

# FAITH AND VICTORY

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HAVE FAITH  
IN GOD

GOD IS  
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS  
IN THE WORLD.  
— PHILIPPIANS 2:15

JESUS  
SAVES

A PAPER  
FOR ALL  
CHRISTIANS

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## The Tempest

We were sailing on life's highway,  
Not a soul enjoyed sleep;  
It was evening time for mortals  
"And a storm was on the deep".

'Tis a fearful thing for Christians  
To be scattered by a foe;  
But we heard much prayer and crying  
As we saw them onward go.

Thus we trusted their returning,  
Each one busy in their prayer;  
"Some are lost"! the Savior shouted,  
"And they seem not be aware".

So we nestled close to Jesus,  
'Tho the strongest held their breath;  
While discord was madly raging,  
And to all was threatened death.

But the loving Lord of heaven,  
Re-united heart and hand  
And the Devil's been defeated!  
Since our God has full command.

Then embraced we one another,  
"And we speak in better cheer".  
For we'll anchor safe in harbor,  
"When the morn is shining clear".

Would to God we'd ALL surrender;  
Yielding stubborn hearts and will;  
And the ones who fain have scattered,  
Drifting thither, farther still;  
Seeking from sectism cold,  
Warmth, that's only in God's Fold.  
—Erle E. Forbes.

## Why Must Sinners Repent?

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. Jer. 31:34. All the race of man possess the sinful nature which originally had its beginning in Adam and Eve, who first disobeyed God's laws.

No one was ever born who was so pure and faultless (except the Saviour) as to be exempt from being required to confess and repent of sin.

God has made provision through the plan of redemption for man to get rid of his sinful nature by confessing and repenting of his evil ways which eventually leads to a state of holiness and purity of heart and life. Thus provisions are made by God for the soul to return to its creator in that original state from which it came from Him. By refusing to be led of God, mankind chose death instead of life, and by right of choice seals his own doom or fate. "This is the condemnation that light (salvation) is come into the world, and men love darkness (sin) rather than light because their deeds are evil." John 3:19. Suppose now that a loved one or friend gladly forgives you of an offense, which made you so sorry and unhappy until you sought and obtained forgiveness. Would it not sound so foolish for you to again go to that friend or loved one, and ask to be forgiven of the same offense? If you are deeply sincere and down right earnest about measuring up to terms and conditions of salvation God will freely and forever forgive you of sin. He declares he will remember them no more against you. I hope you do not belong to that class of people who declared no one can live free from sin in this life. Please get your Bible and turn to first John third chapters and read these statements of the inspired word of God. "Whosoever abideth in him (Jesus) sinneth not." "He that committeth sin is of the devil." "Whosoever is born of God (saved) doth not commit sin." Whenever I hear a minister, lay-

men or anyone professing salvation, in their prayers asking God to forgive them of sin, I must declare they are yet in darkness and error. Thus does the Word of God judge them. Be assured of this one positive statement by the authority of Almighty's unchangeable decree, that when man's earthly life comes to an end that no supernatural power or decree of heaven's eternal Ruler will transform the sinner's soul to that of a holy immortal being. If you feel unconcerned and think nothing serious will ever happen by neglecting or refusing God's offer of salvation to your soul just read the spoken words of the Saviour. "Then shall he say also, unto them on the left hand (the lost) depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25: 41.

—John H. Griffith.

### Can We Fall?

"Can We Fall?" is the title of a little tract which I wrote a few years ago. Recently I received a letter in opposition to this tract, with a few questions which I feel it would be to the glory of God and for the good of honest souls to answer publicly. Question: If I must live a certain way to keep saved then salvation is of works, is it not? Whereas the Word declares it is, "the gift of God and not of works." Yes, it is a Bible fact that even after one is born again he must live a certain way to keep saved. And that way is Jesus with all his teachings and His blessed holy life as our example to live by. It is true that a sinner can not work himself into Christ but after he forsakes his way, (Isa. 55:7) repents of his sins, brings forth fruits meet for repentance, (Matt. 3:8) then he may believe into Him (John 1:12). Question: When a child is born in his father's family, is he not always his child? Yes, until death takes Him out of the family. Likewise, he who has been born of God into his spiritual family may die a spiritual death by committing sin and thus separate himself from the family. "The soul that sinneth it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). Question: Is it not His business who hath begotten us to keep us? Yes, by His power thru faith. (1 Pet. 1:3-5). But notice, it is through faith in Him and His Word. Without faith it is impossible to please Him (Heb. 11:6). If we have faith in Him, we will observe all things He has commanded us (Matt. 28:20). Question: May I not be a disobedient child and yet be his child? No, disobedience makes men sinners (Rom. 5:19). When Jesus comes

He will punish those who do not obey the Gospel, (2 Thess. 1:8-9). Regardless of what they profess. Question: When my child sins, I can not take his life, then give it back to him when he repents, can I? No, you must chasten him, then receive him back in your confidence when he repents. But if he does not repent, your confidence in him is gone. Just so, if a child of God goes into sin, he separates himself from the fellowship of God. When he repents, God receives him back again. If he does not repent, and goes right on professing, he is like the one in Rev. 3: 15-16, become lukewarm and perhaps been spued out a long time ago and don't know it. Deceived themselves by their profession, or "like the sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire again and the dog to his own vomit again." (2 Pet. 2:21-22). Question: But am not I a sinner saved by grace? If you are a sinner, if saved at all, it will be by grace, then you will be no longer a sinner. "He that committeth sin is of the devil." (1 John 3:8). Question: Is there not a difference between my state and my standing? If I have been born again, am I not safe forever because of my standing in Him? Whereas, my state here on earth in the flesh may fluctuate up and down and must confess because of the carnality in me that I am far from being perfect but does that affect my standing with God? Yes, you can not serve God and mammon at the same time: cannot be a sinner and a Christian at the same time or an honest man and a thief at the same time. Question: If I have been born again, is it not my body that sins instead of my soul? No, "every sin that a man doeth is without the body." (1 Cor. 6:18). The Emphatic has it, "exterior to outside or independent of the body." It is true the head and heart acts and reacts to each other. Therefore, Paul says, "I keep my body under, or bring it into subjection, lest when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway." (1 Cor. 9:27). To you who have so much trouble with the flesh, crucify it. (Gal. 6:24, 2:20). Then sin will not reign in your mortal body. (Rom. 6:12). "The wages of sin is death." Paul says to them who are trying to keep the old law along with the law of grace, "Ye are fallen from grace." Gal. 5:4). Some are dead while they live (1 Tim. 5:6). People who sin more or less every day have nothing to fall from because they are already down.

—G. E. Harmon.

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## "Redemption Of The Body"

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In Rom. 8: 18-23 the Apostle Paul writes: "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the *glory that shall be revealed in us*. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within our selves, *waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of the body.*"

This text speaks specifically of the "redemption of the body" as an event which was to take place at a future time. Let us here particularly notice this phase or benefit of the great redemption plan. Much is spoken about the blessed realities of how the soul of man is redeemed back to God through the atoning blood of Jesus, but now we want to call your attention to another benefit of this complete salvation, how that it not only redeems the soul but also the *body*.

Man is a compound being, composed of soul and body, the inner man and outer man. "Though our *outward man* perish, yet the *inward man* is renewed day by day." 2 Cor. 4: 16. Man is then a combination of an immortal soul and a mortal body. "And the Lord God formed man of the *dust of the ground*, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a *living soul*." Gen. 2: 7. The inner man, or soul, is immortal (undying, deathless), and salvation from sin does not make the soul of man immortal as some believe. The soul, however, is the responsible part of man, for it was made in God's image, created pure and holy and has a conscience of right and wrong. Sin originates from the soul or inner man. "For from *within, out of the heart of men*, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, . . . all these evil things *come from within*, and defile the man." Mark 7: 21-23 Hence, the soul of man must be redeemed from sin.

When man was in the Garden of Eden he had the privilege to eat of the 'tree of life' and thereby possess bodily immortality. Yet when man sinned, a curse of physical death was placed on the body of man as one of the penalties. Now through the atonement of Christ the soul of man can be redeemed from sin and re-united with its Creator as it was in Eden. Consequently, with the present experience of salvation, there is given a promise and hope of a future salvation or redemption of the outer man—bodily im-

mortality, a benefit which we do not now possess. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, *who shall change our vile (mortal) body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body.*" Phil. 3: 20, 21. Therefore, the whole man, both body and soul, is included in the plan of redemption. However, the redemption of the body is not a redemption from sin, for it is not responsible for sin (1 Cor. 6:18), but it is a redemption from the power of physical death, a resurrection of the mortal body to glorified immortality.

The apostle Paul here again pictures our present condition and the future resurrection to bodily immortality. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5: 1.

Of the time of this change of the body from mortality to immortality, we read: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: *Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*" "For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and *we shall be changed*. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this *mortal must put on immortality*. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, *then* shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, *Death is swallowed up in victory.*" 1 Cor. 15: 21-23, 52-54. This glorious resurrection is the "redemption of the body," and we might call it the second greatest benefit of salvation, for then only does man, soul and body, stand fully redeemed (in point of fulfillment) from the curse of sin. In Genesis 3: 22, 23 we read that man lost his right to the "tree of life" (immortality), and now in Rev. 22: 14 the way is again opened to the tree of life. "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."

The price of complete salvation for soul and body was fully paid on the cross when Christ said, "It is finished," but in actual fulfillment it is drawn out over a long period. May the Lord help every saint and sinner to see the marvelous benefits in the system of redemption.

—L. D. Pruitt.

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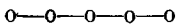
## EDITORIALS

"The Lord is keeping all of us here at the Office very busy this fall and winter'. While the assembly meeting was going on we were folding and wrapping the January paper and did not get to attend the day meetings very much. Quite a number of the young saints who were attending the meeting came in and helped us, some nights after service they would come and we would all work until twelve o'clock or later, the paste and papers certainly did fly, they were a happy bunch of young saints rejoicing in the Lord, while they folded and wrapped papers. Since the January paper was put in the mail we have been busy printing tracts and doing other necessary work connected with printing. We rejoice to be busy for the Lord. We have been in receipt of a number of very encouraging letters of late from parties who have been reading the tracts and papers, God has made the contents such a wonderful blessing to their souls. When others are encouraged it encourages us and we have the assurance that our long hours of labor are not in vain. The Lord so definitely led us into the printing of the gospel that the devil has never been able to make us doubt the calling and we expect to move on in the will of God regardless of what others do, say or think. We solicit your earnest prayers.

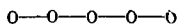


Through the goodness of God and his consecrated children we have been able to get some of the Lord's machinery repaired so that it is giving much better service, several new parts have been put on the Linotype and other pieces have been fixed by a mechanic and we have also replaced three worn out belts. This repairing is a great relief to the operator as well as deep satisfaction to us. We humbly thank God for the same. The stitcher has been taken to a machinist and a much needed part which has been giving trouble for a long time has been fixed. This, also is a relief. We are soon going to have a machinist to work on the cylinder press. The job press has been run so long and has been repaired so much that it seems that the Lord would be willing to supply us with another in some way. Agree in prayer with us for this needed machine. We are asking God to give us a 14 by 22 New Series C. and P. Job press with a self feeder. A machine like this would enable us to double our present capacity in the printing of booklets and tracts and the printing would be far superior to the present work. I cannot believe that God wants his work to go crippling along, hindered and handicapped by worn out and inferior machinery. I can hardly see

how saints who are 'sanctified wholly' can withhold means from God's needed work and at the same time have any burden for lost souls that are perishing. While we live here in these mortal bodies is the only opportunity that we will ever have to lay up treasures in heaven. Money put into a printing press will be printing and sending forth the gospel long after our bodies have gone back to dust and our spirits returned to our God, the Giver, and is living with Jesus. It would be hard to estimate the amount of the continual good that would be done by a printing press sending forth the Gospel by the printed page. Jesus said, that one soul was worth more than the whole world. The greatest and most honored business in the world today is activity in getting truth of salvation to souls on the broad way. We rejoiced the other night at prayer meeting when a young married man arose and testified that he was saved and sanctified. Said the Lord had healed his body and delivered him from the tobacco habit. He was one that was seeking God in the late assembly meeting. The Lord is still on his throne and saves to the utter-most all that seek him with all their heart.



We have recently been in correspondence with a man who has persuaded himself that there is no such thing as a lake of fire, torment or punishment for the wicked and Christ rejecters. It always makes me sad at heart when I come in contact with men who are trying to ease their consciences in this way. I once tho't that, too, when I was unsaved. Since God has saved my soul and took away the sting of death I can see the justice of God in all the Bible truths and I do not bother myself of trying to arrange and fix up the scriptures to do away with the penalty of death and punishment which is upon every unsaved soul. In the 18th chapter of Matt. and 8th verse Jesus says, "It is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire." Everlasting means no ending and fire is something that will surely be burning the soul. Salvation through Christ is the only remedy for souls, there is no other escape.



In the 25th chapter of Matt. Jesus says, "all nations will be gathered before him at his coming with holy angels, they will be divided, the righteous on the right hand and the Christ rejecters on the left, just like a shepherd divides sheep from the goats. He will say to them on the left hand, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil

and his angels." In the last verse he says, "And these (the wicked) shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

Most all of this "no punishment" persuasion will say that God is too good to punish any person or send them to hell or torment. If you will notice the scripture you will find that God prepared hell fire for the devil and his angels and if men go there it is because they choose to go there. God does not send them. When they reject Christ there is no other place for them to go. God has made every provision possible for the salvation of man. A law without a penalty would be no law at all. God is dealing justly and altogether righteous with every soul.

"Out of the heart are the issues of life." Whatsoever a man lets down into his heart that is what will issue out. God is so great and mighty in wisdom and knowledge that he has so arranged the words in the Bible and the teachings that if a man will not get right in heart he will persuade himself to believe the Bible teaches this or that to try to justify himself or ease his conscience for the time being. He will either wrest the scripture just a little or fail to believe all it means and to him it seems he has it just right thus he deceives himself. Why? Because his heart is not right with God, the Author of the Word. The Bible says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto man but the end thereof are the ways of death." The prophet plainly tells us in the 55th chapter of Isaiah that "God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways\*\*\*\*\*." Yet men who are without salvation generally want to arrange the Bible so it will teach what he thinks is right because not being saved and having the Spirit, that gave the word, he cannot have the thoughts and ways of God. He is always trying to tell God what is right instead of getting right in his heart so he will have the thoughts and ways of God. Yes, dear reader, God's book is a wonderful book, there is none like it in the world.

Peter says, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." Man cannot properly interpret the word of God unless He possesses the Holy Spirit that gave the word. Any thing short of this would be private interpretation. In the next verse he says, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The word was given by the Holy Spirit and can only be properly interpreted by those who possess the Spirit that gave it. You will find these scriptures in the last two verses of the first chapter of 2 Peter.

On Sunday the 12th of January we went to Oklahoma City, Okla. where the Lord blessed us in two services. In the evening service the Lord richly anointed in proclaiming the Gospel of salvation and one middle-aged mother came to the altar and pleaded guilty of being a sinner, asked God to forgive her and God was faithful and just to forgive and to blot out all of her transgressions, then she had peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Wednesday night later we went to a saint's house and talked to a man over sixty years old who had never known God in the pardon of sin. He was wanting to get right with God, and when entreated, he got on his knees and called upon God, confessing his sin, believed and was saved.

The next Sunday morning here at the chapel the Word went forth on repentance and salvation and a young married woman came to the altar and cried unto God to have mercy on her and save her soul. She arose with peace and testified to it, and said that she wanted to be baptised. Besides the continued work in the Office, the Lord is using us to tell the gospel story to a few by personal contact and some are getting saved. Praise God for his faithfulness.

We need your prayers that God will enable us to hold up under the stress and strain of spiritual work, and also for the many and varied duties involved through the printing and sending forth of the gospel of Christ. We mean by His grace to do all we can while He keeps life in this mortal body.

—NOTICE—

I wish to thank the different ones for the great sympathy they showed to me in my distress. I pray that the great blessing of the Lord will attend your way, and that you may receive a double portion of blessing is my prayer. Your humble servant,

—Frances Bell, Okmulgee, Okla.

My dear friends of God: I do thank you for your supreme "Godly kindness" to a widow and her son (that's me and my son). We surely enjoyed distributing your tracts. One thing we regret is that we never have any cash to send you kind saints, but we can pray for you and your work, and we do pray for you.

Will you kindly let me know if you have this one particular tract called *The Red Sea Place In Your Life* by Annie Johnson Flint. If so, will you kindly send me some and some of your other tracts.

God bless you in your good work. Your Sister,  
—Mrs. G. McPheeters.

## TO OUR CONSECRATED READERS

Meno, Okla. —Dear Saints and Readers of *Faith and Victory*: To-night finds me saved and encouraged to live for the Lord and obey His calling and to do all, great or small, that he wants me to do. Sometimes we feel a little backward to do the small things but I realize we must be satisfied.

I feel led of the Lord to write and tell the readers of this paper, that there is much work in putting out the *Faith and Victory* each month. We helped fold the paper by hand while we were at the Guthrie Assembly Meeting during the Christmas holidays. We found it was certainly a job to fold all the papers by hand—one by one. It's a very tiresome job, so I feel we all can help in the Office by laying up money to buy a folding machine so that the office workers wouldn't have to labor so hard. I feel they could easily use our help. Therefore I feel it would be the Lord's will to ask everyone of the *Faith and Victory* readers to send in a dollar to the Faith Publishing House to buy a folder which I know is needed in the Office to fold the paper. If the Lord tells you to send more, listen to the calling of the Lord and do what He wants you to do. If we do what the Lord wants us to do, I am sure He will prosper it and bless the sender. Saints, let us pray for the work of God, that it might move on in all fullness. Let us also pray for each other that we might live so that our lives will convince others that we come in contact with that they might learn and know that we have a God who can keep us free from sin and unspotted from the world. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Your Brother in Christ,

—Adam D. Eck.

*Editorial Note*—In reading the above testimony you can see the urgent need of a paper Folder, which would fold, paste and trim the *Faith and Victory* paper in one operation, thus eliminating the present system of handling the papers so many times. If our readers will be prompt about sending in a dollar or more as the Lord may direct, it will not be long until we can have a good folding machine installed which will be a great help to the office force. For the past 12 years we have been folding the paper by hand. A good Folder with paster and equipment attached would cost between five and six hundred dollars, and this machine would be of continual benefit in the Lord's print shop in preparing the Faith and Victory paper for mailing. A little money has already been supplied for this purpose.

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—C. M. Hicks, Care of Ora Brinkley, Moody, Tex.

### Obituaries

Mary Burroughs Pruitt was born Dec. 13, 1849 at Bunkham, Ill. She was married to Harrison Pruitt, on Dec. 13, 1871. Her husband and one son preceded her in death. She was a faithful wife and good mother over fifty years. She loved the Lord and has been a faithful worker in the cause of her Lord. She was loved by all that knew her and will be greatly missed. She leaves to mourn her departure six sons and one daughter: Norman Pruitt of Spokane, Wash.; Orlin Pruitt of Kans. City, Kans.; John Pruitt of Ocala, Fla.; Fred Pruitt of Guthrie, Okla.; Charlie Pruitt of Spokane, Wash.; Jobe Pruitt of Redlands, Calif.; Mrs. Nellie Johnson of Orient Park, Tampa, Fla.

While Mother suffered severely yet she bore her sufferings patiently and was resigned to the will of God. Funeral was conducted by Bro. A. C. Hett and Bro. Campbell of Tampa, Fla.

Our Dear Mother from us has gone,  
Her voice we loved is still.  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled  
The one His love had given;  
Soon we will meet her over there,  
If we trust and watch unto prayer.

Bro. Henry Robinson of Okmulgee, Okla. was born at Seneca, South Carolina, Dec. 25, 1850 and departed this life Dec. 13 at 3 A. M. 1935, age 85 years 11 months and 18 days. Bro. Robinson and Sis. Corene Black were united in marriage March 15, 1897 and to them were born two girls and six boys, one boy died an infant and a son Theopolis Robinson of Akron, Ohio preceeded his father in death. Bro. Robinson leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Corene Robinson

and two daughters: May Bell Williams and Adah Wilson of Okmulgee, Okla., four sons: Eddie Robinson of Akron, Ohio, John Robinson of Ada, Oklahoma, Fray Robinson of Lovett, Texas, and Norman Robinson of Okmulgee, Okla., seven grand children and a host of friends, but our loss is heaven's gain. Father Robinson became a lover of the truth 54 years ago and has been one of the old star ministers of this reformation for 53 years, and has been through many battles and storms, while taking the truth to new fields.

On Nov. 13th, God gave him a message in his feeble state. Subject, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Christ Jesus." 1 Cor. 3:11. He told us to take thought how you build. Then on Nov. 20th, his last subject was, "if I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Psa. 66: 18. And he said, "I will soon be gone but you ministers bring the church on." On Thursday Dec. 12 he read the entire 13th chapter of Psalms clearly and distinct.

Friday morning Dec. 13th he passed away to the great beyond, where every day is Sunday. Where congregations never break up. So goodbye Father Robinson we shall see you again in the great resurrection morning where we shall part no more.

Funeral conducted by Manly Spears of Boley, Ok. and U. Philips of Dover, Okla. Subject, Rev. 14:13. (writer) —Frances Bell.

Bro. J. U. Hays, age 73 years, was born in Culwell co., Ky. Nov. 15, 1868. Came to Okla. in 1910. He departed this life at 4:45 A. M. Dec. 31, 1935. He is survived by his wife Damie Hays, who has been his faithful companion 45 years. They were blessed with 5 children: 3 sons and 2 daughters: Claude Hays of Eldorado, Okla., Mrs. Verda Flowers of Okla. City, Renes Hays of Apache, Okla., Mrs. Ella Brown of Oklahoma City, Andrew Hays of Okla. City, all of whom were present when he passed away. Also he leaves several grandchildren, many brothers and sisters in the Lord and a host of friends who will miss his presence so much, but our loss is his gain. Bro. Hays has been a faithful servant of the Lord for 38 years. He trusted the Lord to the end, when he could no longer talk he pointed up smiling, indicating he was going home.

Funeral services was conducted by writer. Text Rev. 14: 12- 13. Essie McDonald.

You are missed at the family altar,  
Where you daily knelt in prayer  
And thanked the heavenly father  
For his tender loving care.

How we'll miss you at the chapel,  
When the saints are gathered there;  
We will miss you in the message,  
Miss you in the songs and prayers.

But your working days are o're,  
King's fare cannot compare,  
With the blessings you're enjoying,  
With the Saviour over there.

We will meet with you our brother  
In that home so bright and fair,  
And join you in the happy praise,  
Of our Saviour over there.

—Essie McDonald.

Sis. Emmerline Fontkno of Okmulgee, Okla. was born in New Orleans, La. departed this life April 7, 1935, age 102 years. Mother Emmerline became a lover of this truth in 1912 and she lived a devoted life for God and his cause to all she understood up to the day of her death. She often would say her ball of time was almost wound up and she would soon be gone. Her last words before she departed this life was: "Lord, I will go all the way with you," and she fell asleep. Oh, we do miss her. Her husband, Bait Fontkno preceeded her in death 38 years ago.

Mother Emmerline leaves one son and one daughter. Martin Mixes of Washington, La. and Sis. Rachel Edwards of Okmulgee, Okla., a minister of the gospel, four grand children and twelve great grand children and a host of friends. Funeral was conducted by Manly Spears of Boley, Okla. Text, Job 5:12. Sleep on Mother Emmerline we shall meet you again some where about the beautiful throne of God, where no sorrow can come and all tears are wiped away.

(Writer) —Frances Bell.

Lindia Lorance Brown was born Feb. 1, 1868; passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 1936.

Married Lee Brown Sept. 26, 1889. She is survived by two children: Mrs. Ethel Dye, Big Cabin, Okla. and Mr. Everett Brown, Chelsea, Okla.; also ten grand children and nine great grand children.

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Colo. —Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: I feel like God wants me to write my testimony of how I got saved. It was by reading that little blue book of Bro. Pruitt's, "God's Gracious Dealings". I was reading it when the Lord came to me and said, "Will you be saved". That was all I could hear while I was reading that book. I was all alone with the children as my husband was away to work. I had to make

restitution to my husband and he was not there. I thought, what will I do. I cannot go to him now. When he came home I made my restitution to him and asked him to forgive me. He did and I praised and thanked God for it. I got down on my knees before God and gave myself to Him. The dear Lord saved me from all my sin, all that I ever had done.

I have written letter after letter to those whom I had done wrong to, asking them to forgive me. I know that the dear Lord will forgive us if we ask him for he has me. I cannot praise him enough for what he has done for me. He heals me of all my sickness, my feet and ankles were so bad that I could not stand on them to do my work and he healed them for me. I was sick with my throat for three days. I could not eat, but praise God He healed me. When my husband's mother gave me the little tracts to read I seen in them that He heals all our sickness if we ask Him. I know He will and I am going to trust Him to do it. I am going all the way. You pray for me that I grow stronger in the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Jeff Belveal

*Editor's Note.* —The above testimony shows how God talked to a soul and convicted her to get saved while reading the little book, *God's Gracious Dealings*. God is using this little book to convince, convict and save souls. Some of the saints are getting these books and are loaning or giving them out to their interested neighbors and friends, and thereby making themselves instruments in God's hands to the saving of precious souls. I pray God that more of the saints would do this. We will post-pay ten of these books to any address in the U. S. for \$1.00. Send for a package of these books and pass them out to your friends. God is depending on you to be a co-worker with Him. Please order them to-day. We expect to print more of these books when the present edition is gone. They are doing a good work for the Master.

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Mo. —Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Sometime ago I wrote and requested prayer for the healing of my body and the Lord wonderfully healed me of an affliction I had for several years. Praise his name. Again I am asking that the dear saints of God pray for me. I'm afflicted with lung trouble. But God is able to heal, also remember my little daughter that has enlarged tonsils and is very nervous. Please pray for us. Find enclosed a small offering use it to God's glory. May the dear Lord bless you richly is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Raymond Pullum



# « Young People's Section »

## Our Friend

At times the way seems dreary,  
Heartaches, trials and tests appear;  
And it seems we are forsaken  
But there's One who is near.

'Tis Jesus, our friend and Redeemer  
Who wants to brighten and cheer,  
That heart, which is broken with sorrow  
And wishes some one would hear.

There was never a friend like Jesus  
No, and never shall there be,  
He understands all our burdens  
And takes them to bear, so we're free.

He sits at the right hand of His Father,  
Intercedes for you and me.  
He pleads with each individual  
To seek salvation full and free.

Then all your troubles take to Jesus  
For you each one He will bear,  
And with faith step out on His promise,  
Then you're free from every care.

—Mae Belle Miles-Pruitt.

## EDITORIALS

The recent Assembly meeting here at Guthrie during the holidays proved to be a refreshing spiritual feast for all who attended. On account of unforeseen hinderances, the attendance was not as large as usual, but quite a few came to the meeting from this state and other states. Every need of the meeting was supplied. The Lord anointed for the preaching of His Word which went forth with power and clearness.

The young people's meetings were also especially encouraging and uplifting. The exhortations and testimonies of those who were saved were inspiring and helpful to all those present. It is readily discerned that the Lord is laying His hand upon several of them for special work in His great harvest field. We are praying that the Lord will make the vessel

out of each one of them that He desires. It is miraculous to see how the Lord can take one human instrument which is fully given up to Him and make that one a flame of fire and a power for good in this world! And young people are the very ones that the Lord wants to prepare and qualify to successfully rescue the lost. Just let the Lord get His hand on you, then He will do the rest. How often He wants to give us a task, but we step here and there just far enough to keep out of reach or calling distance. But the happiest place that mortal man ever found is in humble submission before Him—that His will may be done in earth as it is in heaven.

It is especially delightful to me when I see young people faithfully serving the Lord and committing themselves to the will of God. I desire to see every young saint launch out into the deep things of God where there are great opportunities for usefulness, and be assured that you have our prayers and co-operation.

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Many young saints when they first get saved are not informed as to the secrets of keeping salvation, and therefore they falter and often fall. The Word teaches us to watch and pray, and these are very important factors in keeping alive in Christ. Young saints will become established only by hearing and doing the Word of God. Jesus says, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and *doeth them*, I will liken him unto a wise man, *which built his house upon a rock.*" When we do what the Lord says, then our experience which is built upon the solid rock will stand the storms of life. Praise God!

Bro. Orr's article in this Section will give you several more secrets on how young people can live successfully for the Lord. Read it carefully and put it in practice.

—L. D. P.

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La.— I am writing you to let you know that I am still keeping the faith. I praise and thank the Lord for keeping me alive and free from sin.

I want you to know that my shoulder hasn't worried me since S.s. Bell and Sis. Dillahunty prayed for me. I want you to pray for me that I may still keep the faith and live on the firing line.

Yours in Christ, —Carrie Jones.

## *Fleeing Youthful Lusts*

Timothy was a young man. Paul knew the danger of young men being overcome by youthful lusts, therefore exhorts Timothy to "flee also youthful lusts" 2 Tim. 2:22. We, in much earnestness of heart, likewise exhort you, young reader, flee away from youthful lusts. Keep away from those things that have any power to allure away from God and spiritual exercise. We could tell you of scores of boys and girls that once were blessedly saved who have gone back into the ways of sin all because they did not keep aloof from those things that tempt to mind fleshly things. We will speak of a few of the many alluring things that are calculated to lead the feet of the young Christian away from the true path of life.

**EVIL COMPANIONS.** Many a young Christian has gone down to defeat because of too much association with sinful young people. This does not mean that we cannot go among them at all, but it does mean that we are to be guarded and never to come down out of our sacred spiritual realm and strike a line of fellowship or affiliation with them. You should go among them as God leads that you might win them to Christ, but you will need to keep yourself surrounded by an heavenly atmosphere that no spirit of worldliness can penetrate. You are to lift them up. Beware, lest they drag you down.

**READING GOOD BOOKS.** There is much soul-destroying literature in the world today. That is one reason why we need wholesome literature. Do not read fiction. The cheap, trashy novel is deadly poison to mind and to soul. Be sparing even of the reading of the every day newspaper. It is proper that we know something of what is transpiring in this world in which we live, but there is very much in the newspapers that you should not read. It dwarfs the mind and degenerates the soul. Be very sparing, therefore, of newspaper reading. Too much is a waste of time. Beyond that which is worthy and honorable, present-day history is profitless.

**AMUSEMENTS.** Perhaps more souls have been allured away from right paths by present-day amusements than in any other. There is such a thing as getting such love for God, His Word, and communion with Him that we care but little for any other way in which to spend our time. We willingly admit that there are some recreations and amusements that are harmless and innocent in themselves, but we should have a care lest there be an over-indulgence in, and fondness for them. A young lady speaking of a certain amusement said, "I am passionately fond of it."

Such is too great a fondness. We should be passionately fond of nothing but God and matters that pertain to His worship and service. No one can have a passionate fondness for any amusement and keep the passion of Christ in his soul. We cannot name to you just what amusements are innocent and what are not. Circumstances and conditions have much to do with it. I would advise, however, never to attend anything where the rabble of the world are gathered. You are to learn some things from God yourself. Live much in prayer, whenever you find that any amusement in which you may have some participation betimes is lessening your relish for secret prayer and reading of the Bible, then cease to have any part in such recreation.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIANS.** God has made us social creatures and we should associate together. Our constitution calls for it. But young and old should be careful of the spirit of your associations. Christians can associate together and lose spirituality. This is done by the manner or spirit in which they have associated. They can associate together in such a manner as to be greatly benefited in a spiritual way by the association. However, the religious meetings of young people can very easily become a mere social gathering rather than a religious spiritual service. If they are a little watchful they can determine which they enjoy the most, the chatting together after the religious service is dismissed or the service itself.

**COVERED SINS.** We are told in the Book, they that cover their sins shall not prosper. There are some sins of youth that are done in secret. These secret sins have great power over the youth of today. Flee, young man and woman, in horror, from the first suggestions of the tempter. Keep clean. The Psalm writer in old age prayed, "Lord remember not the sins of my youth." He referred to these secret sins of his life. He looked back, in his declining years, with regret upon those sins of his youth. Save yourselves, young people, of those regrets that will mar the peace of those days when your sun of life is sinking low. Keep your thoughts pure, your acts holy in the days of your youth. Follow after temperance, faith, meekness, purity, and righteousness. Walk close with God that you may have power over the flesh. We beseech you to heed this advice.

—C. E. Orr.

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Okla. —To the dear Young People scattered abroad: Today finds me saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord. My highest aim is to live to please the Lord. The Lord has done wonderful things for

me in the past year, and by His grace I mean to keep on victory side. Dear young saints, we do not know when the Lord will call for us, for he said in his word, "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night, for when they shall say peace and safety then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thess. 5:2. So pray for me that I may please the Lord each day of my life. —Ora B. Allen.

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Kans. Dear Young Saints scattered abroad:— I feel today like writing my testimony. I truly do thank and praise the dear Lord today for victory in my soul and for a deep desire to love and serve him all the days of my life. Truly there is much joy in God's service that the world knows not of. How we should each one thank and praise the Lord continually for giving us the privilege of knowing Him as our Savior. It seems that so many are growing slack and careless about the service of God. May we each one seek God continually for a deeper and more settled experience with Him and may we strive to be more diligent about obeying the voice of God. The responsibility of carrying on the work is falling upon the young saints and if we shirk our duty how will the gospel be carried to the lost world about us. Let us take courage to press on and do better business for God than ever before. If any of you are discouraged in any way seek the Lord in earnest prayer for He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Pray for me that I may do my duty and keep in the center of God's will at all times. Your Sister in Christ,

—Lou Wilma Detwiler.

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La.— Dear Readers of Faith and Victory: I am glad to write a few words for Jesus. Since Sis. Bell and Sis. Dillahunty were here last summer we have started a Bible class. Their coming here was much strength to me. I have gained power in the Lord. I have learned so much that I didn't understand.

I am asking the saints to continue to pray for me that I may never stop until I reach my happy home.

Your Sister in Christ, — Maggie Butler

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La.— Dear Saints of God: I thank God for victory over self and sin. I truly feel like going on this narrow and holy way. I love it more than all the world.

I was glad Sis. Bell and Sis. Dillahunty came here and held a meeting last summer. It was much encouragement to me. — Carrie Furry.

## The Guthrie Assembly

The Guthrie Assembly Meeting for 1935 was much blessed and owned of God. The saints began to come in a few days before meeting and kept coming until a four or five inch snow fell, the last Friday of the meeting, and some were hindered. In the beginning of the meeting the officials asked us not to allow any child to be in the meeting under 14 years of age because the Scarlet Fever was in Guthrie and they had closed all the schools and put a ban on children, meeting in any public place. This was a hinderance in some respects as some parents had to stay home with their children and others who came to the meetings could not stay. But God worked and encouraged our hearts and the meeting went on with messages of divine truth being proclaimed under the unction of the Holy Spirit. There was over twenty ministers present and a large number of saints from over the State and also from other states, the building was filled with people from day to day and night to night. The singing was with much anointing and the saints praised God and rejoiced as the Word was expounded and the real truths of the Bible taught, sweet fellowship and peace prevailed through the meeting. One evening after an altar service the saints became exceedingly happy and sang and praised God, shouting the victory and they continued for a long time as wave after wave of glory sweep over the congregation. There were quite a number of souls saved, one evening there were so many seeking God that they could hardly find room for all to kneel while calling on God. A good many believers were sanctified and many bodies healed by power divine. All present loved God and one another so much that it was easy for God to work. There were four services each day. The early morning prayer services were a blessing. On the last Sun. morning of the meeting, there were six ministers ordained to the ministry, the ministers laid on hands and acknowledged the anointing that God had bestowed upon them for the preaching of the gospel. This was a very sacred service and God witnessed to the ordination by special anointing in prayer. Those ordained were Samuel J. Barton, Tulsa, Okla., Ruth McNeely, Norman, Okla., G. W. McMillian, Boly, Okla., Rosa Dillahunty, Okmulgee, Okla., Frances Bell, Okmulgee, Okla., and Hatie L. Douglas, Tulsa, Okla. May these anointed ones make full proof of their ministry and

continue to live in humility of heart so that God can pour his divine truth through them to needy souls from year to year is our earnest prayer.

The meeting continued good and precious right up to the last and this assembly of the "Church of the first born" will go on record as being greatly owned and blessed of God.

It was agreed upon by those at the assembly meeting that each congregation would receive offerings on the first day of the week for charity purposes. Each congregation should get them an offering box for this purpose, elect some one in the congregation to look after the funds and send them in to Bro. O. C. Porter, R.6, Guthrie, Okla., Bro. Porter is the treasurer of the State Board and he will hold all the funds given for this purpose and such funds will be used for needy saints in those congregations who are giving of their substance for this purpose and otherwise as a committee of three may direct the treasurer to do.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Gaston, Ore.—Dear saints of God: Greeting in the name of Jesus. I am saved and kept free from all sin, hid under the shadow of the Almighty. I am in an isolated place, none but Seventh Day Advents and Russelites. Darkness abounds here. It is Satan's seat it seems. God has forsaken this place and given them over to darkness.

Over thirty years ago I lived at Fargo, Okla. I was there when the truth was first preached in that country and I discerned the true body of Christ and accepted the present truth. Oh, how my heart yearns to hear the gospel preached with Holy anointing as it was in those days. So many these days only have a form of Godliness.

Dear saints of God I have a request for prayer. My wife is a cook and she was cooking for the State Deaf School of California a little over three years ago and there she heard a false doctrine called "Unity". It is only a snare of the devil and wife was caught in the snare. When she came home she expected me to fall in line with her deception, but when I rejected it she soon deserted me over two years ago. I sincerely ask your prayers that God will break up her heart, deliver her from this deception and bring her back to the fold again.

I used to know most of the ministers in Okla. over thirty years ago and wish I could be with them once more and hear the pure gospel preached. Bro. Ostis Wilson and Mattie are some where in those parts. They know me well as they used to be in my home. I know if I can get some of God's children to agree with me in prayer that Satan's power will

be broken. I thank God for His promises. I know it will be done in Jesus' name.

—Harry T. Travis

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Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus dear name, We want to write just a few lines at least to tell you that we enjoy reading, "Faith and Victory" very much we get much good to our souls from reading them. Hope we will all keep humble so God can have his way with us at all times. Enclosed find \$2.25. The 25cts. is for renewal of the "Faith and Victory." And one dollar for tracts to be sent where you think they are most needed, and a dollar for the work there.

Yours in the Lord, Vina and G. J. Sneller.

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Springfield, Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt and family, greeting in Jesus dear name: To-night finds me still saved. Yes, the Lord has wonderfully touched my body. I have been up all day today and am gaining strength. I have lost so much weight. I truly thank the Lord for His great power and the mercy that He has showed toward me. It is only through Him that I am here to-night.

We talked of phoning you at once when I was so sick, but the Lord would give me relief. It has been four weeks since I first took sick with tonsilitis. I had the worst case of it I ever had in my life, especially on the left side. The poison spread all through my system. I never was so weak in my life, and it has left my heart very weak, but I know the Lord is able to make me completely well and strong. I ask your earnest prayers that He will. Truly, I have felt yours and the sain's' prayers. May God bless you every one. Yours in Him, —Evelyn Gibson.

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Okla. Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt:— I feel like writing my testimony to tell you that I am still saved and am up and around doing my house work, after being so sick during Christmas; praise his holy name.

The Lord has certainly answered the dear saint's prayers and he always will if we put our trust in Him.

We enjoy the "Faith and Victory" and always find something new in it. May the good Lord ever help and bless you in your work.

Pray for my loved ones that they might be saved. And remember me too, that I keep saved and grow stronger in the Lord and may be a good shining light in my home and with everyone that I come in con'act with.

Yours in Christian love,

—Mrs Alfred Classen.

## My Prayer

Lord help me live each fleeting day  
In such a kind and loving way,  
That when I kneel to Thee, to pray  
My prayers will have the right-a-way.

Help me, in all I do or say  
To be sincere in every way  
And know what I,—to others do,  
Is doing the same thing to you.

When my labor on earth is done  
And my glorious crown is won  
May I forget the briar and thorn  
In that bright resurrection morn.

May this my motto ever be  
Help me dear Lord to live for Thee;  
That when my time has come to die,  
My soul shall meet Thee in the sky.

— L. L. Jackson.

## Bible Lessons For Sunday Schools And Home Study

By Sadie E. Orr, Box 370, Hammond La.  
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**Sunday, Feb. 2, 1936.**

Home Study For The Week

- Jan. 27—Jesus Enlists Helpers. Luke 5:1-11.  
Jan. 28—Jesus Calls Levi. Luke 5:27-32.  
Jan. 29—The Need of Helpers. Matt. 9:35-38.  
Jan. 30—The Twelve Commissioned. Matt. 10:1-15.  
Jan. 31—The Seventy Sent Forth. Luke 10:1-12.  
Feb. 1—Helpers in Service. Mark 6:30-44.  
Feb. 2—Devotional Reading. Isa. 63: 6-12.

SUBJECT—Jesus enlists Helpers.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion.* Luke 5: 1-11,  
27, 28.

Luke 5:1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Si-

mon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ship that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him at the draught of the fishes which they had

10 And so was also James, and John, the Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. An said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships, they forsook all, and followed him.

27 And after these things he went forth, and he said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him. Memory Verse—They left all and followed Him Luke 5:11.

Central Thought—Being Helpers by faith.

Practical Truth—Jesus wants helpers who are willing to leave all and follow Him

Suggestions to Teachers

Our call to serve with Christ. How Jesus changes fishers, who are fishing for fishers of men. Thus He finds helpers.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus called helpers who were able and "were washing their nets." Jesus does not *indolent*. If you desire an *easy job* don't think you are called, Thes. 3:10-13. He wants help hear His word. Many times in Jesus teach said, "He that hath ears to hear let him hear hearing ear is necessary, also the obedient hear Peter not obeyed when asked to launch out deep there would not have been such a draught can think as Peter hesitated, he thought, carpenter tell an experienced fisherman what Yes dear helpers obey when he speaks, He knows what to do to cause success. He needs who will co-operate with each other. "They b

unto their partners in the other boat." He wants helpers who will acknowledge His power. He is a jealous God and we do well to give Him all the praise and honor, for victories won. He desires helpers who are ready for greater work. "Thou shalt catch men." Helpers are sought who will not delay when duty is presented. They brought their boats to land and "left all and followed Him." The publican did not hesitate when he knew what the master wanted, while he was of Galilee and in service for the government at the custom house in Capernaum, hated by the Jews, fellow townsmen and relatives, he was on duty. Jesus in passing said to him, "Follow me." He saw talents in Levi He could put to work in the kingdom of God. Precious workers today remember it is only as we obey and work with Him in His own way that anything is accomplished. "Workers together with Him." Oh the untold numbers who are working *for God* as they suppose but are not working with Him. Eternity bound souls get in line and work with God. Souls are dying. God needs helpers today who will follow Him, hear Him, obey Him.

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**Sunday, Feb. 9, 1936.**

Home Study For The Week

Feb. 3—The Nature of Righteousness. Luke 6: 39-45.

Feb. 4—The Foundation of Righteousness. Luke 6: 46-49.

Feb. 5—The Quality of Righteousness. Lu. 6:27-37.

Feb. 6—Righteousness and Worship. Matt. 5:21-26.

Feb. 7—Self Righteousness Condemned. Gal. 6:1-10.

Feb. 8—Unrighteousness Disclosed and Punished. Matthew 7:15-23.

Feb. 9—Devotional Reading. Pro. 3:13-18.

**SUBJECT—Jesus Insists on Righteousness.**

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion—*Luke 6:39-49.

Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not things which I say?

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom I am like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon the house, and could not shake it: for it was founded on a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like that without a foundation built an house upon earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that was great.

Memory Verse—Why call ye me, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:39

Central Thought—God's Righteousness.

Practical Truth—Self righteousness is not the kind that pleases God, neither the righteousness of scribes and pharisees. Matt. 5:20. Read 1st. S. 26:23, Job 29:14.

Suggestions to Teachers

Jesus tells us what to do, and by his rules of conduct, teaches how to overcome faults, and testifies love for Him.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Jesus is teaching in this lesson the necessity of Christ's righteousness in order to be a helper in the work of God. No blind man can lead another one safely. So eternity bound souls see to it that you follow nothing which leads you into the ditch. He that loveth the world does not have the life of God abiding in him. We know there are very many "mote hunters" today "straining at a gnat" and ignoring fault with the disciples when they rubbed wheat in their hands as they passed thru the fields, on the sabbath day and ate it. Then we know Jesus when He healed the man with the withered hand at the synagogue, on the sabbath. Leaders should exhibit righteousness in the heart. In

Do what Jesus says. In speech. If any speak let him "speak as the oracles of God". In profession, "make a good profession". In aim. The true disciple seeks to be like the great *teacher*. In attitude. Do not aim to magnify the motes in the eyes of others while having a beam in your own eye. In fellowship of the Spirit. Do not call Him Lord, Lord when not doing what He says. In philanthropy. Oh let us try to equal as near as possible our precious example. He loved so great, John 3:16. This world is dying for love, arise and shine and let the light of love shine. People need to be taught the truth of God. The guide must first see before he can impart truth or light to others. In righteousness forever. A life work, not simply for a day, an *occasion*, or while the storm is on. This righteousness is forever for both soul and body. Praise God for evermore for such a wonderful impartation to a human soul. Have you got it.

### Sunday, Feb. 16, 1936.

#### Home Study For The Week

Feb. 10—Jesus Answers a Doubter. Luke 7:19-28.  
 Feb. 11—Believing Without Seeing. John 20:24-29.  
 Feb. 12—When God is Doubted. John 14:1-9.  
 Feb. 13—When Love is Doubted. Matt. 7:7-12.  
 Feb. 14—When Forgiveness is Doubted. Matt. 9:1-7.  
 Feb. 15—Overcoming Doubt. 1 John 5:1-12.  
 Feb. 16—Devotional Reading. Isa. 35:5-10.

SUBJECT—Jesus Helps a Doubter.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion*—Luke 7:19-28.

Luke 7:19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

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

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A

reed shaken with the wind?

25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously appalled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts

26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

Memory Verse—Lord I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark 9:24.

Central Thought—Doubting can be helped by Jesus.

Practical Truth—Doubting is dangerous, flee to Jesus. He can remove doubts and increase faith and courage.

#### Suggestions to Teachers

Sending John a message from the word, which answered his question and met doubt with facts. He still answers honest doubters.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

John's courage failed him some-what no doubt when he was cast into prison, not-with-standing he heard the voice from Heaven and saw the Spirit in the form of a dove, yet he questioned, "Art thou He?" Oh dear Souls who have had the witness of the precious spirit in the pardon of your sins. Healing of your body, and cleansing out of imbred depravity. Don't let the enemy cause you to doubt. Come closer to the dear Lord, who purchased all this for you and He will help your faith and you can defeat the enemy of your soul and you can keep victory. Be determined to settle the question at once. Just think what Jesus has done for you "count your blessings," confide in Him. He is your best friend. Wait on him for an answer. He has one for you. If he carries it will be for your good. Learn more about Jesus in his word. John had read Isaiah possibly knew it by memory, but had forgotten for the moment the Lord's word about himself. Be assured there is no occasion of stumbling in him. We are short-sighted, do not always understand and sometimes put a wrong application on things and get into trouble, surely it is always our fault, no fault in Him. Always keep your case in his hands. It is such a safe place. "For he knows and he cares and your burdens he shares." Study the

secret of confiding and abiding in him always and him alone. Read 2nd. Tim. 1:12. Yes dear souls all is safe in his keeping. Why should a doubt ever arise. Our memory verse is worth our consideration. The master who challenged the father's faith, heard and heeded the cry for more faith, and gave to faith its rich reward. "Faith is the Victory."

### Sunday, Feb. 23, 1936

#### Home Study For The Week

- Feb. 17—Jesus and Human Worth. Lk. 8:26-34.  
 Feb. 18—The Materialist. Luke 8:35-39.  
 Feb. 19—The Worth of a Child. Matt. 18:1-6.  
 Feb. 20—Mans Preeminent Worth. Matt. 12:1-18.  
 Feb. 21—Unbrotherly Practice Condemned. Habakkuk 2:9-15.  
 Feb. 22—Christlike Love Enjoyed. 1 John 3:13-24.  
 Feb. 23—Devotional Reading. Luke 1:68-75.

#### SUBJECT—People Before Property.

*Lesson Text, Printed Portion.* Luke 8:26-37.

Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Gallilee.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

32 And there was there an herd of many swine feed on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

34 When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

Memory Verse—No Servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Luke 16:13.

Central Thought—God and Humanity first.

Practical Truth—Property must be subject to the will of God. Many dear souls when they learn God needs their all, they walk no more with Him.

#### Suggestions to Teachers

The welfare of Humanity before Financial profit. What does God think of those who place strong drink, and harmful drugs before people? Are not their souls worth more?

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

It seems strange that the people of Gadara did not rejoice over the wonderful deliverance given the pitiable Demoniac. Fear caused them all to rather have the swine, than the loving sympathizing Saviour. We see the same choice made today. Man had rather have the gain from the sale of intoxicants, than to see the pitiful drunkard "clothed and in his right mind." Oh the many who are in a similar condition. They too, need to meet the loving Saviour who can break the bands that bind. But their income is first, property or finance first. The poor drunkard and his family can get along the best he may. This is supposed to be our Temperance lesson for this quarter. So we must learn as Jesus taught that people should be before property. There is no comparison in value. But the Gadarenes, placed a higher value in the property destroyed by the Legion of devils than on the poor man delivered, whom Jesus sent home to tell what great things God had done. Dear one as a follower of Christ of God, be careful lest you place too great a value on the things of this time world to the neglect of the never-dying soul. "People before property." That is what Jesus did in Gadara and Galilee and through his whole life from Bethlehem to Calvary. Let us make the world better by doing the same.