

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Works Of A Christian

When the evening sun is setting,  
And the daily work is done;  
We are made to praise the Father,  
And Jesus Christ His only Son,  
For the many precious blessings,  
Through the light of another day;  
As we bow in holy reverence  
To our God, and humbly pray.

When we know He has been with us,  
And has kept us from all harm,  
We can lean on Christ our Saviour,  
On His strong and mighty arm,  
Then we ask Him for protection  
Through the dark and shady night;  
Father, let us rest securely,  
Till we view the morning light.

Then He whispers to us gently,  
Lean upon my loving breast  
And I will take you in my bosom  
All the night, and give you rest.  
Then He wakes us in the morning,  
And we view the glorious sun;  
So we rise and take our garments,  
For another day's work's begun.

Thus we toil and we labor,  
All along through the day,  
And if we would keep the victory,  
We must surely watch and pray;  
Thus we journey all through life  
To the end of our way;  
Then we'll go and meet our Savior,  
In that bright and glorious day.

There to ever live with Jesus,  
In that happy world above,

Where the bright and holy angels  
Always sing redeeming love.  
Let us all then be faithful,  
While we're here in this short life,  
Then at last we'll go to Heaven,  
Where there'll be no worldly strife.

## Behold He Cometh

(Rev. 1: 7)

The crowning point of past history was the birth of Christ. The most momentous fact of future history is His coming in the clouds. The Bible is ablaze with the indelible stamp of the assurity of this truth. It thunders in prophesy, precepts and examples Isaiah, Micah, Joel, Daniel, Malachi, angels, apostles, martyrs, Yea, our own breasts warn us to be ready: watching, praying. To doubt is to challenge Jesus' testimony, to deny the holy inspiration of the Bible, and dishonor the supernatural agency of the Holy Ghost.

No Bible doctrine presents a clearer motive for crucifying the flesh, separation from the world, working for souls, giving our all, than this. God is its Sponsor, its Protector, and never shall this glimmer of hope disappear from the horizon of saintly vision. It has been covered by fogs of doubt in one age, then burst forth as the noon-day sun in another. One denomination may cast it aside, another may ignore it, but God will call forth men to faithfully herald it.

This beautiful doctrine of our Lord's second coming is the star of hope, the cry of every sanctified, fire-baptized child of God. It is the dynamite of the church, the motivating cause in missionary activities. It softens the sharp stones in the road, tunnels through mountains braves the desert sands, shouts through tears. "Let not your heart be troubled." "I'm going away and I shall come again." Praise God

The angel brought cheer to the forsaken disciples, Paul testified, "For the Lord shall descend." He refers to the coming over fifty times. In all the New Testament, one verse of every thirty refers to it. It truly was Paul's hope. "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9: 28. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.....as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10: 25. "For yet a little while and he that shall come will come and will not tarry." Heb. 10: 37.

James admonishes patience. — James 5: 7 - 8. Peter in 1: 8-1: 13-4: '2, 13-5: 4 also 2 Peter 3: 10 encourages us to be sober, watchful, vigilant, hopeful because a thrilling revelation awaits us. Jude, through the telescope of faith beheld our Lord coming with ten thousand of His saints. John in his epistles 2: 28 and 3:2 declares we must abide in Him, that we shall have confidence and not be ashamed at His coming.

Skeptics may doubt it, unconverted, unregenerated critics may sneer and ask, "where is the promise of His coming?" Great religious denominations may refuse to ordain those who teach it. Our age may develop into scientific advancement, in materialistic progress; may decline into social degradation in moral impurity, in the utter debasement of all that is pure, noble and grand, but He is coming: "In an hour when we look not for him, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh." When men fall from the faith when apostasy seizes the church, when the fig tree buds, when wealth is heaped up, when travel and knowledge increases, when perilous times come, when men give heed to doctrines of devils and the gospel is preached to all nations then He will come.

Jesus did not tarry long in this sin-cursed world. He preached by day and prayed by night. After three years of active, intensive, aggressive ministry He soared away to glory and will come again in the clouds with great power and glory —to fulfill prophecy, to redeem His promise, to end probation, to put an end to sin, to punish the living sinful nations, to punish the devil, to receive His Bride, to judge the sinner, to reward the faithful. This is truly the day of mercy. Take advantage of it. Watch and be ready, robed in wedding garments, confess Him before sinful men, repent completely, stem the tide of worldliness, be patient, be sincere, be sober, be clean, be grounded and established, for He is coming. Beloved servants, hold fast that no man take thy crown and when He appeareth you shall be like Him as He is.

—Clara Lamb Felder

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## Brotherly Love

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We read in God's precious Word, "Let the dead bury the dead." Matt. 8: 22. Here Christ refers to people who are dead spiritually and have no real life in the soul.

O yes, it is true, there is such a great difference between dead things and things that are alive. The tree is alive, but the shadow is dead; the baby is alive, but the doll is dead; the man is alive, but the statue is dead.

Dear reader, how stands the case with you? Can you say of a truth that you are alive in Christ Jesus, or yet dead in your sins? We read in the precious Word, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge that if one died for all, then were all dead." 2 Cor. 5: 14.

O yes, it is true, the love of God constrains us to go seek our lost brother, teach our ignorant brother, feed our hungry brother, clothe our naked brother, and if he is even dead, pray for him and preach to him until you bring him to life. As it is written, "The hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God: and they that hear shall live." Jno. 5: 25. And again, "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" Truly: "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." 1 John 3: 14.

Our blessed Lord once cursed a fig tree when finding no fruit on it. It died. "The fruit of the Spirit is love." Gal. 5: 22. The Master is looking for it. This world is suffering for the lack of brotherly love. Listen saints, not only the world but God Himself in this age is hungry for this glorious fruit, and this alone may account for so many dead folks being cursed for barren unfruitfulness. "Let love continue" is my prayer.

— G. W. McMillan.

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## Instruction

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A member of a certain religious organization who has taken part in the holy sacrament for years has asked me to explain what is meant by this function of the so-called church, and on the strength of this request I feel led of the Lord to give an explanation of the 24, 25, 26 and 27th verses of the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

The communion service of the taking of the bread and wine is an outward expression of an inward experience of the heart in that you represent the body of Christ by crucifying the world and the flesh, living free from all sin—that is, a holy and dedicated life to God. The bread as mentioned in the 24th verse represents the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He has declared in St. John 6: 48 that He is the Bread of life. In verse 51 He declares, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven, and if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever."

You are therefore a living memorial to Jesus Christ as often as you do this from within a pure and holy life. This body (Christ) was broken and crucified for you and me, and how dare anyone to dishonor the son of God and trample His glorious name under their feet and put His name to open shame by insincere and unholy worship. Well hath the apostle Paul declared that such eateth and drinketh damnation to their souls, not discerning the Lord's body, or in other words, void of knowledge concerning the communion or holy sacrament.

The 25th verse reads, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me." Therefore, when you take this communion cup and sup this wine, it should plainly represent to you the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed upon the cross of Calvary to complete the final act in the great plan of man's redemption. By this act you signify you have with Godly sorrow confessed and repented of all sin and do experience the power of personal salvation as recorded in 1st John 1: 7, "The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin".

In the 27th verse a warning note is sounded against those who partake of this sacred and holy function of the Church who are unsaved, for God shall hold them guilty of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Contrary to the belief or idea of multitudes who are not properly instructed or who do not read and study this subject as revealed in the Word of God, the communion is absolutely not intended as a means for sinners to confess their sins or crooked ways of living. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus for those only who have confessed their sins to God and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. The unsaved who go up and partake of the holy sacrament make by their presence this service an abomination in the sight of God.

The 26th verse reads, "As often as ye do eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." This conveys the truth that those who

are born again have died to sin. for the apostle Paul has declared in Romans 6: 11, "Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

— John H. Griffith.

#### I CRIED AND HE HEARD ME

Psalms 120: 1.

Dear reader, the Lord has done wonderful things for me, and He will do the same for all who will fully trust Him and not doubt.

About six years ago while mixing the concentrated lye for making soap a bit of it accidently got into my eyes. It was so serious that I lost my sight completely. I could not discern one person from another right close to me, but knowing that our blessed Savior was a loving Friend with all power to save from sin, and even power to raise the dead to life again, I said that He surely could help me in this distress if I trusted it all to Him. I took my trouble to our Father in the name of Jesus and kept it there until He proved His great healing power to me. I received my sight without any kind of remedy or doctors' treatments. I stood alone on Jesus' Word, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14: 14. Now I praise His wonderful name for all His goodness to me. I can see to sew or read or do any close work. I mean to ever trust the Lord for my need. For without faith it is impossible to please Him. "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word, just to rest upon His promise, just to know 'Thus saith the Lord.' "

— Sodonia Benjamin.

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#### —NOTICE—

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Tulsa, Okla.—To all the Saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to add my testimony. This finds us saved and decided to go all the way with the dear Lord. Truly, we are nearing the coming of the Lord. Let's be ready; the harvest is great and laborers few. Let us pray for the dear Lord to send forth more workers.

Brother Will Barton, 1012 No. St. Louis St., Tulsa, Oklahoma is some better but is bed-fast and seems to be swelling like kidney dropsy. He weighs only ninety-five pounds and is very weak. Let us send him another shower of letters for he enjoyed the other shower so well.

Please remember my mother in prayer. She has been bed-fast for over two years. --Hettie Barton.

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"Work on, work on, nor doubt, nor fear.

From age to age this voice shall cheer:—

Whate'er may die or be forgot,

Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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## EDITORIALS

The camp-meeting season is on again and there should be much good done in these various meetings during the summer. The camp-meetings advertised in this issue of *Faith and Victory* we can recommend as being meetings where we believe the Word of God will be preached in the righteousness of God, so that souls needing the help and instruction that will be profitable to their welfare can be blessed with the same. A camp-meeting that is dominated with a picking, fanatical, extreme spirit is unrighteous no matter how much truth they seem to speak. It seems that some camp-meetings last year were dominated with such a spirit. We pray God that it might not be repeated. Those meetings are not advertised in this issue of Faith and Victory paper. Some preachers over the country seem to fit in character to those persons of whom Paul speaks in the first few verses of the 13th chapter of 1 Cor. who lacked charity or Divine love in the soul. They seem to feed on wrangling, picking and finding fault. Ministers are needed who are filled with the Holy Spirit, and not with puffed up feelings and conceit, holding the truth in unrighteousness. The Holy Spirit-filled minister will preach the truth plain and clear in simplicity with much compassion and love for souls in bondage to Satan or in error; they suffer long and are kind, they do not envy, do not vaunt themselves, is not puffed up; they are not all the time thinking evil of some one, but credit all whom they can to be honest and are patient to teach them His righteous ways.

There is also wrong done and the cause of God disgraced by these soft-soaping, sugar-coating preachers who give out no certain judgment truth to correct error and teach souls real truth from the Bible.

In the 2nd verse of the 12th chapter of Romans Paul exhorts us "to be not conformed to this world." Some seem to think that this scripture does not have reference to our dress or earthly security, and say that it means not to be conformed to the world in spirit. I say if we are not conformed to the world in spirit it will affect our dressing and cause us to regulate our business with faith in God. We will not want to follow the fads and fashions of this old world but will dress as becometh those professing godliness. and not make a display of gold, pearls or costly array. There are some who want to go beyond the Word of God and want to lay down a rule for the sister's dress to come down to her ankle. The Bible rule is for women to dress in modest apparel. 1 Tim. 2: 9. Any rule beyond this would be the commandment of

men. If a woman makes her dress to reach half way between the knee and ankle and have hose on which are not gaudy, loud or shinny, it would seem modest and in harmony with Holy Writ. If another chose to make her dress reach to her ankle, that is her liberty and she should not be scolded for that. Some get very contentious and lawfied about just how one should dress, and many on this line get into a spirit like Paul speaks of in the 6th chapter of 1 Tim., fourth and fifth verses. They dote about questions and strifes of words which fosters envy, strife, railings and evil surmisings. Turn to the 2nd chapter of 2 Timothy, begin to read at the 22nd verse and you will see the fruits of the spirit that possess a true teacher or minister of God. The enemy has succeeded in pushing off on the saints of God many foolish and unlearned questions which gender strife and cause much evil work. Dear brethren and sisters, let each one of us see that we follow after righteousness, faith, charity and peace and by this be calling upon God out of pure hearts.

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“Men quake before the angry threats of a frowning world and close their lips and conceal the truth of God, lest they should forfeit their social position or lose a petty income of a few dollars of earthly gold—regarding the things of earth of greater value than heaven and immortal souls.”

“Men, for lack of eternal trueness to God have wrested the Word of Life to satisfy the demands of Satan and the carnal hearts of men until creeds and divisions are almost numberless.”

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At this writing our company is in the midst of a revival meeting in southern Missouri. The messages of divine truth are going forth from night to night and is having a telling effect on many souls. Jesus is being held up as Savior, King, Governor and High Priest.

Brother Ostus Wilson of Anthony, Kansas is one of our company who is helping in this meeting and God is using him in giving out precious and wholesome soul-saving messages. He also has charge of the song service. My oldest daughter, Anna Marie, is also with us in this meeting.

We expect to meet Sister Watson in Oklahoma the first part of July when our company of workers will travel East and expect to be in service in Ind. and Ohio in July. Sister Watson has been in the ministerial work for twenty years and God has greatly blessed her labors and she has been instrumental in God's hands in raising up a number of congregations

in Louisiana. Her gentle, radiant Christ-like life has won to her the confidence of devoted Christians everywhere. Her love, compassion and burden for souls makes her preaching very effective upon lost souls and comforting and edifying to the saved.

This evangelistic tour of the East and North is being launched with faith in God that He will supply expenses by free-will offerings. There will be no exhorting done for funds as we desire means from no one only those who give willingly and freely as unto the Lord. We have confidence in God that He will fulfill His promise, “For God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” 2 Cor. 9. 8.

If you do not know our address and wish to reach us by letter while on this tour address your letter to the office at Guthrie, mark it “personal” and it will be forwarded to us. Continue to pray for us as we go from place to place lifting up Jesus.

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By the time this issue of *Faith and Victory* is being printed, the Hammond, La. camp-meeting will be in progress where Sister Kathrine Watson is Pastor. The camp-meeting there in past years has been good and encouraging to those who attended and we are praying and believing that this meeting will be much blessed and owned of God.

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We ask the readers of “Faith and Victory” to continue to remember wife and the workers at the office while we are away as they will have much work to do with responsibility in keeping the “Lord's Print Shop” going as they will have tracts and papers to print and send out and correspondence to keep up with many other things to look after which will require much labor, prayers and means. We are asking God to so supply them in every way insomuch that we will not have any added burden there in connection with our evangelistic burdens.

A number of subscriptions to *Faith and Victory* paper are expiring with this issue. We have inserted an expiration blank for your convenience in renewing for the paper. Please give this your attention at once so you will not miss a copy as we want to keep you on our mailing list. If your paper has an expiration blank in it and you have renewed or your time is not up yet, just know that a mistake is made. Drop us a card about it and we will get it straightened up. We are anxious to send the paper to every one who can be blessed in reading it. Renew your subscription

and keep your soul fed up. This is of more importance than the feeding of your body.

#### MEETING REPORT

Brother John Strech and company, of Neosho, Missouri has just closed a tent meeting in the Packing Town part of Oklahoma City. The rain hindered some in the meeting but God blessed and worked and twelve were at the altar seeking help from the Lord.

After closing the tent meeting they went to the saint's Chapel on Phillips and 3rd Sts. and held a number of services there. They have gone back to Neosho, at present, to prepare for the Neosho camp-meeting which begins on the 19th of July.

### Campmeeting Notices

The camp-meeting of the Church of God at Neosho, Missouri will begin July 19th and continue ten days. We are hearing from many who are expecting to attend the meeting here this summer. We cordially invite all to come. We hoped by this summer to arrange the meeting location so that the colored saints could attend, but because of financial conditions we were unable to do so. We regret very much the circumstances, as there is race prejudice here and the camp ground is located in the white section. The same restrictions will be observed as in former years.

Regarding peoples' troubles, settle them at home or at the altar. Many souls have been saved and the saints much refreshed in the past camp-meetings held here, and we are expecting greater things this summer. Bring straw ticks, bedding, towels, etc., as the meeting is largely attended and causes some burdens which we gladly bear for the Lord. Tents will be furnished at the usual cost of \$2.00 for ten days. If you want one, notify us before you come. Don't stay away from this meeting because you have nothing to give. Come and enjoy it in the Lord. Those sending means to help prepare for the meeting, send to Bro. John Strech R. 5, Neosho, Mo. For other particulars, drop us a card.

— John Strech.

A camp-meeting of the Church of God will be held at E. Akron, Ohio, July 19 to 28. All lovers of the truth are invited. We are praying God to send old-time ministers who are Spirit-filled, free from compromise and fanaticism. Meals will be served on the free-will offering plan. Rooms will be furnished among the saints and friends as long as they last. Those

wishing to send donations, may send to Bro. D. S. Malone, 478 Ardella Ave.; all farm products send to J. A. Jones, 740 Roscoe Ave. Please pray for the success of the meeting. Your Sister all on the altar,

— Cordelia R. Jones.

The annual camp-meeting of the Church of God at Shawnee, Oklahoma will be held at 207 S. McKinley, beginning July 5, to continue ten days.

In the past we have had very precious meetings, but our faith takes in a better one this year. Meeting will be run on free-will offering plan as before. Straw will be furnished on the ground. Bring your straw ticks, and bring along your faith in God for a good meeting. You are cordially invited to attend. If you want a room, let us know. You can reach Shawnee over the Santa Fe, Rock Island or Katy Railroads, or by the several bus lines. For further information, write A. A. McGlasson, 210 S. McKinley, or O. B. Wilson, 726 N. Union, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Phone No. 2408W.

The annual camp-meeting at Boley, Oklahoma will be held August 2nd to the 12th, inclusive. Ministers will be present to preach the truth, and we are praying that the Lord will make this meeting more successful than any that has been held here. For further information, write Manley Spears, R. 2, or Lizzie Jones, both of Boley, Oklahoma.

A camp-meeting of the Church of God will begin the 13th of September, located 8 miles south of Mannford, Oklahoma. For further information, write J. T. Johnson, R 2, B 76, Bristow, Oklahoma.

For the information of those who had planned to attend the Oklahoma State camp-meeting at Oklahoma City, we must say that there will be NO State camp-meeting this year. The grounds have been leased to an oil company and therefore cannot be had for a meeting this year.

### Obituaries

Our beloved Sister Mildred Dent passed from this life May 27, 1935 at San Bernardino, Calif. She was born in Pulashi, Tenn. August 6, 1861. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Commodore Perry, instructed her in the Christian life; she was very obedient and a Christian young woman. Later she moved to Cherokee, Kansas, then to Wichita, Kansas. She was united

in marriage to William Dent in the year of 1890. They lived at Wichita about 25 years where she was a Sunday school teacher in the A. M. E. Church for some time. About forty years ago when Bro. Warner and company came to Wichita she heard the full gospel and was born into the Church of God. She was called to the ministry and traveled as an evangelist for a number of years. Through her labors many congregations were raised up and souls saved.

In the year 1911 she came to San Bernardino, Calif. where she had the work of the Lord at heart and did what she could to establish the truth here. Her service was always freely given, doing what she could to visit the sick and help those in trouble. Many friends around her expressed that her life was that of a true child of God. Her great desire was to encourage and see younger workers free for the Lord's service. She saw the urgent need in the great harvest field. Just recently she expressed a desire to attend some camp-meetings in Oklahoma this summer. But God knew best and called her home where her trials and sorrows are over. She trusted the Lord for the healing of her body and was faithful to the end. During her first illness when we were called, the Lord gave wonderful help in answer to prayer insomuch that she was able to be up and around most of the time. On Sunday evening at meeting before her death on Monday, she gave a wonderful testimony. She said, "I am saved; I am ready for two worlds, ready to live or ready to die—whatever will please the Lord." Almost every time lately when she came to services she desired No. 472 in *Select Hymns* to be sung, "The Bond of Perfection." She loved the unity and oneness of God's people.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, two nephews and two nieces and many friends. She was laid to rest at San Bernardino. Funeral services were held at Church of God chapel, conducted by L. E. Davy, assisted by S. T. Walker and others. A large number of saints from different places attended. Funeral text: Rev. 14: 13.

"Gone, but not forgotten—  
Peacefully awaiting her great reward."

— Emma Holden.

Willia J. Phillips, daughter and sixth child of John L. and Hattie Phillips, was born Oct. 7, 1895 near Dover, Oklahoma; departed this life June 2, 1935. Age, 39 years, 7 months and 25 days. Death came after an illness of about ten months.

She was saved when a child about 10 years of age and was baptized by Bro. G. W. Winn. She was pa-

tient in her affliction and her trust was in God. Prayer was offered in her behalf many times which brought her relief. It seemed for a while that God was going to restore her health again, but on June 2, at 7:45 p. m. it seemed fit to the great Creator to call her Home. She leaves to mourn their loss, a mother, five brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral by Bro. Fred Pruitt, assisted by Bro. G. W. Winn. Text. James 1: 12. Interment was made in the Burns Cemetery.

Though now a cloud of sorrow o'erhangs our way,  
A light from Glory pierces through—  
Which turns all our darkness into day,  
And helps us Heaven's gates to view.  
Across the portals in that land of light  
Where ransomed spirits dwell,  
Our sister has taken her onward flight  
And with her soul all is well.

— Ulysses Phillips.

Brother Joe Herbert Queen was born Feb. 10, 1918 at Springfield, Mo. and died June 18, 1935 at his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His father, Shirley Queen, and one brother, Robert Lee Queen, preceeded him to the Glory World in 1928. Survivors include his mother, Sister Flora Queen, of Tulsa, five brothers: G. C., William A., Shirley Jr., J. R. and Alfred M. Queen, all of Tulsa, and Bert E. Queen of Santa Barbara, California. Four sisters: Mrs. Edith W. Barnett, Mrs. Marie H. Allen, and Miss Maxine Queen, all of Tulsa and Mrs. Lucille M. Chase of Turley, Oklahoma.

Brother Joe was convicted about the first of April of this year, but was not living a life devoted to God as he thought he should. He renewed his covenant with his Saviour and testified that he was ready to go.

Text, Death, an appointment of God. (Heb. 6: 27, 28). Victory over death through Christ. (1 Cor. 15: 55, 57; St. John 5: 24, 27).

Funeral services were conducted by R. M. Porter.

#### ANSWERS TO VISIONS INSERTED IN LAST ISSUE

(NO 1) I feel that God was warning us to be careful how we use these days and even hours of the present times: it is really God working through human hands

(NO. 2) Here we are warned of the danger of

carelessly handling money. As the moon must change often, for our good, so must money do the same. Crossed bones marked on a label indicates "poison"--- handle with care. ---G. W. McMillan.

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### Don't Give Up

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I feel like writing a few words of encouragement to those who may feel like they are not making any progress in the Christian life, after doing all they know and understand and at times are tempted to give the journey over. There is nothing at all to be gained by stopping and God has told us in His Word, "My soul hath no pleasure in them that draw back." If you have turned away from all your sins and have decided to live for God, hold on to your decision in the face of every opposition. God is looking down from His throne on high and He sees just how the battle is raging and He will not leave you to the enemy if you will only hold on by faith. He will send you help in due time. When it seems that the forces of the enemy are more than you can conquer remember what God told Joshua when he was going over in the promised land to face the great giants of the country. "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law which Moses, my servant, commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1: 7). So is the Lord saying to you today, "be of good courage, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

It is only a trick of the enemy to do all he can to discourage precious souls and cause them to give up the fight for heaven and the crown of life, but let me say again, there is nothing to be gained by giving up. Figure it at any angle you wish. He that endureth unto the end shall be saved and win the crown. May God bless you. ---Don't give up.

---Ulysses Phillips

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Stonewall, Miss. — My dear Sister: I send all of you thanks for praying for my healing. The Lord did touch my body and healed me of the affliction that was giving me so much trouble. I cannot tell you how bad the affliction was. Just before I got your letter telling me that you were praying for my healing, I was healed. I said, the dear saints have prayed for me. I thank God for blessing me.

I am a widow seventy-three years old, and He is all and all. I am taking Him for both soul and body. I am His child. I have left all the world to follow Him. Pray for me that He will so strengthen my body that I can continue to visit the sick, which is my calling. I visit both colored and white and pray with them. I love to do what I can for Jesus as He did so much for me. I have not much longer to stay here, but I know I belong to Him. Yours, for the whole truth,  
— Carrie Smith.



# « Young People's Section »

## Prayer

There's a holy, high vocation  
 Needing workers everywhere;  
 'Tis the highest form of service,  
 'Tis the ministry of prayer.

There's no weapon half so mighty  
 As the intercessors bear;  
 Nor a broader field of service  
 Than the ministry of prayer.

Do you long to see the millions,  
 Who are perishing today,  
 Snatched as brands plucked from the burning  
 Do you long, yet seldom pray?

Come and join the intercessors;  
 Laurels then, some day, you'll wear;  
 For there is no higher service  
 Than the ministry of prayer. ---Sel.

Satan dreads nothing more than earnest prayer. The church that lost its Christ was full of good works. Activities are multiplied that meditation may be ousted, and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. Souls may be lost in good works, as surely as in evil ways. The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion and prayerless preaching. Satan laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray. ---S. C.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Dear young people, the season of the year has come again when tent and camp-meetings will be held at various places for the purpose of uplifting Christ to the people that they may be set free from the bondage of sin. Thus, there are opportunities for the saved young people to pray and work for the salvation of the unsaved. The Lord can make us efficient if we submit ourselves wholly to Him and take up a heart-burden for the lost. Prayer is the first and most important weapon to use. If we can only prevail upon the Lord to work in these meetings and

upon the hearts of men, much will be accomplished.

In 1 John 2: 14 we read, "I write unto you, young men, because. . . . the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." If we permit God's Word to abide in us, then there will be grace sufficient for us to overcome the wicked one. The Word of God abides in us when we obey it. In the 15th verse the writer gives this advice: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." Of course this advice is directly contrary to the desires of the flesh and the worldly spirit. Yet the flesh must be denied in order to walk the crucified way with Jesus. The world and its ways must be forsaken if we follow Jesus.

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Unity or oneness of God's people is a Bible doctrine. In that wonderful prayer that Jesus prayed just before His crucifixion, He prayed for the unification of God's people even in this present "evening time." In John 17: 20, 21 we read: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be ONE; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be ONE IN US: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Christ's death was for the purpose of destroying carnality--the enemy of unity--and bring His people together in ONE. With another we say that "Oneness is the war-cry of heaven, and we will repeat the strain till the fire breaks from the throne of God and consumes the last child of confusion." --- L. D. P.

Dear young people: May heaven's choicest blessings be bestowed upon you, and may you see more each day the need of trusting your all to the Lord and depending on Him alone in the days of youth.

Many are the advantages of walking along life's journey with our hand in the Saviour's, knowing He will lead us and be our refuge when Satan comes near.

Youth is so wonderful. It is like the most beautiful springtime flower. If adorned with rich graces from heaven, it will leave a sweet fragrance wherever it may be. So fair to look upon, but yet so delicate. It must be protected from the snares and temptations of the wicked one or his blows will mar its beauty, as the storm does the flower. Youth, like a flower,

only last a little while. Other flowers may bloom, but that one is gone forever. Soon youth to us will be past, only its memory will linger.

Young people, *guard your youth!* Let Christ sweeten it with love and self-denial.

When I see young people making a start to live for Christ, my heart does rejoice because I realize more and more what I escaped by yielding to God in the days of my youth.

The Lord is abundantly blessing and encouraging me to spend more of my time for Him. I do not feel the burden to be out in meetings so much, but for some time I have felt impressed to devote my time to a correspondence corner, where by writing I could reach dear souls who need encouragement. Pray with me that God will work it out if He is directing me. He knows how He can best use each one of us.

Let us doubt not, nor grow weary—heaven holds all that is lasting.

In Christian love, — Ruth McNeely.

Dear Young Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I have a heavy burden on my heart for you and I feel it would be pleasing to the Lord for me to write to you through "Faith and Victory" and have a real heart-to-heart talk with you.

The enemy has laid so many snares for your feet. He knows the time is short and he is putting forth every effort to cause the saints to get indifferent or careless, to neglect the study of the Word and prayer. If he can succeed in doing that, it is easy to bring in a little foolish, light and crafty talk which God's Word condemns. Read Eph. 5: 4, also read Titus 2: 8 or it would go well to read the whole chapter. Some may think that the young must have their fun and good times, but say, I do not find where God has a salvation for the young and another for the older people, but He says, "My grace is sufficient for thee" 2 Cor. 12: 9. There is no pleasure in this old world half so sweet as a close walk with God and it will keep you out of many things that the devil would lead you into. Right here I will give you a little verse that would go well to memorize.

*Dare to be a Daniel.*

*Dare to stand alone.*

*Dare to have a purpose true.*

*Dare to make it known.*

The modern girl of today will dare the young man to go farther than she will. She wears trousers, smokes, drinks, uses profane language, plays cards and gambles, trying to get a thrill out of life when if

she knew it, it is the hungering for God in the soul that they want. Some, both boys and girls, have committed suicide trying to get a thrill. Oh! who will go and tell them that Jesus died to save them and thank God for sparing you from all this?

Another thing, which is only natural, but young people sometimes get their eyes and affections on the opposite sex trying to select a companion, instead of going to God *first* to direct you. Let me tell you of a dear old couple that God did choose for them. They were both living close to God. One night God gave this young man a vision of the young lady that was to be his wife, just how she looked, her name, and where she lived. She had a crippled hand and he saw that too. About the same time, He showed the girl the picture of the man that was to be her husband. The next morning he started out to find her and when she met him at the door they each knew that it was the one God had chosen for them. How beautiful. God may never choose just *that* way again, but I do know He will make it plain the one He would have you to choose. If I had only been living for God and let Him choose for *me*, my life would have been very different.

There is also another dear young saint that I want to tell you about. God called her to the ministry. After a time she became engaged to a young man, but God showed her that He wanted her for Himself alone. She said, 'Amen', and gave the young man up and spent the most of her life out laboring to rescue poor perishing souls. How precious. So you see we do not know what God has planned for us. We sing, "I am Only an Earthen Vessel, That Jesus may use as he will." Do we mean it? Soon the old will have to step off the stage of action, and who is ready to take their places? I once knew a young minister that was a power in the hands of God at eighteen. Some have started younger. Is God calling you? I am sure He has a place for you somewhere if you are living low at His feet where you can hear His voice. When we think how Jesus suffered for us and the price He places on a soul, 'more than all this world' it should stir every heart to do all we can to rescue every precious soul we possibly can reach, for time is short. Let us each one say, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?' May God's richest blessings rest upon each one who may read this.

Yours in Christ, ---Bertha Forbes Mantooth.

IT IS BETTER: To give God all the glory than to take any of it yourself.

## A Happy Meeting

Some years ago, a pious widow in America, who was reduced to great poverty, had just placed the last smoked herring on her table, to supply her hunger and that of her children, when a rap was heard at the door, and a stranger solicited a lodging and a morsel of food, saying, that he had not tasted bread for twenty-four hours. The widow did not hesitate, but offered a share to the stranger, saying, "We shall not be forsaken or suffer deeper for an act of charity."

The traveler drew near to the table; but when he saw the scanty fare, filled with astonishment, he said, "And this all your store? And do you offer a share to one you do not know? Then I never saw charity before! But, madam, do you not wrong your children by giving a part of your last morsel to a stranger?"

"Ah," said the widow, weeping, "I have a boy, a darling son, somewhere on the face of the wide world, unless Heaven has taken him away; and I only act towards you as I would that others should act towards him. God, who sent manna from heaven can provide for us as He did for Israel; and how should I this night offend him, if my son should be a wanderer, destitute as you, and he should have provided for him a home, even as poor as this, were I to turn you unrelieved away!"

The widow stopped and the stranger, springing from his seat, clasped her in his arms, "God, indeed, has provided just such a home for your wandereing son, and has given him wealth to reward the goodness of his benefactress. My mother. O, my mother!"

It was indeed her long lost son, returned from India. He had chosen this way to surprise his family and certainly not very wisely, but never was surprise more complete, or more joyful. He was able to make the family comfortable, which he immediately did: the mother living for some years longer in the enjoyment of plenty. ---Anon.

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IT IS BETTER: To obey God than to backslide.

To have a conscience void of offence toward God than to be on good terms with the world.

To have a crown in Heaven than a palace on earth.

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Sumter, S. Car. —Dear readers: This beautiful morning I want to greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I praise the dear Lord for His glorious light and power of grace and truth of full salvation, unity

and healing in this evening time of the last age and Holy Spirit dispensation on this earth. I thank God for the beautiful Church of God in its unity, purity and holiness and for the blessed privilege of being a member of it through the new birth, being born again of God by and through the virtue of the saving and cleansing blood of Jesus, the only Church purchased by the blood of the Lord. Acts 20: 28. I also praise the Lord for the blessed privilege I have of owning Jesus as my personal physician and through His grace and the virtue of His precious blood He has healed me many, many times for the last thirty years or more. I never resort to any other physician or remedy for my healing. I have been healed instantly of granulated sore eyes when badly swollen and the skin of the underpart of the eyelids peeled out and left them blood shot. I was told that if I did not resort to remedies that I would go blind. I have been instantly healed of blood poison, severe case of acute indigestion, influenza, lagripe, bloody flux, malaria fever, lumbago, and also instantly healed of an affliction for which I was wearing a support to be able to go, and many others that I could name.

Some years ago a young son of mine contracted typhoid fever. I was not at home at the time and wife called a physician who attended him. He gradually grew worse. After I arrived home I asked wife about giving up the physician and trusting the Lord to heal. She held on for about four weeks and he got so low that she thought he would die and promised to give up the physician. In the meantime I had sent a request for prayer and an anointed handkerchief according to Acts 19: 12. The handkerchief came, but she did not know I had sent for it. I said we would not use it now but put it away. Thinking the child would die, she said one Sunday, I give it up to you and the Lord, this being five weeks or more that the doctor has had the case. The doctor walked in and I humbly told him that wife had given me the privilege to trust the Lord for his healing. He said that I had waited until a critical time. I replied that wife had employed him and the boy is no better but getting worse, and that it was her child as much as mine. She now gives it up to me and the Lord. He examined the child, tested his fever and stated that his temperature was 104¾. The child was in his right mind. The doctor asked him if he wanted him to come back or did he want the Lord to heal him? The child told him that he wanted the Lord to heal him. The doctor got angry and turned to me and said, "Mr. Newell, I am not coming back any more, but if that child dies

I aim to prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law." I answered that I was consecrated to the Lord to go to jail, chain gang, penitentiary and the gallows for His cause and glory. He left and in a few minutes two or three of the Lord's saints came in. We knelt and laid the handkerchief on the child's breast, and laid on hands. We called on the Lord and He gloriously filled the room with His presence and wonderfully healed the child of the fever instantly. The next day he was up walking about telling the people what the Lord had done for him and eating whatever he wanted. The child is living yet and has a wife and two children; one married. To God be all the honor and glory; praise His precious name! Yours, under the precious saving, cleansing, healing Blood,

— Ashford Newell.

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Jefferson, Oregon---After Wife and I married, we left Grassy Creek, and went to East Prairie Mo.; remained there that winter with the church, then came out in the spring and visited our people a little while, then went into the Evangelist work that summer in Northwest Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Our company consisted of Wife, her sister, myself and five children. God did wonderfully bless; gave us precious souls and friends for our labors and supplied our every need. Thank God. Most of the country we traveled over was the foot hills of the Ozark mountains. Most of the people were very poor but they loved to hear the truth, although some of the baser sort would persecute by throwing stones or shooting their guns when they would go from the meeting place, but our trust was in the Lord and He wonderfully protected us. We believe He was with us all along the way. however, sometimes we only had our Bible for a pillow to lay our head upon, but Jacob only had a stone for a pillow and he had the wonderful vision of angels ascending and descending upon the ladder from earth to heaven. Jesus did not have any place to lay His precious head so we could truly thank God we had the Word of God to lay our heads on.

That Fall Wife became unable to travel longer so we went to the Mississippi Valley and worked there picking cotton. When we went to work with our hands we could not trust God as Gospel workers, however He supplied our needs, though sometimes He permitted us to have some tests of faith, but we did what we could and God honored our labours by raising up friends.

One man told us if we would stay there, rent land and raise a crop the next year he would furnish

us tools to work with, so we stayed, and that winter Wife gave birth to her first child.

It was a cold winter and we only had a box house to live in, but it had a brick fire-place and there was plenty of hickory wood close by, so we had plenty of fire to keep us warm, for which we were very thankful.

In the Spring we began our crop, but money soon ran out and as we had to buy our living while raising the crop we did not feel we should go very deep in debt so it meant to trust God and do much praying, but thank God, He was so true to us. He blessed our labours, and honored our prayers, by giving us a good crop and very good prices for what we raised so while we were dwelling there we were as Paul when he dwelt in his own hired house and received all that came unto him. (Acts 28: 30, 31). We likewise received those that came in unto us and God raised up some real friends to the truth.

We remained there that summer and the next winter started West.

In the next letter we will tell you some of our experiences on our western tour. --H. W. White

(To be continued)

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Jefferson, Ore. —Dear reader: I want to glorify God for what He has done and is doing for me yet. I am saved and kept by power Divine up to date, free from sin and condemnation as I stand with both feet on the precious word of God, for it truly is the only standard in these last days of sin and confusion.

Some say the days of miracles are past, but I can say of a truth, it is not so. About the year 1905 the Lord truly performed a miracle upon my body by healing me of pneumonia fever when I was so low that I became blind as far as this world is concerned. As I lay there in a dying condition there crawled up Satan in the form of a big black serpent, tempting me on every line, trying me in every way he could, but there on the other side of the bed hung a bright shining angel with white wings, and she took care of me and protected me from the black serpent; then she took me and went straight up to heaven. We went through a very great gulf of darkness till we come to a very large gate and it opened wide and we went through. We went higher to another gate and it opened and we went in and there were the angels of God, and O such praises; sweet anthems of glory went up. Of the beautiful golden place no tongue can tell. I knew every body and every body knew me. There were little forms and larger forms, no blood and flesh but angels of God. This world had lost all its charms

for me, for I had lost entire sight of it.

The next thing I knew, heard husband say, do let us pray for mamma that God bring her back to us and heal her. I came to life again. They said, don't you believe if we anoint and pray for you the Lord will heal you? (My husband was a minister). I said, yes, I know He will, but I had rather go and live with Jesus and the holy angels, so it took me quite a while to become willing to be healed for my attention was drawn above. I knew if I would consent, the Lord would heal me, so I finally said for the sake of my dear husband and my little children, I am willing to be healed and remain a while with them.

They anointed and prayed for me and laid on hands, and the dear Lord touched my body and healed me immediately and I was well. I felt every pain go out of my body. The next day I got up and went about my daily duties. Dear ones, I can say of a truth the days of miracles are not past, and my trust is in Him who doeth all things well. Your Sister in the one body,  
— Lydia E. White.

Again we remind our readers the *Faith and Victory* paper will not be issued for the month of August, in order that the office workers may attend some of the camp-meetings. However, the S. S. lessons will be sent to the Sunday Schools which are on our list. Others who want the lessons should write to this office for them.

## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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Sunday, July 7, 1935.

Home Study For The Week

- July 1—God's Covenant with Israel. Ex. 24: 1- 8.
- July 2—Moses in the Mount. Exodus 24: 12- 18.
- July 3—Moses Finds Favor with God. Ex. 33: 11- 17.
- July 4—Moses, an Intercessor. Num. 21: 4- 9.
- July 5—Moses a Witness to Christ. John 5: 39- 47.
- July 6—Moses at the Transfiguration. Matt. 17: 1- 8.
- July 7—Devotional Reading. Exodus 34: 27- 35.

SUBJECT—Moses, Leader and Lawgiver.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—Exodus 24: 1- 8, 12- 18.

24: 1. And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.

2. And Moses alone shall come near the Lord: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go

up with him.

3. And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said. All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.

4. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord.

6. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled in the altar.

7. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.

8. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.

24: 12. And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayst teach them.

13. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua; and Moses went up into the mount of God.

14. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

15. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

16. And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17. And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Memory Verse—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalms 33: 12 .

Central Thought—Moses as God's chosen leader.

Practical Truth—Humble obedience to the word which Moses brought from God.

### Suggestions To Teachers

Moses listens to God and brings the message from God to the people.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Moses was called of God to receive a message and bring it to the people. "Moses told the people all the words of God." They were Divine words and for all. A remarkable fact about it all was the readiness with which the message was received. "All the words which Jehovah (God) hath spoken will we do."

The life of Moses is divided into three definite periods of forty years each. During the first he was a prince in Egypt; during the second he was a shepherd in Midian; during the third he was a leader in the wilderness. Read Acts 7: 20- 28 to learn something of the first period of forty years; Acts 7: 29- 34 to learn of the second period; and in Acts 7: 35- 42 we learn of the third period. To learn of the end of this third period, or when Moses was 120 years of age, read Deut. 34: 5.

Dear children of God and Bible readers, study the life of Moses—this wonderful character. Read John 3: 14. Jesus refers to this as typical of Him being lifted up on the cross. Moses as a type of Christ led ancient Israel out of Egypt, gave them the Word from God. While Israel as a nation was led by Moses, we must be led as individuals out of sin into Christianity. No nation can be a Christian nation only as the individuals of that nation become Christians.

**Sunday, July 14, 1935.**

## Home Study For The Week

July 8—Naomi and Ruth. Ruth 1: 14- 22.

July 9—Naomi's Faith Rewarded. Ruth 4: 13- 17.

July 10—A Mother's Faith. Ex. 2: 1- 10.

July 11—A Mother's Faith Rewarded. 2 Kings 4: 25- 37.

July 12—A Woman of Great Faith. Matt. 15: 21- 28.

July 13—Piety At Home. 1 Tim. 5: 1- 8.

July 14—Devotional Reading. Proverbs 31: 10- 20.

SUBJECT—Naomi, a Woman of Faith and Courage.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—Ruth 1: 14- 22; 4: 14- 17

1: 14. And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

15. And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

16. And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

17. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I

be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.

18. When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

19. So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

20. And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21. I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22. So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

4: 14. And the women said unto Naomi. Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him.

16. And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

17. And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Memory Verse — A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Prov. 31: 30.

Central Thought—A widow in Israel with faith in God.

Practical Truth—God honors faith in Him as He has in all ages.

## Suggestions To Teachers

Faith in God made Naomi's family happy. While she magnified God, her faith and courage became attractive.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

The life story of this family of Bethlehem recorded in the Book of Ruth is a very interesting story. Elimelech and Naomi with their two sons (because of a famine in the land of Judah) went to the land of Moab, no doubt, to sojourn for a time until the famine was over in Judah and prosperity again returned in their own country. But we have the saying coming true, "Man purposes and God disposes." These years

spent in Moab were attended with great sorrow and loss, but God was working out His purpose in the life of this woman of faith and courage. Naomi returned to her own land accompanied by Ruth, one of her daughters-in-law who proved to be a great blessing to her mother in law, so willing to do her part in earning a living for herself and Naomi, and along with this, she took Naomi's advice in all she did and God bestowed on her the honor of becoming the mother of Obed, the grand father of David the king, and in the ancestral line of Jesus Christ, the King of kings. Ruth was willing to forsake the worship of idols for the true God. Naomi's faith and trust in the true God made a very happy ending in the will of God for both widows. It pays to have faith in God. Dear readers of this lesson, deepen your decision to walk by faith and not by sight.

### Sunday, July 21, 1935

#### Home Study For The Week

July 15—David Spares Saul. 1 Samuel 26: 5- 12.

July 16—David's Friendship with Jonathan. 2 Sam. 1: 23- 27.

July 17—David Plans to Build the Temple. 2 Sam. 7: 1- 13.

July 18—David Mourns for Absalom. 2 Sam. 18: 28-33

July 19—David's Song of Praise. 2 Sam. 22: 19- 29.

July 20—David's Charge to Solomon. 1 Kings 2: 1-7.

July 21—Devotional Reading. John 17: 1- 10.

SUBJECT—David, the Great Hearted Prince.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—1 Sam. 26: 5- 12; 2 Sam. 1: 23- 27.

1 Sam. 26: 5. And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6. Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, brother of Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

7. So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

8. Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day; now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

9. And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?

10. David said furthermore, As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle and perish.

11. The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12. So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen upon them.

2 Sam. 1: 23. Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

24. Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights; who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25. How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

26. I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

27. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Memory Verse—Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on things of others.

Central Thought—Kindness to God's anointed.

Practical Truth—Although God's anointed had become David's enemy through jealousy, yet David continued to show kindness.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

David a good friend to a sleeping king. David with his great heart had a generous attitude toward others.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

What an example to us is the life of David. Think of his kindness to a deadly enemy in the person of Saul who through jealousy was seeking his life. Two times David could have taken Saul's life, but he remembered Saul was 'God's anointed,' and that "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Oh dear saints of God whose very lives are in danger through jealous enemies, lean hard on God, withstand any temptation to 'get even' when the

slanderous tongue wags. As David and Abishai came to the camp of the enemy sleeping soundly, it was not with the object of murder, but mercy. Kindness won! With faith in God such as David had will win every time.

Note closely the latter part of our lesson and see how David had all Israel join in mourning for the slain king and his son. Jonathan and David were fast friends. David's memory of Jonathan was a great comfort, "Thy love to me was wonderful." The same battle in which Saul, David's bitter enemy, was slain, his very dear friend Jonathan also was slain.

Through the kindness of David to his enemies he typifies the kindness of Jesus Christ to His enemies.

**Sunday, July 28, 1935.**

**HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK**

July 22—Judgment. Amos 3: 9 -15.

July 23—The Judge. Amos 7: 7 -15.

July 24—Repentance. Amos 5: 4- 15.

July 25—Mercy. Hosea 11: 8- 11.

July 26—Pardon. Hosea 14: 4- 9.

July 27—Restoration. Amos 9: 11- 15.

July 28—Devotional Reading. Psalms 85: 7- 23.

**SUBJECT—Amos.**

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion—Amos 7: 7- 17.*

7. Thus he shewed me: and, beheld, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more.

9. And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10. Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying. Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11. For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread and prophesy there:

13. But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.

14. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit.

15. And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

16. Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.

17. Therefore thus saith the Lord; Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword. and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

Memory Verse—Let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. Amos 5: 24

Central Thought — Amos the prophet of social justice.

Practical Truth—In obedience to God's call Amos became a prophet in Israel.

Suggestions To Teachers

A shepherd obeyed God and became a hero when a preacher was needed to stand for the right.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

We are depending on history for the explanation of this prophecy, which Amos the herdsman-prophet of Tekoa, about the middle of the eighth century before Christ, brought to Israel. While he was a native of the southern kingdom of Judah, his prophecy was to the northern kingdom of Israel. He began by pronouncing the judgment of God upon neighboring nations: "Damascus, the capital of Syria on the north; upon Gaza, the stronghold of Philistia on the southwest; upon Tyre, the Phœnician metropolis on the northwest; upon Edom and Ammon and Moab the countries on the southeast and east." Then with great emphasis he centered his fire against Judah and Israel who, because of their greater light, were guilty of greater sin and worthy of heavier condemnation. Light rates responsibility. The plumbline—this vision from God—stirred the prophet to show God's people how far out of line they were. Amaziah the priest at Bethel, a few miles north of Jerusalem, resented Amos' preaching and accused him of treason. Amos defended himself by telling them that he was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet. "Did not haughty and cruel Assyria bring the prophet's word to pass in 722 B. C.?"

Dear spiritual Israel, we must stand for the right with God. There is much that could be said, but space will not permit. Gods' word is true; live by it and all will be well.