

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD



A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## Valley Of Affliction

In the valley of affliction  
Where the lengthy shadows fall,  
And sharp pains dart through the body  
As you on the Savior call.

Keep your eyes upon the promise,  
Though affliction press you sore;  
Though your prayers may seem unanswered,  
Plead the promise o'er and o'er.

He hath said "I'll never leave thee,  
I will hear thee when you call—  
In the hour of sore temptation.  
I will never let thee fall."

Keep on praying, never falter;  
Friends are praying for thee, too—  
He who knows each pain and sorrow,  
Ever has his eyes on you.

In the valley of affliction  
Gold is parted from the dross;  
Thou shalt gain eternal treasures,  
Though may suffer earthly loss.

Passing through affliction's valley,  
Walking with the Son of God.  
Shadows flee and darkness scatters  
As you rest upon His Word.  
— Ulysses Phillips.

IT IS BETTER: To set a good example than preach  
the finest sermon.

To please God than to please your friends.

To do one thing well than to partly do several  
things.---Selected.

## Without Hope

Hope is a desire for some good or happiness with an expectation of obtaining it. The most wretched man in the world is one that has no hope. No pain or suffering is so bad, after all, if the sufferer has hope of some day being released. Hell itself would not be so wretched if its victim could only hope that after millions of years, he might find deliverance from torments. But hell offers no such hope. Oh, how awful! The anguish of hell cannot be imagined. Men may have deep suffering; they may be in awful despair, but no wretchedness or deplorable state of man on earth is to be compared to the state of man in hell. The most wretched state possible for man on earth is to be preferred far above the least wretched place in hell. Hell is the one place among the many places where there is utterly no hope. Man can here find hope some way, of some nature; but in hell there is no hope. After being there ten million years, its victim can not look forward to any hope; after another ten million years, there is no hope. No hope while eternity rolls on, oh, may God stir the Christian's heart at such a picture, to bend every energy, to pray every prayer, to speak every word, to give every cent and to do every thing possible, to rescue immortal souls from hell.

Christian reader, do you believe that hell is the awful place the Bible says it is? Do you act like you really believed it? All around you are many who are going down to hell. What are you doing to rescue them? You would risk your life perhaps to save them from the burning building or from drowning in the stream, but what are you doing to pluck them from the flames of hell? Beloved, let us warn the people! Get a burden of souls upon your heart. Make war in Jesus' name against sin and Satan. Rescue at least one precious soul for whom Christ

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died. Can you not spend more time in prayer? Can you lay down at night carelessly upon your bed, when all around are immortal souls treading the way to hell? Oh, pour out your soul in anguish for these dear lost ones. Thousands in foreign lands are going down without a knowledge of Jesus. Can you spend your money for one thing that is not absolutely necessary, when millions are needing the Bread of life? Think of yourself being in a place of the deepest misery and wretchedness forever. Would you not want people to do all they could to rescue you from such a place? "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Let us be up and doing while it is called today. Soon it will be too late. If you are going to do anything, do it now! Soon the day of mercy will be past. Soon the great work of redeeming man will be brought to an end when there will be no more redemption. O God! let this down upon our hearts! — C. E. Orr.

## The House Of God

That God has a house, a building, at this present time should be beyond question with every Spirit-illuminated soul.

When God was talking to Moses about building the literal tabernacle or house, He admonished him (Heb. 8: 5) and said. "For see, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the mount." By this we can see that God was very careful that the literal tabernacle or house be exactly as the pattern. Why this carefulness? Because God wanted to make certain that the literal house would be an exact or true shadow or type of the true tabernacle or house which the Lord (Jesus) pitched and not man. (Heb. 8: 2).

The tabernacle or House of God is just as real today to the truly Spirit-filled souls, to the true Israel of God as the literal tabernacle or house was to literal Israel. God inhabited or dwelled in the literal house and the children of God went there to meet with God. And today in the true tabernacle or house which the Lord (Jesus) has pitched or built, God inhabits or dwells (Eph. 2: 22) for every truly saved soul is a member or portion of God's house. Peter calls us "lively stones." 1 Pet. 2: 5. Paul calls us "God's building." 1 Cor. 3: 9. The writer of the Hebrew letter refers to us as "Christ's house." Heb. 3: 6. Jacob got a vision of it when he lay his head upon a stone and went to sleep. He dreamed and saw a ladder set up upon the earth which reached to

heaven and the angels were ascending and descending upon it, and when he awoke he said, "This is none other but the house of God." Truly, the angels are ascending to heaven with the prayers of the saints and bringing the answers down, and they are descending and ascending with spirits of departed saints which are His, as part of the family of God is on earth and the other part is in heaven. Read Eph. 3: 14, 15.

The Psalmist David speaks of God's house with these words, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." Psa. 93: 5. Zachariah refers to it as the "house of David." Zach. 13: 1. In Luke it is referred to as the "House of Jacob." In 1 Tim. 3: 15 Paul writes to Timothy in this manner, "But if I tarry long that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Paul refers to the children of God (saved people) many times in his writings as the "Church of God," for the Bible definition for a body of saved people is Church which means a congregation of saved people.

The Psalmist David speaks of the family of God as the "city of God." Psa. 87: 3 and in the 5th verse as "Zion." Isaiah speaks of it as the "City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel." Isa. 60: 14. Read Isaiah 2: 2, 3 where he says, "The Lord's house shall be established in top of the mountains," and again, "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob." Jesus said to the disciples, "Ye are as a city set on a hill which cannot be hid." Paul refers to God's children as the "household of faith," and again as the "household of God." In Hebrews the 12th chapter we are referred to as "Mount Zion, city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven." In the 28th verse he says that we have received a kingdom which cannot be moved.

In Gal. 4th chapter and 26th verse Pauls says. "Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." John the Revelator saw the "Holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." The Church of God, the house of God, the family of God has truly come down from God out of heaven, as His children are born from above. Each one has a life in their souls which came down from heaven, therefore they constitute the New Jerusalem which has come down from God out of heaven. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They are prepared and ready

for the coming of the Bridegroom.

Paul repeatedly referred to the saved people as the "Church of God" and Jesus prayed for this in John 17: 11 for He said, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou has given me, that they may be one as we are." There is no question but what "Church of God" is the proper Bible name for saved people, yet people can and do take that name who are not His. It was prophesied that they would do this. Read Isa. 4: 1, "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach." In other words, they organize themselves into a body, clothe themselves with their own government and rules. They take the scriptures that suit them to follow, but they want to be called by His name lest they be looked upon as of another seed. In this way the enemy has succeeded in bringing in great confusion and dragging up much rubbish to hide the beautiful Church of God from view. In spite of all the enemy's work, the true Church is shining out and has never been destroyed. There will be some for the Lord to take to Himself when He comes.

Jesus said in speaking of the Church which He built, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Pauls speaks of those who are alive when Jesus comes in this manner, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." — Fred Pruitt.

### WHAT MUST ACCOMPANY FAITH?

Almost invariably we hear the reply from those who have not learned to fully trust the Lord, saying, "Works! works!!—faith and works go together. Do all you can by way of medical aid and human assistance, and in case there is a failure, then put the case in the hands of the Lord." Or some say, "Render all the medical aid possible and ask the blessings of the Lord upon the means used." But let us find what the Word of God says about it. "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works and I will show

thee my faith by my works." Jas. 2: 14- 18.

By this we see the Word of God requires works to accompany faith. The next question would be, What are the works? We can not find one place in the New Testament where it says medicine and medical aid are the works required.

Wherein instructions are given concerning sending for elders, we learn that they are to anoint with oil. This is not from a medical standpoint—not for the healing properties in the oil—but it is in fulfillment of the Word of God, the same as it was with Naaman, the leper, who was instructed to go and dip himself seven times in the river Jordan. There was no virtue of healing in the waters of Jordan, there was no magic in the number of times to be dipped, to charm away the disease, but he was healed because he obeyed the word of God. The blind man who had clay and spittle put upon his eyes, and was commanded to go and wash, was not healed because of the clay and spittle nor of the washing, but it was because of his obedience.

"Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by faith was works made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." Jas. 2: 21- 24. Here we find Abraham was blessed in his deed because of his unwavering faith in God. The Word says, "Abraham believed God." He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded, that what he had promised he was able also to perform." Rom. 4: 20, 21.

Oh, could we at all times and in all things only believe God as Abraham believed him, and stagger not at his promises, how many more blessings we would enjoy and how we would see the fulfillment of his promises as our privileges in Christ Jesus! In fact, faith in God is only believing him—believing his Word. An active faith is putting into action or practice the things which we believe concerning his promises. — Sel.

To the dear saints: I want to testify of what the Lord has done for me and my little boys. I know God is still caring for His own. I sent in a request for prayer for myself. He has healed me of poison on my body and the sores on the boys. Praise His holy name. It pays to trust Jesus. — Viola Perry.

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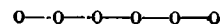
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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—  
Whate'er may die or be forgot,  
Work done for God, it dieth NOT."**

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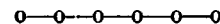
## EDITORIALS

We are glad again to report victory over the opposing powers of wickedness, together with all the cunning craftiness of Satan. Truly, we as His children are "kept by the power of God" through faith.

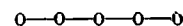


Having had opportunity to come in contact with many souls who have been reading the tracts, papers, pamphlets and books which have been printed and sent forth from the Faith Publishing House, we are convinced more than ever of the great good that is being done by this clear truth of the Kingdom being printed and sent to people in all parts of the world. With this knowledge and seeing the great need of thousands upon thousands of souls who still linger in darkness, our hearts are stirred and we shall use all means and every opportunity to print and get this truth to the many perishing souls. We are depending on God and we are sure that God is depending on you to co-operate with Him and us in doing this extremely necessary work.

This is a time when real faith in God is at a low ebb. Many are laying up treasures on earth while hiding under a cloak of religion. Jesus asked the question, "Will the Son of man find faith on earth at his coming?" "Because iniquity is abounding, the love of many is waxing cold." Brethren, awake, let us put on the whole armour of God and fight the battle through, for we shall reap if we faint not.

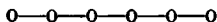


Sister Frances Bell, a minister of the gospel, of Okmulgee, Okla. has suffered damage to her home. Recently, while she and Sister Dillahunty were holding a successful meeting in Louisiana, the house next to hers in Okmulgee caught fire and nearly burned down, then hers caught fire from it and burned on one side, breaking the windows and ruining the roof. She has no husband or children to help repair it. Those who feel led of the Lord to aid her in a financial way, may address your letter to Frances Bell, R. 2. Box 72, Okmulgee, Okla.

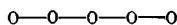


It will soon be Christmas time again and the holidays when we have the annual Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma. The meeting last year was acknowledged as the best spiritual and soul-saving meeting ever held in Guthrie. The sweetness of unity and purpose prevailed throughout the entire meeting and great and many were the praises that went up to our God who created the heavens and earth and all things therein. We are praying and looking forward for as

good a meeting this year, and are expecting only those ministers to preach who are free from carnal fight and strife. A true minister of God has much compassion and tender love for all souls. He will bring peace and leave peace if possible. He will suffer, bear and forbear, forgive and forget. He will not "sow discord among brethren" to get himself on exhibition and have a few blind souls hovering around him with flattery.

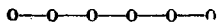


"Sin is a transgression of the law," and the 'soul that sinneth, it shall die.' Sin brings spiritual death to the soul. In other words, the soul is separated from God, is dead, cannot hear, see or taste God. The soul is the inner man, and when in sin it is dead to God. When a man begins to have Godly sorrow because he has sinned against God, that will work repentance, and faith in the work which Jesus finished on the cross will cause the soul to be resurrected to life in God. When this resurrection takes place then the inner man will begin to smell, feel, hear, see and taste God, will begin to sense heavenly things, even as the fleshly man senses earthly things through the five senses. Old things will pass away and behold all things are new, for he will be a new creature in Christ Jesus, and then he will have ears to hear what the Spirit saith by the Word. Without the resurrection of the inner man, it is impossible for man to understand spiritual truths.



The Scriptures teaches us that we gain through Christ that which we lost in the fall of Adam. This being true we have healing of the body in Christ as well as the restoring of the soul. Who could think of Adam having an afflicted body or Christ who is our Passover having blemishes on Him?

When Moses led the children out of Egyptian bondage, there was not one feeble person among them. They were at that time obedient children. Every obedient has a perfect right to claim healing at the hand of God no matter what the affliction may be.

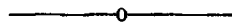


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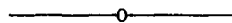
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### CAMP-MEETING REPORT

The Lord gave us a good camp-meeting at Salt Creek, Oklahoma. The Word of God went forth with power. Ministers present were: Bros. W. M. Bray, Sam Barton, Z. E. Francisco, H. Robinson, L. L. Jackson, and Sister Edwards, Father and Mother Winn and other ministers. Quite a number took part in the Ordinance services. — J. T. Johnson.



### OBITUARY

Eleanor Lea, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Lea of Osyka, Miss., was born Dec. 7, 1931; passed away to be with Jesus Sept. 19, 1935; aged 3 years, 9 months and 12 days. She leaves to mourn their loss, a little brother, father and mother, two grandmothers, a grandfather, and many other relatives, also numerous friends.

She seemed to have an unusually sweet disposition and one could not help but be attracted to her and love her. During her short life she seemed to enjoy Sunday school, prayer-meeting and prayer in the home better than anything else. She was the kind that Jesus is looking for to live in heaven with Him. Her mother and father are dear young saints who need our earnest prayers in this time of trial. While they know she is far better with the Lord, yet their human hearts yearn for their little one, but the Lord can give grace to say, Amen, to His will.

— Mrs. Katherine Watson.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Holland, Mich. —For God's glory I wish to tell what the Lord has done for me.

After I found the Lord I thought I could live for Him and at the same time keep up my bad habits as before. But God's Word says, "My ways are not your ways. As high as the heaven is above the earth so much higher are my ways than your ways." God's way was to quit bad habits. Mine was the tobacco habit, and in my weak understanding, I said that I would go to hell before I would give that up, and

after I said that, God talked to me in this way. When I would take it and put it in my mouth, it would turn in my mouth like ashes out of a stove, and that happened three times and then the Lord spoke to me like this, "This the last time that I will speak to you, and unless you obey my voice. this is the place where you will spend eternity and that will be a place like this," and He let me look in hell where I would see men and women dashing up and down in the flames of an eternal hell and damnation. I quit the tobacco and have never used it since. I want to say it doesn't pay to disobey the voice of God when He speaks. In order to keep in His will, let us walk in the light of God's Word, then we can have victory in our life, and not then only but we have it when we pass through the valley of death, and then we can say with David of old. "I will fear no evil for thy staff and thy rod they comfort me."

In closing I want to thank the God of heaven and earth for His wonderful love and saving grace that He has bestowed upon me, and by His help and living grace I want to live for Him. He says in His Word, if we live for Him, then we also shall reign with Him. That doesn't mean a thousand years, but forever and ever.

Your Bro. in Christ, — Cornelius Brandt.

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Delaware, Mo. --To all the saints scattered abroad, greetings: As the Lord has done so much for me lately, I want to send my testimony through the little paper.

While our grand-daughter was visiting us this summer she took the typhoid fever and was very sick. Through prayer she was wonderfully healed. Praise the dear Lord. Later, I took sick and suffered much. I sent for the saints to come pray for me and I was relieved of my suffering, yet not healed. I went to the Neosho, Mo. camp-meeting and there the Lord completely healed me. How I do thank Him today for my life. I also thank all the dear saints for their interest and prayers for me. Oh. what would we do without the saints? God will do as much for you, so don't be afraid to trust Him. I am 68 years old, have trusted the Lord for over 30 years and He never has failed us. I have been healed of many different afflictions. I find nothing too hard for the Lord to do. I have it settled to go all the way with Him.

Your Sister in Christ, — Elizabeth Harper.

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Eldorado Springs, Mo.—Dear Bro. in the Lord: I have been reading the little paper, "Faith and Vic-

tory." It does my soul good to read the good articles. I can still report victory in my soul. The Lord is surely good to His trusting children and He knows them that put their trust in Him.

May the Lord bless all of you is my prayer. Yours in Him, — S. W. Middleton.

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Fulton, Mich. —Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We again can say we are trusting in a God who is able to save to the uttermost. Am so thankful for his healing power. He has healed the affliction on my limb and I give the Lord all the praise. I know whom I serve and am not discouraged because the Lord will never leave us if we do His will. Praise His holy name.

May the Lord bless all of you is my prayer. You will find enclosed one dollar for the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ, --Mrs. Eulalia Sherman.

## Evangelistic Report

The time at Alma, Michigan was very profitably spent and encouraging to our souls. We stopped with Sister Hazel Mann and her mother, They had arranged for us to hold a meeting in a Baptist meeting house in the country. There were not very many members, and as they were not able to pay the preacher his salary, they had had none for three years, as I understood it. They let us have the building and most all of them attended the services and were blessed of God in receiving light and truth.

The meeting had just been in progress two days when Bro. Ostus Wilson, who had been sharing with us the joys and burdens of the evangelistic work in different states, was called home to Anthony, Kansas by telegram and telephone. It was hard for us to part with one of the company, but we humbly submitted to God's will as we know He does all things right.

As the meeting progressed, more kept coming and the Word went forth in power and demonstration of the Spirit. The fire of the Holy Spirit fell on the saints and caused them to shout and praise God. The meeting closed with much interest, and some expressed themselves in strong terms of the good which they had received and did not want the meeting to stop, but we had other appointments awaiting us.

On Monday before leaving, we motored about 70 miles north to visit Sister Laura Richards who was sick. She and her husband are old-time saints and are satisfied with only the real truth of His

Word. We had a precious visit with them and expect to meet them in the Glory world.

On the 24th of Sept. we drove to Benton Harbor, Michigan. On the way there, we stopped at Battle Creek and visited a short while with Sister Pike. We found her well and rejoicing in the Lord.

At Benton Harbor we stopped with Bro. James Morris. He had rented a hall for meeting and had it seated. The first few nights of the meeting looked discouraging as hardly any came out. We kept praying and the numbers increased and God certainly blessed in those services. Some precious healing was wrought on several and the saints shouted and praised God. Some who had not been hearing the old-time truth rejoiced greatly and declared themselves against all compromising elements. These precious souls became very dear to us. Bro. and Sister Brandt, who lives 60 miles away at Holland, Mich., attended a portion of the meeting. Bro. and Sister Baker and son of Garrett, Indiana which is over a hundred miles southeast, came up and were with us over Sunday, the last day of the meeting.

On the 8th of October we bid farewell to the saints at Benton Harbor and started for Norwalk, Wisconsin, making a loop below Chicago to avoid the traffic. We drove in a northwestern direction and arrived at Sauk City on the banks of the Wisconsin River where we spent the night in a tourists' rooming house. The Lord gave us favor there, and we sang songs, read the Bible and had family worship in the parlor of the building. The keeper was much interested and asked many questions, also received the gospel literature with gladness. She claimed to be a Christian and was affiliated with a denomination but was very much dissatisfied with inconsistent professing Christians with whom she was associated. We arrived at Norwalk, Wis. on the 9th of Oct. and found Bro. Stahnke and sisters happy in the Lord. They are holding steady in the truth of God's Word, for they have "respect unto the recompense of reward." No place there was open for a continued meeting, but God permitted us to have two preaching services on Sunday which He owned and blessed. There are some precious souls in that town.

The next Tuesday we drove west into Minnesota and then south to Iowa Falls, Iowa where we have begun a revival meeting. We ask our readers to pray for us and the meetings. Some good work is being done for the Master, and we are thankful.

— Fred Pruitt.

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## MUSIC---INSTRUMENTAL OR SPIRITUAL ?

Some babes in Christ and others may not know just why we do not use instrumental music in our worship, and we feel like presenting scriptural reasons for not doing so.

No people on earth sing as do the saints. Others cannot make our spiritual songs ring with the spiritual truth and melody as do the saints of God.

There Is A Reason. Our dear Bro. Paul tells us in Acts 17: 24, 25 that God is not worshipped "With men's hands as though he needed anything." Using man-made instruments is trying to worship Him with the fruit of our hands and not 'the fruit of our lips.' Heb. 13: 14, 15. "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the *fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.*" James 5: 13, "Is any merry? let him sing psalms." He did not say to play on the harp, but does tell us to sing.

While teaching by Jacob's well Jesus said. (Jno. 4: 23, 24), "But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth; for the Lord seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him *must* worship Him in Spirit and in truth." This scripture implies that the manner of worship to God is to undergo a change, and that change was taking effect while Jesus was on earth in the flesh. "But the hour cometh and now is," meaning there is to be a change. The form of worship in Old Testament times—sacrifices, washing of water, and use of instrumental music—were but types and shadows of the true way of worship that followed through Christ our sacrifice; but now we are to worship "in Spirit and in truth" with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Today we have the substance through Christ; we have the real and not the shadow, and are to "worship God in Spirit and in truth." And again in Eph. 5: 18, 19, God through Paul gives us the secret on acceptable worship, "And be not drunk with wine . . . ; but be filled with the Spirit" (be intoxicated with the Spirit), speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." And now, we are to make melody in our hearts to the Lord; this is the real worship and not the type of the real as was the use of instruments in Old Testament times.

We cannot worship God 'in Spirit and in truth' without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In cold.

dead congregations they substitute musical instruments for spiritual singing. This is unnecessary, for the blessed Holy Spirit's anointing is for all who will meet the conditions of God's holy Word.

The anointing that Aaron received that ran down upon his beard, "that reached to the skirts of his garment" (Psa. 133: 2) was a type of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that was poured upon Christ's body (the Church) on the day of Pentecost. This ointment flowed down upon His body, and praise His name, it is still flowing for us all. We may have abundance of it, and must receive this anointing or filling if we are to worship "in Spirit and in truth."

Turn with me to Exo. 30: 25-33. This precious oil, a type of the Holy Spirit, was not to be poured upon man's flesh, that is, other than Aaron's and his sons, or to be used in any other way. The penalty for its misuse was to be cut off from the people of God. Read with me, "Neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it; it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you." Now, will the penalty be any less for the substituting of instrumental music (knowingly) for the blessed overflowing of joyful, Spirit-filled singing which naturally flows from the hearts of God's anointed? Yours, for Spirit-filled worshippers,  
— H. P. Huskey.

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## The Sin Unto Death

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There has been much speculation on the subject of sinning against the Holy Ghost or unto death, but I believe by the help of God we can give you some scriptures that will clear your mind to a great degree. In Heb. 6: 4 to 6 we read, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh and put him to an open shame."

Dear readers, we can see at a glance that this does not have reference to a person who gets careless and neglects to read his Bible, meditate and pray, then lose the grace of God out of their soul. For we know they can be renewed unto repentance. On the other hand, one who has been born of the Spirit and healed of dangerous diseases, probably raised from death's door, has had some wonderful experiences with the Lord. They have really tasted of some wonderful blessings from God and have been sanctified wholly.

Now for them to wilfully and purposely give up and deny the Word and power of God and the Holy Ghost, making fun of His works, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin to such a one. For they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame.

Again in Heb. 10: 26, 29, "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." Notice, if we sin *willfully*. There is a vast difference between a wilful sin and being overpowered by the enemy of our soul. I believe there are many people who become discouraged and backslide on the account of surrounding influences, yet deep in their soul they want to live and do right. When any one deliberately tramples God's mercies under foot after tasting and knowing the way of truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins. "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

Dear ones, bring to your mind a person who at different times has received benefits of different kinds from the Lord. God had supplied food and raiment when they had nothing. Also raised their children from death's door, healed them many times, and paid their debts when they could not. Then they turn away from God, make light (or fun) and use that worthy name in vain. Do you think that person should be punished? He is not worthy of God's blessings, seeing he has trodden underfoot the Son of God and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing. There is no hopes for such a one.

There is another way we can sin against the Holy Ghost, that is to curse or blaspheme the Holy Ghost, to accuse the Lord or Holy Ghost of casting out devils by the prince of the devils. See Matt. 12: 24.

There is a chance of being deceived and go into deception and accuse the Holy Ghost of doing things that aren't decent, saying the Holy Ghost caused them to do and say those things, those which the Bible condemns. The Lord teaches us in 2 Thess. 2: 11, 12. "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." So people can go on and turn the truth down, follow after things that

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# « Young People's Section »

## A Refuge

I have a sure and safe retreat  
From all the cares of life;  
When to the blessed Lord I go,  
I'm free from care and strife.

He folds me gently to his breast,  
And whispers soft and low,  
"Be of good cheer, and do not fear:  
I'll always with you go."

How strength and courage are revived  
When his blest words I heed!  
He's patient, loving, true and kind;  
Supplies he every need.

I mean to let him have his way  
In this poor heart of mine,  
That, come what may in this short life,  
His glory in me may shine.  
— Mrs. S. Geseky.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

John the Revelator gives us a beautiful symbolical description of the "holy Jerusalem" in the 21st chapter of Revelations. The last verse tells us who shall not enter that holy city, "There shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." It is not necessary that our names be written on the so-called church book, but it is highly important that we know our names are written in the Lamb's book of life—the record which the Lord keeps. On the other hand, the Revelator tells us of those to whom the gates of that city will open (Rev. 22:14), "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Those who obey and *do* His commands will enter there—doers and not hearers only. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me." Not only hear His voice, but follow after Him.

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David had a clear vision of beautiful Zion, the City or Church of God when he exclaimed, "Out of

Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined." God's heritage was so beautiful to him that he termed it, "the perfection of beauty." Its beauty is perfect because it was erected by a Perfect Builder. As Zion is composed of God's holy people, then it is through His own that He shines out to the world. "Ye are the light of the world." Spiritual unity, purity, holiness and exclusiveness are some of the elements which make this structure beautiful to look upon. Only the spiritually-minded can fully discern the beauty of Zion. It is sad when people fail to discern or lose their vision of the one true Bride of Christ or Church of the living God. — L. D. P.

## Following Jesus

Young man and young woman, the words of Christ to you are, "Follow me." Is this the aim and purpose of your life? Is it your highest ambition? Will you make this the dominant purpose of your efforts? It is the only road to success. Christ is the perfect model of human nature. The teaching of Jesus and the example of Jesus are perfectly adapted to human nature. By this we mean that man need not be anything but man to follow the teaching and example of Christ. He does not need to be an angel. Jesus took human nature upon Himself, and His whole life is what all human nature calls for and can be. The nature of man finds all its demands met in the life of Christ.

Now man's nature is such that he cannot attain to perfection of that nature through teaching alone. This is a truth worthy of your fullest consideration. A child will never learn how to build a toy house from oral instructions alone. You must do the thing yourself before him. Precept alone is not sufficient instruction, there needs to be an example. Jesus knew this. He not only gave a code of moral laws, but He lived out these laws in His human life. Then, young people, you have before you not only the teachings of Jesus, but you have His example of life also. Now to follow Him is to obey His teaching and live His life.

When we become true followers of Christ, then we become patterns for others to follow. The apostle said, "Follow me as I follow Christ." We should be able to teach the teachings of Jesus and also live His life. This is life in its highest attainment, this

is the perfection of human nature. When man is able to teach the teachings of Jesus and to practice those teachings, then he has risen to the true standard of human life. The nature of man call for this, pants after it, thirsts for it, and if left unhindered, will rise to it. The life in the heart of an acorn groans after the fullness of the oak. Under proper conditions it will rise to that fullness. To follow Jesus is to rise to the fullness of His life. There is something in man's true life that demands this. — C. E. Orr.

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### AN ADMONITION TO YOUNG SAINTS

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My soul has been stirred within me, seeing the various ways in which the work of the Lord is being hindered. We look about us and see souls perishing on every hand. From every land we can hear the cries coming for the pure gospel, "Perishing souls at stake!" and no one to preach and teach the way of salvation to them. O dear young saints, can you not appreciate the value of souls and get burdened for their salvation sufficient to give up all hope of earthly pleasures and enjoyments, and to consecrate and give, if God so will, your whole time and all that you have or might hope to be, to the work of the Lord?

Truly the Lord needs workers in various parts of this great field, the world, to do various labors. There are, no doubt, many young brothers and sisters whom the Lord could use if they would will to be used. But too often their aspirations reach in a way that hinders God from using them.

We know, of course, that it is natural for young people to desire companions of the opposite sex; viz, to marry. But, dear ones, when we see the value of souls and perceive how that more laborers are needed for this great harvest, can you not cast such thoughts from you, if God so wills, and go at the work He may have purposed for you? Just consecrate to work for God, and if he ever wills any such thing to take place, let him work it out in his own way. If God lays or has laid his hand on you for some special work, we beseech you, do not let him be deprived of his laborer.

We wish to give an example that has come under our immediate observation, and trust that it may prove both an admonition and a warning. The Lord laid his hand on a young sister, thoroughly capable, to fill a certain position at a distant place. A young brother who had become much attached to her, upon hearing of it, determined secretly that if he could

keep her from going he would do so. He has since said that he feared if she went there the Lord would give her to be some one's wife there, and thought that was more than he could bear. She was engaged in such labor at the time that it would be several months before she could be free to go, and before that time he accomplished his end and had her to wife; and from what we can hear, the place had to go without some one to fill it.

This of course is sad. But there is also another sad part. The young brother by scheming to keep her from doing what God wished, digged a pit for her, and according to scripture fell into it himself, and today is a miserable backslider. He finds peace no place he goes and at no work in which he may engage, but is indeed as "the troubled sea when it cannot rest." (Isa. 57: 20, 21)

Dear ones, take warning. Do just what the Lord wishes, then all will be well. Souls will be saved, you will keep saved, and if God sees fit to give you a companion, he will do so. — N. Dodge.

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Benton Harbor, Mich. —Dear young people: This evening my heart goes up in praise to my blessed Savior who has done so much for me. He has saved my soul and sanctified my nature, and put glory in my soul. Praise the Lord! I was in doubt, strife, darkness and I was seeking for something to satisfy, but I never found it till I found it all in Jesus. And the closer we get to Him the sweeter and brighter the way grows. My daily prayer is to be more like Jesus.

We have traveled thousands of miles on this trip and all around us we have seen the works of the enemy. He doesn't work harder in one place than he does in another. Every where he has the people loaded down with grief, sorrow and sin. Then he is working hard to get the saints rocked to sleep so he can slip in something on them. It's sad, but some are trapped. Be watchful! don't let the devil have an inch of victory. Jesus has promised never to leave nor forsake us, so He is always ready to help us and give us the victory. How I do love Him this evening!

We have met and learned to love a lot of new young people. Some are isolated and away from other saved young people's association. One dear girl, a school teacher, told me she didn't know another saved young person in their town. But God keeps her saved. He can keep us any where. Also, in Ohio and Indiana we met some young people who had bright experiences. They were going through some severe perse-

cution, but were coming out with a bright testimony. In Pennsylvania there are some young people who have found this "rare jewel" precious to their souls. So young people every where, let us pray for each other. We all have our trials, our testing times and the devil isn't asleep, so let's pray God to bless others—those we don't know personally.

On this trip I met some young people who told me about their trials and they seem to feel theirs were the worst. Then I would meet others, and their troubles would be greater yet, and then I would feel that I didn't know what trouble was compared with others. So dear ones, if you feel your burdens are so heavy to bear, just start out and encourage others and hear their troubles and you will soon find yours all gone.

Most of all, my heart aches for those who have troubles and trials but have no one to help them bear it all. They haven't learned the wonderful secret of happiness or how to cast their burdens on Jesus and let Him bear them for them. The devil has them bound in darkness and have their spiritual eyes blinded with pride and sin until they can't see Jesus. Let us pray earnestly for them. They need some one to tell them of Jesus. So let's get under the burden for souls that they may find Jesus and pray that those who have found Him may be encouraged to press on.

Dear young people everywhere, live for the Lord and let your light shine. A life lived for the Lord will preach the gospel within itself, because seeing is believing.

My decision is to live close to the Lord and never to look back. I don't intend to just play around and miss heaven in the end, but I'm going to be certain about this thing—to know I'm ready to go when Jesus calls.

Your saved sister, — Anna Marie Pruitt.

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—NOTICE—

A revival meeting will begin at Neosho, Mo. on November 17th. Everybody welcome.

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Racine Mo. —Dear young people: Since it is impossible to write to each individual, I will write through this little paper which contains food for the soul.

The devil is working in a different way than ever before. He used to tempt the young saints on just certain lines, it seemed, but now he makes them feel so care free or indifferent. They aren't so anxious to work for the Lord as they used to be. Eternity is nearer than ever before and there are very few workers in the ripe fields, grain is falling and going to waste. It seems there are only a very few that the Lord can depend on. We cannot tell exactly how many, but if there are only a few, let us prove ourselves and see if we are in that number. Can the Lord call on *me* to pray for the sick (preacher or no preacher), can the Lord use me to pray for my enemy or for the lowest sinner? Let us move up. The Lord is calling more workers. Now, if never before, let us answer and say, "Yes. Lord, here am I; send me." Many will be lost forever if you and I do not cast aside every weight. and strip clean from everything that would cause a hindrance to others and ourselves.

We young people can not stand back and wait for the older ones to move, though some have been in the way for 30 years or more. We must do our part. Souls are going to hell by the thousands. I feel like relating an experience—sad but true. One time we went to visit a poor sick lady who was not prepared for heaven, but was very much interested in her soul's welfare. The Lord told me to ask her to pray through right then. But the devil said, "You better let Sister . . . . (an elderly saint with us) do that, as she has been in this light for 35 years or more." I hesitated and stood quiet waiting for the Sister to go ahead. The poor lady was broken up but no one got down to business. No doubt this visit was in vain. O how I regretted it when I found out I had listened and reasoned with the hateful devil. Now by the grace of God we will move and do our part regardless of our surroundings.

Many who were once true children of God and the salt of the earth, have stopped to listen and reason with the devil and now we see sad results following. The Lord will still have mercy on such. Now we say with the Psalmist David, "Search me, O Lord, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Pray that I will always be ready. A small member in the body of Christ,

— Selma Hiebert.

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aren't true, until God will give them over to a reprobate mind that they will believe a lie. It pays to be very careful how we treat God's Word. We should be kind and tender to each other, not rendering evil for evil to any man, but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men. We should be careful and not tell lies or anything on the saints, trying to kill their influence. For when we mistreat any of God's little ones, we are mistreating Him. So let us each one live a clean, pure, holy life and have love to each other, then God will bless us.

Your Bro in the one body, — W. I. Miles.

## The Great Commission

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9: 37, 38. "Go ye therefore and teach ALL nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to *observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19, 20. "Go ye into *all the world* and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15.

Dear ones, these wonderful scriptures have been ringing in my heart for a long time and I do feel it my duty to write a few lines. How thankful we all are for the blessed privilege we have of living for Jesus and doing His will and always feeling His approval on all that we do, but then as we look out and see how so many are still in darkness it also makes us feel sad at heart and therefore I do believe that our blessed Lord does want His people to feel the real need of getting into the work and do something for other precious souls who are perishing across the seas as well as here. As we look out and see all the man-made ministers that there are and also see among us as saints there are quite a good number, and yet they all seem to want to be here in this land. I do know that some are living by faith and the Lord is blessing them and making them a blessing, for which we praise the Lord, but we do know that this flesh is always wanting something easy. Oh may God help us to get under the real burden for souls that are dying every hour, not only in this fair land of ours but also in other lands. They claim that in India alone there are 1,000 dying every hour of day and night, and who of us are really caring if they hear the gospel of Jesus? And yet they are dying for a little bit of

love when we think of all that our blessed Savior has done for all mankind! Are we like Cain that said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" or are we doing all that we are able to do that such souls will be brought into the Light and Fold? I do fear more and more as I think on these weighty scriptures that we will hear our brother's blood crying from the ground and we will see that we have not done all that we could, and many will say that had we come and told them they would have gotten saved. What Jesus said was all truth and we dare not stand in one another's way, nor dare we stand in God's way so that He cannot tell us what He wants us to do, for if we do and later see what we have done we will not be able to retrace those steps, and those precious souls we might have saved back there will have gone into eternity and we will have a deep regret in our souls and will not be able to forget it.

When I was but a mere child I did feel my call to work in the foreign fields and a good many said I would go there some day, but like most all, the old devil had his way first, and so now I have my family and I am only praying that at least one of our children will go if we never get there. I feel that I am like Moses when he ran ahead of the Lord, God took him back in to the desert apart for forty years and then what great work was done through that pliable vessel, and so I still feel if the Lord tarries He has something for me to do that those precious souls across the seas will have the Word brought to them.

There is going to be a great reckoning day and we must all stand before Him who will judge us as to what we have done, and will we stand there empty-handed? Dear ones, this is something we should pray about, and if the Lord does not lead us to go, we should pray that some others who can will go and take those poor souls the truth. We can all pray and give of our means, for all have a part in this great work for the Master. Our hymn books contain many inspired songs which encourage us to carry the truth to these sin-benighted souls. And how will they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent? When Jesus taught His disciples these truths and commands, He wanted them to get under the burden for never-dying souls. Therefore I write these words because I feel a real burden on my soul for the lost of earth and I trust that some one else will get this same burden and will OBEY THE CALL and go to the other lands across the waters, and I know that you will be rewarded from God for it. Praise His name!

— Edith R. Cramer.

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## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

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**Sunday, Nov. 3, 1935.**

Home Study For The Week

Oct. 28—Judah's King Taken Captive. 2 Kings 25: 1-7.

Oct. 29—Judah Taken Captive. 2 Kings 25: 8-12.

Oct. 30—Judah's Temple Despoiled. 2 Kings 25: 13-17.

Oct. 31—Judah's Desolation. Ezek. 12: 8-16.

Nov. 1—Judah's Sorrow. Lamentations 2: 5-10.

Nov. 2—Judah's Distress. Lamentations 4: 11-16.

Nov. 3—Devotional Reading. Psalms 107: 10-16.

SUBJECT—Judah Taken Captive.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—2 Kings 25: 1-12.

2 Kings 25: 1. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2. And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3. And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4. And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.

5. And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6. So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

7. And they slew the two sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

8. And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9. And he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

10. And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11. Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.

12. But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

Memory Verse—Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14: 34.

Central Thought—Sin destructive.

Practical Truth—Disobedience to the prophet's messages from God brought death and captivity to Judah.

Suggestions To Teachers

God cared for a black man in time of danger. Results of doing wrong. Nations accountable to God.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

As the ten tribes composing the northern kingdom of Israel had in 722 B. C. been swept away by the Assyrian power, so now in 586 B. C. the southern kingdom of Judah fell (as Jeremiah predicted, Jer. 39: 1-18) before the victorious armies of Babylon.

The price of disobedience was fully paid in the victory of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Zedekiah thought by calling upon Egypt for help, he might be able to win. But it was a failure, and spiritually speaking, it is always failure to go to the world (of which Egypt is a type) for help. "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help." Isa. 31: 1. Woe surely attended Zedekah! He and his sons were captured, and our lesson tells us his sad fate. Jeremiah told him what would happen to him and told him he would not see it. How sad! He could not see when his eyes were put out. Oh the similarity of spiritual Israel; blind calling darkness light and light darkness. It has been said "the spiritually blind are stone blind." Sin at the bottom caused destruction; it always has and always will. Jerusalem had fallen and it must be destroyed beyond recovery, so fire was set to all the best houses. The Temple, that sanctuary which had stood for 470 years since Solomon's day, was fully destroyed and the people who were able to do service were driven to Babylon. Only the poor and helpless were left in the land. The city was utterly devastated and the temporal power of Judah

was forever blotted out. A sad picture! "Sin is a reproach to any people."

**Sunday, Nov. 10, 1935.**

Home Study For The Week

Nov. 4—Sin Brings Death. Ezek. 18: 19- 24.

Nov. 5—Penitence Brings Life. Ezek. 18: 25- 32.

Nov. 6—Responsibility of Watchman. Ezek. 33: 7- 16.

Nov. 7—Responsibility for Stewardship. Luke 16: 1- 10.

Nov. 8—Responsibility for Conversation. Matt. 12: 31- 37.

Nov. 9—Responsibility for Conduct. Rom. 14: 1-12

Nov. 10—Devotional Reading. Psalm 125: 1- 5.

SUBJECT—Ezekiel Teaches Personal Responsibility.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—Ezekiel 33: 1- 16.

Ezek. 33: 1. Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2. Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

3. If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4. Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity: but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10. Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11. Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12. Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

15. If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

Memory Verse—So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14: 12.

Central Thought—Personal responsibility.

Practical Truth—How we need God to teach us how to prepare to meet our personal responsibilities.

Suggestions To Teachers

Duty of a watchman. Does God care what we do? Individuals accountable to God.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Ezekiel teaches personal responsibility to God and declares death for the sinning soul and pardon for the penitent heart.

The watchman can deliver his own soul by faithfulness, and throw the responsibility on others whether righteous or unrighteous. The watchman in our lesson was to hear the word from the mouth of God. Oh the discordant messages given out these days as a word from God's mouth! Dear souls, the Deceiver is busy, giving messages from every deceptive source, and if you are not watchful you will be deceived. Repentance and a forsaking of sin is God's way to life, spiritual life, a life of peace and power through the atoning Blood.

Ezekiel gives individual responsibility to God. 1. "Thou son of man." 2. In position, "I have set thee." 3. In knowledge, "Hear the word at my mouth." 4. In service, "Give them warning from me." 5. In repentance, "Turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die"? Never-dying soul, life is more than breathing, eating and sleeping. Life is work, joy and peace and service in the Holy Spirit. Greater responsibility!

### Sunday, Nov. 17, 1935.

#### Home Study For The Week

Nov. 11—The Return from Captivity. Ezra 1: 1-6.

Nov. 12—Thanksgiving for the Return. Psa. 126: 1-6.

Nov. 13—Chastisement for Disobedience. Lev. 26: 27-36.

Nov. 14—Sorrow for the Exiles. Psa. 137: 1-9.

Nov. 15—Confession and Supplication. Dan. 9: 26-23.

Nov. 16—Forgiveness and Redemption. Isa. 44: 21-28.

Nov. 17—Devotional Reading. Psa. 124: 1-8.

SUBJECT—The Return From Captivity.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—Ezra 1: 1-6; Psa. 126: 1 to 6.

Ezra 1: 1. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

2. Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he hath charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

4. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth . let the men of his place help him with silver. and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

5. Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

6. And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

Psa. 126: 1. When the Lord turned again the

captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

3. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

4. Turn again our captivity. O Lord, as the streams in the south.

5. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Memory Verse—The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Psa. 126: 3.

Central Thought—Deliverance from captivity.

Practical Truth—Obedience to the edict of King Cyrus.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

Song sung when God's people went home. Thanksgiving for God's care and helping them to make a new start.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

We have been having Jeremiah's "story" and "message to Israel" during the time they were being carried into captivity. The first deportaton from Jerusalem in 606 B. C. included Daniel. The second in 597 B. C. included Ezekiel, and the third in 586 B. C. marked the final fall of Jerusalem. Counting from the first deportation by Nebuchadnezzar to the first return from exile under Cyrus in 536 B. C. we find the exactness of Jeremiah's prophecy a half century before its fulfillment. Jer. 29: 4-14.

We have for this lesson the proclamation of King Cyrus as God stirred up his spirit to build Him a house in Jerusalem and the song sung by the returning exiles. The spiritual meaning as a type is typical of dear souls down in spiritual Babylon. Many have never heard the call, 'Come out of her, my people.' and many who have heard the call and come out have lost the vision and are walking back of light, and many calling light darkness and darkness light. But praise God, to some the song of deliverance is still being sung, and they are so glad to proclaim the exclusive Christ—the one Body. Only the twice born and filled with the Spirit are members of this body. It is glorious to be able to sing, "I was a captive, but mercy released me." Not only released me from sin in the world, but from the sin in spiritual Babylon. Dear souls, mark well your ways, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is

death." Read in connection with these comments Jer. 51: 6- 10.

### Sunday, Nov. 24, 1935.

#### Home Study For The Week

Nov. 18—The Command to Rebuild the Temple.

Haggai 1: 2- 8.

Nov. 19—The Command Obeyed. Haggai 1: 12- 15.

Nov. 20—Rebuilding the Temple. Ezra 3: 8- 13.

Nov. 21—Completing the Temple. Zech. 4: 6- 10

Nov. 22—The Glory of the Temple. Haggai 2: 1- 9.

Nov. 23—The Blessings of the Temple. Psa. 84: 1 -12.

Nov. 24—Devotional Reading. Psalms 122: 1- 9.

SUBJECT—The Message of Haggai and Zechariah.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—Haggai 1: 2- 8; 2: 8, 9; Zech. 4: 6- 10.

Haggai 1: 2. Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.

3. Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4. Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?

5. Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

6. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

8. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

Haggai 2: 8. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

9. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

Zech. 4: 6. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

7. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

8. Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

9. The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the founda-

tion of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Memory Verse—I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord. Psa. 122: 1.

Central Thought — Rebuilding the Temple or house of God.

Practical Truth—Preparing a temple for God's dwelling place.

#### Suggestions To Teachers

Building a house for God. A place for God's people to worship.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

In 536 B. C. fifty thousand Jews returned from Babylon to Jerusalem. They found the city of their fathers in absolute ruin. Nothing had been done to restore it since its utter ruin by the mighty Nebuchadnezzar a half century before. Several months were spent in building houses for them to live in. Then the altar was rebuilt and the sacrificial fires rekindled. A magnificent offering of about \$400,000 was raised for the rebuilding of the Temple. In 535 B. C. the foundations of the Temple were laid with impressive ceremonies.

Because these devout Jews would not let the nations around them help build the Temple, the work was hindered for fourteen years. Read the 3rd and 4th chapters of Ezra to get the full understanding of the delay and their going on with the work after such a delay.

Haggai comes on the scene at this time and tells the people what God says, also Zechariah comes with encouragement. O spiritual builders, remember it is "not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zerubbabel had started this Temple and he was to see the finishing by laying the cap-stone. Much gladness was expressed by God's dear people as they realized their freedom to again have a place to worship God as their fathers had. Haggai tells them to "consider their ways." He foresaw the fulfillment of the promise of glory in the Lord's house. Zerubbabel took courage and did not "despise the day of small things." Dear saints of God, let us be diligent lest we lose our courage, as there are so few to take the way of the cross.