blood of Christ, and to be in God's family with brothers and sisters of all ages and nationalities, as God is no respecter of persons.

We have a family reunion when we gather together at camp-meeting or Assembly meeting. How our hearts abound in love to each other, and to our heavenly Father for His rich blessings, and who so loved us He sent down His only begotten Son, which was heaven's richest jewel, into the world to die that we might live.

The latest family reunion was the Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma, where saints from east, west, north and south gathered together during the Christmas holidays. We celebrated the birthday of our dear Savior who gave Himself for us, that Lamb of God, so pure and holy, born and laid in another's manger and buried in another's grave. While here on earth He lived an humble life of self-denial, was numbered with the transgressors, suffered the reproach of the cross, yet left this world as pure as He came into it, and has now gone to prepare a place for us where He sits on the right hand of God interceding for you and me.

We rejoiced to know Jesus was God's Christmas gift to the world, one that lasts year after year—not a gift that becomes faded, rusty or useless, but when we accept Him into our heart He becomes more precious, more useful and more wonderful as the years go by. Nothing in this world is to be compared with Christ in our life. When we are a partaker of what He brings to us, the treasures and pleasures of this world vanish away, and we find Jesus a reality, a tender and compassionate Savior on whom we can cast all our care because He careth for us.

The Lord gave us complete victory in this meeting. We feasted on the bread and water of life, sent our prayer requests to the throne of grace, sang the beautiful songs of Zion until our souls were overjoyed and we all felt heaven was not far away. But after a few days of rejoicing together in unity of the Spirit, the time came to separate. As young birds in a nest, tenderly nourished and protected by a loving Father and Mother, so we were

protected from the snares of the enemy, but soon we had to become scattered abroad, each to battle for himself through Christ, our strength and Redeemer.

Dear saints, let us live so holy, so pure and saintly, that we will in no way bring disgrace upon the family of God.

— Ruth McNeely.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

Jefferson, Ore. —Dear saints: As I returned from the visit with this dear Brother, it seemed that the very heavens were let down to me, and as I would look out through the car windows it seemed all nature was praising God, even the leaves of the tree seemed to be clapping their hands in praise to God. Isa. 55: 12. When I returned home, we truly did thank and praise God for the truth we had found.

As we went on living for the Lord, Satan became more enraged and persecution became greater. But thank God, where sin abounded, grace did much more abound, and as we went on living for the Lord He wonderfully blessed our souls. Though we had no saints to meet with for quite a while, yet we read our Bible much and did much praying. The *Trumpet* came once a week, and also we received many precious letters of encouragement from the dear brethren.

Now before I go further, I wish to drop one thought upon your minds, dear ones. If you know of any dear saints who are isolated and cannot meet with any of the saints, a good encouraging letter once in a while would surely be a blessing to them. We are corresponding with an old Sister by the name of E. E. Ingham, 80 years old, who lives in Cortez, Colo. She lost her husband recently, and is living with one of her children. She has no saints to meet with, and seems to enjoy our letters very much.

About 1894 the Lord permitted us to go to our first camp-meeting held at Marquand, Mo. It truly was a blessing to our souls to meet with the dear saints and hear them preach and pray and sing, and we could join in with them. Where we lived it was so hard to get the people to see the truth, for they seemed to be joined to their idols and would call us crazy because we believed in living free from sin. But we knew what God had done for us, so we could not give it up.

In about the year of 1895 the Lord called me to preach, so I began holding meetings wherever the way opened up for it. Sometimes I would go alone, and sometimes wife and the children would go with me. Other times my oldest daughter, Minnie, and I would go. She was a little girl about seven or eight years old, but was a little worker. She loved to sing, and

was lots of help to me.

Then I met with a Brother by the name of R. L. Farquar. He and I held meetings together, and truly the Lord did bless. He was certainly a dear brother and a good preacher. He died, and after that D. O. Teasley and I held meetings together for a while. We held a meeting on Lake Creek, Mo. and persecution arose and they stoned us and threw eggs at us, but in spite of it all the Lord did bless and souls were saved.

Then after that, we sold our property and moved to Frederick Town, Mo. in the fall of 1899.

Will close, and tell you what happened there in the next letter. (To be continued) —H. W. White.

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Gore, Okla. —Many thanks for the literature which I received a few days ago. Please pardon me for not sending postage—it was just an oversight. I am herewith enclosing postage for the papers I have received. Some time ago I found an old copy of *Faith and Victory* of the date of September 1928. I read it and liked it so well—that's why I sent for another. I like to read them. I don't belong to any church, don't drink or gamble.

Thanking you again for the papers, I will close with best regards,  
— George King.

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Natchitoches, La. —Dear ones: I am still praising and thanking God for keeping me saved, and I am still decided to go onward.

I thought I would have been to the Assembly meeting at Guthrie, but God called me to come to Louisiana and I was willing to obey God, and so I came. I found out since I came here that the gospel needed to be brought here.

I am still rejoicing in the salvation of our God—saved and sanctified and willing to obey God to all I know and understand. I'm encouraged to press closer to the Lord.

Your Sister,  
— Annie Wiley.

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Boley, Okla. —To all the dear saints: This leaves me still saved and living for the Lord. I don't have much to say, but I do live the life to the best of my knowledge.

Pray for me, and also pray for our Sister Andrews who has been suffering a long time. Your Brother in the one faith,  
— George Allen.

Folsom, La. —Greetings in Jesus' name: I thank God today for sweet peace in my soul. O how good it is to trust Jesus and to let Him have His own way, 'tis joy unspeakable and full of glory. I don't have words to express my gratitude to God for His mercy and goodness to me. I'm here all alone, but I'm not alone. O no, praise God, He is with me, leading, guiding, guarding and directing.

I want to serve Him better as He lets the light shine on my pathway. He does more for me than I can ask or think. I love to testify of what God is doing for me, though I am afflicted. If He gets any glory out of it, I say amen. His ways are past finding out. The Lord is

soon coming and I want my lamp trimmed and burning brightly. I have more and more to do every day. Though I am isolated, it is so good to have the Word to comfort and support me. It comes so forcibly to my mind as I go through tests and trials, for the world is turning upside down. I weep for my loved ones, I weep for the lost with whom I come in contact. I said yesterday, "What would you do if Christ was to come right now?" They were silent. "God help you," I said, "where are you going to spend eternity?" Mourning and groaning won't save you at that day! May God touch the people's heart, especially those who sit under the Word day after day. May the fear of God strike their hearts, and all our hearts to do more for God. He owns all I have. It's not much, but it is His just loaned to me. He's watching what I do with it! I'll soon leave it and I can carry nothing with me. I have been washed in the all-cleansing stream that flows so freely for all who will come. Please pray God to touch and tender the hearts of my loved ones that they may be saved and lay down the puny arms of rebellion before it is too late. Your unworthy servant,  
—Tillie Rogers

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Boley, Okla. —Dear saints, greetings: Today finds me saved and still on victory side. My trust is in the Lord as never before.

I want to thank the saints, and do praise the Lord for how He wonderfully healed my little grand daughter, Nonella. She couldn't walk and couldn't talk. Praise His name, she is now able to be going to school in Garden City, Kansas. What a mighty God we serve!

Pray for me that I will continue to live true to Him. Your saved Sister in the one body,  
—Mrs. C. Allen.

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Okemah, Okla. —Dear workers: Am subscribing for the *Faith and Victory* paper for one year.

Dear saints of God, I am saved and sanctified and living to all I know. Deep down in my heart is a longing for more of the love of God. I want all of the saints to pray for me and my unsaved husband. Pray that the Lord might save him. Pray that the Lord will heal my body which has been afflicted for more than two years and still suffering. I mean to ever keep true to the dear Lord. Your Sister in the one body,  
— Pecolia B. Mooning

Jefferson, Ore. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and *Faith and Victory* readers: May God bless you in getting the truth to dear souls, is my prayer.

I feel the Lord would have me give my testimony of what He has done for me. I do thank the Lord for salvation and His saving grace and keeping power each day, and also for His healing power that heals me when I get sick. I believe if our hearts are pure in His sight, He will give us the desire of our hearts, for He has said, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly," and He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake," so we can boldly say the Lord is my helper. I can truly say He has been my helper in every time of need, and I am learning more from day to day that having food and

raiment I should be content. I never want the love of money to come into my heart, but I just want to be an humble, trustful saint of God. It makes me so happy to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word, and I would rather have one of His promises to-night than Wall street.

I started to serve the Lord about forty years ago when I was a young girl, and I am not a bit tired but the way grows brighter each day, and some sweet day I expect to see Jesus as He is.

Dear saints, pray for me that I will be true to the end. Your Sister in the Lord, —Lydia E. White.

Hoffman, Okla. —Dear saints: I feel led this morning to write my testimony through the little paper. I am saved, sanctified and healed by the power of God. I praise God this morning for victory in my soul and for the good meetings He is giving us here at Hoffman. The Lord is doing great things for me, for which I am glad. Last month the Lord gave us a good old-time meeting and seven claimed salvation, one of whom was my husband, but he has now gone back. Pray the dear Lord to have His way with him. If we get justified and don't go on to sanctification, we are certain to backslide. Pray much for me, dear saints, as I am undergoing great trials in the home, and I need your prayers. Your saved Sister, all on the altar for Jesus, — L. C. Chiles

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## Obituary

Born in the city of Confusion, rocked in the cradle of Delusion, and reared by the spirit of Division which was her life work through creation. Lived and died in Condemnation; gone to her reward in eternal damnation. Left to mourn her departure a fond mother who loved and cherished her, Mrs. World; a faithful father, Foreigner Belzebub; a few sickly sons and daughters and a score of worldly friends and relatives. Their loss is an eternal gain.

Her life was a life of distrust, having "forsaken the fountain of living waters and hewn her out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

This Principle, Mrs. Life Insurance, in this obituary is a twin sister to Mrs. Neck-tie. Both are equally responsible for the destruction of many of God's saints. Both have been slain by the Sword of the Spirit and the Word of God. Unfit for a decent burial, they have been cremated by the fire of the Holy Ghost. Let the smoke of her torment ascend up for ever and ever as a testimony against her and a warning to all who would sympathize with her. May her memory pass into oblivion. May her mother repent or die the death of the ungodly and be cast into the lake of fire to suffer with her husband, Belzebub, throughout eternity.

Funeral services by Bro. and Sister Church. The text: "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy." Benediction: "And now, O Lord, as our adversary who has tormented Thy saints night and day until some of them almost despaired of life, has gone to her reward, may Thou Almighty God protect and encourage your little ones to live the life of full trust in God according to Thy Word, that none may resurrect her and not one of them protect her.

Let all the saints remember—  
Don't make her a church member.  
Remember how she split us,  
Caused many saints to quit us;  
How she got us into trouble,  
Render therefore to her double;  
Don't let her help to build the wall,  
For I'm sure that it would fall;  
Not even to carry the hod,  
For her spirit is not of God;  
From the Octopus keep your distance,  
Lest her arms break your resistance;  
Fight the spirit and not the man,  
Teach the saints if you possibly can,  
That Jesus would not have life insurance!  
— A Witness

"Thy Faith Hath Made Thee Whole."  
(Luke 17: 19)

The ten lepers were told to show themselves to the priests before any healing process had taken place. They were in a desperate condition. From a human standpoint, there was no help. Jesus was the only source of deliverance. It is so today. By faith in Him (not by our feelings) are we healed. By faith in Him and looking for His glory we can transact business. With an eye for His

glory we are brought in contact with people which could not be reached otherwise.

Very often it would require less faith to simply stop and shift responsibility on some one else than to try to farm. When the heavens refuse to give rain, and no wonder, when the majority of people curse and complain when it does not rain, sit around and find fault with the Creator, the country, the officials and everything else, then when in answer to the prayers of a few faithful ones, the dear Lord does send rain, they are so rushed they must work on the day that should be kept for the glory of God and the strengthening of the spiritual life. If it were not for the few prayerful, faithful ones, I believe this world would be burned up. There are a few yet who are willing to go into the fiery furnace, into the lions' den, a few who are obedient to the voice of Jesus without seeing immediate results, but they are the ones who will be more anxious to give glory to God than to ask favors. They are zealous for His glory, death to self with every prop knocked out, not depending on any human power, and then only can they hear the saying, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." The despised stranger put to shame the ungrateful church-members who had been helped, but did not find time to return and say "Thank you," after being delivered from such a loathsome disease. Glad the stranger had enough gratitude, manhood and will power to go alone. He was in a crowd when in trouble, but dared to give praise unto God when alone. No doubt he preached and lived Jesus after that. He told the "down and outs" where real healing for soul and body could be found. Obedience to the voice of Jesus and faith in His power always brings victory. Amen. —Marie Pauline Sass.

#### AFTERWARD

"No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless *afterward* it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness." Heb. 12: 11

We may not see just here and now,  
With vision clear, the WHY and HOW  
Of all that God seems to allow.  
But 'Afterward'!

We may not know how THAT or THIS  
Which now we fain would gladly miss,  
Is working for our future bliss.  
But 'Afterward'!

We may not fully understand  
How underneath God's chastening hand  
Pain is fulfilling Love's command,  
But 'Afterward'!

It may not be for us to know  
What portion of the seed we sow—  
Shall into Golden Harvest grow,  
But 'Afterward'!

We may not know, when torn with care,  
Why earnest and persistent prayer  
Should soon to die upon the air,  
But 'Afterward'!

It may not be for me to see  
The meaning and the mystery  
Of all that God has planned for me,  
But 'Afterward'! —Sel.

## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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### Home Study For The Week

- Jan. 28—Peter's Restoration. John 21: 11- 19.  
Jan. 29—Manasseh's Sin and Restoration. 2 Chron. 33: 10- 17.  
Jan. 30—Israel's National Restoration. Ezek. 11: 14- 21.  
Jan. 31—Israel's Spiritual Restoration, Romans 11: 25-32  
Feb. 1—Restoration Through Chastening. Heb. 12: 4- 13.  
Feb. 2—Restoration Through Love. Gal. 6: 1- 10.  
Feb. 3—Devotional Reading. 1 Peter 1: 3- 12.

### SUBJECT—Peter's Restoration.

#### Lesson Text, Printed Portion—John 21: 11- 19.

21: 11. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples after that he was risen from the dead.

15. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Memory Verse—Lord, thou knowest all things: thou knowest that I love Thee. John 21: 17.

**Central Thought—Restoration.**

**Practical Truth—**We have in Scripture after Peter's restoration how he preached and many were born into the family of God. Read David's experience after he was restored. Psalms 23: 3; 51: 12, 13.

**Suggestions To Teachers**

When Jesus restored the joy to Peter, it gave him inspiration, so he tried again. How to prove our love for Christ, and the test of loyalty.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Peter's hope renewed by the resurrection. 1 Peter 1: 3- 5. Dear saints, draw Jesus close to you by faith. Remember His love and learn to manifest this love—Divine love to those around you. Dear precious souls, do not become discouraged because you may have failed some time, some where. Jesus knows and He cares. Peter relied on the thought that Jesus knew. Jesus loves and longs for our love, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me," and he followed in life and until death, even in death. Will we be faithful? Can He trust us to live by faith? He is entitled to our deepest, sublimest and continual love. David said that after the power of restoration fell on him that he was able to teach transgressors the way and sinners were converted. God bless all with victory over self and discouragement. Jesus still loves. He still calls to faithfulness, and the same Holy Spirit will lead in the truth that saves. Oh praise God for saving truth! "Lovest thou Me more than these?" This great net of fishes or the labor through which you gain a living? Can you lay all down and follow me? Through all your labor, know that God is taking note, giving strength, helping where you least expect, giving victory over the things we cannot understand, granting faith, courage, peace and rest in believing, which is faith.

**Sunday, Feb. 10, 1935.**

**Home Study For The Week**

- Feb. 4—Peter Preaches Christ. Acts 2: 22- 28.
- Feb. 5—Peter Preaches Repentance. Acts 2: 36- 41.
- Feb. 6—John Preaches Repentance. Matt. 3: 7- 12
- Feb. 7—Jesus Preaches Repentance. Matt. 4: 12- 17
- Feb. 8—A Nation called to Repentance. Jonah 3: 1-10
- Feb. 9—A Church called to Repentance. Rev. 2: 1- 7
- Feb. 10—Devotional Reading. Phil. 2: 5- 11.

**SUBJECT—**Peter Preaches at Pentecost.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion—*Acts 2: 22- 28, 36- 41

2: 22. Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23. Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24. Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he

should be holden of it.

25. For David speaketh concerning him, I fore-saw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26. Therefore did my heart rejoice. and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27. Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

2: 36. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

**Memory Verse—**Then Peter said unto them. Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2: 38.

**Central Thought—Repentance.**

**Practical Truth—**Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ as Peter preached on the day of Pentecost will add souls to the church of God today as it did then.

**Suggestions To Teachers**

A good preacher, preaching a great sermon. The story of a wonderful day and the source of spiritual power.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Peter's first sermon after he was restored to the favor of God through repentance and the receiving of the Holy Ghost was one accompanied by great power and a great number were saved, regenerated or born again. He opened the Holy Spirit dispensation by this wonderful message, called his "epochal sermon" or in other words, "marking the beginning of a

period in reckoning." He told them of their wickedness in killing the Just One and explaining to them how Jesus was the Savior and Lord.

The works of Jesus, "Approved of God by mighty works." None ever walked this earth with such Divine witness as He and none ever will. Matt. 17: 5. His loving surrender to the Father's will was under an agreement before the world was. How could cruel hands have treated Him so? While the cross was an instrument of execution, it was also an altar of sacrifice. "He bore the sin of many." But thank God, He had power to lay down his life and to take it again. John 10: 18.

They were all witnesses of His appearance, and His ascension. "Being by the right hand of God exalted, reigning in this life by one Christ Jesus." As the Lord was directing the affairs of His kingdom, before His death He promised to send the Holy Spirit, which after His ascension He fulfilled. Praise His dear name! He left the command, "Repent ye." Acts 2: 38. Man repents and God regenerates, then comes baptism. We are in Gods' church, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are led on and up in loving service to God and humanity.

### Sunday, Feb. 17, 1935.

#### Home Study For The Week

- Feb. 11—The Good Citizen and his Conduct. 1 Peter 2: 11- 17.  
 Feb. 12—The Good Citizen and His Character. 1 Peter 4: 1- 5.  
 Feb. 13—The Good Citizen and His Counsel. Titus 2: 1- 15.  
 Feb. 14—The Good Citizen and His Community. Romans 13: 8- 14.  
 Feb. 15—The Good Citizen and His Church. Eph. 2: 13- 22.  
 Feb. 16—The Good Citizen and His Country. Rom. 13: 1- 7.  
 Feb. 17—Devotional Reading. Psalms 146: 1- 10.

SUBJECT—Peter Teaches Good Citizenship.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—1 Pet. 2: 11- 17; 4: 1-5  
 2: 11. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12. Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14. Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16. As free, and not using your liberty as a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

4: 1. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2. That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4. Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

5. Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

Memory Verse—Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; love therefore is the fulfilling of the law. Rom. 13: 10.

Central Thought—Good Citizenship.

Practical Truth—There are good citizens who know nothing of the transforming power of God, but Peter is teaching in this lesson the goodness that prepares a man or woman for citizenship in two worlds.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

Peter becomes a teacher of good citizenship, and the responsibilities of the same.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

To be a citizen in the kingdom of God will surely prepare men and women to fill their places in this world as good citizens.

1st "In restraint." No citizen in the kingdom of God could indulge in things mentioned in the first part of our lesson text, and we soon learn to be subject to every ordinance of man for Jesus' sake, for the law was made for the lawless. 1 Tim. 1: 9. 2nd We will be good citizens in observing the law. "Be subject to every ordinance." Good citizens have liberty, but do not use that liberty as a "cloke of wickedness." Liberty does not mean license. But the liberty to do right is the greatest liberty in the world, having a

consciousness always that "as Christ suffered, we are to arm ourselves with the same mind, living to the will of God." So many mind earthly things. "There is a nobler investment to be made of life," and no one can reach the "higher heights" and "deeper depths" in the will of God except his consecration reach all in God's will concerning him. A continual, *yes*, to God's will brings us to the place where faith carries us to a precious resting place—peace that passes all understanding, joy the world cannot give and cannot take away while anchored in God, and our citizenship is secure in God's Church or kingdom.

**Sunday Feb. 24, 1935.**

**Home Study For The Week**

- Feb. 18—Peter Heals a Lame Man. Acts 3: 1- 10.  
 Feb. 19—Jesus the Healer. Acts 4: 5- 12.  
 Feb. 20—Healing in Jesus' Name. Acts 9: 31 -35.  
 Feb. 21—Asking in Jesus' Name. John 14: 10- 15  
 Feb. 22—The Prayer of Faith. James 5: 13- 20.  
 Feb. 23—The Great Physician. Mark 1: 29- 39.  
 Feb. 24—Devotional Reading. Isaiah 35: 1- 6.

**SUBJECT—Peter Heals a Lame Man.**

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Acts 3: 1- 10; 4: 8- 12.*

3: 1. Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3. Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9. And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10. And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

4: 8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Memory Verse—Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Acts 3: 6.

Central Thought—Divine healing.

Practical Truth—Faith in the Great Physician brings healing to all who have it.

**Suggestions To Teachers**

Peter carrying on Jesus' work. Gifts that are better than silver and gold.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Peter and John's gift was far more valuable than silver or gold. "Devout help." Praying men are the world's best helpers. Men who are good worshippers make good workers. The hour of prayer brought these worshippers in touch with a needy one, so helpless that he was carried daily and placed where he could ask alms of those who entered the Temple. He was placed at the Beautiful gate, which is said to be seventy-five feet high, made of Corinthian brass and adorned with plates of silver and gold, but this man lame from his birth, asked help of the ones who had neither silver or gold. In only the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth was said to him, "Walk," and he walked and praised God.

When Peter and John were brought in question for this wonderful healing, then with great courage and by the power of the Holy Spirit Peter said the miracle was wrought by the one "whom ye crucified, and whom God raised from the dead." So Christ was held up to the world as the Divine healer, and it was known He was the one and only Savior. The help this lame man received was the kind of help that helped him to help himself. God make all of His children the helpers that can and will glorify His dear name.